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1997 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



Bridgewater, Massachusetts

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

INCORPORATED – JUNE 1656

4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT – 1ST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

5TH BRISTOL, PLYMOUTH, NORFOLK SENATORIAL DISTRICT

8TH PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

U.S. Senators in Congress

Edward M. Kennedy

John Kerry

Senator

Marc R. Pacheco

Councillor

David Constantine

Plymouth County Commissioners

Patricia Lawton

John R. Buckley, Jr.

Robert Stone

U.S. Representative

Barney Frank

State Representatives

Jacqueline "Jackie" Lewis

Christine Canavan

Sheriff-Plymouth County

Peter Forman

District Attorney

Michael Sullivan

Registrar of Probate & Insolvency

John J. Daley

Cities and Towns in Plymouth County

Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Marshfield, Mattapoisett, Middleborough, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, Rockland, Scituate, Wareham, West Bridgewater and Whitman.

The Annual Town Election is the last Saturday preceding the last Monday in April and the *Annual Town Meeting* is the first Monday in May; *Fall Town Meeting* is the second Monday in November of each year.

Population: 23,240

Total Registered Voters: 11,315

Democrats 2,921 Republicans 1,622 Unenrolled 6,772

At Your Service

Emergency 911 for Fire – Police

Accountant	697-0926	Municipal Admin.	697-0920	Town Planner	697-0906
Animal Control	697-1592, x500	Elder Affairs	697-0929	Planning Board	697-0942
Assessors	697-0928	Town Clerk	697-0921	Welfare Service	
Building Inspector	697-0904	Veterans Services	697-0908	Office, Brockton	588-3902
Emergency Manag.	697-6191	Voting, Reg.	697-0922	Williams Middle	697-6968
Board of Health	697-0903	Water & Sewer	697-0910	Williams Elementary	697-6969
Highway	697-0931	Wire Inspector	697-0905	McElwain School	697-2101
Library	697-3331	Plumbing/Gas Insp	697-0905	Dr. A.F. Hunt	
Selectmen	697-0919	Sealer of Weights		School	697-6775
Tax Payments	697-0923	& Measures	697-6652	B/R Reg. School Dist.	824-2730
Fire Department	697-0900	Police Department	697-6118	Bristol-Plymouth	
		Conservation Agent	697-0907	Reg. Tech. School	823-5151

OUR TOWN

THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST

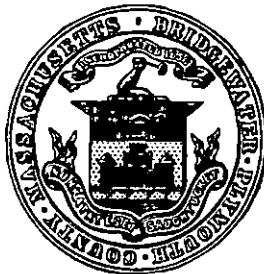
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE YEAR 1997



Edited by Peg Mader

**OPEN POSTED MEETINGS
are held by all
Town Boards and Committees**

Selectmen	Jeffrey A. Nangle, Chairman Each Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. and when called
Assessors	John Welby, Chairman Each Monday at 6:30 P.M.
Board of Health	James Perry, Chairman Twice a month at 6:30 P.M.
Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee	Patti Roland, Chairman Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
Water & Sewer Commission	Charles J. Kane, Chairman Each Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.
Library Trustees	Mary L. Jarvis, Chairman Third Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.
Recreation Commission	Thomas Arrighi, Chairman First Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
Planning Board	Paul Sullivan, Chairman First and Third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
Zoning Board of Appeals	Henry J. Gingras, Chairman Meetings called as necessary & Public Hearings as advertised
Conservation Commission	L. Doug Sime, Chairman Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
Conservation Agent	Azu O. Etoniru
Advisory Committee	Roland Moore, Chairman Special meetings as called
Wage & Personnel Board	James Nihan, Chairman Second and Third Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
Fair Housing Partnership Committee	James Wood, Chairman Meetings called as necessary
Housing Authority	Gerald Provost, Chairman Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
Historical Commission	James K. Moore, Chairman Second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M.
Council on Aging	Meryl Emma, Chairman Second Monday of each month at 4:30 P.M.
Veterans Council	Jackie Wegman, Chairman Meetings called as necessary
Bristol-Plymouth Regional School Committee	Nuno Sousa, Chairman Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

In Memoriam

Leslie D. Freeman

1938–1997

Retired – Recreation Commission, Custodian, B.S.C.

Robert S. Stone

1926–1997

Retired Fire Fighter

Richard P. Dubee

1928 – 1997

Retired Police Officer

Donald C. Buron

1933 – 1997

Retired – Selectman, School Committee, Housing Authority

Frederick E. Yeaton

1921 – 1997

Georgia (Beatrice) Valade

1907 – 1997

Secretary, Town of Bridgewater

1997 RETIREES

The Board of Selectmen is very proud to honor the following employees for their years of outstanding public service and generous assistance to the town — **a total of 258.5.**

Virginia D. Ames	Bridgewater-Raynham Regional H.S. <i>Mathematics Teacher</i>	15½ years
Robert F. Blakeley	Bridgewater Supt. of Schools Asst. Supt., B-R Regional School Dist.	22 years
Evelyn DeLutis	Dr. A.F. Hunt School <i>Kindergarten Teacher</i>	28 years
Thomas H. Flangheddy	Bridgewater-Raynham Regional H.S. <i>English Teacher</i>	24 years
Nancy Flynn	Curriculum Office <i>Instructional Leader</i>	30 years
James F. Harvey	M.G. Williams Jr. High School <i>Special Education Teacher</i>	26 years
Phoebe Hogg	Dr. A.F. Hunt School <i>Kindergarten Teacher</i>	28 years
Noreen A. Kilbridge	Bridgewater-Raynham Regional H.S. <i>Proctor</i>	11 years
Mary Ann Silva	Bridgewater-Raynham Regional H.S. <i>Guidance Counselor</i>	36 years
Anne Sprosty	Bridgewater-Raynham Regional H.S. <i>Science Teacher</i>	21 years
St. Elmo (Mac) Maclay	Town of Bridgewater <i>Veterans' Agent, Zoning Appeals Board & Industrial Development Commission</i>	17 years

SONS & DAUGHTERS OF BRIDGEWATER

Featured below are just a few of the many distinguished individuals who were inhabitants of our Town over its long history. The short biographies are excerpts from *History Highlights: Bridgewater, Massachusetts, A Commemorative Journal*, Copyright 1976, The Bridgewater Bicentennial Commission. **PLEASE NOTE: All information is of date of the above referenced publication.**

Charles Babb, 1870 to 1944 – Theater Owner

Son of Northman and Rebecca Chester Babb, he was born in 1870. He was a partner with John Cochrane in the operation of a move theater which was first located upstairs in the Town Hall, and later in the Princess Theater on Broad Street. He died October 5, 1944.

Martha May Burnell, 1868 to 1955 – Principal

Miss Burnell was born May 29, 1868, in West Baldwin, Maine. She graduated from the Gorham State Normal School, 1894. She served as Principal of the Training School from 1919 to 1938. The school was named in her honor. She was active in the Central Square Congregational Church, being Superintendent of the Sunday School. She died April 7, 1955.

Jane Seaver Carroll, 1889 to 1973 – Town Clerk

Mrs. Carroll, "Jennie," was born in Taunton in 1889, the daughter of Horrace and Susan Hathaway Seaver. She graduated from the Normal School, 1911. She married Thomas Carroll, postmaster. They had two daughters, now Jane Welch and Carolyn Titcomb. Mrs. Carroll worked as assistant to Town Clerk Edwin Keith from 1947 to 1953, serving as temporary clerk at the end of that period. She was elected to the office March, 1953, and served until her retirement July 1, 1972. She was active in the Central Square Congregational Church and the Ousamequin Club, appearing in many theatricals. She died November 8, 1973.

John Hassem Fairbanks, 1835 to 1929 – Merchant

John Hassem Fairbanks was born in England, November, 1835, the son of Aaron and Abigail (Jones) Fairbanks. A tinsmith by trade it was only after he came to this country that he branched out into the hardware business. In 1863 he opened J.H. Fairbanks & Co. Hardware store on Bedford Street. The store moved to its present location at 48 Central Square when the building was completed in 1865. For many years Fairbanks, the oldest store on the Square, shared the building with the Prophett Furniture Store. J.H. Fairbanks was an old fashioned businessman who believed in hard work. He was active in the Bridgewater business community until the day of his death. On January 9, 1929, he walked out of the store, as usual, to go to lunch and never returned. He was 94 years old.

Frederick McNeeland, 1877 to 1938 – Merchant

Frederick McNeeland was born in 1877. He married Anna MacDonald of Malden in 1911. He started the Bridgewater Ice and Coal Co. in 1909. At one time the firm had 22 horses. Beginning in 1928, the oil business was added. Son, Robert, entered the firm in 1933 and is still active. Frederick, Jr. who started in 1946 died in 1975.

The Railroad Returns to Bridgewater

In 1845 the Old Colony Railroad Corporation was granted authority to build a railroad from Bridgewater to South Abington, now Whitman, to be known as the "Bridgewater Branch." At the same time the Middleboro Railroad Corporation was chartered to build a railroad from Bridgewater, connecting with the Fall River Branch which had been built to Myricks. In the same month Randolph and Bridgewater received a charter to build a railroad from Bridgewater to a point on the Old Colony Railroad at Quincy or Braintree. Eventually the whole system became the Old Colony Railroad, and in later years became part of the New York, New Haven and Hartford. This railroad served the town until June 30, 1959, when passenger service came to an end.¹

On September 26, 1997, the new Old Colony Railroad began its inaugural run through the Town of Bridgewater marking the start of a new and improved railroad service for its citizens.



MBTA Old Colony Lines Inaugural Excursion on September 26, 1997. L to R: BSC President Adrian Tinsley, Board of Selectmen Chairman Jeff Nangle, Representative Jackie Lewis, Senator Marc Pacheco and BSC Vice President of Admin. & Finance Dana Mohler-Faria.

¹ History Highlights; Bridgewater, Massachusetts. A Commemorative Journal
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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED

	Term Expires
Moderator (3 years)	
Geoffrey A. Domenico	2000
Selectmen (3 years)	
Jeffrey Nangle, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Gerald P. Chipman, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2000
Roger Provost, <i>Clerk</i>	1999
Assessors (3 years)	
John F. Welby, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Rose Bevis	1999
John L. Revil, Jr.	2000
Town Clerk (3 years)	
Ronald R. Adams	2000
Treasurer (3 years)	
Douglas H. Dorr	2000
Tax Collector (3 years)	
Douglas H. Dorr	2000
Bridgewater-Raynham Regional District School Committee (3 years)	
Patti Roland (Raynham), <i>Chairman</i>	2000
James Nihan, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2000
Joseph Rebello, <i>Secretary-Clerk</i>	2000
Susan O'Brien (Raynham)	1998
Linda Dillon (Raynham)	1999
Mary Ellen Arabasz	1999
Mark Sanderson (Raynham)	2000
Timothy Fitzgibbons (appointed 11/97)	1998
Arthur Wyman (resigned 10/97)	
Bristol-Plymouth Technical School Committee (3 years)	
Russell Madan (State/Nov)	1998
Trustees of Public Library (3 years)	
Mary Jarvis, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
John Daley	1999
Pamela K. Arrighi	2000
Stephen Elliot	1998
Judith W. Gabriel	2000
Gregory Lee	2000
Eileen Murphy	1999
Nancy J. Sarno	1998
Ursula Garfield	1999

TOWN OFFICERS, Elected (Continued)

	Term Expires
Housing Authority (5 years)	
Gerald Provost, <i>Chairman</i>	1999
Stephen Bonfiglioli	2000
Matthew Striggles, Sr.	2001
Brian J. Tatro	2000
Fred J. Watson, III, <i>State Appt.</i>	1998
Board of Health (3 years)	
James A. Perry, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Joseph F. Bracken, <i>Clerk</i>	2000
William K. Nicolas, <i>Member</i>	1999
Water & Sewer Commissioners (3 years)	
Charles J. Kane, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Allan S. Knight	1999
Fawn L. Sances	2000
Recreation Commission (5 years)	
Thomas Arrighi, <i>Chairman</i>	2000
James Campbell	1998
Angelo Mattie	2001
Robin Murray	1999
Gina Guasconi	2000
Tree Warden (3 years)	
Peter Dubee	1999
Planning Board (5 years)	
Paul Sullivan, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Bruce S. Dyer, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1999
Ronald Emma	2000
David Gabriel	2001
Gregory J. Feroli, <i>Clerk</i>	2000

TOWN OFFICERS — APPOINTED**Municipal Administrator**

David A. Canepa

Town Accountant (3 years)Belcher Stanley 2000**Town Counsel (1 year)**Mark Gildea 1998Paul Pino, *Associate* 1998**Highway Superintendent (3 years)**Andrew Bagas 2000**Inspector of Buildings (3 years)**David Moore 1998

TOWN OFFICERS, Appointed (Continued)

	Term Expires
Local Building Inspector (1 year)	
Robert A. Iafrate	1998
Water Superintendent (1 year)	
Joseph Silva	1998
Superintendent, Waste Water Plant (1 year)	
Joseph Souto	1998
Coordinator of Town Buildings	
Ronald Ghelfi	
Veterans' Agent (1 year)	
St. Elmo Maclay	1998
Advisory Board (3 years)	
Roland Moore, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Ralph McLean, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1999
Mary Crealesse, <i>Clerk</i>	1998
Timothy Fitzgibbons	2000
Janice Flaherty	1999
Dennis Gallagher	2000
Cheryl Rogers	1998
Charles Swartz	2000
Richard J. Curran	1999
Wage & Personnel Board (3 years)	
James Nihan, <i>Chairman</i>	2000
Kenneth Newby, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	2000
William E. Cole	1998
Richard C. Flannery	1999
Charles T. Swartz	1999
Zoning Appeals Board (3 years)	
Henry J. Gingras, <i>Chairman</i>	2000
St. Elmo D. Maclay, <i>Clerk</i>	1998
Thomas Adducci	2000
Douglas H. Dorr (<i>Chm. Resigned 10/97</i>)	
Frederick Watson, <i>Associate Member</i>	
Stephanie Ryan, <i>Associate Member</i>	
Emergency Management Director	
Douglas H. Dorr (<i>resigned 4/97</i>)	
Rosemarie McCampbell, <i>Acting Director</i>	
Community Development Coordinator (1 year)	
Christine Stickney	1998
Library Director	
Linda Wright (<i>resigned 2/97</i>)	
Elizabeth L. Gregg (<i>appointed 3/97</i>)	

TOWN OFFICERS, Appointed *(Continued)*

	Term Expires
Gas Inspector (3 years)	
Donald Sweetman	1998
Mark Dangoia, <i>Assistant</i>	1998
Conservation Agent (1 year)	
Azu Etoniru	1998
Animal Control Officer (1 year)	
Donald M. Morris	1998
Assistant Animal Control Officer (1 year)	
Wilfred Prouty	1998
Inspector of Animals (1 year)	
Wilfred Prouty	1998
Director of Elder Affairs (1 year)	
Florence Henrickson	
Fish Warden (1 year)	
Gardner Pratt	1998
Plumbing Inspector (1 year)	
Donald Sweetman	1998
Mark Dangoia, <i>Assistant</i>	1998
Wiring Inspector (1 year)	
Peter Proffetty	1998
Peter Spiro, <i>Assistant</i>	1998
Sealer of Weights & Measures (1 year)	
Herbert Wolfer	1998
Plymouth County Advisory Board (1 year)	
Roger Provost	1998
Jeffrey Nangle, <i>Alternate</i>	
Forest Fire Warden (1 year)	
Roderick Walsh	1998
Veterans' Graves Officer (1 year)	
St. Elmo Maclay	1998
Council on Aging (1 year)	
Meryl Emma, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Mary Contarino	1998
Noreen Ascì	1998
Lorraine LeClerc	1998
Charles Texeira	1998
Linda Buckley	1998
Paula Lehtola	1998
Anthony Anacki	1998
Patricia Goss, <i>Associate</i>	

TOWN OFFICERS, Appointed (Continued)

	Term Expires
Superintendent of Shade Tree Management and Pest Control (1 year)	
Andrew Bagas	1998
Conant Trust Fund Committee (5 years)	
John Daley, <i>Chairman</i>	2000
Harold Estabrook	2002
Eleanore MacCurdy	1999
John Sylvia	2001
David Wolohojian	1998
School Building Committee (1 year)	
James Campbell, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Kathy Milan, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1998
Anthony Anacki	1998
Ralph McLean	1998
Michael Kent	1998
William R. Norman	1998
Steve Bonfiglioli	1998
Joseph Rebello	1998
Frederick Watson	1998
Board of Registrars (3 years)	
Gloria Striggles, <i>Chairman</i>	2000
Ralph Dodge	1998
Joseph Mello	1999
Ronald Adams	
Self Help, Inc. (1 year)	
Frederick Watson, III, <i>Board of Directors</i>	1998
Capital Planning Committee (1 year)	
Gerald Chipman, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Joseph Murray	1998
Timothy Fitzgibbons	1998
David Morwick	1998
Richard Pomroy	1998
Belcher Stanley, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Capital Investment Committee (1 year)	
Douglas H. Dorr, Treasurer, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Belcher Stanley, Town Accountant, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	1998
David Wolohojian	1998
Richard Bellew	1998
Tom Fiorentino	1998

TOWN OFFICERS, Appointed (Continued)

	Term Expires
Historic District Commission (3 years)	
William Smith, <i>Chairman</i>	1999
Marie Benoit	1999
Stephen Bonfiglioli	1998
Judith Gabriel	2000
Jeanne Kendall	1999
William Kendall	1998
Wesley Morris	1998
Insurance Advisory Committee (1 year)	
Michael Levy	1998
Pauline Grenier	1998
Mary O'Connell	1998
Thomas Schlatz	1998
Jeffrey Parenteau	1998
Mark Gildea, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Douglas H. Dorr, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Nancy Wolfson, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Belcher Stanley, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	
David Canepa, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	
Fence Viewers (1 year)	
David Canepa	1998
David Cartwright	1998
Historical Commission (3 years)	
James K. Moore, <i>Chairman</i>	2000
S. Mabell Bates	1999
Ruth Bishop	2000
David Moore	1999
Allan Knight	1998
Carol Lucas	2000
James Boise	1998
James Buckley, <i>Associate Member</i>	
Darrell Pickney, <i>Associate Member</i>	
Cable Advisory Committee (1 year)	
Roger Provost	1998
David Canepa	1998
Constables (1 year)	
Michael Bombas	1998
Edgar F. Carlson	1998
Theodore Carlson	1998
Russell Tinkham	1998
Catherine Asiaf	1998
David Asiaf	1998
Gregory Kamon	1998

TOWN OFFICERS, Appointed (Continued)

	Term Expires
Olde Scotland Links Golf Course Commission (Continued)	
William Jennings	1999
Daniel Reagan	1998
Wallace Renton	1999
Charles Simmonds	2000
Dennis Weingartner	2000
Andrew Bagas, <i>Ex-Officio</i>	

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Ad Hoc Flagg Street Recreational Use Committee (1 year)

Thomas P. Arrighi	1998
Laurence J. Doherty	1998
Aurelie J. Hall	1998
Mark E. Lawton	1998
Robert Olson	1998
Joseph W. Powers, Jr.	1998
Jack Simpson	1998
Susan Perewitz	1998

Growth Advisory Committee (1 year)

Pauline Jacintho, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Jeff Nangle	1998
Katherine Doherty	1998
Allan Knight	1998
Lawrence Silva	1998
David Gabriel	1998
Dolores Lopiekas	1998
Bruce Dyer	1998
Joseph Cara Donna	1998
Richard Curran	1998
Kyle Hamilton	1998
John Mills	1998
Peter Fletcher	1998
Kim Harrington-Smith	1998
Ralph Dodge	1998
Thomas Arrighi	1998
Jeanne Kendall	1998
William Ferioli	1998
Roderick Walsh	1998
Andrew Bagas	1998
Charles Kane	1998
Mary Ellen Arabasz	1998
David Moore	1998
Wendy Moore	1998

AD HOC COMMITTEES *(Continued)***Term Expires****Growth Advisory Committee (1 year)** *(Continued)*

Betty Gilson	1998
Charles Swartz	1998
Richard Krane	1998
Barbara Perkins	1998
Meredith Raleigh	1998
Barbara Sorgman	1998
David Matton	1998
Norman Pinault	1998
Michael Levy	1998
David Tillinghast	1998
David Dantano	1998
Melvin Shea	1998
Paula Shea	1998
Robert Wallace	1998

Ad Hoc Street Light Committee (1 year)

Andrew Bagas, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
Mark Battistini	1998
Robert Fosdick	1998

Ad Hoc Town River Fisheries Committee (1 year)

Raymond Wilcox, <i>Chairman</i>	1998
William Tunewicz	1998
Robert Fosdick	1998
Ronald LaDue	1998
Andrew Bagas	1998

Ad Hoc Ironworks Land Use Committee (1 year)

Judith Querzoli-Freyermuth	1998
Michael Buchanon	1998

**Ad Hoc Senior Citizen Tax Abatement Program
Committee (1 year)**

Roger Provost	1998
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AD HOC COMMITTEES (Continued)

OFFICE STAFF/CUSTODIANS

Office Staff

Phyllis Tirrell	Assistant Town Accountant
Sis Nicolas	Accountant's Office
Vale Sime	Board of Health
Jennifer Ingargiola	Board of Health
Jean Hayden-Knight	Police Department
Kathy Copeland	Police Department
Anne Boyd	Fire Department
Diane Sears	Inspectional Services
Anne Marie Hanley	Inspectional Services
Lorraine Levy	Dispatcher/Highway Department
Patricia Canepa	Assistant Town Clerk
Justine Sheehan	Town Clerk's Office
Judith Tebou	Registrar's Office
Vincent Damon	Assistant Assessor
Marie Amelotte	Assistant Assessor
Marie Strang	Assessor's Office
Margaret Mader	Exec Asst/Selectmen's Office
Patricia Goss	Selectmen's Office
Marie Jennings	Selectmen's Office
René Rushton	Selectmen's Office
Jolie Sprague-Martin	Selectmen's Office/Conservation Commission
Irma Sankunas	Assistant Collector
Marjorie Newey	Collector's Office
Helen Whiting	Collector's Office
Nancy Wolfson	Assistant Treasurer
Lorraine Conti	Water & Sewer Department
Eileen Weinberg	Water & Sewer Department
Carla Medeiros	Elder Affairs
Elizabeth Moura	Elder Affairs
Lorraine Carrozza	Elder Affairs
Bernice Morrissey	Council on Aging
Pauline Grenier	Veterans' Services/Parking Clerk
Leslie Dorr	Planning Board
Elaine Kangiser	Wage & Personnel Board
Stephanie Ryan	Advisory Board/Zoning Board/ Inspectional Services
Brooke Condon	Recreation Commission/School Building Committee
Cheryl Lemanski	Williams Renovation Committee

Custodian

David Anacki

Building Maintenance Technician

William LaBossiere

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to make this report to the citizens of Bridgewater:

1997 will be remembered as the year of change in Bridgewater as we finally moved from the construction to operational phase of commuter rail service. Handed a legacy from our past, Bridgewater responded to unforeseen events by receiving the highest mitigation dollar per capita for affected communities. The inaugural ride in September from the newly constructed station at Bridgewater State College signaled the end of an intensive three-year period of daily interaction with the MBTA. It is without question that the successful integration of commuter rail represented a milestone, not only for Bridgewater but also for its relationships with Bridgewater State College, a partner throughout this most trying time. Collectively, as one Host Community, mutual goals were realized and individual interests protected. Our special thanks to Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria for his personal dedication and commitment to our community.

This year the Board of Selectmen voted to appropriate \$730,000 from our general revenues to offset anticipated tax rate increases within the Town of Bridgewater. This action resulted in the retiring of the first year of our Proposition 2-1/2 override debt associated with our school projects and the library renovations and stabilizing the tax rate. Reflective of this strong financial standing, the Town of Bridgewater recently received its highest bond rating in over 30 years. Our thanks to the Advisory Board, Department Heads and general staff for their assistance in meeting the objectives of our fiscal management plan.

Expanding upon its goal, the Board of Selectmen aggressively addressed the long-standing finance deficiencies and maintenance requirements for the Highway Department through the reduction in excessive maintenance costs. Having established the capital reserves account and working with the Capital Investment Committee, the Capital Improvement Committee undertook an exhaustive review of community needs and developed a framework for planned improvement projects in the areas of public safety, education and municipal government. In response to the best of jokes on April Fools Day, our Emergency Operations Center once again provided the necessary guidance in meeting the needs of the community. Proactive tree clearing and utility maintenance programs by the Forestry/Highway Department and Eastern Edison were evidenced by the quick restoration of power service and cable to our community.

In addition to the receipt of federal funding for our bicycle pathway and alternative transportation network, Chapter 90 projects were initiated to address long-needed signalization and safety improvements along Route 104 and High Street. Furthering the objectives of our Open Space Program, an evaluation of all Town-owned land was performed in 1997, resulting in the placement of an additional 120± acres into our Open Space community Key elements of future planning programs designed to advance growth management alternatives were also developed. These actions were complemented through the receipt of a self-help application in the amount of \$197,000 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purchase of land which will be utilized to enhance our recreational opportunities within Bridgewater.

Continuing in our commitment to public safety and community service, 1997 saw significant increases in staffing to both our Police and Fire Departments. Comprehensive changes in the Department of Elder Affairs and Council on Aging have also resulted in unprecedented usage of our Senior Center and the establishment of many new Senior programs. Our commitment to those who have laid the foundation for Bridgewater remains a priority of this Board. In August of 1997, building upon the dedicated contributions from the Growth Advisory Committee and planning efforts by the Board, the Office of Community Development was established under the direction of Ms. Christine Stickney and, together with the Town of Bridgewater TMA, this Department has been designed to be responsive to ever-changing community needs and serves as the nucleus for growth management and business development opportunities. The establishment of the Community Development Office and Transportation Department in the Town of Bridgewater is the culmination of years of volunteer work by the residents of the Town of Bridgewater.

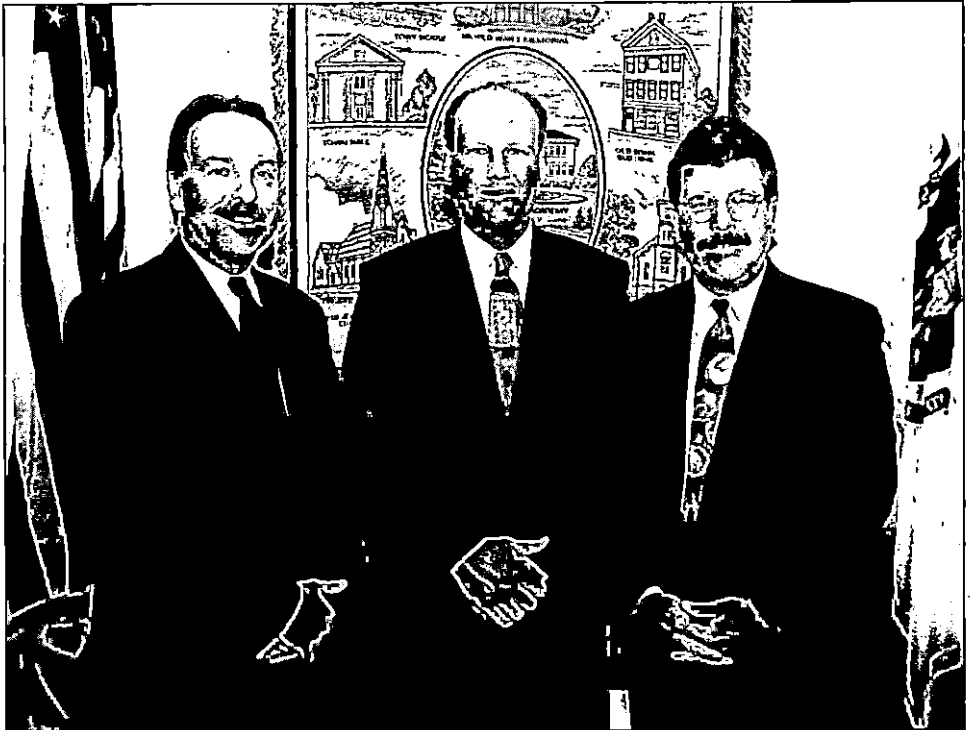
Building upon the foundation developed over the past few years, the Town and Bridgewater State College initiated an aggressive alcohol policy and resolved long-standing disagreements pertaining to mitigation and compensation for services rendered. Historic agreements signed between Bridgewater State College and the Town of Bridgewater serve as a model for generations to come how each may reach mutually inclusive goals. Collectively the Board of Selectmen and representatives of Bridgewater State College have developed a mutually inclusive decision-making forum that will effectively meet the needs of our community for many years to come.

1997 brought us the opening day of the Town of Bridgewater Municipal Golf Course, unparalleled in its quality and enjoyment for the residents of the Town of Bridgewater. Our thanks to the Golf Development Committee and wishes for many successful years and profitable operations. 1997 also saw the opening of the new elementary school complex through the tireless dedication of the School Building Committee in the joint interaction with the Selectmen winding up until the last day. Deadlines were met and the doors were opened providing much needed relief for our overcrowded classrooms. The Board of Selectmen would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the School Building Committee in meeting the goal of the September 1997 opening and completion of long-needed repairs to the Williams School. Particular recognition is given to the tireless efforts of Jim Campbell and his committee for all the years of dedication that led up to this day.

Reflective of this period of change, we also say goodbye to several dedicated members of our community whose leadership shall be missed as they leave public service. In 1998, we say goodbye to Chief William Ferioli; Representative Jacqueline Lewis; Veterans' Agent St. Elmo Maclay; Superintendent of Schools Edward O'Donoghue; and School Committee Chairman Arthur Wyman. We are thankful for their guidance which has shaped the future of Bridgewater for many years to come. It is perhaps fitting that as Bridgewater stands poised to lead the region in economic development opportunities and unparalleled quality of life that the reins are handed from those whose years of sacrifice and commitment have positioned Bridgewater to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Finally, as Chairman, I would personally like to thank the members of our community who have contributed to the shaping of Bridgewater's future together. Your support, commitment and contributions as fellow residents shall always be reflected upon with the greatest of admiration. On behalf of the Board I sincerely thank Peg Mader, Patty Goss, Reneé Rushton and Jolie Sprague-Martin for their continued commitment to excellence. In closing, on a personal note from the Chairman: Marie, I am especially most thankful for your assistance and support. P.S. Guys, take care of David. He's "getting old" and thanks again. God Bless.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Nangle, *Chairman*
Gerald Chipman, *Vice Chairman*
Roger Provost, *Clerk*



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 1997
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
7:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. All posting of warrants was duly noted as required by the Town By-Laws, Article 1.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$35,240.00 from Account #17-122-704-5961, Registry and Court Fine Account, to Account #1-210-104-5872, Police Cruiser Account, for the purchase of a new Police Van and Mobile Radio.
Unanimous.

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$3,100.00 from Account #17-122-704-5961, Registry and Court Fine Account, to Account #1-210-102-5242, In-House Maintenance, to replace the \$3,100.00 used from this account for the closed circuit television as part of the remodeling of the Police Communications Room.
Unanimous.

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,300.00 from Account #17-122-704-5961, Registry and Court Fine Account, to Account #1-210-102-5246, Vehicle Maintenance, to replace the \$2,300.00 used from this account to replace the cruiser which was totaled last summer.
Unanimous.

ARTICLE 4. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$4,500.00 from Account #17-122-704-5961, Registry Maintenance, to Account #1-210-102-5245, Maintenance Radar, to purchase two (2) moving radar units and one hand held radar unit.
Unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$8,502.58 from Account #1-915-102-5346, Police and Fire Medical (Current Year Account), to Account #1-915-141-5791, Police and Fire Medical (Prior Year Account).
Unanimous.

ARTICLE 6. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$8,500.25 from Account #1-103-5331, Special Legal Expenses (Tower), to Account #1-151-141-5791, Special Legal Expenses (Prior Year Account) for payment of prior year legal expenses concerning the tower.
Unanimous.

ARTICLE 7. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$300.00 from Account #1-910-102-5743, Workers Comp. Insurance, to Account #1-122-141-5749, Insurance Deductible, for payment of a prior year insurance deductible invoice.
Unanimous.

ARTICLE 8. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its Vote under ARTICLE 14 AND Article 16 of the May 20, 1996 Recessed Annual Town Meeting and as amended under ARTICLE 8 of the November 12, 1996 Special Town Meeting to authorize the appropriation and transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Account #17-122-703-4370, in the current fiscal year, the sum of \$15,000.00 and to appropriate and transfer said sum to Account #1-220-104-5873, Replacement of Radio Equipment, to provide partial funds for the replacement of the existing Fire Department radio system.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 9. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$70,000.00 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash, to Account #1-220-104-5873, Replacement of Radio Equipment, to provide the remaining funds needed to replace the existing Fire Department radio system.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 10. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$17,380.00 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash, to Account #34-455-192-5823, Golf Course Development, for security measures to be taken at the Olde Scotland Links Golf Course.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 11. It was unanimously voted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30B, Section 12, to authorize the Town to enter into a contract for a period of up to five (5) years for the lease and/or lease/purchase of golf carts for use at the Olde Scotland Links Golf Course.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 12. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$29,000.00 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash, to Account #1-630-103-5872, Purchase of Vehicles, for the purchase of a 1997 F-350 Dump Truck.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 13. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash, to Account #1-192-108-8-5824, Renovation, to Town Buildings.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 14. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept for consideration of \$1.00, from Russell S. Grabau & Co., Inc., a portion of land for future improvements to "Green Place", described as follows:

Being a 3,544.8 square foot parcel of land situated on the Southerly side of Lyman Place in Bridgewater, Massachusetts as shown on plan entitled "Olde South Street School Estates", recorded December 22, 1993, and being bounded as follows:

Northerly	by Lyman Place, 71.7 feet;
Easterly	by Lot 7, 53.52 feet;
Southerly	by land of undesignated owners, 55.00 feet;
Westerly	by land of undesignated owners, 15.05 feet.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 15. It was unanimously voted that the Town accept a gift in the amount of \$300.00 from the family and friends of Robert J. Sheehan for the establishment of a

Trust Fund in his name to be administered by the Board of Library Trustees of the Bridgewater Public Library, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, Section 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws and in accordance with the provisions of said gift.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 16. It was unanimously voted that the Town request a Special Act to be passed by the Great and General Court as set forth as follows:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A CAPITAL PROJECT FUND:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Bridgewater is hereby authorized to establish and maintain a fund to be known as a Capital Project Fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from all other accounts of the Town. The Town Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Capital Projects Fund and may deposit the proceeds or invest the same in accordance with the provisions of sections fifty-four or fifty-five of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. Any interest earned thereon shall be credited to and become a part of said fund.

Section 2. The Town of Bridgewater may appropriate money in any year into the Capital Projects Fund from any available source, including funds received from the Commonwealth for mitigation or prison expansion in the Town, by majority vote at any Special or Annual Town Meeting. The aggregate amount of the Capital Projects Fund at any time shall not exceed 10% of the equalized valuation of the Town of Bridgewater as defined in section one of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Section 3. The Town of Bridgewater may appropriate monies from the Capital Projects Fund at any Special or Annual Town Meeting for any purpose for which the Town would be authorized to borrow money under section seven or eight of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, provided, however, that the appropriation of accumulated interest shall require a two-thirds vote whereas the appropriation of principal shall require a four-fifths vote, provided further that the aggregate appropriations from such fund in any fiscal year shall not exceed 25% of the balance of such fund at the beginning of said fiscal year.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 17. It was voted that the Town amend the General By-Laws as follows:

Article X, Section 11 — add the following paragraph:

The Town is not responsible for damage incurred to mail boxes, fences, trees, shrubs and/or other obstruction located within the Town layout, resulting from snow removal.

For: 21 Against: 1 **Passed.**

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams

Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 1997
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL
Mount Prospect Street

In accordance with the provisions of the foregoing warrant, the Town Clerk declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. The election officers were sworn to their faithful performance of their duties. At 8:00 p.m. the polls were declared closed and the following results were read by the Town Clerk, Ronald R. Adams. Total vote 2,317 (Fourteen hand counted ballots included in total.)

Precinct 1	486
Precinct 2	478
Precinct 3	479
Precinct 4	75
Precinct 5	176
Precinct 6	224
Precinct 7	399

A True Copy, Attest:
Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk



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RACE				MODERATOR					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				GEORGEY A. DOMENICO	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	348	2	0	0	133	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	337	7	0	0	131	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	350	2	0	0	125	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	48	1	0	0	26	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	133	3	0	0	38	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	155	3	0	0	64	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	271	5	0	1	120	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,642	23	0	1	637	2,303

TOTAL VOTE: 2,317

There were fourteen
hand counted ballots.

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RACE				SELECTMAN							
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				GERALD P. CHIPMAN	EVELYNNE EXE	SAM E.H. SILVA	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	242	135	77	2	0	0	27	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	279	103	64	1	0	0	28	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	287	109	58	1	0	0	22	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	37	27	7	0	0	0	4	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	93	45	26	0	0	0	10	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	95	53	55	2	0	1	16	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	220	93	53	0	0	1	30	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,253	565	340	6	0	2	137	2,303

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Silva **4**

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RACE				ASSESSOR					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				JOHN L. REVIL, JR.	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	337	4	0	0	142	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	352	1	0	1	121	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	379	1	0	0	97	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	58	0	0	0	17	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	130	0	0	0	44	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	169	1	0	0	52	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	300	3	0	1	93	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,725	10	0	2	566	2,303

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RACE				TOWN CLERK					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				RONALD R. ADAMS	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	363	0	0	0	120	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	383	1	0	0	91	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	383	0	0	1	93	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	59	0	0	0	16	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	131	2	0	0	41	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	176	1	0	0	45	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	311	5	0	0	81	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,806	9	0	1	487	2,303

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RACE				TREASURER							
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				DOUGLAS H. DORR	DENNIS C. GALLAGHER	PAUL E. SULLIVAN	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	165	71	240	0	0	0	7	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	261	79	131	0	0	0	4	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	237	76	160	0	0	0	4	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	35	14	25	0	0	1	0	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	95	28	51	0	0	0	0	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	112	45	58	1	0	1	5	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	202	66	121	1	0	0	7	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,107	379	786	2	0	2	27	2,303

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Sullivan 4

RACE				TAX COLLECTOR							
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				DOUGLAS H. DORR	DENNIS C. GALLAGHER	PAUL E. SULLIVAN	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	150	79	240	0	0	0	14	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	261	80	130	0	0	0	4	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	230	82	155	0	0	0	10	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	38	13	24	0	0	0	0	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	99	29	45	0	0	0	1	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	112	51	54	0	0	1	4	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	193	71	123	1	0	0	9	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,083	405	771	1	0	1	42	2,303

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Gallagher 3
Sullivan 4

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RACE				BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REG SCH COM BRIDGEWATER							
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				JAMES A. NIHAN	JOSEPH REBELLO	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted	
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	339	323	2	84	0	109	483	
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	320	327	1	70	0	116	475	
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	320	328	2	96	1	103	477	
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	53	54	0	11	0	16	75	
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	131	121	2	34	0	30	174	
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	148	155	1	42	0	49	222	
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	278	278	2	74	0	81	397	
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,589	1,586	10	411	1	504	2,303	

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RACE				BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REG SCH COM BRIDGEWATER							
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				PATRICIA ROLAND	MARK SANDERSON	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted	
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	306	283	0	59	0	159	483	
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	299	281	3	43	0	162	475	
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	309	283	3	77	0	141	477	
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	49	47	0	6	0	24	75	
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	121	109	1	21	0	48	174	
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	136	124	0	28	1	77	222	
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	240	235	1	38	0	140	397	
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,460	1,362	8	272	1	751	2,303	

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RACE				TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY							
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				JUDITH W. GABRIEL	GREGORY P. LEE	PAMELA K. ARRIGHI	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	315	292	317	0	189	0	112	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	318	309	334	0	185	0	93	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	322	291	315	5	213	0	95	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	55	53	52	0	17	0	16	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	123	122	122	1	61	0	31	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	151	129	141	2	105	0	46	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	266	249	269	5	135	2	87	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,550	1,445	1,550	13	905	2	480	2,303

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RACE				HOUSING AUTHORITY					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				BRIAN J. TATRO	# of Write-Ins	Times Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Total Blank-Voted	Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	327	0	0	0	156	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	318	2	0	2	153	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	338	3	0	0	136	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	54	0	0	0	21	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	132	0	0	0	42	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	147	1	0	0	74	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	272	1	0	0	124	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,588	7	0	2	706	2,303

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RACE				PLANNING BOARD					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				RONALD J. EMMA	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	292	10	0	0	181	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	274	6	0	0	195	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	307	3	0	0	167	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	45	0	0	0	30	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	114	2	0	0	58	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	133	3	0	0	86	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	237	9	0	0	151	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,402	33	0	0	868	2,303

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RACE				BOARD OF HEALTH					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				JOSEPH F. BRACKEN	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	309	0	0	1	173	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	320	1	0	0	154	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	345	1	0	0	131	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	51	0	0	0	24	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	119	0	0	0	55	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	152	1	0	0	69	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	268	3	0	0	126	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,564	6	0	1	732	2,303

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RACE				WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				FAWN L. SANCES	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	308	0	0	1	174	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	312	1	0	2	160	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	330	1	0	0	146	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	50	0	0	0	25	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	123	0	0	0	51	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	143	2	0	0	77	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	256	4	0	0	137	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,522	8	0	3	770	2,303

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RACE				RECREATION COMMISSION					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				GINA M. GUASCONI	Write-Ins	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	344	0	0	0	139	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	354	1	0	0	120	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	356	3	0	0	118	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	55	0	0	0	20	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	133	0	0	0	41	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	167	1	0	0	54	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	290	2	0	0	105	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,699	7	0	0	597	2,303

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BRIDGEWATER
STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST — ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BRIDGEWATER MASSACHUSETTS
UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

Percents based on votes cast

RACE				QUESTION					
JURISDICTION WIDE REPORT				YES	NO	# of Undervotes	Times Over-Voted	Times Blank-Voted	Total Times-Voted
	REG	T/O	%	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
PRECINCT 1	2154	483	22.42	233	199	0	2	49	483
PRECINCT 2	2001	475	23.74	254	179	0	0	42	475
PRECINCT 3	2843	477	16.78	246	176	0	1	54	477
PRECINCT 4	394	75	19.04	24	41	0	0	10	75
PRECINCT 5	854	174	20.37	98	53	0	0	23	174
PRECINCT 6	1478	222	15.02	105	85	0	0	32	222
PRECINCT 7	1912	397	20.76	185	167	0	0	45	397
TOTAL	11636	2303	19.79	1,145	900	0	3	255	2,303

Yes **11**
No **3**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 1997
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. All posting of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$404.14 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash to Account #1-911-101-5170, Non-Contributing Retirement Account, due to the 3% raise approved by the Plymouth County Retirement Association as of November 1, 1996, totaling \$180.00 and the shortfall of \$224.14 due to level funding. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$718.03 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash, to Account #1-911-101-5692, Retired/Veterans Pension Account current net reimbursement due to the State Board of Retirement under MGL Chapter 32, Section 59a. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$63.04 from Account #1-152-102-5731, Wage & Personnel Dues Account to Account #1-521-142-5791, Prior Year Bills, for payment of a prior year bill for Public Hearing advertising. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 4. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$7,492.94 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash, to Account #1-122-142-5791, Insurance Deductible, for payment of two prior year insurance deductible invoices. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 5. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$53,500 from Account #17-122-704-5961, Registry Court Fine Account, to Account #1-210-104-5872, Police Cruiser Account, for the purchase of two new 1997 Ford Crown Victoria Marked Cruisers and new Radar Unit for each car. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 6. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from Account #1-186-101-5111, Planning and Development/Department Head to Account #16-122-4580-6, Bridgewater T.M.A. Grant. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 7. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its Vote under ARTICLE 14 AND ARTICLE 16 of the May 20, 1996 Annual Town Meeting and as amended under ARTICLE 8 of the January 28, 1997 Special Town Meeting to authorize the appropriation and transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Account #17-122-703-4370, in the current fiscal year, the sum of \$95,400.00, and to appropriate and transfer said sum as follows:

\$30,000.00 to Account #1-101-220-5130, Emergency Recall,
\$10,000.00 to Account #1-101-220-5132, Holiday/Vacation Coverage,
\$25,000.00 to Account #1-101-220-5146, Injury Leave Coverage,
\$ 7,600.00 to Account #1-101-220-5114-27, Firefighters Salaries,
\$ 800.00 to Account #1-102-220-5141-4444, EMT Differential,
\$ 4,000.00 to Account #1-102-220-5259, Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance
\$ 2,000.00 to Account #1-103-220-5277, Protective Clothing, and
\$15,000.00 to Account #1-220-104-5873, Replacement of Radio Equipment.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 8. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash, to Account #1-210-101-5114, Police Department Salary Account.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 9. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from Account #1-254-3590-6, Free Cash, to Account #1-210-102-5193, Police Department Expense Account.

Unanimous.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted.
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:
Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 1997
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
7:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. All posting of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted. Total attendance 166.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted to choose all minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER

FENCE VIEWER

Jeffrey Nangle, Chairman, Board of Selectmen
David A. Canepa, Municipal Administrator
David Cartwright

SWORN WEIGHERS

MCI Bridgewater

Greg O'Roak
Steve Brady
Mike Koslowsky

John Chuckran Corp.

Paul G. Chuckran
Susan Bunker
Donald Quidley

Bridgewater Recycling

David Wagman
Ronald Wagman
Elmer Deming
James Dumas
Robert Coffey
Dufour

Bridgewater/Raynham Sand & Stone

Margaret A. Kirker
Gordon W. Kirker
Michael L. Skogstrom
Nancy Ziomek
Traci E. Arruda
Jodi A. Kirker

Southeastern Correctional Center

William Reid
Robert Keene

Wood's Auto Parts

Allen Wood

Claire Wood

Karl Irving

John Almeida

Richard Mack

Timothy Castelluzzi

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted to hear and act upon the Jury List, Report of Selectmen, Town Accountant, School Committee, Advisory Committee, Treasurer and other Officers and Boards as required by Vote or By-Law, or as considered expedient to report, and such other matters as the Law or By-Laws require, or the Selectmen consider expedient. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 3. Postponed to May 20, 1997 Town Meeting.
(Report of Committees)

ARTICLE 4. Postponed to May 20, 1997 Town Meeting.
(Report of Trustees Senior Center)

ARTICLE 5. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for the fiscal year July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998, pursuant to MGL C.44, Sec.53F, amended by Chapter 740 of the Acts of 1985. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 6. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1997, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a Note or Notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and to renew any Note or Notes as may be given for a period of one (1) year, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 7. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, receive and expend Grants on behalf of the Town of Bridgewater. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 10. Postponed to May 20, 1997 Town Meeting.
(Rodricks Terrace)

ARTICLE 11. It was voted to Take No Action.
(30 hr week fringe benefits) **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 12. Postponed to May 20, 1997 Town Meeting.
(Train whistle ban)

ARTICLE 13. It was voted to Take No Action.
(To accept Provisions, Sec. 8J, Chap. 40, M.G.L.) **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 14. To see whether or not the Town will vote to amend the existing Zoning Map of the Town of Bridgewater as follows:

By removing the following from a Residential D District and establishing the same as a Central Business District:

FIRST PARCEL: BEGINNING at stake in said Plymouth Street, at a corner of land of the Old Colony Railroad Company; thence by said Street

NORTH 74 35' EAST sixty-five (65) feet to a corner of land conveyed by the Bridgewater Ice and Coal Company to Charles Burrill; thence in line of land now or formerly of said Burrill land

SOUTH 23 23' EAST two hundred sixty (260) feet to a corner; thence, still by said Burrill land

SOUTH 74 35' WEST sixty-five (65) feet to land now or formerly of said railroad; thence in line of said railroad land, and

NORTH 23 23' WEST two hundred sixty (260) feet to the point of beginning.

SECOND PARCEL: BEGINNING at a stake in the northwest corner of said lot in line of land now or formerly of the Old Colony Railroad Company, and corner of land now or formerly of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; thence in line of said land, now or formerly of said Commonwealth

NORTH 74 35' EAST sixty-five (65) feet to stake and land now or formerly of Charles Burrill; thence in line of land of said Burrill

SOUTH 23 23' EAST one hundred fifty (150) feet to a stake; thence in line of said land of said Burrill

SOUTH 74 35' WEST sixty-five (65) feet to stake and land of said railroad company; and thence

NORTHWESTERLY one hundred fifty (150) feet to the first round.

PARCEL THREE: A certain parcel of land in said Bridgewater, lying southeasterly from Plymouth Street and adjoining land now or formerly of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, Lessee, and being Lot designated as "A" on "Plan of House Lots, Burrill Avenue, Bridgewater, owned by Charles Burrill". Said parcel is bounded:

NORTHEASTERLY by right of way, fifty (50) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by land of the Bridgewater Ice and Coal Company, sixty-five (65) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by land of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, Lessee, fifty (50) feet; and

SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Charles Burrill, sixty-five (65) feet.

PARCEL FOUR: A certain parcel of land situated on the southwesterly side of Burrill Avenue in Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

NORTHEASTERLY by Burrill Avenue, two hundred fifteen and $\frac{8}{10}$ (215.8) feet;

SOUTHEASTERLY by Lot No. 10 as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred fifty (150) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot B on said Plan, two hundred fifteen and $\frac{8}{10}$ (216.8) feet; and

NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Walter Ermalovich, one hundred fifty (150) feet.

Being Lots No. 6, No. 8 and the greater portion of Lot No. 4 on a "Plan of House Lots Burrill Avenue, Bridgewater, Mass., owned by Charles Burrill, Scale 50' - 1", March 1912, and recorded with Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 1, Page 873.

PARCEL FIVE: BEGINNING at stake situated SOUTH 22 degrees 59' EAST from said Plymouth Street and distant therefrom one hundred seventy-seven (177) feet, said stake marking a corner of Lot 2 and Lot 4 on "Plan of House Lots, Burrill Avenue", which plan is duly recorded with Plymouth Registry of Deeds; thence in line of Lot 4, 6, 8 and 10 on said Plan,

SOUTH 40 degrees 15' EAST 288.8 feet to a stake; thence turning and running in line of other land now or formerly of Charles Burrill in a

SOUTHWESTERLY direction, 100 feet to a stake in the northeast sideline of a right of way leading northwesterly to said Plymouth Street; thence, by the northeasterly sideline of said right of way in a

NORTHWESTERLY direction, 282 feet to a stake; thence

NORTH 48 degrees 45' EAST 14 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL SIX: A certain lot of land situated in said Bridgewater on the southeasterly side of Plymouth Street, being a portion of the land marked "Reserved" on a plan entitled "Plan of House Lots, Burrill Avenue, Bridgewater, Mass., owned by Charles Burrill"; which Plan is duly recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds and is bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake at the northeasterly corner of said premises, said stake marking also the northwesterly corner of Lot 2, as shown on said Plan; thence by said Lot 2 in a

SOUTHEASTERLY distance, thirty-five (35) feet to a stake; thence turning and running in a

SOUTHWESTERLY direction, by a line parallel with and thirty-five (35) feet distant from said Plymouth Street 13.7 feet to the right of way; thence turning and running in a

NORTHWESTERLY direction by said right of way, thirty-five (35) feet to said Plymouth Street; thence by said Plymouth Street;

NORTH 74 degrees 39' EAST 13.7 feet to the point of beginning.

Article submitted by the Planning Board.

PARCEL SEVEN: A certain lot of land situated on the southeasterly side of Plymouth Street and the southwesterly side of Burrill Avenue and being the northwesterly portion of Lot 2 as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of House Lots, Burrill Avenue, Bridgewater, Mass, owned by Charles Burrill, March 1912, surveyed by Calvin Carver" and recorded with Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 1, Page 813, and said lot being bounded and described as follows:

NORTHWESTERLY by Plymouth Street, 107.2 feet; NORTHEASTERLY by Burrill Avenue, 63 feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by the remaining portion of Lot 2 as shown on said plan, 131 feet; and SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or late of Charles Burrill marked "Reserved" on said plan, 114.5 feet.

PARCEL EIGHT: A certain parcel of land situated on the Southwesterly side of Burrill Avenue, containing eight thousand four hundred thirty (8430) square feet, more or less, and being the southeasterly portion of Lot #2 on Plan of House Lots, Burrill Avenue, Bridgewater, Mass, owned by Charles Burrill surveyed March 1912, Calvin Carver, which plan is duly recorded with Plymouth County Deeds, said lot being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stake on said Burrill Avenue, which marks the Northeasterly corner of said Lot #2, and the northwesterly corner of Lot #4, as shown on said plan, thence by said Lot #4, South 49 degrees 45 feet West, 150 feet to a stake at land of Charles Burrill, now or formerly; thence by last mentioned land, North 22 degrees 59 feet West, 62.6 feet to a stake; thence by land now or formerly of Albert Brouillard (being the remaining portion of said Lot #2), North 49 degrees 45 feet East, 131 feet to a stake at said Burrill Avenue; thence by said Avenue, South 40 degrees 15 feet East, sixty feet to the point of beginning.

Also a certain other parcel of land adjoining said above parcel, situated on the south-westerly side of said Burrill Avenue, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northerly corner of the premises, at above corner of above parcel; thence South 40 degrees 15 feet East by Burrill Avenue, 10 feet to land now or formerly of Charles Burrill; thence by last mentioned land, in a southwesterly direction, 150 feet to a corner and land now or formerly of ES. Williams Manufacturing Company; thence North 40 degrees 15 feet West by last mentioned land, 10 feet to first above described lot; thence by said first above described lot; 150 feet to the point of beginning. Being a small part of Lot #4 on the plan above referred to, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article submitted by an individual owner of land to be affected by the By-Law change.

Standing Vote Count Yes 34 No 97 **Defeated.**

A motion was made for reconsideration of Article 14 in hopes it would fail.
Yes 35 No 92 **Defeated.**

ARTICLE 15: It was voted that the Town amend Section 6.30 Table of Use Regulation of the Town of Bridgewater Protective Zoning By-Laws by adding the following to Sub-section H./OTHER PRINCIPAL USES:

RES	RES	RES	CBD	SBD	BSC	IND	IND	PD	MHEC
A/B	C	D			B	A	B	DIST.	DIST.

4. The stripping of loam, peat, sand, or gravel or other material except for reuse on the same property.

SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
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Passed For 77 Against 20

ARTICLE 16. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend Article XXVII – **Earth Removal** of the General By-Laws by deleting the first sentence of said Article which reads: “The removal, commercial or otherwise, of earth from any premises, shall be prohibited except when incidental to and in connection with the construction of a building or street.” **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 17. This Article was tabled to May 20, 1997 Town Meeting. (Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission)

ARTICLE 18. This Article was tabled to May 20, 197 Town Meeting. (Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission)

ARTICLE 20. It was unanimously voted that the Town support the establishment of a private, not for profit, land trust for the management of open space areas, in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Town of Bridgewater's open space plan within the Town of Bridgewater. Said trust is to be comprised of (7) seven members from the community and the purpose of the trust shall be the management of any gifts, donations and bequeaths directed towards the preservation of open space and recreational areas within the town. One member of the trust shall be appointed as a liaison for the Board of Selectmen as a means for Town Government to provide support for this private entity.

(Amended by Jeff Nangle).

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 21. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to designate the following parcels of land as dedicated open space and/or for passive recreational uses in support of the Town's Open Space and Recreation Program:

Map 109, Parcel 8 – This parcel consists of 44.8 acres of land on Vernon Street known as Chaffee Farm. This land is designated as Conservation and active recreation land and is zoned Residential A. A search for water supply proved negative.

Map 109, Parcel 22 – This parcel consists of 4.23 acres situated on Apple-tree Circle. This parcel provides access to three (3) parcels of Town-owned land from Appletree Circle. This land is designated as wetlands and is zoned Residential A.

Map 62, Parcel 28 – This parcel consists of 2.30 acres on Conant Street (Carvers Pond), currently used as Watershed Protection for Town wells. This parcel is zoned Residential C.

Map 63, Parcel 18 – This parcel consists of 19,100 square feet off of Conant Street on Carvers Pond and is currently used as Watershed Protection for Town wells. This parcel is zoned Residential C.

Map 63, Parcel 19 – This parcel consists of 19,580 square feet off of Conant Street on Carvers Pond currently used as Watershed Protection for Town wells. This parcel is zoned Residential C.

Map 50, Parcel 5 – This parcel consists of 12.23 acres designated as Conservation land located on Laurel Street opposite Water Street in the vicinity of the State Reservation and Skeeter Mill Pond and is zoned Residential C.

Map 14, Parcel 12 – This parcel consists of 7.14 acres located on High Street bordering the Matfield River currently in use as Watershed Protection for Town Wells #3 and #6. This parcel is zoned Residential D.

Map 84, Parcel 39 – A certain parcel of land consisting of 2.12 acres situated on the Northerly side of Pleasant Street, in that part of Bridgewater commonly called Scotland. This parcel was given to the Town of Bridgewater under Article 3 of the November 14, 1983 Fall Town Meeting. Said parcel is designated as wetlands and is zoned as Residential A. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 22. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish an open space committee of not more than three (3) persons, one (1) appointed by the Board of Selectmen, two (2) at large in the Community by the Moderator, to identify those parcels of Town-owned land to be regarded as dedicated open space for passive recreation uses by the community. Said land will not be sold for alternative uses without Town Meeting approval. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 23. Postponed to May 20, 1997 Town Meeting.
(Town owned land)

A motion was made and duly seconded to recess the meeting to May 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School Auditorium. **Voted.**

Meeting recessed at 10:10 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:
Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

**RECESSED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 1997
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:15 p.m. Total attendance 97.

A motion was made and duly seconded by Ronald Adams, to take Articles 3, 17, 18, 19 up this evening, and all other articles tabled until June 9, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. **Voted.**

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted to hear and act upon the Report of any Committee appointed by the Town and to continue such Committees as the Town deems appropriate.

Trustees for the Senior Center accepted as read by Bette K. Stewart, Chairman, to be continued until the next annual Town Meeting.

Golf Course Development Committee as read by Ronald R. Adams, Chairman.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 17. It was voted that the Town establish an Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission for the purpose of overseeing the operations of the Golf Course within the Town of Bridgewater and promoting and developing golfing programs and other recreational activities on said Course as may be deemed in the best interest of the Town.

(A) Membership – Terms – Vacancy

The Golf Commission shall consist of nine (9) members.

(B) When members are first appointed shall be appointed as follows:

Three (3) members shall be appointed for one (1) year terms;

Three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) year terms;

Three (3) members shall be appointed for three (3) year terms;

Their successors shall be appointed for terms of (3) years each.

Vacancy – (1)

Any member may be removed by public vote of the Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of the Golf Commission.

Vacancy – M.G.L. Chapter 41 – s.s. II, 81A.

The remaining members write to Selectmen, within one month of the vacancy, informing them of the vacancy. Then, the Selectmen, with the rest of the Board, after one week's public notice, fill the vacancy by roll call vote. If the remaining members do not inform the Selectmen within one month, the Selectmen fill the vacancy themselves. In

either case, a majority vote of all the officials eligible to vote is required to select a replacement. Whoever is selected must be a registered voter in the Town and perform the duties of the office until the next town election or until another person is qualified.

Passed.

ARTICLE 18. It was voted that the Town appoint the present members of the Golf Course Development Committee to the Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission. Their terms are to be drawn by lottery. The members are as follows:

Ronald Adams	_____	Years
Dennis Weingartner	_____	Years
Dan Reagan	_____	Years
Duane German	_____	Years
William Jennings	_____	Years
Wally Renton	_____	Years
Thomas Arrighi	_____	Years
Charles Simonds	_____	Years
Jack Buckley	_____	Years

Passed.

ARTICLE 19. It was voted that the Town establish a separate account classified as "Enterprise Fund" for the operation of Olde Scotland Links Golf Course pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 39K.

Passed.

A motion was made and duly seconded to recess until Monday, June 9, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

Voted.

Meeting recessed at 8:55 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:
Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

RECESSED TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1997
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:00 p.m. Total attendance 155.

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted that the Town hear and act upon the Report of any Committee appointed by the Town and to continue such Committees as the Town deems appropriate.

The report of the Capital Planning Committee as read by Michael Levy, that the Committee be continued until the next Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4. It was unanimously voted that the Town continue the (5) member committee called "Trustees for the Senior Center at 10 Wally Krueger Way" as established under Article 22 of the June 21, 1993 Annual Town Meeting with annual appointments as set forth therein and to report to the next Annual Town Meeting. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 8. It was unanimously voted that the Town pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 to reauthorize all revolving funds in the Town of Bridgewater. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 9. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate from time to time monies for resurfacing, improving, constructing and/or reconstructing of Bridgewater streets pursuant to applicable chapter and sections of the Acts of the Legislature, as approved by the Selectmen and the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and to meet said appropriation the Town authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow a sum of money, which amount shall not exceed funds available or to become available to the Town of Bridgewater under any and all state aid construction funds to be used and expended under the direction of the Highway Department with the approval of the Board of Selectmen for the resurfacing, improvement, construction and/or reconstruction of the Bridgewater streets, and to deposit any funds received under State Aid Construction in a separate account to be used to retire the indebtedness for said use; and, in addition thereto, the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to pay any interest on temporary borrowing. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 10. It was unanimously voted that the Town accept Rodricks Terrace as a public way in the Town of Bridgewater and accept the layout as a public way or any portion thereof as laid out by the Board of Selectmen on or before April 15, 1997 and to authorize the Board to take by eminent domain, purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefor. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 12. To see whether or not the Town will vote to have a train whistle ban in the Town of Bridgewater. **Voice Vote – Defeated.**

ARTICLE 23. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to set aside a minimum of 50 percent of the proceeds of the sale of any Town-owned land to be used for the acquisition of open space and/or matching contributions for any grant opportunities relating to open space and/or recreation which may arise.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 24. It was unanimously voted that the Town accept two parcels of land situated in the Town of Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, from owner Chaves & Cincotta, Inc., as described in Exhibit B and Exhibit C for open space use.
(see attached)

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 25. It was unanimously voted that the Town establish a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for fiscal year 1998 to which shall be credited receipts received in connection with the operation of the Town Transfer Station. The programs and purposes for which funds from the revolving fund may be expended by the Board of Health shall be limited to the Town Transfer Station, and shall not exceed \$200,000.00.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 26. It was unanimously voted that the Town establish a revolving fund called the Home Composting Bin Account pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for fiscal year 1998 to which shall be credited receipts received from the revolving fund may be expended by the Board of Health shall be limited to the purchase of additional compost bins and shall not exceed \$10,000.00.

Unanimous.

"EXHIBIT B"

**DESCRIPTION
OPEN SPACE PARCEL C**

Being a 4.822 acre tract of land situated in the Town of Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on the southerly side of Cobblestone Lane, a proposed 40' way as shown on a plan titled "DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN, COBBLESTONE ESTATES, BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS, APPLICANT/OWNER: CHAVES & CINCOTTA, INC., SCALE: 1" = 80', OCTOBER 7, 1996, REV.: 1/6/97" BY Michael J. Koska & Associates, said 4.822 tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point for corner in the southerly right of way line of the aforementioned Cobblestone Lane, at the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Steven A. & Margarida Foster, said corner being the northeasterly corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE departing said southerly right of way line, southeasterly along land of said Foster, SOUTH 09 01'15" EAST a distance of 143.22 feet to an iron rod found for the southwesterly corner of said Foster;

THENCE southwesterly along the northerly line of Parcel A as shown on the aforesaid plan, SOUTH 80 57'58" WEST a distance of 272.00 feet to a point for corner;

THENCE southeasterly along the westerly line of said Parcel A and Parcel B as shown on the aforementioned plan, SOUTH 03 13'31" EAST a distance of 298.87 feet to a point for corner in a stone wall on the northerly line of land now or formerly of the Town of Bridgewater;

THENCE along said stone wall and northerly line of the Town of Bridgewater the following courses:

NORTH 81 16'50" WEST a distance of 92.81 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 83 43'34" WEST a distance of 155.12 feet to a drill hole found for corner;

NORTH 84 39'45" WEST a distance of 150.85 feet to a point in the corner of said stone wall and the southeast corner of land of owners unknown;

THENCE northeasterly and northwesterly along a stone wall and land of said owners unknown the following courses:

NORTH 09 36'07" EAST a distance of 75.28 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 09 55'47" EAST a distance of 117.28 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 11 29'06" EAST a distance of 15.32 feet to a point in the corner of said stone wall;

NORTH 83 11'46" WEST a distance of 21.07 feet to a point in the stone wall at the most southeasterly corner of Lot 18 as shown on the aforementioned plan;

THENCE northeasterly, southeasterly and northwesterly along said Lot 18 the following courses:

NORTH 49 52'52" EAST a distance of 108.10 feet to a point for corner;

SOUTH 85 11'20" EAST a distance of 95.91 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 07 47'33" WEST a distance of 70.00 feet to a point for the northeasterly corner of Lot 18, said point being a point of tangency of a curve in the southerly right of way line of the aforementioned Cobblestone Lane;

THENCE northeasterly, southeasterly and northeasterly along said southerly right of way line the following courses:

NORTH 82 12'27" EAST a distance of 155.00 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right having a radius of 130.00 feet;

Southeasterly along said curve to the right, through a central angle of 38 25'53" an arc distance of 87.20 feet to the point of tangency;

SOUTH 59 21'40" EAST a distance of 50.00 feet to a point of curvature of a curve to left having a radius of 170.00 feet;

Southeasterly along said curve to the left, through a central angle of 39 40'22" an arc distance of 117.71 feet to the point of tangency;

NORTH 80 57'58" EAST a distance of 20.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING a computed area of 4.822 Acres, or 210,061 square feet.

“EXHIBIT C”

**DESCRIPTION
OPEN SPACE PARCEL D**

Being a 21.464 acre tract of land situated in the Town of Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, on the northerly side of Cobblestone Lane, a proposed 40' way as shown on a plan titled “DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLAN, COBBLESTONE ESTATES, BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS, APPLICANT/OWNER: CHAVES & CINCOTTA, INC., SCALE: 1" = 80', OCTOBER 7, 1996, REV.: 1/6/97” BY Michael J. Koska & Associates, said 21.464 tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point for corner in the northerly right of way line of the aforementioned Cobblestone Lane, at the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Winston W. Walker, said corner being the most easterly corner of the tract herein described:

THENCE southwesterly, northwesterly and southwesterly along said northerly right of way line the following courses:

SOUTH 80 57'58" WEST a distance of 20.39 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right having a radius of 130.00 feet;

Northwesterly along said curve to the right, through a central angle of 39 40'22" an arc distance of 90.01 feet to the point of tangency;

NORTH 59 21'40" WEST a distance of 50.00 feet to a point of curvature of a curve to left having a radius of 170.00 feet;

Northwesterly along said curve to the left, through a central angle of 38 25'53" an arc distance of 114.03 feet to the point of tangency;

SOUTH 82 12'27" WEST a distance of 155.00 feet to a point for the southeast corner of Lot 1 as shown on the aforementioned plan;

THENCE northwesterly, southwesterly and southeasterly along the rear lots 1 through 15 as shown on said plan the following courses:

NORTH 07 47'33" WEST a distance of 78.00 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 59 29'26" WEST a distance of 186.38 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 77 56'21" WEST a distance of 128.73 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 49 06'50" WEST a distance of 163.14 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 12 14'39" WEST a distance of 111.84 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 07 42'35" WEST a distance of 164.22 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 72 03'46" WEST a distance of 180.56 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 88 52'25" WEST a distance of 172.23 feet to a point for corner;

SOUTH 40 38'17" WEST a distance of 149.22 feet to a point for corner;

SOUTH 18 41'00" EAST a distance of 195.75 feet to a point for corner;

SOUTH 28 03'18" WEST a distance of 155.01 feet to a point for corner;

SOUTH 44 28'00" EAST a distance of 154.49 feet to a point for corner;

SOUTH 26 31'07" EAST a distance of 169.42 feet to a point for corner;

SOUTH 48 32'54" EAST a distance of 81.32 feet to a point for corner in the northerly line of land of owners unknown;

THENCE northwesterly along said line of owners unknown, NORTH 83 45'54" WEST a distance of 990.01 feet to a point for corner and land now or formerly of William Bassett;

THENCE northeasterly along said Bassett line, NORTH 05 34'06" EAST a distance of 338.00 feet to a point for corner and land now or formerly of Montaup Electric Company;

THENCE southeasterly and northwesterly along said land of Montaup Electric Company the following courses:

SOUTH 82 55'54" EAST a distance of 552.00 feet to a point for corner;

NORTH 01 30'04" WEST a distance of 575.47 feet to a point for corner and land now or formerly of the Town of Bridgewater;

THENCE southeasterly along said land of the Town of Bridgewater and partially by a stone wall the following courses:

SOUTH 81 17'21" EAST a distance of 200.74 feet to a point for corner;

SOUTH 80 54'38" EAST a distance of 153.80 feet to a point for corner and land now or formerly of Barbara P. Kaye;

THENCE southeasterly along land of said Kaye and land now or formerly of Robert & Antoinette Iafate, land now or formerly of Haresh K. & Kokila H. Patel, land now or formerly of Kirk R., Jr. & Elisa H. Calley, land now or formerly of Richard P. Folkins and land now or formerly of Kenneth & Linda Woodland, passing a found iron pipe at a

distance of 352.46 feet, SOUTH 80 59'23" EAST a distance of 871.23 feet to an angle point;

THENCE southeasterly along land of said Woodland and land now or formerly of Robert N. & Arlene A. Southworth, SOUTH 81 31'30" EAST a distance of 230.43 feet to a point for the northwesterly corner of land now or formerly of Arthur J. & Mary F. Kelly;

THENCE southeasterly along land of said Kelly and land now or formerly of John J., Jr. & Jeanne M. McClellan and land now or formerly of Marion E. Barrett and land of the aforementioned Walker, SOUTH 05 45'20" EAST a distance of 654.90 feet to a POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING a computed area of 21.464 Acres, or 934,990 square feet.

ARTICLE 27. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects; repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with the Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$200,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under General Laws Chapter 111, Section 127B 1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that project and financing costs shall be repaid by the property owners, in accordance with those agreements but such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the town; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the projects or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen, or other appropriate local body or official, is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the projects and to take any other action necessary to carry out the projects. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 28. It was voted to take no action.
(Flagg Street Field)

ARTICLE 29. It was voted that this Article be considered covered and acted upon in one Vote so that the sum of \$24,651,347.00 be appropriated and of such appropriation, the sum of \$109,69.00 shall be for salaries of elected Town Officials which are fixed in the following amounts.

Selectmen

Chairman	\$3,278.00
Member	\$2,626.00
Member	\$2,626.00
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	\$8,530.00

Assessor

Chairman	\$3,449.00
Member	\$3,024.00
Member	\$3,024.00
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	\$9,497.00

Treasurer \$18,207.00

Collector \$23,572.00

Town Clerk \$44,125.00

Registration & Election Clerk \$1,000.00

Tree Warden \$500.00

Water Commissioners

Chairman.....	\$1,030.00
Member.....	\$ 713.00
Member.....	\$ 713.00
.....	<u>\$2,456.00</u>

Board of Health

Chairman.....	\$ 773.00
Member.....	\$ 515.00
Member.....	\$ 515.00
.....	<u>\$1,803.00</u>

Total Salaries For Elected Officials: \$109,690.00

for the ensuing year, and further, that of such appropriation, the sum of \$24,541,657.00 be for personal services, expenses, interest on maturing debt, and all other charges for various departments for the ensuing fiscal year; all of the foregoing to be apportioned and segregated for several specific purposes designated and that the same be expended only for such purposes, each number being considered a separate appropriation, as shown and set forth in the "Report of the Bridgewater Advisory Committee to the Annual Town Meeting, Including the Fiscal Year 1998 Budget" (as amended) a copy of which is attached hereto and specifically made a part hereof, and that to meet such appropriation the following amounts are raised and/or the following transfers are authorized:

Ambulance Receipts Reserved	\$100,000.00
Overlay Surplus	65,900.00
Sewer Enterprise	787,866.00
Sewer Receipts Reserved	50,000.00
Water Receipts Reserved	100,000.00
Free Cash	642,370.00
Taxation	22,905,211.00

Voted.

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
FY 1998 Budget Analysis

	FY '96 Expended	FY '97 Budget	FY '98 Advisory Board Recommend
114 Moderator			
General Expenses	\$50	\$50	\$50
Total	\$50	\$50	\$50
122 Selectmen			
Personal Services	167,364	162,392	173,289
General Expenses	12,266	15,850	15,850
Special Expenses	6,600	10,100	5,600
Total	186,230	188,342	194,739
131 Advisory Board			
Personal Services	1,190	1,500	1,500
General Expenses	368	440	465
Total	1,558	1,940	1,965
132 Reserve Fund			
General Expenses	50,000	58,000	50,000
Total	50,000	58,000	50,000
135 Accountant			
Personal Services	97,187	104,846	107,719
General Expenses	1,675	1,675	1,775
Special Expenses	45,647	45,647	48,475
Total	144,509	152,168	157,969
141 Assessors			
Personal Services	99,263	103,102	107,003
General Expenses	3,346	35,392	34,535
Special Expenses	61,650	33,000	45,260
Total	164,259	171,494	186,798
145 Treasurer			
Personal Services	47,152	48,955	51,586
General Expenses	19,077	19,077	20,187
Special Expenses	0	24,795	24,795
Total	66,229	92,827	96,568
146 Collector			
Personal Services	81,071	83,838	86,182
General Expenses	16,775	16,775	18,466
Special Expenses	0	4,000	4,000
Total	97,846	104,613	108,648

	FY '96 Expended	FY '97 Budget	FY '98 Advisory Board Recommend
149 Other Finance			
General Expenses	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 600
Total	600	600	600
151 Law			
Personal Services	49,013	50,483	49,900
General Expenses	10,000	10,000	10,000
Special Expenses	10,000	20,000	27,500
Total	69,013	80,483	87,400
152 Wage & Personnel Board			
Personal Services	1,410	1,500	1,875
General Expenses	152	175	275
Total	1,562	1,675	2,150
161 Town Clerk			
Personal Services	104,104	112,413	107,225
General Expenses	7,149	9,920	7,920
Total	111,253	122,333	115,145
162 Election & Registration			
Personal Services	20,749	21,355	21,781
General Expenses	3,509	5,750	5,657
Special Expenses	9,000	9,000	6,000
Total	33,258	36,105	33,438
166 Parking Clerk			
Personal Services	12,765	12,944	14,706
General Expenses	1,654	1,200	1,310
Total	14,419	14,144	16,016
171 Conservation Commission			
Personal Services	27,637	32,240	14,495
General Expenses	1,003	2,300	2,100
Total	28,640	34,540	16,595
175 Planning Board			
Personal Services	21,247	21,247	31,094
General Expenses	919	2,400	2,450
Special Expenses	2,814	4,385	0
Total	24,980	28,032	33,544

	FY '96 Expended	FY '97 Budget	FY '98 Advisory Board Recommend
176 Zoning Appeals Board			
Personal Services	\$ 6,320	\$ 6,343	\$ 7,186
General Expenses	495	500	500
Total	6,815	6,843	7,686
186 Planning & Community Development			
Personal Services	18,804	25,000	47,000
General Expenses	412	6,700	7,950
Total	19,216	31,700	54,950
192 Town Buildings			
Personal Services	41,411	47,724	49,668
General Expenses	41,490	81,719	85,220
Special Expenses	0	2,300	84,140
Total	82,901	131,743	219,028
193 Senior Center			
General Expenses	21,000	23,400	24,400
Special Expenses	0	5,500	0
Total	21,000	28,900	24,400
194 Capital Planning			
General Expenses	0	5,000	5,000
Capital	0	49,000	223,500
Total	0	54,000	228,500
210 Police			
Personal Services	1,624,460	1,764,860	1,848,664
General Expenses	71,511	70,645	78,540
Special Expenses	0	26,700	0
Capital	0	0	0
Total	1,695,971	1,862,205	1,927,204
211 Court Time			
Personal Services	15,600	28,000	28,000
Total	15,600	28,000	28,000
220 Fire			
Personal Services	1,428,818	1,260,474	1,278,078
General Expenses	101,308	69,400	54,200
Special Expenses	4,216	40,000	40,000
Total	1,534,342	1,369,874	1,372,278

	FY '96 Expended	FY '97 Budget	FY '98 Advisory Board Recommend
549 Outside Services			
Retarded Citizens	\$ 6,339	\$ 6,339	\$ 6,529
Rape Counseling	2,000	2,500	2,500
Ply Cty Co-op Ext	125	125	125
VNA	10,000	12,500	12,875
X-Mas Lighting	600	600	600
Total	19,064	22,064	22,629
610 Library			
Personal Services	390,258	420,912	445,387
General Expenses	140,651	152,661	153,703
Total	530,909	573,573	599,090
611 Regional Library			
Personal Services	157,427	167,606	166,401
General Expenses	158,211	141,389	142,594
Total	315,638	308,995	308,995
630 Recreation			
Personal Services	50,614	71,322	77,603
General Expenses	26,485	27,081	27,755
Special Expenses	16,200	500	2,700
Total	93,299	98,903	108,058
631 Swimming Pool			
Personal Services	10,663	13,596	13,992
General Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000
Total	11,663	14,596	14,992
691 Historical Commission			
Personal Services	0	175	125
General Expenses	125	150	100
Total	125	325	225
692 War Memorial			
General Expenses	1	1	1
Total	1	1	1
693 Historical District Commission			
Personal Services	1	1	100
General Expenses	1	1	300
Total	2	2	400
750 Principal Payments			
General Expenses	147,500	172,500	617,500
Total	147,500	172,500	617,500

	FY '96 Expended	FY '97 Budget	FY '98 Advisory Board Recommend
751 Interest Payments			
General Expenses	\$365,085	\$1,255,236	\$1,032,181
Total	365,085	1,255,236	1,032,181
910 Insurance			
General Expenses	222,892	218,885	177,408
Total	222,892	218,885	177,408
911 Retirement			
Personal Services	669,513	637,154	646,965
Total	669,513	637,154	646,965
914 Med/Life Insurance			
General Expenses	950,600	1,000,000	1,053,400
Total	950,600	1,000,000	1,053,400
915 Police/Fire Medical			
General Expenses	30,745	41,000	41,000
Total	30,745	41,000	41,000
940 Miscellaneous			
General Expenses	11,973	13,100	14,200
Total	11,973	13,100	14,200
950 Gas & Oil			
General Expenses	52,846	44,100	45,100
Total	52,846	44,100	45,100
960 Telephone			
General Expenses	20,260	22,627	25,500
Total	20,260	22,627	25,500
970 Wage Adjustment Account			
General Expenses			180,000
Total			180,000
Cable TV Advisory Committee			
Personal Services			2,500
General Services			4,200
Total			6,700
Stabilization Fund			
General Expenses			452,341
Total			452,341

	FY '96 Expended	FY '97 Budget	FY '98 Advisory Board Recommend
Unemployment			
General Expenses			10,000
Total	0	0	10,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$20,447,042	\$22,529,387	\$24,651,347
SCHEDULE TOTALS			
Personal Services	\$6,707,416	\$7,109,246	\$7,430,682
General Expenses	\$3,299,007	\$4,518,856	\$5,401,089
Special Expenses	\$10,440,618	\$10,852,284	\$11,496,076
Capital	\$0	\$49,000	\$323,500

ARTICLE 30. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend the Wage & Personnel Board By-Law as reported by the Wage & Personnel Board at its public hearing as read, including the amendments thereto. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 31. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money for salaries of those under the jurisdiction of the Wage & Personnel Board.
(see attached) **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 32. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money salaries of elected officials. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 33. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget.
(Stabilization Fund)

ARTICLE 34. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget.
(Advisory Committee's Reserve Fund)

ARTICLE 35. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer a sum of money from the Ambulance Reserve Receipt Account, being fees received for the use of Town owned ambulance and to authorize the transfer and expenditures therefrom for the purpose of salaries and expenses of the Fire Department Ambulance Service and to pay expenses incidental to the process of billings therefor as incurred; such funds and additions there-to to be retained during the fiscal year 1997-1998, and the proceeds or portions therefor applied to reduce the succeeding year's fiscal budget upon vote of a Town Meeting except for payment of expenses incidental to billing therefor. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 36. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget.
(Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.)

ARTICLE 37. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget.
(Plymouth County Cooperative Extension)

ARTICLE 38. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget.
(Crisis Center)

ARTICLE 39. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget.
(Brockton Area Assoc. Retarded Citizens)

ARTICLE 40. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget.
(Capital Planning)

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:
Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 1997
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. All posting of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate or transfer surplus funds from Town Department budgets to various Town Department budgets, the total not to exceed \$300,000.00.

To transfer from the following Accounts:

Town Clerk	161-102-5343	Postage	105.23
Election & Registration	162-102-5343	Postage	2.52
Capital Planning	1-194-102-5700	Other Charges & Expenses	1,542.15
School Assessment	1-306-431-5658	Bristol County Agricultural	24,897.00
School Assessment	1-306-436-5658	Norfolk County Agricultural	18,700.00
Highway Department	1-420-101-5114	General Salaries	38,000.00
Interest	1-750-102-5825	Temporary Loans	53,088.37
School Interest	1-753-102-5925	Temporary Loans	12,112.64
			\$148,447.91

To the following Accounts:

Law	1-151-103-5324	Special Legal Expenses	\$ 122.52
Town Clerk	1-161-101-5114	General Salaries	105.23
Election & Registration	1-162-101-5114	General Salaries	2.52
Town Buildings	1-192-102-5215	Fuel & Electricity	5,534.14
Capital Planning	1-194-104-5872	Purchase of Vehicles	1,542.15
Police	1-210-101-5114	General Salaries	30,376.57
Police	1-210-102-5246	Maint./Repair Vehicles	2,838.06
Highway	1-420-103-5254	Equip. Repairs/Snow	1,521.23
Highway	1-420-103-5313	Snow/Ice Truck Hire	30,817.75
Highway	1-420-103-5564	Salt/Calcium Etc.	18,239.57
Street Lighting	1-424-102-5213	Street Lights	8,500.00
Med-Life Ins.	1-914-102-5171	FICA - Town Share	13,081.14
Med-Life Ins.	1-914-102-5744	Ins/Group Med/Life	20,810.26
Police/Fire Medical	1-915-102-5346	Police/Fire Medical	6,500.00
Gasoline & Oil	1-950-102-5486	Gasoline	5,294.77
Miscellaneous	1-940-102-5312	Printing	662.00
Telephone	1-960-102-5341	Telephone Expense	2,500.00
			\$148,447.91

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted that the Town accept a gift in the amount of \$11,500.00 from the estate of Charles B. Whiteside for the establishment of a Trust Fund in memory of Mr & Mrs. Arthur E. Copp. Said Trust to be administered by the Board of Library Trustees of the Bridgewater Public Library, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, Section 11 of the Massachusetts General Laws and in accordance with the provisions of said gift. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its Vote under ARTICLE 14 and ARTICLE 16 of the May 20, 1996 Annual Town Meeting and as amended under ARTICLE 8 of the January 28, 1997 Special Town Meeting and as further amended under ARTICLE 7 of the May 5, 1997 Special Town Meeting, to authorize the appropriation and transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Account #17-122-703-5961, in the fiscal year 1997 the sum of \$54,328.27, and to appropriate and transfer said sum as follows:

\$20,000.00	to Account 1-220-101-5130	Emergency Recall
\$13,818.00	to Account 1-220-101-5132	Holiday/Vacation Coverage
\$13,910.27	to Account 1-231-101-5114	Ambulance General Salaries
\$ 3,400.00	to Account 1-231-102-5500	Ambulance Medical Supplies
\$ 3,200.00	to Account 1-231-102-5259	Maintenance Ambulance

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 4. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$17.98 from Account #27-440-102-5288, Service by Others Account, to Account #27-440-143-5791, Service by Others Prior Year Account, for payment of a Sewer Department prior year bill.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. It was unanimously voted that the Town accept from the estate of Zillah Soule Prophet the sum of ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) DOLLARS to be held in trust, and to receive the income thereof of perpetuity, and apply the same for the care and maintenance of the Henry G. Prophet plot in the Mt. Prospect Cemetery in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. The care must make certain that the lot, stone and curbing be kept in excellent condition. **Unanimous.**

A motion was made and duly seconded to dissolve the meeting. It was voted, the meeting dissolved at 6:45 P.M.

A True Record, Attest:
Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 1997
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
7:05 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. All posting of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the entire balance of Account #16-122-822-4820-6, Prison Mitigation Grant – Investment on Investment (balance as of May 31, 1997 – \$132,757.87) to the Capital Projects Fund authorized under Chapter 22 of the Acts of 1997. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$3,000,000.00 from Account #16-122-822-4690, Prison Mitigation Grant, to the Capital Projects Fund authorized under Chapter 22 of the Acts of 1997. **Unanimous.**

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn.
The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:
Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1997
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
7:45 P.M.**

The Moderator called the meeting to order. All posting of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$300,000.00 for additional and unforeseen costs and expenses for the construction, equipping, administration and other costs and expenses for the new elementary school. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 2 It was unanimously voted that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 143, Section 3Z, Part Time Building Inspector, Building Commissioner, Local Inspector or Alternate Inspector Authorized to Engage in Private Practice or Employment. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 3 It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$37,440.00 from Account #1-192-103-5123, Temporary Maintenance Technicians, to Account #1-192-101-5123, of the same name. **Unanimous.**

A motion was made and duly seconded to dissolve the meeting. Voted.

The meeting was dissolved at 8:20 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 1997
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
7:30 P.M.**

The Moderator pro tem Jeff Nangle, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted. Total attendance 87.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate or appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$800,000.00 for added and increased costs and expenses associated with the construction, original equipping and furnishing of the new elementary school, located on the Mello property, "so-called", and for the remodeling, refurbishing or repairing of the Williams School complex, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$800,000.00, under either MGL C.44, section 7, clauses (3) and (3A), as amended, or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, and to issue Bonds therefor; and further, that the School Building Committee or Selectmen make application pursuant to Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended, to secure reimbursement of no less than 73% of total eligible increased project costs in accordance with said chapter as amended, and return any such reimbursement to the Town Treasury as general funds of the Town.

2/3 vote required
Standing Vote Count Yes: 59 No: 8

ARTICLE 2. It was voted that the Town rescind action taken on Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting of August 5, 1997.

Voice Vote – Voted.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted.
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1997
SENIOR CENTER
10 Wally Kruger Way
7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted. Total attendance 28.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted to take no action on this article.
((\$300,000.00 Stabilization Fund)

Voted.

ARTICLE 2 It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate from the projected revenue of the Olde Scotland Links Golf Course, the sum of \$879,15.00, for the operating budget, including debt service for the Fiscal Year 1998, this being an Enterprise Fund. (as amended)

Unanimous.

A motion was made and duly seconded to dissolve the meeting.
The meeting dissolved at 7:45 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1997
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. All postings of warrants was duly noted as required by town by-laws as voted.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer up to \$300,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund to reduce the 1998 Fiscal Year tax rate.

(Amended by Jeff Nangle)

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1997
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
7:30 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, all warrants were duly posted as voted by Town By-Laws. Total attendance 153.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town accept the following streets as public ways in the Town of Bridgewater and accept the layouts as public ways of the following streets:

Patricia Drive	Eagle Trace
Heather Hills Drive	Erbeck Circle
L.S. Perry Circle	Caswell Way
Bradley Lane	Ledgewood Drive

or any of them, or portions thereof, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen on or before November 3, 1997, and to authorize the Board to take by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire, any fee, easement or other interest in land necessary therefore, no appropriation being required. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 2. It was voted that the Town establish a voucher system for Bridgewater Seniors to be known as the S.A.V.E. (Senior Association Volunteer Experience) Program, whereby Bridgewater citizens sixty and older will work for Town Departments on special projects in exchange for compensation which can be used for the payment of property taxes on their principal residence or other municipal liabilities at the minimum wage per hour for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, not to exceed a voucher value of \$500.00 per residence in any one fiscal year. Said program to be administered by a five (5) member committee; one (1) to be appointed by the Council on Aging, one (1) to be appointed by the Trustees of Bridgewater Senior Center, one (1) to be appointed by the NAGE Commune, one to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and one (1) to be appointed by the Director of Elder Affairs of the Town of Bridgewater.

(voted as amended)

Passed.

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Free Cash, Account #31-254-3590-6, the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred (\$5,500.00) Dollars to be administered by the S.A.V.E. Committee, Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars of which shall be used to fund vouchers through the S.A.V.E. Program and Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars of which shall be used for the administration of said program.

Unanimous.

A motion was made and duly seconded for reconsideration in hopes it would fail.

Failed.

ARTICLE 4. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$33,500.00 from Account #17-122-704-5961, Registry/Court Fine Account, to Account #1-210-104-5872, Police Cruiser Account, for the purchase of a 1998 4 wheel drive utility vehicle and related emergency equipment, including a new mobile radio and emergency lights for the vehicle.

(voted as amended)

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Account #82-143-3750-5961, Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$35,000.00, to Account #1-220-145-5839, Refurbishing Forest Fire Unit 1.

2/3 Vote required.

Passed.

ARTICLE 6. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend its vote taken under ARTICLE 29 and ARTICLE 35 of the June 9, 1997 recessed Annual Town Meeting to authorize the appropriation and transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Account #17-122-703-4370, in the current fiscal year, the sum of \$7,000.00.

\$5,000.00 to Account #1-220-103-5863, Replace Radio System, to pay for additional expenses to adapt the watch room to new equipment, and

\$2,000.00 to Account #89-242-2223-6, Unmanned Ambulance, for Bridgewater's contribution.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 7. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$18,000.00 from Account #17-171-708-4320-6, Conservation Reserve Account, to Account #1-171-101-5114-38, Conservation Agent's Salary Account.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 8. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Account #82-143-3750-5961, Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$35,000.00 to Account #1-194-104-5805, Capital Expenditure Account, to complete the construction of the addition to the Recreation Commission building at Legion Field.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 9. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$25.99 from Account #1-192-102-5259, Repairs and Maintenance, to Account #1-192-145-5791, Repairs and Maintenance prior Year Bills.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 10. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,408.57 from Account #1-910-102-5742, Town's Insurance Budget Account to Account #1-122-145-5749, Insurance Deductible Account, for payment of prior year insurance deductible.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 11. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Free Cash, Account #1-254-3590-6, the sum of \$818.71, to Account #1-210-145-5192, Sick Time Buy-Back, to cover employee sick time owed from last year.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 12. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Free Cash, Account #1-254-3590-6, the sum of \$2,500.00 to Account #1-210-145-5158, Court Settlement Account. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 13. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Free Cash, Account #1-254-3590-6, the sum of \$15,083.08, to Account #1-915-145-5346, Police/Fire Medical, for payment of prior year medical bills. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 14. It was voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,600,000.00 for the purpose of financing the engineering and construction of sewers to serve Sewerage Needs Areas 1, 2, and 5 including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,600,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith, to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

2/3 Majority Vote

Yes: 145 No: 1

Passed.

ARTICLE 15. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,500.00 from Account #1-194-102-5700, Capital Planning General Expenses Account to Account #1-194-101-5115, Clerical Account. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 16. It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to designate the parcels of land, described in "Exhibit A" attached, as dedicated open space and/or passive recreational uses in support of the Town's Open Space and Recreation Program.

(see attached "Exhibit A").

A motion was made and duly seconded to delete Map #4, Page #12. **Voted.**

"Exhibit A"

Map 4. Parcel 1 – This parcel consists of 2.66 acres of land off of Broad Street. This parcel is zoned Residential D and lies within the East Bridgewater Aquifer Protection District which overlays into the Town of Bridgewater.

Map 4. Parcel 12 – This parcel consists of 20,116 SF of land located off of Comfort Street. The parcel is zoned Residence D and lies within the East Bridge-water Aquifer Protection District which overlays into the Town of Bridgewater. **(as amended by Jack Welby, Assessor – to delete this Map 4. Parcel 12).**
Voted.

Map 9. Parcel 27 – This parcel consists of 5.33 acres of land off of Aldrich Street and is split by two ones Residence A/B and Residence C.

Map 20. Parcel 25 – This parcel consists of 2,600 SF of land located off of Old Forge Road and is zoned Residence D. This parcel serves as a reserve buffer strip between the cul-de-sacs of Old Forge Road and Liberty Road.

Map 25. Parcel 81 – This parcel consists of 2.26 acres of land located off of Plymouth Street (Route 104) and is zoned Residence A/B. A small portion of the parcel is located along the edge of the Taunton River.

Map 98. Parcel 7 – This parcel consists of 19.7388 acres of land located off of Dundee Drive and is zoned Residence A/B. The parcel is landlock and obtains access and frontage through Parcel 31 located off of Dundee Drive.

Map 98. Parcel 31 – This parcel consists of 8,272 SF of land located off of Dundee Drive and is zoned Residence A/B and serves as a right of way to Parcel 7 (Map 98) located at the end of the right of way.

Map 99. Parcel 49 – This parcel consists of 24,547 SF of land located on the undeveloped and unnamed way running between Bobwhite Lane and Red-wing Drive. The parcel is zoned Residence A/B and given the natural wetlands in this area preservation for wildlife habitat and stormwater collection areas would be best served if left in its natural state.

Map 99. Parcel 50 – This parcel consists of 22,500 SF and is located on an undeveloped and unnamed way running between Bobwhite Lane and Red-wing Drive. The parcel is zoned Residence A/B and given the natural wetlands in this area preservation in its natural state would best serve for wildlife habitat and stormwater collection areas.

Map 99. Parcel 51 – This parcel consists of 23,417 SF and is located on an undeveloped and unnamed way running between Bobwhite Lane and Red-wing Drive. The parcel is zoned Residence A/B and given the natural wetlands in this area preservation in its natural state would be best served for wildlife habitat and stormwater collection areas.

Map 99. Parcel 53 – This parcel consists of 22,500 SF and is located on an undeveloped and unnamed way running between Bobwhite Lane and Red-wing Drive. The parcel is zoned Residence A/B and given the natural wetlands in this area preservation in its natural state would be best served for wildlife habitat and stormwater collection areas.

Map 99. Parcel 55 – This parcel consists of 22,500 SF and is located on an undeveloped and unnamed way running between Bobwhite Lane and Redwing Drive. The parcel is zoned Residence A/B and given the natural wetlands in this area preservation in its natural state would be best served for wildlife habitat and stormwater collection areas.

Map 99. Parcel 65 – This parcel consists of 7.22 acres of land off of Old Forest Street and Redwing Drive. The parcel is zoned Residence A/B and given the natural wetlands in this area preservation in its natural state would be best served for wildlife habitat and stormwater collection areas.

Map 110. Parcel 16 – This parcel consists of 2.3 acres of land located off of Cross Street. The parcel is zoned Residence A/B and is subject to an existing easement.

Voted.

ARTICLE 17. It was unanimously voted that the Town, as part of the 1997 update to the Community's Open Space and Recreation Plan, to reaffirm that the 1,000 or so acres of undeveloped and/or farm land under the control and custody of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Bridgewater Correctional Complex, remain in their current use as either agricultural, open space natural wildlife habitat, or woodland area. The goal of this action is to enhance river corridor resource protection and provide a natural scenic buffer between the Correctional Complex and the surrounding residential community. Such action will also reaffirm the desire of the Townspeople to preserve the current and present use of said land, and would be consistent the intent and purpose of the Town of Bridgewater's Open Space Plan (1995). This article seeks to reaffirm the similar recommendation which was included in the goals and objectives of the 1995 Town Meeting approved Open Space and Recreation Plan. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 18. This article was defeated.
(Open space discount program)

ARTICLE 19. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from stabilization fund, or authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 8C, the sum of \$300,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing for conservation purposes by negotiated purchase or otherwise, certain property with building thereon, known as the Chamber's Property, consisting of thirty-two (32) acres, more or less, together with flowage and other rights and easements and subject to all well rights and easements as are shown on a plan on file in the office of the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk; that said land be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 8C, and as it may thereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Bridgewater Conservation Commission and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Bridgewater any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any others in any way

connected with the scope of this Article, and the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of Bridgewater to affect said purchase. This appropriation is to be reimbursed by \$197,200.00 through the Division of Conservation Services; Self-Help Grant Program. **Unanimous.**

ARTICLE 20. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey or otherwise dispose of, on terms and conditions to be established by the Board of Selectmen, Town owned real property or any portion of said property described as follows:

A parcel of land located off an unconstructed portion of Bayberry Circle, containing approximately 2.637 acres, more or less, shown as Lots 128, 133 and 134 on Assessors' Map 100 and Lots 95 and 96 on Assessors' Map 110.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 21. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend the General By-Laws as follows:

In Article XXXI – Historic Iron Works District – after the words “High Street included in Assessors' Map 10, Parcels 40-41”, strike all remaining text and replace with the following: “And including the portion of Map 10, Parcel 40 shown on Assessors' Map 11”, so that the Article will now read as follows:

**Article XXXI
Historic Iron Works District**

It was voted (as amended) that the Town establish a Bridgewater Iron Works Historic District, pursuant to MGL, C. 40C and to appear as Article XXXI in the By-laws of the Town of Bridgewater, which District shall consist of all land within 600 feet of the center line of High Street included in Assessors' Map 10, Parcels 40 and 41 and including the portion of Map 10, Parcel 40 shown on Assessors' Map 11.”

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 22. A motion was made and duly seconded it was voted to take no action on this article
(Wireless communication facilities).

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn.

Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

The crimes of Auto Theft and Burglary increased over those reported in 1996 while the remainder of reported crimes remained about the same.

During the month of March, Officers Robert Bailey, Thomas LaGrasta, Anne Svizzero and George Zanellato completed the 17 week Regional Police Academy and were added to the department staff.

In March, Officer Christopher Delmonte and K-9 Gorbi graduated from the 16 week K-9 Academy and began active duty.

In December, Officer Christopher Delmonte and K-9 Gorbi graduated from the 11 week Drug School.

During the month of April, Lt. Governor Paul Cellucci and Secretary of Public Safety Kathleen O'Toole visited the Bridgewater Police Department. The department was the first in the State to be selected for the new NCIC Computer System because we were recognized as the most technologically advanced department utilizing computers in all phases of police work.

In June of 1997, Dean Ferioli and Stephen McGinn were appointed as Permanent Intermittent Police Officers under another COPS Grant. Both were enrolled into the 17 week Regional Police Academy and graduated on November 26, 1997. They have been assigned to work with a Training Officer after which they will assume a regular assignment.

Due to the efforts of several members of the department, we received numerous Federal and State Grants which are mentioned below.

Our Crime Prevention, Community Policing and DARE Programs continue to expand and due to their successes we continue to receive increases in our Grant applications for these programs. In cooperation with Bridgewater-Raynham Superintendent of Schools Edward O'Donoghue and the Bridgewater Police Department we were able to obtain a State Grant for a Juvenile Justice Prevention Program "Alternative School." Our DARE Officer and Juvenile Officer will work cooperatively with the school on this new and innovative program.

My continued thanks to all of the officers for their dedication and professionalism to the department and our community. A special thanks to Mrs. Jean Hayden-Knight, Office Administrator, and Mrs. Kathleen Copeland, Principal Clerk, for their many years of dedicated service and guidance.

I am truly fortunate to have been Chief of Police of this fine department and the citizens of this great community for more than 21 years. I will retire in June of 1998 after more than 32 years as a Police Officer for the Town of Bridgewater.

William P. Ferioli
Chief of Police

**1997 Bridgewater Police Department
Yearly Report**

ALARMS	1,250
ARSON	0
ASSAULT & BATTERY	28
AUTO THEFT	46
BURGLARY	85
DISTURBANCES	538
DOMESTIC DISPUTES	195
FIRES & FIRE ALARMS	188
LARCENY	244
MEDICAL CALLS	662
MURDER	0
RAPE	6
ROBBERY	3
R.R. CROSSING PROBLEMS	74
SILENT & ABANDONED 911 CALLS	348
TOTAL 911 CALLS TO DEPARTMENT	2,010

ARRESTS	484
CITATIONS	6,698
PARKING TICKETS	3,503

ACCIDENTS:

UNDER \$1,000.00	52
OVER \$1,000.00	435
UNINVESTIGATED	201
FATALITIES	0

TOTAL REPORTED INCIDENTS 8,115

Grants Received in 1997

COMMUNITY POLICING	\$42,000.00
DARE	\$17,300.00
COPS UNIVERSAL HIRING	\$300,000.00
COPS MORE 96	\$63,000.00
JUVENILE JUSTICE PREVENTION PROGRAM (Alternative School)	\$25,000.00
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE GRANT	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$467,300.00</u>

1997 RECEIPTS TO TREASURER

Ins. Requests	FID Cards	Pistol Permits	Keeper of Records	Finger- prints	Dealers License
\$178.00	\$18.00	\$210.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.00
187.00	8.00	357.00	0.00	35.00	0.00
155.00	18.00	315.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
174.00	14.00	147.00	7.00	10.00	0.00
176.00	28.00	231.00	41.00	5.00	0.00
204.00	24.00	210.00	0.00	15.00	33.00
178.00	6.00	231.00	0.00	55.00	0.00
163.00	8.00	189.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
138.00	16.00	294.00	21.00	35.00	30.00
163.00	20.00	378.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
220.00	20.00	146.00	73.00	0.00	0.00
227.00	22.00	273.00	19.00	0.00	0.00
\$2,163.00	\$202.00	\$2,981.00	\$161.00	\$215.00	\$63.00

Handling Charges as of 12-30-97 \$28,593.84

GRAND TOTAL ALL \$34,378.84

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Yearly Report for 1997

The Bridgewater Fire Department responded to a total of 3,320 emergency incidents: 1,779 fire related incidents, 1,541 medical incidents, and 541 general assistance/inspections/public service incidents; combined total 3,861. For informational purposes we responded to 111 incidents at the MCI Bridgewater Complex and 245 at Bridgewater State College. These facilities amounted to 11% of our total deployments for Fire and EMS.

Of the fire related runs 127 responses were second and third alarm responses for incidents requiring additional personnel and equipment for fires and other contingencies in structures both residential and commercial and mutual-aid to surrounding communities. Remaining responses were for inside and outside investigations, motor vehicle accidents, woods fires, medical assists, HAZMAT responses, fires within buildings not classified as structural, storm coverage, and miscellaneous unclassified runs. Our highest response area continues to be our Fire District Five, the western quadrant of the Town. The need for a sub-station is again apparent in this sector and is actively being discussed. With the MBTA now in service, the need for rapid response to areas in the eastern quadrant has been addressed and planning is in progress for a sub-station in that sector. Rapid deployment is necessary. Four individuals that were appointed in November of 1996 completed Basic Training at the Massachusetts Fire Academy on 3 February 1997 and were assigned to duty groups. Personnel appointed were Firefighters Carol A. Berghaus, Paul S. Chuilli, Steven E. Murphy and John A. Schlatz.

Training continued throughout the year in HAZMAT, fire prevention, fire suppression and EMS standards. Our "SAFE" program involving ten Firefighters as instructors has proven to be an extremely successful venture which is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and brings fire prevention and education to grades K through 3. In October we were the recipients of an anonymous donation of \$25,000.00 to purchase a "Thermal Imaging Unit." This vital piece of equipment will enable first-in personnel to search through smoke and darkness for occupants. We are indebted to this individual. Our life-saving capabilities have been enhanced dramatically.

My sincerest appreciation to the residents of the Town of Bridgewater, all Boards, Commissions, Committees and Departments for their continued cooperation, support and assistance.

To the personnel of this Department, a sincere "thank you" for your professionalism and dedication to our community. A "special thanks" to Mr. David A. Canepa, Municipal Administrator, for his understanding and assistance, and Ms. Anne L. Boyd, our Administrative Clerk, for her dedication and guidance.

Roderick K. Walsh
Chief
Bridgewater Fire

DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bridgewater:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Department of Inspectional Services for the calendar year 1997. Overall, new residential growth declined by 10% from last year. Within that figure, the number of new single family dwellings dropped to a less frantic 113 for the year, while the pace of new permits for the MH elderly community increased, by 44% over last year to 39. Permits for residential additions and alterations increased by 26, approximately 7% over the 1996 total.

Municipal permits included facilities at the town's new links golf course and the renovation work to the Williams School complex. Although a new branch bank, a transmission service shop, a cellular communication facility, a new farm stand, and new warehouse gave the town a small commercial/industrial boost, commercial development still remains far behind. As the land supply diminishes, the potential impact of further residential development on existing homes becomes a more critical issue.

The overall number of permits issued by the Inspectional Services Department in 1997 increased by 102 over last year to a record high of 2,422 permits. To help our department meet the growing needs of the town, increases in working hours were granted mid-year to the Plumbing & Gas Inspector, Wiring Inspector, and part-time Local Building Inspector. This staffing increase has allowed us to provide more timely and thorough services where needed.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED 1997

<i>Building Permits</i>	<i>Value Listed</i>
113 Single Family Dwellings	\$12,294,821.00
3 Duplexes	360,000.00
39 MH's (Mobile Home Elderly Comm.)	2,546,580.00
411 Additions & Alterations (Residential)	2,618,769.00
3 New Commercial Buildings	420,000.00
1 New Warehouse/Office	80,000.00
28 Commercial & Industrial Adds/Alts/Accessory	480,640.00
1 Industrial Alteration	5,600.00
7 Municipal Adds/Alts/Accessory Bldgs.	2,044,967.00
2 Church Add/Repair/Accessory Bldgs.	17,400.00
26 Other	20,625.00
634	\$20,937,412.00

SUMMARY OF FEES SUBMITTED 1997

<i>Building</i>		
634	Building Permits	\$90,037.00
161	Occupancy Permits	2,310.00
86	Certificates of Inspection	5,192.00
16	Stove Permits	160.00
897	Permits	\$97,699.00
	Total Building Fees	\$97,699.00

Plumbing & Gas

483	Plumbing Permits		\$20,895.00
319	Gas Permits	6,960.00	
<u>802</u>	Permits	<u>\$27,855.00</u>	
	2 Reinspections (1 Plumbing, 1 Gas)		<u>40.00</u>
	Total Plumbing/Gas Fees		<u>\$27,895.00</u>

Wiring

721	Wiring Permits	\$35,811.00	
<u>2</u>	Institutional Permits	<u>925.00</u>	
723	Permits	\$36,736.00	
	2 Reinspections	<u>40.00</u>	
	Total Wiring Fees		<u>\$36,776.00</u>

Total Permits Issued (Building/Plumbing/Gas/Wiring): 2,422**Total Fees for Building/Plumbing/Gas/Wiring \$162,370.00****Weights & Measures**

351	Devices Sealed		
139	Devices Adjusted		
14	Devices Marked "Not Sealed" (not legal for use in trade)		
9	Devices condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards		
	Sealing Fees	\$2,737.80	
	Adjusting Fees	<u>585.00</u>	

Total Weights & Measures Fees \$3,322.80**Total Fees Submitted by Inspectional Services \$165,692.80****Photocopy Receipts from General Public 188.20****Witness and Subpoena Fees 16.00****TOTAL MONIES SUBMITTED BY INSPECTIONAL SERVICES \$165,897.00**

On behalf of the Inspectional Services staff — Local Building Inspector Robert Iafrate, Plumbing & Gas Inspector Donald Sweetman and his assistant Mark Dangoia, Wiring Inspector Peter Proffetty and his assistant, Peter Spiro, Sealer of Weights & Measures Herbert Wolfer, Office Administrator Diane Sears, new Clerk Anne Marie Hanley, and former department clerks Stephanie Ryan and Jennifer Ingargiola — I would like to thank the townspeople and all Town Departments and Boards for their assistance and cooperation throughout another very busy year. Special thanks to volunteer Emily Stone and Planning Board Office Administrator Leslie Dorr for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Moore

Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer

HIGHWAY & FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

For the residents of Bridgewater, 1997 will be remembered for major roadway construction projects and temporary disruption to our daily travelling habits. It was most likely the busiest construction season ever in this Town.

The MBTA installed traffic signals at Plymouth and Summer Streets, Plymouth and Spring Streets, and Broad and Spring Streets. In addition, area roadways were widened and sidewalks were installed. The result is safer intersections that can process vehicle traffic and pedestrians more efficiently.

For local Chapter 90 Highway Department projects, sidewalks were installed on South Street from Forest Street to Keith Place, on Vernon Street from Forest Street to Cross Street and from Pleasant Street to Prospect Street.

The Flagg Street Reconstruction Project was completed, including a sidewalk extending from Bedford Street to Summer Street.

The State-funded High Street Reconstruction Project, from Broad Street to Hayward Street, began this fall. It includes widening, sidewalks, and a new flashing signal on Broad Street.

The winter of 1996-97 was one of the mildest on record, with the exception of the "April 1st Blizzard." Our snow and ice expenditures were minimal compared to other recent years.

The Forestry Department again worked closely with the Highway Department. Roadside brush and vegetation were trimmed back, hazardous diseased trees were removed, and our existing stock of roadside replacement trees was maintained.

On Arbor Day, a successful tree giveaway program was held. In conjunction with the Garden Club and the Improvement Association, 500 tree seedlings were distributed. Eastern Edison provided a \$1,500,000 grant for roadside replacement trees.

New road construction for privately financed sub-division continued at a brisk pace. In 1997, the Town accepted 8 new streets, continuing to stretch the demands for services on the Highway and Forestry Departments.

For the future, the Highway and Forestry Departments will need to expand in personnel, equipment and facilities to continue these services. We look forward to working with the Board of Selectmen and other elected officials, all Town Department Heads and employees, volunteers, and the residents of the Town to accept the challenges of 1998 and beyond.

In summary, it is our commitment to provide the best possible services within our means to the residents of Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Bagas, Superintendent
Highway & Forestry Departments

WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Bridgewater:

The Bridgewater Water Department continues to aggressively pursue (3) areas which the Department feels are top priorities: Water Quality Issues, Water Distribution System Upgrades and Water Exploration.

To address the Water Quality Issue the Department has hired the engineering firm of Dufresne-Henry, Inc. to do an Iron Removal Plant Design Study for purposes of constructing an Iron Filtration Plant at the Carvers Pond Wellfield to remove the natural ground water elements of iron and manganese before the water enters the Distribution System. Due to the dramatic increase in residential construction in the Town of Bridgewater, there has been an increased demand on the Town's aquifer. This demand has caused the iron and manganese levels to increase and cause more frequent periods of water discoloration. The estimated cost for this Filtration Plant is \$2 million and will have to be approved by a Town Meeting vote. The Board hopes to bring this article to a Town Meeting in 1998.

In addressing the Water Distribution Upgrades, the Water Department replaced 3600 feet of 8" iron water main with 16" ductile iron. This was done to increase the water pressure in the Scotland section of Town along Pleasant Street. This Distribution System Upgrade had to be done because of the new sub-divisions built in this section of Town and with the anticipation of adding another Water Tower to the Town's Distribution when the funds become available. The Town also replaced 900' of 14" cast iron water main with new 16" ductile iron for the purposes of increasing water pressure on Burrill Avenue leading up to the Great Hill Water Tower.

The Water Exploration Program is ongoing and currently the Town has (2) areas which they are pursuing.

In 1997 there were 140 new water services connected to the Town's Distribution System. Water Department personnel were extremely busy repairing (12) water service leaks, (4) broken water mains, installed (12) new fire hydrants, renewed (10) water services and replaced (4) main line water gates.

The Department is currently upgrading their Meter Reading Program where readings will be scanned and logged into an Interrogator/Programmer and later plugged into the Department's computer system where the information will be downloaded.

The Bridgewater Water Department is one of the few towns in the area that has a Leak Detection Program that is run by its own personnel. The Town has leak detected over 150 miles of water main in 1997.

On June 20, 1997 the Town added (2) new wells to its Distribution System; Wells 8 and 9, just in time to meet the summer months' water demands.

I would like to thank the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners for their support throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge the Water Department's Office Staff for their dedication and work ethic, for which I am very grateful, and the rest of the Water Department personnel for their professionalism and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Silva
Superintendent

SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Bridgewater:

The Sewer Department had a very challenging year. With Conrail finishing its work in Town, we were able to do some needed repairs on our Sewer System with their help. Sewer lines that are crossed by the railroad tracks in (4) locations were relined with Insituform (a trenchless relining of the pipe). This stopped some infiltration and removed a potential problem with an old pipe.

Another problem area was Summer Street (from the Center to Plymouth Street). This area was sewerred bringing relief to residents and alleviating a major sewer problem in the Center of Town. With the (T) resurfacing Summer Street, the Department was able to save on the paving.

This year street problems, such as sewer plug-ups, have been reduced due to our crew's preventative maintenance program.

In the coming year work will start on sewerding Center Street, Mary Lane, Old Forge Road, Hammond Street, Laurel Street, Laurel Drive and Water Street. These streets have had major problems for quite some time. The Department hopes to get Federal Funding at 0% interest which will enable us to look at other needs areas.

I & I (ground water infiltration) has been reduced somewhat with ongoing inspections of homes for illegal sump pump connections and street inspections whenever possible.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant continues to operate very efficiently with no violations to our discharge permit.

The average flow to the Treatment Plant was 700,000 gallons per day which was about 230,000 gallons less than last year. This could be due to the below average rainfall for the year. The (3) month high average stayed about the same as 1,000,018 gallons per day.

We processed about 3,506,829 gallons of household septage, about the same as last year. Numerous maintenance tasks were done by plant personnel to keep the plant in top operating condition with no major repairs or problems to report.

I would like to thank all Departments and Town Boards for their constant help and being there in time of need and to the WWTP and Office Personnel for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Souto
Superintendent

BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

"Proactive" is the word that best describes the past year in the health department. A true commitment to improving all aspects of public health. And only with a dedicated commitment by the Board, the staff, the visiting nurse and the many volunteers has this been possible.

An increase in all aspects of our immunization program. A very successful rabies clinic. The securing of a low interest Title 5 loan program. Food Safety programs for all restaurant owners and workers. A Title 5 review and interpretation program for installers and inspectors. A conference for landlords, explaining minimum standards and law interpretation.

Expanded services and hours for the ever growing transfer station. Increased education for our Agent and staff.

The final and most important aspect of this success is public participation. And this is what made this my most successful and rewarding year.

Respectfully submitted,

James Perry
Chairman

OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Bridgewater Residents:

As the senior population continued to increase in 1997, so did the need for services. The staff continued to provide and maintain a professional level of support and services to the seniors in our community. For 1997, the Office logged 5,584 incoming calls and 2,524 outgoing calls. The Director received additional assistance and support with the creation of an Assistant Director's position. A Senior Aide from Old Colony Elderly Services also joined the staff.

The FY97 State Formula Grant award in the amount of \$7,432.00, from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, provided funding for an Outreach Worker. The Volunteer Coordinator position was funded through the FY97 State Incentive Grant in the amount of \$2,700.00.

The Director's long-awaited desire to expand the center's 3-days-a-week congregate meals program two additional days a week was realized during the summer. The center now provides lunches Monday through Friday. Congregate lunches served for 1997 calendar year were 4,390 and 8,070 meals on wheels were delivered. Dial-A-Bat and Taxi services totaled 5,399 trips.

Line Dancing and Fitness continue to grow in popularity. The Senior Crafters and Painters groups are very active. Additional craft programs were added, including Quilting and Creative Memories. "What's News" with Liz Moura, a current events program, became an instant success.

Volunteers are invaluable in the assistance they provide continually at the center in areas such as telephone outreach, drivers for Meals-On-Wheels and the C.O.A. bus, taxi services, etc. Blood pressure, Fuel assistance, Legal assistance, Hearing and a Podiatrist continue to offer invaluable services.

The "Top of the Hill" senior newsletter received a facelift, with easier to read text and layout, and expanded computer graphics, thanks to Liz Moura.

In a joint partnership between the Department of Elder Affairs and the Bridgewater Police Department, the monthly Crime Prevention program, in its efforts to target a wider senior population, implemented the nationwide TRIAD Program at a local level. This Program is governed by its S.A.L.T (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council.

The Department of Elder Affairs would like to thank all of the countless volunteers who have so generously donated their time and to all of the seniors who have participated and continue to participate in our many activities and programs. A special thanks is extended to the following: the staff at Elder Affairs, Bob Henrickson for his countless hours of volunteer service to the center and staff, the Senior Center Board of Trustees, Board of Selectmen, Bridgewater Police and Fire Departments, other town offices, and the many organizations and instructors that have provided their services throughout the year.

The Department of Elder Affairs would like to thank the Council on Aging for their mutual support and assistance in providing our Bridgewater seniors with the ultimate in service and assistance they so rightly deserve! Elder Affairs looks forward to an exciting and challenging 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine D. Carrozza
Acting Director of Elder Affairs

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging has undergone a major reorganization since June of 1997. There are currently several new members on the board as well as new officers. There are presently four seniors and four non-seniors on the board with one vacancy for which we are seeking a senior to fill this position. The COA has been actively working with the Office of Elder Affairs as well as the Trustees in promoting increased activities at the Senior Center. Over the past quarter, the COA sponsored a Christmas party that was very successful and enjoyed by many seniors in the town. There are several future programs that are in the planning stages. The Senior Center has begun to enjoy a marked increase in its daily use by a larger number of seniors in the town. We hope to continue this in the upcoming year.

The COA is looking toward establishing a fundraising committee to raise money to supplement the budget. The purpose of raising additional funds is to sponsor programs, speakers, as well as trips throughout the year.

As a short-term goal, the COA would like to budget for the position of an outreach worker. Currently the position is through a grant that must be applied for on a yearly basis. Clearly, this does not benefit the neediest of seniors in the town as the funds run out in June each year and the position has not been funded until the following year. This leaves a gap in services as well as a break in the continuity of care that in many cases goes without being met. The current outreach worker has done an excellent job in reaching seniors that may not know about existing services or about how to access them. She reaches seniors that may be unable to leave their homes, establishing trusting relationships with many of these people. She has currently helped to establish a mini-series in the evenings at the Senior Center for caregivers. The position is certainly vital to the health and well being of many seniors in Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgewater Council on Aging

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

This report, my ninth as Superintendent of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District, is submitted for your consideration. It was compiled by verifying the minutes of the school committee meetings from January to December 1997.

Two hundred sixty-two members of the senior class participated in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School graduation exercises in June. It gives me pleasure to report that 85% of the class went on to post-secondary education.

The October 1, 1997 enrollment was 5,631 students. This reflects an increase of 72 students over the previous year.

Wishes for continued success go to Mr. Arthur N. Wyman of Bridgewater, eighteen-year member and chairman of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District, who resigned his position in October. Mrs. Patricia Roland of Raynham was named Chairman. Mr. Stephen G. Heaslip was appointed Director of Pupil Personnel Services and is responsible for the Special Education and Guidance Departments. Mr. George Guasconi, former Dr. A.F. Hunt School Principal, was appointed Business Manager. Mr. Robert F. Blakeley, Assistant Superintendent, retired having served a total of 22 years in administrative service to Bridgewater and to the District.

The new Bridgewater Elementary School opened in September housing grades Preschool through 4. It features extensive classroom space, a library, technology center, common rooms for special activities, as well as large and small gymnasiums. The school currently houses 42 regular education classrooms, 11 kindergartens, and visually-impaired and special needs collaborative programs.

The Raynham Building and Site Subcommittee, under the auspices of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee, has reviewed several sites for the proposed new middle school in Raynham. On December 9, the Town of Raynham voted to pursue legislation to reclassify a portion of the Borden Colony land for this purpose.

I continue to be encouraged by the number of creative activities that are taking place in our schools, particularly the hands-on approach to learning that is being emphasized throughout the District. A wide variety of learning opportunities have been available to all teachers during the last school year in order to advance the professional growth of staff. The process to coordinate curriculum areas and subject matter continues. Grade level meetings, which allow teachers to dialogue, compare and formulate, have enhanced this process.

Our efforts in obtaining State and Federal grants continue to be noteworthy. A total of \$1,070,314 will be forthcoming for the 1997-98 school year.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the following members of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee: Mr. Arthur N. Wyman, former Chairman; Mrs. Patricia Roland, Chairman; Mr. James Nihan, Vice Chairman; Mr. Joseph Rebello, Secretary-Clerk; Mr. Mark D. Sanderson; Mrs. Mary Ellen Arabasz; Mrs. Susan M. O'Brien; Mrs. Linda A. Dillon; and Mr. Tim Fitzgibbons. These people take their responsibilities seriously and work extremely hard for the students of Bridgewater and Raynham.

In addition, I would like to extend my appreciation to the various School Site Councils and parent groups who work tirelessly for the students in the schools.

My sincere thanks go to my administrative colleagues, the members of the staff, and the students of the District for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
 Edward J. O'Donoghue
Superintendent of Schools

BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 RAYNHAM, MASSACHUSETTS
 OFFICIAL SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP – OCTOBER 1, 1997

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL		
	PRE	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12
Bridgewater Elem.	59	247	255	257	250	261									1,329
Burnell		48	54	60	52	58	58	58							388
Williams Middle							227	238	281	290					1,036
North			45	46											91
South	26		41	45											112
Sullivan		46	69	69											184
Merrill		90			166	146	162								564
LaLiberte Jr. High								165	152	157					474
B/R High School											370	355	387	341	1,453
TOTALS	85	431	464	477	468	465	447	461	433	447	370	355	387	341	5,631

BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

I am proud to submit to the Town of Bridgewater the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District Annual Report. The School Committee members for 1997 were:

Nuno J. Sousa, <i>Chairman</i>	Taunton
Catherine M. Williams, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Raynham
John J. Dacey	Berkley
Russell E. MaDan	Bridgewater
Ellen O. Grant	Middleborough
Steven A. Furtado	Taunton

The 1996-97 school year at Bristol-Plymouth concluded with the graduation of 135 members of the class of 1997. Ninety-four percent of the graduates were immediately placed in jobs or went on to higher education. The school had a total enrollment of 764 students which included 40 post-graduate students in the Licensed Practical Nursing Program.

BP's affiliation with the Automotive Youth Education System (AYES) prospered during 1997. This School to Career program was initiated by General Motors with Chrysler coming on board in the Fall. This partnership has resulted in a great number of automotive technology student placements in area GM and Chrysler dealerships.

In the Community Health program, students began receiving a certification as Home Health Aides in addition to their Nursing Assistant certification.

During the Summer 40 seventh and eighth graders from the district participated in a four day, summer exploratory camp. The Culinary Arts, Graphic Arts, Carpentry and Electronics courses provided a wonderful opportunity for students to explore potential career options.

Over 500 district residents participated in our Continuing Education programs. BP offers a variety of competency based and practical arts programs including a beginning computer course for senior citizens. This program was an instant hit with area seniors and has been recognized across the state as a model program.

The academic curriculum continues to expand in the area of integrated technical competencies. In addition, the math requirement for all students was increased to three years.

In closing we would like to recognize and thank the long-time employees who retired during 1997.

Adrien A. Angers, <i>Carpentry Instructor</i>	New Bedford
Russell Myers, <i>HVAC Instructor</i>	Raynham
Eugenia Rego, <i>Cafeteria Cook</i>	Taunton

The students of the Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School District continue to benefit from the efforts of the faculty and staff which are supported by the member municipalities. We look forward to a productive new year.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Avery, Ph.D.
Superintendent

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

In 1997, the Trustees achieved their goal of guaranteeing the Bridgewater Community the right to free and open access to ideas, information, and pleasure was apparent in a variety of resources amidst administrative change. In February, Director Linda Wright after 12 years of uniquely competent service, resigned to accept a similar position at the Milford Public Library. Elizabeth Gregg, Associate Director, Reference Librarian, and Acting Director was chosen to be the new Library Director in June and is assisted by an excellent staff.

Technical advances have allowed the Library to link its resources with those of 23 other public libraries in the ABLE (Automated Bristol Library Exchange) network. Additional assistance has come from the M.B.L.C. (Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners). The M.B.L.C. has been working to establish a statewide connection of the catalogs of all the libraries in the state, including public, academic, school, and special libraries. Bridgewater's catalog is now available to anyone with Internet access.

To further its effort to encourage statewide cooperation, the M.B.L.C. has taken the three existing regional library systems in the state and created six new multi type library systems affording Bridgewater a wide range of resources for the communities it serves. These will be easier access to materials held by the non-public libraries in this area as well as statewide. The new system to which Bridgewater now belongs is S.E.M.L.S. (SouthEastern Massachusetts Library System).

Prior to this year, the M.B.L.C. worked only with public libraries providing grant funds for construction and other special projects. Now, the Board will be targeting all libraries within communities of the Commonwealth. Any library joining the S.E.M.L.S. group which serves the Southeastern portion of the state will be able to utilize a vast number of services including consulting, continuing education, training programs, and access to periodical databases. There will also be funding opportunities for special projects.

Bridgewater has been asked to assist the M.B.L.C. by participating in its Public Library Emergency Assistance Program to help libraries respond to emergencies such as fire or flood. Disaster recovery kits have been placed in the library and staff will receive extensive training in recovery tactics. Workshops will also be developed to help area libraries prepare their own disaster plans.

The Trustees accepted an unrestricted trust fund in 1997. Charles B. Whiteside, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Copp, donated \$11,500 which is administered by the Director and the Trustees.

There was one change in the Trustees' membership. George Demers, after 24 years of service, resigned for reasons of health. Pamela Arrighi was elected for her first term.

The Board held ten monthly meetings on the third Tuesday with special meetings and standing committee meetings when required.

The Trustees anticipate that the closing years of the 20th Century will be exciting preparation for Bridgewater as the Library joins with neighborhood multi type libraries to form a strong new regional system. Moreover, the Trustees are grateful for the vision and the courage of the Bridgewater community to support this optimistic endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary L. Jarvis, *Chair*
Board of Library Trustees

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR

1997 marked a steady increase in library use and activities, reaffirming our vision to be an active community center, reaching toward our goal to provide materials, programs and services to people of all ages.

An average of 500-600 people visited the library each day, totaling approximately 131,771 for the year. Attendance at programs numbered 11,694, an 8% increase from last year. The number of registered cardholders rose to 20,438, reflecting a 6% increase. Use of library computers for word processing, electronic reference sources and the Internet was very active. There were 3,313 persons using these services in both the adult and children's areas.

The Children's Room had a very successful year. A total of 368 programs were held throughout the year including preschool story hours, special events and class visits. There were 910 participants in the summer reading program who read a total of 11,372 books. The Children's Room also received two grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council for a readers workshop and a series of holiday programs.

Other items worthy of note are:

- 17,516 reference questions were answered
- 175,306 items were loaned
- 7,484 items were added to the collection
- 3,352 students visited from local schools
- 831 groups used our meeting rooms
- 23,741 reserves were placed on items

This level of activity would not be maintained without the skill and expertise of a staff dedicated to public service. They are to be commended for their hard work. The Board of Library Trustees should also be commended for its ongoing effort to provide the citizens of Bridgewater with the best library service possible.

The library would like to thank the many people who have given their time to help with special projects, and the various town departments for offering assistance and guidance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth L. Gregg, *Director*

BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Grants, Gifts and Major Donations Received 1997

Amount	Description	Received From
\$11,500	Establishment of Library Trust Fund	The estate of Charles Whiteside in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur E. Copp
\$ 1,095	"Readers Festival" & "Holiday Happenings"	Mass. Cultural Council
\$ 9,175	Purchase of museum passes, audiovisual materials, equipment/maintenance; sponsorship of programs for children and adults; newsletter	Friends of the Bridgewater Library

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES

Favorable economic conditions throughout the region have been a strong influence on reducing the impact on the Department's operating budget. Unemployed veterans have returned to work and many who were employed part time have become full-time employees. The caseload continues to abate and the remaining clientele is found in two categories: disabled/medically and disabled/elderly.

This is the first year of operation under a new and improved budget. The new budget format was reduced from seven categories to three, showed an increase in allowable expenditures of seven percent with increased fuel allowances. New and significant changes are being sought by the State Office for introduction in March 1998.

The general veteran population and the various veteran organizations of American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Bridgewater Veterans, Inc. and Veterans Council have been kept informed on changes within the State Department of Veterans Services and the Federal Department of Veteran Affairs as they occurred.

No deaths occurred requiring burial due to insufficient funds to defray funeral expenses.

As Graves Officer, I wish to compliment Boy Scout Troop 88 for their role in placing a flag of the United States on veterans graves located within Bridgewater on Memorial Day.

December 31, 1997 marks the retirement of yours truly. I will sorely miss the association with the veterans of Bridgewater, the public and the Town of Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Elmo Maclay
Veterans Agent/Director of Veterans Services
Burial Agent and Graves Officer

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Animal Control Officer for the period of 1-1-97 to 12-31-97.

I've received 2,143 calls for various reasons: complaints of dogs creating a nuisance, injured animals, sick animals in need of medical assistance and a variety of wildlife calls.

76 dogs were picked up

59 dogs were claimed by their owners

10 dogs were euthanised @ Whitman Animal Hospital

7 dogs were adopted out to new families

A total of \$3,820.00 was collected in fines, board/care & adoption fees. All monies and the proper DL-9 reports were filed with the Selectmen's Office.

Id like to thank the Board for making a wonderful choice in selecting to use Cam-Belle's Country Inn for Pets as the new Town Shelter. It has been easier for the residents to pick up their lost pets, due to the location. The dogs are well cared for during their stay, under the care of Elaine Campbell and her staff.

Id also like to express my gratitude to the Board of Selectmen, for the opportunity and confidence given to me during my first full year as Animal Control Officer. I would also like to thank all other town officers and the citizens, for all the assistance given me this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Morris, ACO

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the Town of Bridgewater. The survey was completed on December 19, 1997.

Results of Investigations:

The following animals were involved in human exposure and were sent to the State Laboratory for testing.

7 cats tested negative (not rabid)

The following animal bites were investigated:

22 dog bites were reported

4 cat bites were reported

13 dogs with bites of unknown origin

25 cats with bites of unknown origin

State Barn and Animal count:

Cattle: (adult - 2 yrs. & older)

Dairy 632 adult - 149 young

Beef 73 adult - 1 young

Swine:

Breeders: 5

Feeders: 30

Goats: 28 (adult - 1 yr. & up)

Sheep: 16 (adult - 1 yr. & up)

Horses: 59

Ponies: 10

Llamas: 4

Number of stables accessible to the public: 13

Respectfully submitted,

Wilfred L. Prouty
Inspector of Animals

BRIDGEWATER HOUSING AUTHORITY

To all the Citizens of Bridgewater:

In the year 1997 the Bridgewater Housing Authority continued to pursue capital improvement initiatives in order to maintain our elderly and family housing units in a decent and safe condition for all.

Additional modernization funding is needed in order to continue to meet the housing quality standards. The housing authority has documented health and safety needs with the Department of Housing and Development and is presently expending operating reserve funds to protect the investment in existing units.

The demand for federally funded Section 8 housing only increased in 1997.

The housing authority supports the efforts of Congress to stabilize federally aided public housing by encouraging self-sufficiency, employment and future home ownership, however, cuts in Section 8 fees, fair market rents and the freezing of the program for three months will adversely impact applicants seeking housing.

Rising costs in utility costs has had an impact on the operation of the authority. In order to lessen this impact the housing authority completed several energy conservation measures designed to facilitate low-cost solutions to the chronic energy and water consumption problems. Further strategies are being investigated for low-cost and no-cost solutions.

In December the Department of Housing and Community Development amended 760 CMR 5.00 – Eligibility and Selection Criteria. The Department felt the amendments were necessary to clarify a certain definition and to make the tenant selection process more efficient. Two regulations were adopted: 760 CMR 4.00 and 760 CMR 6.00, General Administration of Local Housing Authorities and Occupancy Standards and Tenant Participation for State-Aided Housing which consolidated eight regulations into two.

With all the programs that are now offered, this Authority has worked hard to maintain local control. Home rule is a sacred trust that we will continue to maintain.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen O'Donnell
Executive Director

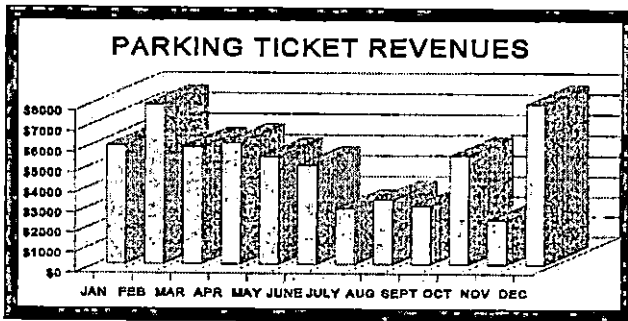
PARKING CONTROL OFFICE

Parking problems within the Town have been reduced since the MBTA began operating in the fall. The college built new lots to accommodate student parking that was displaced with the parking lot for the MBTA. The new lots increased college parking availability, but has not completely resolved the college parking situation. The Town also acquired two areas on Broad Street to accommodate patron parking for the businesses in that area. The flow of traffic was improved with wider streets and designated lanes for traffic flow.

The majority of parking violations written are for parking in the fire lane at Campus Plaza. Fire lane parking is for emergency vehicle use **ONLY**. The streets around the college are still a problem area.

A total of 3,740 tickets were issued during 1997.

The following chart reflects the monthly collections totalling \$60,089.84:



Respectfully submitted,

Pauline A. Grenier

Parking Clerk

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS CENTER

While the functions of emergency management have been performed for decades by government and private organizations, it is only recently that the broader ideas about emergencies were developed. Emergency Management was previously known as Civil Defense.

This has been a very busy year for me as Acting Director for Emergency Management in the Town of Bridgewater. In March we were on the scene for the fire at Waterford Village, we had a graded exercise for the Plymouth power plant and a few winter storms that kept us on our toes.

I have had to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (the town plan for emergencies) and the Bridgewater Radiological Response Plan (this is the plan for the Pilgrim Power Plant).

Looking forward to another busy year in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie McCampbell

Acting Emergency Management Director

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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

As the new Community Development Director for the Town of Bridgewater, I am pleased to submit this first annual report of the Community Development Office to the Town of Bridgewater. In August of 1997, the Community Development Office was established by the Board of Selectmen to administer a proactive management plan for addressing continued growth within the community.

Growth is an inevitable reality for the Town of Bridgewater and their neighboring communities for the years to come. The Town's current focus, in my opinion as a professional planner, should be on how to manage this growth to provide for a well-balanced community in the future. This endeavor requires a comprehensive review of alternatives and community needs to enable elected officials and the citizens of Bridgewater to make appropriate decisions that will shape the Bridgewater of tomorrow.

The Community Development Office is the mechanism by which we can collectively work together to meet this goal. Prior to the creation of the Community Development Office, the Town of Bridgewater identified the necessity for a strong infrastructure to support the framework of a successful planning office.

Compared to the other southeastern communities, Bridgewater has had the foresight to begin aggressive upgrades in the area of water, sewer, transportation and other municipal services to offset the impacts of growth within the community. The community has instituted a comprehensive open space and recreation program to provide alternatives to conventional growth patterns.

In 1998, the Community Development Office will be undertaking a number of major initiatives geared towards transportation, economic development, municipal needs and open space preservation. Progressive steps already undertaken by the Board of Selectmen have included the creation of the Bridgewater Transportation Management Agency (TMA) in April of 1997. The TMA is funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Highway Department and is comprised of representatives from the Town, Bridgewater State College and the Massachusetts Correctional Institute dedicated to seeking alternatives for traffic reduction and congestion in Bridgewater.

The Community Development Office continues to explore alternative funding through grants for long-term planning initiatives as opportunities arise. The Town successfully obtained grant funding this past year in the areas of Transportation and Open Space.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen and the various department heads for their assistance in our establishment of the office and we look forward to a productive and successful year in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Stickney
Community Development Director

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Town of Bridgewater has a total taxable valuation for fiscal 1998 of \$997,983,500. composed of:

Residential	\$881,088,200.
Commercial.....	59,777,400.
Industrial.....	30,545,900.
Personal Property.....	26,572,000.

Total Taxable Value: \$997,983,500.

The total number of parcels assessed is 7,673 plus 465 Exempt properties bearing a value of \$191,391,400. The total value of the Town for fiscal 1998 is \$1,189,374,900.

20,875 motor vehicle excise tax bills were generated for the year with a total of \$1,570,938.93 in commitments.

For fiscal year 1998, the Assessors held property values to the values set in fiscal 1997, even though market sales indicated a rise of 11 to 13% above the assessed values during the past 18 months. Holding these values however, created a substantially higher tax rate for the fiscal year, and the Assessors worked diligently to lower the rate, and with cooperation from other departments, the tax rate remained the same as the previous year a \$14.84/1000.

The Board of Assessors was informed by the Department of Revenue that a complete inspection program of properties, both inside and outside, would have to be implemented in time for fiscal year 2000. Without this program the town could not look forward to any certification in fiscal 2000. The State recommends that such an inspection be done at least every nine years as a minimum. The last inside/outside program of inspection in Bridgewater was conducted in 1982. This new program started in December 1997 with Appraisal Consultants of New England conducting the inspection process.

Appraisers will be visiting properties, and they will have identification and, vehicle registrations will be recorded with the Bridgewater Police Department as well as with the Assessors office.

The Assessors realize that having someone go through your property may impose an inconvenience to you, but this is necessary if we are to assure complete fairness in the appraisal of your property, and therefore, we ask your cooperation.

The Board of Assessors wishes to express its appreciation to Assistant Assessors Vincent M. Damon and Marie V. Amelotte, and also to Senior Clerk, Marie E. Strang for their total dedication and ability.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Welby, MAA, *Chairman*

Rose J. Bevis, MAA, *Clerk*

John L. Revil, *Member*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

It is with pleasure that I submit my first annual report as the Treasurer/Collector of Bridgewater. I wish to thank the residents of the Town for their vote of confidence in electing me to represent them in this dual position.

During my first several months in office I have observed a very experienced and capable staff who are serving our residents with incredible dedication. The challenge of an increasing workload resulting from the number of new homes being built and new cars being registered, coupled with my request to address new and different areas of importance, has been met by the staff with professionalism and enthusiasm.

I wish to thank Irma Sankunas, Assistant Collector and Nancy Wolfson, Assistant Treasurer for their help during this transition period and Marjorie Newey and Helen "Tootie" Whiting for keeping the office functioning smoothly during a time of subtle and sometimes not so subtle change.

My thanks also to all Town officials, department heads and employees whose combined efforts have contributed to the efficient operation of our office.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas H. Dorr
Treasurer/Collector



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

A summary of the financial transactions of the Town Treasurer for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997 is given below.

Cash on hand and on deposit including Agency and Trust Funds:

July 1, 1996	\$10,600,762.79
Receipts	<u>59,837,209.82</u>
	70,437,972.61
Disbursements	<u>56,769,125.51</u>
Balance June 30, 1996	<u><u>\$13,668,847.10</u></u>
Agency/Trust Funds	\$10,161,357.32
Cash Balance	<u>3,507,489.78</u>
Total	<u><u>\$13,668,847.10</u></u>

MONTHLY ANALYSIS

Month	Receipts	Disbursements
July	\$12,072,930.87	\$ 8,633,383.07
August	4,098,866.08	2,662,712.29
September	2,196,388.94	3,717,263.28
October	979,337.71	3,819,792.58
November	15,909,500.18	15,531,760.07
December	8,394,561.55	3,031,863.17
January	693,774.88	1,594,426.78
February	873,038.60	3,275,169.06
March	2,292,755.63	2,134,918.89
April	6,759,084.59	4,146,031.43
May	3,822,299.78	2,729,169.91
June	<u>1,744,671.01</u>	<u>5,492,634.98</u>
	<u><u>\$59,837,209.82</u></u>	<u><u>\$56,769,125.51</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas H. Dorr
Treasurer

Amount of Bequest	Name of Fund	Where Invested	Balance 7-1-96	Interest Earned	Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance 6-30-97
MT. PROSPECT CEMETERY							
100.00	Henry M. Bosworth	BankBoston	109.23	4.72	0.00	0.00	113.95
100.00	George N. Gammons	BankBoston	109.23	4.72	0.00	0.00	113.95
100.00	Avery F. Hooper	BankBoston	109.23	4.72	0.00	0.00	113.95
1,000.00	Henry G. Prophet	BankBoston	1,092.39	47.24	0.00	0.00	1,139.63
200.00	Frank E. Sweet	BankBoston	218.47	9.45	0.00	0.00	227.92
SOUTH STREET CEMETERY							
100.00	Susan L. Cushman	BankBoston	109.21	4.34	0.00	9.21	104.34
200.00	Bertha J. DeMartin	BankBoston	220.79	8.72	0.00	20.79	208.72
100.00	Albion & Clara Keith	BankBoston	109.21	4.34	0.00	9.21	104.34
100.00	Samuel D. Keith	BankBoston	109.21	4.34	0.00	9.21	104.34
200.00	Zephaniah Keith	BankBoston	218.42	8.72	0.00	18.42	208.72
SCOTLAND CEMETERY							
100.00	Caroline W. Braley	BankBoston	127.81	5.52	0.00	0.00	133.33
80.00	Stetson Leach	BankBoston	98.28	4.25	0.00	0.00	102.53
100.00	Laetio M. Oldham	BankBoston	127.81	5.52	0.00	0.00	133.33
CONANT STREET CEMETERY							
1,100.00	Conant Street Cemetery	BankBoston	1,521.43	64.25	0.00	72.46	1,513.22
VERNON STREET CEMETERY							
826.30	Vernon Street Cemetery	BankBoston	3,143.19	135.90	0.00	0.00	3,279.09
HARLOW CEMETERY							
1,910.00	Harlow Cemetery	BankBoston	7,937.53	343.23	0.00	0.00	8,280.76
ST. THOMAS CEMETERY							
100.00	Margaret Conway	BankBoston	160.09	6.93	0.00	0.00	167.02
100.00	Grace Donovan	BankBoston	160.09	6.93	0.00	0.00	167.02
100.00	Bartholomew Flynn	BankBoston	160.09	6.93	0.00	0.00	167.02
300.00	Thomas Frawley	BankBoston	480.40	20.78	0.00	0.00	501.18
100.00	Margaret Kenneally	BankBoston	160.09	6.93	0.00	0.00	167.02
100.00	Catherine Killoran	BankBoston	160.09	6.93	0.00	0.00	167.02
100.00	Madden Lot	BankBoston	160.09	6.93	0.00	0.00	167.02
200.00	Chester F. Miller	BankBoston	320.28	13.84	0.00	0.00	334.12
100.00	Patrick O'Connor	BankBoston	160.09	6.93	0.00	0.00	167.02
JENNINGS HILL CEMETERY							
620.00	Jennings Hill Cemetery	BankBoston	2,268.54	98.90	0.00	0.00	2,366.63
100.00	Benjamin F. Hayward	BankBoston	366.54	15.85	0.00	0.00	382.39
100.00	Ziba Hayward	BankBoston	371.54	16.06	0.00	0.00	387.60
100.00	Oreb & Ellen Mitchell	BankBoston	400.30	17.30	0.00	0.00	417.60
200.00	Robbins & Osborne	BankBoston	1,237.24	53.48	0.00	0.00	1,290.72
100.00	William Shaw & George Harlow	BankBoston	362.91	15.69	0.00	0.00	378.60
HILLSIDE CEMETERY							
641.73	Hillside Cemetery	BankBoston	2,350.03	101.60	0.00	0.00	2,451.63
400.00	Jonah Benson	BankBoston	3,486.24	150.76	0.00	0.00	3,637.00
200.00	Emma Leonard	BankBoston	1,279.78	55.34	0.00	0.00	1,335.12
100.00	Benjamin Washburn	BankBoston	630.71	27.28	0.00	0.00	657.99
100.00	Edmond L. Weston	BankBoston	364.02	15.74	0.00	0.00	379.76

Amount of Bequest	Name of Fund	Where Invested	Balance 7-1-96	Interest Earned	Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance 6-30-97
ORANGE STREET CEMETERY							
1,069.94	Orange Street Cemetery	BankBoston	\$3,862.77	\$ 167.03	0.00	0.00	\$4,029.80
100.00	Melissa Chandler	BankBoston	403.20	17.43	0.00	0.00	420.63
100.00	Jacob & William Hall	BankBoston	373.91	16.18	0.00	0.00	390.09
200.00	Herbert A. Wing	BankBoston	834.48	36.09	0.00	0.00	870.57
EPISCOPAL CEMETERY							
300.00	Increase Robinson	BankBoston	661.26	28.60	0.00	0.00	689.86
11,947.97			\$36,536.22	\$1,575.63	0.00	\$139.30	\$37,972.55

SCHOOL TRUST FUND

6,162.50	Daniel Dyer	BankBoston	10,398.38	449.63	0.00	0.00	10,848.01
300.00	Edson Fund	BankBoston	526.75	22.76	0.00	0.00	549.51
10,717.00	Samuel P. Gates	BankBoston	18,082.00	781.86	0.00	0.00	18,863.86
17,179.50			29,007.13	1,254.25	0.00	0.00	30,261.38

SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

1,317.00	Auburnville Improve.	BankBoston	2,499.23	104.12	0.00	100.00	2,503.35
1,990.00	Rita Dziergowski Mem.	BankBoston	2,727.12	110.74	0.00	200.00	2,637.86
1,600.00	Helen Hunt	BankBoston	1,600.00	1,202.31	0.00	1,202.31	1,600.00
	Helen Hunt Dividend	BankBoston	7,197.89	319.72	1,202.31	300.00	8,419.92
2,000.00	Virginia G. Jones	BankBoston	2,274.13	94.36	0.00	100.00	2,268.49
1,000.00	Lorin Keith Prize	Bridgewater Savings	1,000.00	27.19	0.00	27.19	1,000.00
	Lorin Keith Dividend	BankBoston	471.95	17.66	27.19	75.00	441.80
500.00	Charles F. Leach Mem.	Bridgewater Savings	1,235.59	33.75	0.00	0.00	1,269.34
5,282.43	Merritt G. Perkins	BankBoston	6,382.82	264.15	0.00	300.00	6,346.97
12,500.00	Mildred K. Stearns	BankBoston	16,249.13	659.69	0.00	1,500.00	15,408.82
26,189.43			41,637.86	2,833.69	1,229.50	3,804.50	41,896.55

LIBRARY TRUST FUND

500.00	Sarah L. Alden	BankBoston	505.74	21.88	0.00	0.00	527.62
2,000.00	Edith Ames	BankBoston	2,278.51	98.51	0.00	0.00	2,377.02
500.00	Sarah Bates	BankBoston	533.83	22.52	0.00	31.90	524.45
2,000.00	Mary C. Bryant	BankBoston	2,120.80	91.71	0.00	0.00	2,212.51
26,436.27	Christine Canning	BankBoston	27,490.64	1,188.05	23.35	367.00	28,335.04
500.00	Mary Ann Dunbar	BankBoston	532.81	23.05	0.00	0.00	555.86
1,000.00	Mary Parry Farr	BankBoston	1,124.63	48.63	0.00	0.00	1,173.26
5,000.00	Wm. & Catherine Flynn	BankBoston	5,369.91	227.36	0.00	211.47	5,385.80
500.00	Abbie E. Gammons	BankBoston	682.70	29.52	0.00	0.00	712.22
3,450.00	Samuel P. Gates	BankBoston	3,637.68	153.57	0.00	210.75	3,580.50
2,507.00	Harriet M. Gilbert	BankBoston	2,652.40	114.62	0.00	0.00	2,767.02
3,069.61	Harriet M. Gilbert	BankBoston	3,069.61	2,338.74	0.00	2,338.74	3,069.61
	Harriet M. Gilbert Div.	BankBoston	2,020.78	96.71	2,338.74	2,358.30	2,097.93
1,000.00	Susan Goodrich	BankBoston	1,089.37	47.09	0.00	0.00	1,136.46
1,000.00	Virginia G. Jones	BankBoston	1,312.96	56.78	0.00	0.00	1,369.74

Amount of Bequest	Name of Fund	Where Invested	Balance 7-1-96	Interest Earned	Deposits	Withdrawn	Balance 6-30-97
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS (Continued)							
1,000.00	Lorin Keith	BankBoston	1,206.07	52.66	0.00	0.00	1,258.73
	Flora T. Little	BankBoston	26,326.66	1,138.38	0.00	0.00	27,465.04
1,000.00	L.G. Lowe	BankBoston	1,050.30	45.42	0.00	0.00	1,095.72
1,000.00	Ellen Markham	BankBoston	1,050.34	45.42	0.00	0.00	1,095.76
1,000.00	Francis A. Parker	BankBoston	1,052.03	45.48	0.00	0.00	1,097.51
1,000.00	Eleanor G. Reynolds	BankBoston	1,117.00	48.31	0.00	0.00	1,165.31
360.00	Robert J. Sheehan	BankBoston	0.00	6.20	360.00	0.00	366.20
10,000.00	Edith Shoolman	BankBoston	5,001.73	340.01	5,000.00	233.00	10,108.74
3,000.00	Mildred K. Stearns	BankBoston	3,370.86	145.75	0.00	0.00	3,516.61
1,000.00	Anna G. Thompson	BankBoston	1,087.86	47.03	0.00	0.00	1,134.89
545.00	Margaret J. Walsh	BankBoston	560.56	24.25	0.00	0.00	584.81
500.00	Mary H. Wilbar	BankBoston	525.69	22.74	0.00	0.00	548.43
300.00	Pamela K. Wright	BankBoston	307.01	13.26	0.00	0.00	320.27
1,000.00	Theodore F. Wright	BankBoston	2,271.26	98.21	0.00	0.00	2,369.47
1,000.00	Estate of Dr. F. Warren	BankBoston	1,191.40	51.54	0.00	0.00	1,242.94
72,167.88		TOTAL	100,541.14	6,683.40	7,722.09	5,751.16	109,195.47
Liability Insurance		BankBoston	3,485.99	150.74	0.00	0.00	3,636.73
Building Insurance		BankBoston	73,456.35	3,176.29	0.00	0.00	76,632.64
Piano Fund (TOWN HALL)		BankBoston	7,006.49	302.96	0.00	0.00	7,309.45
Unemployment Comp		Mass. Municipal Dep	12,280.38	709.97	10,000.00	16,931.55	6,058.80
Stabilization Fund		Mass. Municipal Dep	571,425.62	32,798.38	45,113.00	145,000.00	504,337.00
Bridgewater Senior Center		BankBoston	357.56	88.94	4,409.87	0.00	4,856.37
Law Enforcement		BankBoston	2,058.19	73.96	0.00	348.00	1,784.15
Toole Memorial Fund		BankBoston	0.00	2,573.20	80,000.00	0.00	82,573.20

LONG-TERM DEBT SUMMARY
as of June 30, 1997

Date of Issue	Purpose	Outstanding 06/30/97
07/15/91	Sewer	\$ 1,200,000
07/15/91	Sewer	375,000
07/15/91	Sewer	1,095,000
03/15/95	Sewer	175,000
03/15/95	Building Addition – Library	670,000
05/01/95	Sewer	187,547
11/15/96	School Project	14,475,000
		<u>\$18,177,547</u>

LONG-TERM DEBT PAYMENT SCHEDULE
as of June 30, 1997

FISCAL YEAR	Sewer	Sewer	Sewer	Sewer	Library	Sewer	School	Principal Total	Interest Total	Cumulative % Retired
1998	\$80,000	\$25,000	\$95,000	\$15,000	\$40,000	\$ 6,555	\$470,000	\$731,555	\$1,026,305	4.00%
1999	80,000	25,000	95,000	10,000	40,000	6,856	495,000	751,856	974,578	8.20%
2000	80,000	25,000	95,000	10,000	40,000	7,178	525,000	782,178	921,170	12.50%
2001	80,000	25,000	95,000	10,000	40,000	7,523	555,000	812,523	866,298	16.90%
2002	80,000	25,000	95,000	10,000	40,000	7,892	590,000	847,892	811,736	21.60%
2003	80,000	25,000	70,000	10,000	40,000	8,286	625,000	858,286	766,820	26.30%
2004	80,000	25,000	70,000	10,000	40,000	8,705	660,000	893,705	723,319	31.20%
2005	80,000	25,000	70,000	10,000	40,000	9,153	695,000	929,153	677,267	36.30%
2006	80,000	25,000	70,000	10,000	40,000	9,634	740,000	974,634	628,595	41.70%
2007	80,000	25,000	70,000	10,000	40,000	10,144	780,000	1,015,144	576,780	47.30%
2008	80,000	25,000	70,000	10,000	40,000	10,765	825,000	1,060,765	521,952	53.10%
2009	80,000	25,000	70,000	10,000	40,000	11,425	875,000	1,111,425	463,845	59.20%
2010	80,000	25,000	45,000	10,000	40,000	12,059	925,000	1,137,059	403,030	65.50%
2011	80,000	25,000	45,000	10,000	40,000	12,737	975,000	1,187,737	340,335	72.00%
2012	80,000	25,000	40,000	10,000	40,000	13,463	1,030,000	1,238,463	274,375	78.80%
2013	0	0		10,000	40,000	14,231	1,085,000	1,149,231	210,330	85.20%
2014	0	0		10,000	30,000	15,042	1,115,000	1,170,042	147,728	91.60%
2015	0	0		0	0	15,899	1,170,000	1,185,899	83,519	98.10%
2016	0	0		0	0	0	340,000	340,000	18,700	100.00%
Total Principal	1,200,000	375,000	1,095,000	175,000	670,000	187,547	14,475,000	18,177,547		100.00%
Total Interest	568,774	177,742	519,006	90,605	350,430	58,705	8,671,420		10,436,682	

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
JUNE 30, 1997

	<u>Government Fund Types</u>			<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	TOTAL (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Sewer Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust and Agency</u>	<u>General Long-Term Obligations</u>	
ASSETS							
Cash and investments	\$1,948,642	\$4,408,212	\$4,117,343	\$ 841,824	\$2,987,088	\$ —	\$14,303,109
Receivables	2,290,840	327,722	140,000	60,114	—	—	2,818,676
Allowance for uncollectible receivables	(173,419)	(50,000)	—	(20,000)	—	—	(243,419)
Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term obligations	—	—	—	—	—	22,772,547	22,772,547
Total Assets	<u>\$4,066,063</u>	<u>\$4,685,934</u>	<u>\$4,257,343</u>	<u>\$ 881,938</u>	<u>\$2,987,088</u>	<u>\$22,772,547</u>	<u>\$39,650,913</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Warrants payable and other liabilities	\$ 542,995	\$ 61,741	\$ —	\$ 29,422	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 634,158
General long-term obligation bonds outstanding	—	—	—	—	—	18,207,547	18,207,547
Due to other funds	—	140,000	—	—	—	—	140,000
Temporary notes payable	—	—	140,000	—	—	3,965,000	4,105,000
Guarantee deposits and amounts due other taxing authorities	(2,929)	—	—	—	2,051,013	—	2,048,084
Accrued vacation and sick leave	—	—	—	—	—	600,000	600,000
Deferred revenue	1,916,651	—	—	—	—	—	1,916,651
Total Liabilities	<u>2,456,717</u>	<u>201,741</u>	<u>140,000</u>	<u>29,422</u>	<u>2,051,013</u>	<u>22,772,547</u>	<u>27,651,440</u>
Contingencies							
Fund equity (deficit)							
Reserved for encumbrances and continued appropriations	300,648	—	—	—	—	—	300,648
Reserved for specific purposes	402,974	4,484,193	4,117,343	852,516	936,075	—	10,793,101
Unreserved	905,724	—	—	—	—	—	905,724
Total Fund Equity	<u>1,609,346</u>	<u>4,484,193</u>	<u>4,117,343</u>	<u>852,516</u>	<u>936,075</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>11,999,473</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$4,066,063</u>	<u>\$4,685,934</u>	<u>\$4,257,343</u>	<u>\$881,938</u>	<u>\$2,987,088</u>	<u>\$22,772,547</u>	<u>\$39,650,913</u>

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINED STATEMENT OF
REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Fiduciary Fund Types</u>	TOTAL (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Expendable Trust</u>	
Revenue					
Real and personal property taxes, net	\$13,888,885	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$13,888,885
Intergovernmental revenue	3,680,969	3,766,091	—	—	7,447,060
Charges for services	—	1,780,349	—	—	1,780,349
Motor vehicle and other excise	1,432,068	—	—	—	1,432,068
Investment income	418,756	133,408	63,206	52,990	668,360
Licenses and permits	211,891	—	—	—	211,891
Other	1,712,816	241,112	—	93,510	2,047,438
Total Revenues	<u>21,345,385</u>	<u>5,920,960</u>	<u>63,206</u>	<u>146,500</u>	<u>27,476,051</u>
Expenditures					
General government	1,345,049	199,085	—	—	1,544,134
Education	9,626,975	—	4,664,154	—	14,291,129
Pension and benefits	638,096	—	—	—	638,096
Public works	936,136	1,516,069	293,226	—	2,745,431
Debt service	1,215,719	210,000	83,226	—	1,508,945
Police	2,137,011	111,399	—	—	2,248,410
Fire	1,560,490	7,029	—	—	1,567,519
Health	344,996	58,931	—	—	403,927
Insurance	1,097,356	—	—	—	1,097,356
Culture and recreation	1,035,151	114,024	—	—	1,149,175
State and county assessments	250,123	—	—	—	250,123
Other	875,101	—	—	26,974	902,075
Other Capital	—	3,664	2,593,547	—	2,597,211
Total Expenditures	<u>21,062,203</u>	<u>2,220,201</u>	<u>7,634,153</u>	<u>26,974</u>	<u>30,943,531</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>283,182</u>	<u>3,700,759</u>	<u>(7,570,947)</u>	<u>119,526</u>	<u>(3,467,480)</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
Bond proceeds	—	—	6,075,000	—	6,075,000
Transfers (to) from other funds	650,988	(528,481)	17,380	(89,887)	50,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>650,988</u>	<u>(528,481)</u>	<u>6,092,380</u>	<u>(89,887)</u>	<u>6,125,000</u>
Excess of revenues and other financing sources over (under) expenditures (under) expenditures and other financing uses	<u>934,170</u>	<u>3,172,278</u>	<u>(1,478,567)</u>	<u>29,639</u>	<u>2,657,520</u>
Fund equity, Beginning of Year	675,176	1,311,915	5,595,910	906,436	8,489,437
Fund equity, End of Year	<u>\$1,609,346</u>	<u>\$4,484,193</u>	<u>\$4,117,343</u>	<u>\$ 936,075</u>	<u>\$11,146,957</u>

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR 1997

Dept #	Department	Appropriation 7/1/96	Transfers	Net Appropriation	Total Paid & Encumbered	Unexpended Balance
114	MODERATOR					
	General Expenses	50.00		50.00	50.00	0.00
122	SELECTMEN					
	Personal Services	161,728.00	664.00	162,392.00	148,625.73	13,766.27
	General Expenses	15,850.00		15,850.00	12,877.51	2,972.49
	Special Expenses	10,100.00		10,100.00	10,097.99	2.01
	Capital Expenses	0.00	6,383.00	6,383.00	6,383.00	0.00
	Carryover Spec 1996	10,434.86		10,434.86	2,030.80	8,404.06
	S.T.M. 11/12/96 Land Acquisit	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
	S.T.M. 1/28/97 Ins Deduc	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
	S.T.M. 5/05/97 Prior Year Bills	0.00	7,492.94	7,492.94	7,492.94	0.00
131	ADVISORY BOARD					
	Personal Services	1,500.00		1,500.00	585.00	915.00
	General Expenses	440.00		440.00	245.00	195.00
132	RESERVE FUND					
	General Expenses	54,000.00	(25,730.34)	28,269.66		28,269.66
135	ACCOUNTANT					
	Personal Services	104,846.00		104,846.00	104,846.00	0.00
	General Expenses	1,675.00		1,675.00	1,675.00	0.00
	Special Expenses	45,647.00		45,647.00	45,147.00	500.00
	Carryover Spec 1996	13,724.29		13,724.29	13,724.29	0.00
141	ASSESSORS					
	Personal Services	101,777.00	1,325.00	103,102.00	102,233.19	868.81
	General Expenses	35,392.00		35,392.00	35,289.35	102.65
	Special Expenses	33,000.00		33,000.00	32,970.00	30.00
	Encumbered 1996	140.00		140.00	140.00	0.00
	Carryover Spec 1996	5,854.70		5,854.70	5,854.70	0.00
145	TREASURER					
	Personal Services	48,955.00		48,955.00	48,869.80	85.20
	General Expenses	19,077.00		19,077.00	19,077.00	0.00
	Special Expenses	24,795.00		24,795.00	5,118.50	19,676.50
146	COLLECTOR					
	Personal Services	83,838.00		83,838.00	83,307.81	530.19
	General Expenses	16,775.00		16,775.00	16,775.00	0.00
	Special Expenses	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
149	OTHER FINANCE					
	General Expenses	600.00		600.00	120.00	480.00
151	LAW					
	Personal Services	50,483.00		50,483.00	49,013.04	1,469.96
	General Expenses	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
	Special Expenses	27,500.00	66,622.27	94,122.27	40,180.33	53,941.94
	S.T.M. 1/28/97 Prior Year Bills	0.00	8,500.25	8,500.25	8,500.25	0.00

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152	WAGE & PERSONNEL					
	Personal Services	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
	General Expenses	175.00	(63.04)	111.96	111.96	0.00
	S.T.M. 5/15/97 Prior Year Bills	0.00	63.04	63.04	63.04	0.00
161	TOWN CLERK					
	Personal Services	112,413.00	2,105.23	114,518.23	114,518.23	0.00
	General Expenses	9,920.00	1,394.77	11,314.77	11,314.23	0.54
162	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION					
	Personal Services	21,355.00	2.52	21,357.52	21,357.52	0.00
	General Expenses	5,150.00	(2.52)	5,147.48	5,146.50	0.98
	Special Expenses	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
	Carryover Spec 1996	2,526.76		2,526.76	2,526.76	0.00
166	PARKING CLERK					
	Personal Services	12,944.00	676.19	13,620.19	13,620.19	0.00
	General Expenses	1,200.00	74.00	1,274.00	1,273.26	0.74
	Encumbered 1996	2,492.91		2,492.91	2,492.91	0.00
171	CONSERVATION					
	Personal Services	32,240.00		32,240.00	30,660.00	1,580.00
	General Expenses	2,300.00	5,000.00	7,300.00	7,070.07	229.93
	Special Expenses	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,662.98	137.02
175	PLANNING BOARD					
	Personal Services	21,247.00	963.09	22,210.09	22,210.09	0.00
	General Expenses	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,282.11	117.89
	Special Expenses	3,500.00		3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00
	Carryover Spec 1996	885.03		885.03	699.94	185.09
176	Zoning Appeals					
	Personal Services	6,533.00		6,533.00	6,090.00	443.00
	General Expenses	500.00		500.00	272.70	227.30
	Encumbered 1996	48.00		48.00	48.00	0.00
186	PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEV					
	Personal Services	25,000.00	(10,000.00)	15,000.00	131.61	14,868.39
	General Expenses	6,700.00		6,700.00	5,847.81	852.19
192	TOWN BUILDINGS					
	Personal Services	46,379.00	1,006.75	47,385.75	46,109.65	1,276.10
	General Expenses	76,075.00	11,178.67	87,253.67	81,456.70	5,796.97
	Capital Expenses	0.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	41,000.00	0.00
	Encumbered 1996	318.69		318.69	312.69	6.00
	Carryover Spec 1996	36,580.55		36,580.55	33,848.42	2,732.13
	S.T.M. 11/12/96 Prior Year Bills	0.00	355.47	355.47	355.47	0.00
193	TOWN BUILDINGS/SENIOR CENTER					
	General Expenses	23,400.00		23,400.00	19,178.39	4,221.61
	Carryover Spec 1996	5,500.00		5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00
194	CAPITAL PLANNING					
	General Expenses	5,000.00	(1,542.15)	3,457.85	924.40	2,533.45
	Capital Expenses	49,000.00	(10,000.00)	39,000.00	39,000.00	0.00
	Encumbered 1996	3,796.26		3,796.26	3,796.26	0.00
	Carryover Spec 1996	49,120.00	1,542.15	50,662.15	50,662.15	0.00

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210	POLICE					
	Personal Services	1,732,860.00	112,671.71	1,845,531.71	1,845,531.71	0.00
	General Expenses	76,945.00	14,438.06	91,383.06	91,143.99	239.07
	Special Expenses	5,430.00	15,000.00	20,430.00	20,430.00	0.00
	Capital Expenses	7,500.00	93,240.00	100,740.00	100,740.00	0.00
	Encumbered 1996	1,284.43		1,284.43	1,194.47	89.96
	Carryover 1996	92,693.32		92,693.32	92,690.81	2.51
211	COURT TIME					
	Personal Services	28,290.00		28,290.00	21,429.02	6,860.98
220	FIRE					
	Personal Services	1,198,435.00	169,619.00	1,368,054.00	1,368,054.00	0.00
	General Expenses	54,600.00	20,800.00	75,400.00	75,374.13	25.87
	Special Expenses	38,000.00	47,000.00	85,000.00	84,738.20	261.80
	Capital Expenses	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
	Carryover 1996	100,000.00		100,000.00	99,736.00	264.00
231	AMBULANCE SERVICES					
	Personal Services	222,887.00	21,411.27	244,298.27	244,298.27	0.00
	General Expenses	24,802.00	6,600.00	31,402.00	31,028.77	373.23
	Special Expenses	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
241	INSPECTIONAL SERVICES					
	Personal Services	143,734.00		143,734.00	141,900.67	1,833.33
	General Expenses	6,594.00		6,594.00	6,594.00	0.00
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT					
	Personal Services	199.00		199.00	0.99	199.00
	General Expenses	1.00		1.00	0.00	1.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL					
	Personal Services	27,964.00	2,274.70	30,238.70	30,238.70	0.00
	General Expenses	4,500.00		4,500.00	4,439.08	60.92
	Special Expenses	3,600.00		3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00
294	TREE WARDEN					
	Personal Services	160.00		160.00	155.00	5.00
297	SHADE TREE MGT & PEST CONTROL					
	Personal Services	101,619.00	3,824.54	105,443.54	104,451.35	992.19
	General Expenses	13,279.00		13,279.00	12,968.89	310.11
300	SCHOOL					
	A.T.M. 6/23/93 Sch Bldg Com	1,789.79		1,789.79	1,789.79	0.00
306	SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS					
	Bristol County Agricultural	55,236.00	(24,897.00)	30,339.00	30,339.00	0.00
	Bridgewater Raynham R.S.D.	9,350,716.00		9,350,716.00	9,350,716.00	0.00
	Bristol Plymouth Vocational	188,031.00		188,031.00	188,031.00	0.00
	Norfolk County Agricultural	74,800.00	(18,700.00)	56,100.00	56,100.00	0.00
410	TOWN ENGINEER					
	Special Expenses	24,937.00		24,937.00	8,561.87	16,375.13

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420	HIGHWAY					
	Personal Services	598,461.00	(20,094.58)	578,366.42	576,921.99	1,444.43
	General Expenses	156,957.00		156,957.00	153,155.47	3,801.53
	Special Expenses	57,100.00	50,578.55	107,678.55	107,678.55	0.00
	Encumbered 1996	40.00		40.00	40.00	0.00
424	STREET LIGHTING					
	General Expenses	92,500.00	8,500.00	101,000.00	99,488.52	1,511.48
429	ROAD MACHINERY					
	Personal Services	1.00		1.00	0.00	1.00
510	HEALTH					
	Personal Services	90,609.00		90,609.00	87,174.03	3,434.97
	General Expenses	12,220.00		12,220.00	10,343.13	1,876.87
	Special Expenses	41,120.00		41,120.00	40,946.29	173.71
	Encumbered 1996	2,509.00		2,509.00	1,229.00	1,280.00
541	COUNCIL ON AGING					
	Personal Services	60,350.00		60,350.00	59,548.29	801.71
	General Expenses	11,369.00		11,369.00	10,997.82	371.18
	Special Expenses	0.00	5,501.00	5,501.00	5,501.00	0.00
543	VETERANS SERVICES					
	Personal Services	39,238.00	676.19	39,914.19	39,914.19	0.00
	General Expenses	2,075.00		2,075.00	1,996.18	78.82
	Special Expenses	75,814.00		75,814.00	68,671.23	7,142.77
	Encumbered 1996	2,209.04		2,209.04	2,209.04	0.00
544	VETERANS COUNCIL					
	General Expenses	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,438.42	61.58
549	OUTSIDE SERVICES					
	Christmas Lighting	600.00		600.00	589.76	10.24
	Retarded Citizens	6,339.00		6,339.00	6,339.00	0.00
	Rape Counsel Center	2,500.00		2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	Plymouth County Coop Ext	125.00		125.00	125.00	0.00
	Visiting Nurse Association	12,500.00		12,500.00	9,375.00	3,125.00
	Encumbered 1996 - Visiting N	5,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
610	LIBRARY					
	Personal Services	389,556.00	31,355.62	420,911.62	407,901.23	13,010.39
	General Expenses	152,661.00	972.34	153,633.34	153,582.62	50.72
611	REGION LIBRARY					
	Personal Services	167,606.00	(8,237.00)	159,369.00	159,369.00	0.00
	General Expenses	141,389.00	8,237.00	149,626.00	149,626.00	0.00
630	RECREATION					
	Personal Services	71,322.00		71,322.00	71,322.00	0.00
	General Expenses	27,081.00		27,081.00	27,073.27	7.73
	Special Expenses	500.00	10,000.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00
	Capital Expenses	0.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	0.00
	Carryover 1996	13,750.00		13,750.00	13,750.00	0.00

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631	SWIMMING POOL					
	Personal Services	13,596.00		13,596.00	11,997.12	1,598.88
	General Expenses	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION					
	Personal Services	175.00		175.00	30.00	145.00
	General Expenses	150.00		150.00	0.00	150.00
692	WAR MEMORIAL					
	General Expenses	1.00		1.00	0.00	1.00
693	HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION					
	General Expenses	1.00		1.00	0.00	1.00
750	INTEREST					
	General Expenses	174,999.33	(53,088.37)	121,910.96	121,910.96	0.00
751	INTEREST SEWER BOND					
	General Expenses	204,437.50		204,437.50	204,437.50	0.00
752	LIBRARY BOND					
	General Expenses	83,830.00		83,830.00	83,830.00	0.00
753	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOND					
	General Expenses	846,741.35	(12,112.64)	834,628.71	805,541.36	29,087.35
820	STATE ASSESSMENT					
	General Expenses	217,044.00		217,044.00	217,500.00	(456.00)
830	COUNTY ASSESSMENT					
	General Expenses	32,624.00		32,624.00	32,623.89	0.00
910	INSURANCE					
	General Expenses	218,885.00	(6,837.00)	212,048.00	198,704.24	13,343.76
	Encumbered 1996	7,217.06		7,217.067	7,207.06	10.00
	S.T.M. 11/12/96 Prior Year Bills	0.00	537.00	537.00	537.00	0.00
911	RETIREMENT					
	Personal Services	637,154.00	1,122.17	638,276.17	638,096.18	179.99
913	UNEMPLOYMENT					
	General Expenses	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
914	MEDICAL-LIFE INSURANCE					
	General Expenses	1,000,000.00	33,891.40	1,033,891.40	1,033,891.40	0.00
915	POLICE/FIRE MEDICAL					
	General Expenses	41,000.00	5,430.92	46,430.92	44,340.80	2,090.12
	Encumbered 1996	1,055.35		1,055.35	555.35	500.00
	S.T.M. 11/12/96 Prior Year Bills	0.00	66.50	66.50	66.50	0.00
	S.T.M. 1/28/97 Prior Year Bills	0.00	8,502.58	8,502.58	8,502.58	0.00
940	MISCELLANEOUS					
	Copier/Maint & Supplies	8,000.00		8,000.00	7,827.20	172.80
	VFW Rent Quarters	1,600.00		1,600.00	800.00	800.00
	Printing	3,500.00	662.00	4,162.00	4,162.00	0.00
950	GASOLINE & OIL					
	General Expenses	44,100.00	5,294.77	49,394.77	48,859.34	535.43

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960	TELEPHONE					
	General Expenses	22,627.00	2,500.00	25,127.00	24,151.82	975.18
	Encumbered 1996	181.92		181.92	171.23	10.69
970	WAGE ADJUSTMENT ACCOUNT					
	General Expenses	218,320.00	(217,868.64)	451.36	0.00	451.36
27-440	SEWER DEPARTMENT					
	Personal Services	209,575.00		29,575.00	202,172.00	7,403.00
	General Expenses	222,290.00	(17.98)	222,272.02	178,635.72	43,636.30
	Special Expenses	349,940.00		349,940.00	294,940.00	55,000.00
	Carryover Spec 1996	118,986.13		118,986.13	118,986.13	0.00
	S.T.M. 7/8/97 Prior Year Bills	0.00	17.98	17.98	17.98	0.00
28-450	WATER DEPARTMENT					
	Personal Services	386,344.00		386,344.00	370,759.28	15,584.72
	General Expenses	440,800.00		440,800.00	349,146.55	91,653.45
	Special Expenses	380,000.00	363,000.00	743,000.00	581,325.24	161,674.76
	Capital Expenses	0.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
	Encumbered 1996	9,800.00		9,800.00	9,393.75	406.25
	Carryover Spec 1996	153,658.01		153,658.01	148,400.12	5,257.89
16-122	T.M.A. GRANT MATCHING FUNDS		10,000.00			
34-455	GOLF COURSE SECURITY FENCE		17,380.00			
	FREE CASH		(162,995.11)			
17-122	AMBULANCE RECEIPTS		(209,728.27)			
17-122	COURT FINES		(98,640.00)			
17-171	CONSERVATION RECEIPTS RESERV		(5,000.00)			
82-145	STABILIZATION ACCOUNT		(145,000.00)			
	WATER RECEIPTS RESERVED		(463,000.00)			
		<u>23,332,901.28</u>	0.00	<u>24,389,884.66</u>	<u>23,716,624.32</u>	<u>673,260.34</u>
	A.T.M. Budget 5/20/96	22,559,365.00				
	F.T.M. Budget Additions	0.00				
	Total Orig Budget	22,559,365.00				
	Encumbereds & Carryovers	641,596.10				
	STM Approp Reduction 10/9/96	(117,727.82)				
	Recap Approp (Treas)	0.00				
	Recap Approp (Coll)	0.00				
	State Assessment	217,044.00				
	County Assessment	32,624.00				
		<u>23,332,901.28</u>				

BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD

Throughout 1997, Planning Board activities continued to reflect the healthy climate of local construction. However, this year the mix of applications was different from prior years. The Board actually approved more commercial site plans than residential subdivisions.

The Board would to publicly thank those who review plans for us. They provide the information necessary to make informed decisions.

In addition, the Board would like to acknowledge, not only the effort expended by our Associate Member, David Post, but also the assistance of Mrs. Leslie Dorr. Mrs. Dorr's professionalism and dedication are recognized by all who come in contact with the Board. We are also extremely pleased to report that Mrs. Dorr was recently upgraded to the position of Office Administrator, a title she richly deserves.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul E. Sullivan, *Chairman*
Bruce Dyer, *Vice Chairman*
Gregory Feroli, *Clerk*
Ronald Emma, *Member*
David Gabriel, *Member*

BRIDGEWATER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Historical Commission has been busy all year. We are still looking for more people to come forward and join the Commission as Associate members. Especially now that we have started on our new project — a book about our town. We need folks to do the researching, editors to put the book together and others to cheer us on. If you are interested come to one of our meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month except for July and August. Our meeting place is the Historical Room at the Public Library. Our meetings start promptly at 6 p.m.

Our other projects are still ongoing such as the markers for the cemeteries and the proposed town park at Stanley.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at one of our future meetings.

Respectfully submitted,
James K. Moore, *Chairman*

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

During 1997 Bridgewater's Historic District Commission was busy with numerous applications for "Certificates of Appropriateness." Most of the applications concerned signage issues in the District, and our Commission worked closely with new businesses, which were not familiar with the by-laws of the Commission. Moreover, the Commission has been working with the new owner of the Tory House, which is one of the town's historical and architectural treasures in Central Square. The Commission is vitally committed to preserving the integrity of this building and takes a keen interest in any work undertaken on this building. The other major projects during 1997 was the work involved with the New Jerusalem Church and Sprint on the construction of a new steeple. Sprint has agreed to pay for the the construction of a steeple, almost identical to the original, in exchange for installing antennae for telecommunications purposes inside the steeple; these antennae will not be visible from the outside. The Commission was very pleased with this arrangement and endorsed such a joint venture.

Respectfully submitted,

William S. Smith, *Chair*

Members:

Marie Benoit
Jeanne Kendall

Stephen Bonfiglioli
William Kendall

Judith Gabriel
Wesley Morris

BRIDGEWATER CULTURAL COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Bridgewater Cultural Council received an allotment this year of \$13,664.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Seventeen (17) grants were funded in total. As in the past, the programs funded met the M.C.C. guidelines, diverse in nature and culturally beneficial for the citizens of Bridgewater.

The Council was again pleased to be able to support the PASS Program for the Bridgewater/Raynham Regional Schools District, providing assistance for many students to attend live arts productions apart from the normal school curriculum. Other recipients such as the Bridgewater Public Library, Senior Painters, Garden Club, Parents Collaborative, Recreation Commission, and the 4th of July Festival of Arts are only but a few examples of how the cultural grants funds are being used in this community.

The annual input meeting for interested applicants was held in early September, which hosted Pat Walker, field representative, to explain the grant process and answer questions regarding the Mass. Cultural Council and the local Council.

The Council encourages interested citizens of our community to become participants in awarding grants for programs to enrich the cultural arts in Bridgewater by becoming a member of the Bridgewater Cultural Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Spellman, *Chairman*

Barbara Hall, *Vice-Chairman*

Janice Flaherty, *Treasurer*

Paula Contave, *Secretary*

Cheryl Copeland, *Public Relations*

Jack Phaneuf, *PASS Program*

Richard Curran, Irma Sankunas, James Moore

VETERANS COUNCIL

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

The year started off by purchasing flags and holders to adorn the telephone poles on Route 18/28 from the Academy Building, to the Gazebo at Legion Field. These are displayed on all patriotic holidays celebrated by the Council.

The Memorial Day Parade was observed with a different format including the parade and ceremony at the gazebo at Legion Field where there is much more room and parking facilities.

Council members "kicked" off summer by planning and hosting the first in a series of summer concerts at the gazebo. The first concert was sponsored by the Council and was performed by members Charles and John Chisholm and their band. Citizens from town enjoyed these summertime, family events.

The Council Color Guard participated in the July 4th parade and all members participated in the Tri-Town Veterans' Day Parade and observance hosted in East Bridgewater.

Recently the Council has been working on conjunction with a committee from the Town of Middleboro to name bridges that are on the Bridgewater and Middleboro town lines. Bridges to be named are as follows: Summer St. – Viet Nam; Plymouth/Green St. – World War II; Vernon/Green St./WWI; and Route 18/28 – Dessert Storm. This is a continuing project and dedication ceremonies of all bridges should be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Member Since

Charles Devine	1965
Lino Bonfiglioli	1966
William Northrop	1973
Charles Chisholm	1988
John Chisholm	1988
Crissie Shepard, <i>Secretary</i>	1989
Norman LeClerc	1991
Jackie Wegman, <i>Chairperson</i>	1991
Peter Northrop	1992
Don Irving	1992
William LaBossiere, <i>Chairman</i>	1992
Angelo Pinheiro	1994
Scott Black, <i>Co-chairman</i>	1994
Stanley Sobolewski	1997

ZONING APPEALS BOARD

The Zoning Appeals Board respectfully submits this report of its activities for the calendar year 1997.

A total of forty-two (42) appeals, requests for variances and special permits were filed during the calendar year of 1997. To process the forty-two appeals the Zoning Appeals Board held a total of forty-four (44) public hearings and after each filed a written opinion setting forth its decision and the reasons therefore.

The Zoning Appeals Board made the following decisions: twenty-three (23) requests for variances were granted; five (5) requests for variances were denied; twelve (12) requests for special permits were granted; one (1) request for special permit was denied. One (1) appeal of the decision of the Building Inspector was made and the decision of the Building Inspector was upheld by the Board.

The Zoning Appeals Board operates under very strict guidelines specifically set forth in the Zoning Enabling Act, General Laws Chapter 40A. The Zoning Appeals Board can only exercise those powers that are granted by General Laws Chapter 40A. The provisions of General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 10, set forth very stringent and mandatory statutory prerequisites. The Zoning Appeals Board has no discretion to grant a variance unless all of the statutory prerequisites have been met.

The Board wishes to recognize St. Elmo D. Maclay who has retired from the Zoning Appeals Board after 11 years of dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Gingras, *Chairman*

Thomas L. Adduci, *Clerk*

Frederick J. Watson, *Regular Member*

Stephanie J. Ryan, *Associate Member*



SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Bridgewater School Building Committee is pleased to announce the completion and opening of the new elementary school in September. Despite the fact that there are arbitration issues with the contractor to be resolved and additional landscaping to be completed in the Spring, the children of Bridgewater are enjoying their new school.

Although the school is large by elementary school standards, it is designed to provide the feeling of separate schools by dividing the space into three wings, called houses, around shared core facilities. The core facilities will serve pre-Kindergarten through grade four with a cafetorium, gymnasium, activity room, computer room, and library. It is hoped the new school will serve not only the elementary school children of Bridgewater, but the entire community.

While the new elementary school was drawing to completion, the renovation phase of the Williams School started in May. The Williams School work included upgrading the entire heating system with newer and more efficient equipment and upgrading and converting the entire facility to an effective Middle School. Some of the major work included the restoration of existing Art rooms, Science rooms, other classroom areas, and the library. The electric heating system was converted to a more energy efficient forced hot water system and handicapped accessibility was extended to the entire building in order to meet current codes. The anticipated completion of these renovations will be February, 1998.

The School Building Committee would like to acknowledge the Williams Subcommittee of James Nihan, Chairman, Michael Tibert, Vice-Chairman, Thomas Adduci, Jeff Connors, Jack Page, Joseph Rebello, Andrew Thompson, and Kevin Whittington who worked hard to oversee the Williams project. Again, the Committee would like to thank all its past members, the Citizens for a New School, and all the townspeople who have supported these projects and made them a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Campbell, *Chairperson*

Anthony Anacki

Michael Kent

William Norman

Frederick J. Watson

Mike Tibert

Jeff Connors

Andrew Thompson

Kathy Milan, *Vice-Chairperson*

Steven Bonfiglioli

Ralph McLean

Joseph Rebello

James Nihan

Thomas Adduci

Jack Page

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission has had a busy and successful year expanding its services to meet increasing demands. Town Clerk Ronald Adams worked with the Commission to present an historic dedication of the Mickey Cochrane Complex at Legion Field. Planned for the Opening Day of Little League, a memorial plaque mounted on granite was unveiled to commemorate one of Bridgewater's most famous citizens.

The Recreation Commission worked closely with the Community Policing Partnership in developing plans for a skateboard park. The park will be located at Legion Field and is scheduled to open in the Spring of 1998. The Commission also has worked with the Golf Commission in developing golf programs for the townspeople.

The Summer Recreation program under the direction of Nancy Wood and the Swim Program under the direction of Chris Ruprecht continue to be the mainstay of summer in Bridgewater. Coach Paul Bonitto held a basketball clinic for girls while Mike Perry ran a clinic for boys. The Commission offered a series of well-attended music concerts in the evenings, and plans to expand the offerings for 1998.

Throughout the Fall and Winter the Commission supported boys' and girls' basketball leagues, a greater challenge than usual this year with gym space so limited by construction in the schools. The Commission also supports the boys' and girls' traveling basketball teams, Little League, Youth Football, the Girls' Softball League, and all the teams who participate in sports activities at Legion Field. Demand for field use remains high as the number of participants in Little League, Girls' Softball, and soccer increases, in addition to the use by the schools and adult groups.

The Commission continues to plan, develop, and implement youth golf clinics and adult golf leagues. Preschool playground equipment will be purchased with money from a Triumph-Head Start Community Partnership for Children grant and will be located near the Cottage Street parking lot at Legion Field. Additional playground equipment will be installed at Scotland Field to complete the upgrading of that facility. Long-term planning has started for the new fields on Flagg Street and passive recreation for the Vernon Street land while making sure that the current facilities will be maintained to remain a proud sign of our community.

The Recreation Commission would like to thank the Bristol-Plymouth Vocational High School for the construction project which enlarged the recreation garage, the Gino Guasconi Building. The work was performed free of charge. The building was enlarged and includes two handicapped accessible bathrooms which will greatly enhance the ancillary features of Legion Field.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Arrighi, *Chairman*
Gina Guasconi
Robin Murray

James Campbell
Angelo Mattie
Charles Simonds,
Coordinator of Recreational Facilities

CONANT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The Conant Health Center remains at full occupancy with the following tenants:

New England Sinai Adult Day Health Care — This program, staffed by a registered nurse, an activities director and assistants, provides daily care for those adults with disabilities or illnesses. Participants receive assistance with transportation arrangements to and from the Center. Skilled nursing, rehabilitation, educational, counseling, social and recreational services are provided at the Center along with meals, snacks and numerous activities geared to each individual's own health care plan.

Sunshine Daycare Center — Licensed by the Massachusetts Office for Children, this children's daycare facility provides preschool, afterschool care, all day care, 1/2 day before [after] Kindergarten daycare, as well as a toddler playgroup program. The Center can accommodate handicapped children as well. With a total licensing capacity of 30 children, this includes 9 in the toddler group and up to 6 in the after school program. The center is able to accept children ranging in age from 15 months to 9 years.

Healthcare Educational Resources (H.E.R.) — This organization provides CPR training, First Aid and Nursing Education Programs as well as other related injury prevention and health and wellness training courses. In cooperation with the Conant Health Center, H.E.R. has provided courses to the following groups: Bridgewater Boy Scout Troops and Leaders, Bridgewater Girl Scout Troops and Leaders, Coaches, Students, Staff and Nurses in the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District, Handi-Kids staff, High Pond Estate residents, Bridgewater Recreation Commission employees, parents and expecting parents in Bridgewater as well as other clubs and organizations. Individually, H.E.R. provides courses and training to private and public organizations throughout New England.

Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association, now a branch of Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., continues to maintain office and clinical space here at the Conant Center. Ongoing programs include nutrition seminars, community education, health screenings, immunizations, support groups and outreach programs in addition to providing comprehensive home health care in the 3 Bridgewater and other surrounding communities.

Respectfully submitted,

John Daley, *Chairman*
Harold Estabrook
Eleanore MacCurdy
John Sylvia
David Wolohojian

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bridgewater:

The Conservation Commission has remained dynamic in the environmental permitting process for numerous single-family residential subdivisions, as well as for non-residential site development projects. The Conservation Commission has been working with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to enforce the Wetlands Protection Act, revised pursuant to the Rivers Protection Act, made effective October 6, 1997.

During 1997, the Conservation Commission reviewed seventy-seven (77) Notices of Intent and fourteen (14) Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA), generating \$1,345.00 in new revenue for the General Fund account through the Conservation By-Law; and some \$15,148.00 in new revenue for the Reserve Fund Account. Many of these applications resulted in significant plan modifications, or project denials.

Regretfully, David Hanson resigned from the Conservation Commission. During the same period, the Board of Selectmen appointed two (2) new members to the Commission, Antonio Chaves of Greenbrier Lane and Stephen Rudnickas of Tarkin Hill Lane. Lloyd D. Sime was re-elected as Chairman in 1997. The Commission sincerely thanks Mr. Sime for a year of dedicated service as Commission Chairman.

The Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC) in cooperation with the DEP has developed a new filing category, the Notice of Resource Determination (NRD) for wetlands delineation and boundary verification. This new category allows the local conservation commissions to review wetland lines with a filing fee of up to one thousand dollars required. The new category resulted from several commissions being requested to review wetland lines under a RDA, which required numerous hours of the Commission's time on several instances. NRD regulations were developed to provide the financial resources for commissions to retain the services of qualified professionals to evaluate wetlands resource boundaries.

The Commission can be reached at 697-0907 by leaving a message on the answering machine. The office, located on the second floor of the Academy Building, can be visited on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

BRIDGEWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By its Chairman:

Lloyd Doug Sime

Members:

James D. Wood

David R. Moore

Antonio Chaves

Milan Whitaker

Richard Kranes

Conservation Agent:

Azuanuka O. Etoniru

WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bridgewater:

1997 was a very active and successful year for our board. Once again the Wage and Personnel Board has moved forward in the areas of classification, compensation levels, titles, policy, and job descriptions. These are the areas as described in the Wage and Personnel Plan that are to be maintained on a regular basis.

We as a group continue to set goals that allow us to move forward in a positive direction. It is due to our ability as a cohesive group to establish goals that develop a plan that is harmonious to all individuals effected by the prescribed plan. We as a board continue to research and adjust our plan accordingly. Due to the framework developed by this board in the past we have been able to assist in the process of developing compensation, classification, and policy that continues to be fair and equitable to all employees effected by this plan. This procedure has been successful due to the diligence, hard work and the many hours put forth by the members of our board.

Beyond our other responsibilities, our board has recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the position of Human Resource Director be established. It is the feeling of our board that this position would benefit the town's personnel and staff tremendously. We continue to research this position and to develop a job description that will set forth an aggressive and equitable approach to our future human resource needs.

It is through the cooperation and assistance of the many elected officials, department heads and staff members that allow our process to continue on a successful course. We thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Nihan, *Chairman*

Kenneth Newby, *Vice-Chairman*

Richard C. Flannery

William E. Cole

Charles Swartz

Elaine Kangiser, *Secretary*

BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CENTER TRUSTEES

Our long-term goal to complete the Senior Center the way it was originally designed is even more urgent as we see a major increase in the use of the Building by Bridgewater's Seniors. About one-third of the original design was omitted due to lack of funds. The Bridgewater Senior Center Trust Fund was established through the Legislature and funds donated to the Trust Fund are the basis for our fund-raising efforts to raise the \$250,000 needed to complete the building.

In 1997, the Senior Center Building Committee transferred more than \$15,000 to the Trust Fund, funds they had raised by sale of bricks for the front of the building, yard sales, auctions, suppers and whist parties. Throughout the year we also received donations in memory of or to honor individuals. Additionally, the Senior Center Supper Committee contributed the net proceeds from monthly suppers and donations were received from the whist parties. The Academy Lions also made their annual donation to the Trust Fund. With almost \$28,000 in the Trust Fund, and continuing fund-raising, we are hoping to seed a grant or an appropriation from the Town to complete the building. We are hopeful that in the future the Selectmen will approve our offering the building for rental as another fund-raising possibility.

Our thanks to Town Meeting voters who approved the Senior Associates Volunteer Experience Program which we believe will be a great benefit to the Town as well as the seniors who participate in it.

In January of 1998, Willard Banks held his final whist party, after seven years of fund-raising for the senior center. Our thanks to Mr. Banks and to the many volunteers who worked so hard to make them successful.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridgewater Senior Center Trustees
Bette K. Stewart, *Chair*
Fran Shonio, *Vice-Chair*
Robert Henrickson, *Treasurer*
Vale Sime
Willard Banks

BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry was visited 190 times during the calendar year 1997. 61 families and 31 single people were served during that time. Despite the good economic times, many citizens find themselves in low paying jobs and experience difficulty in coping with the usual expenditures of rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc. Many requests for assistance have placed a burden upon the available food supplies in the pantry.

The generosity of individuals, civic organizations, churches and business establishments have kept the pantry operational. The pantry does not discriminate in matters of race, religion, sex, age, and matters of health or disability restrictions.

Requests for assistance should be made at the Department of Veterans Services on Tuesdays through Thursdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M.–11:00 AM. and 2:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Grenier, *Treasurer*
St. Elmo Maclay, *Supervisor*



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
OLDE SCOTLAND LINKS GOLF COMMISSION
1998 ANNUAL REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

The Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission ("Commission") is pleased to submit this report to the residents of Bridgewater regarding the opening and ongoing operations of Olde Scotland Links.

On August 15, 1997, the Commission officially opened Olde Scotland Links with a Grand Opening event enjoyed by some 150 Town residents, special invited guests, golf media and the project team. Remarks were made to the assembled group by Ron Adams, Chairman of the Golf Commission, Brian Silva, the Golf Course architect, and Rowland Bates from Golf Realty Advisors, Inc. The weather was perfect for the golfers, and everyone was extremely impressed with the quality of the Town's newest recreational amenity.

Over the next two days, Town residents were offered a special opening weekend opportunity to play the Course and were treated to a cookout and beverages at the conclusion of their rounds. Again the weather cooperated for everyone to enjoy the culmination of eight long years of planning, construction and grow-in of this fine municipal golf course.

During the Golf Course's first few months of operation, it became evident that Olde Scotland Links will become one of Southeastern Massachusetts' most enjoyable golf courses. Young, old, beginner and experienced can all enjoy the links-style layout which is fun, interesting and a challenge depending upon the amount of wind on the Course. For almost three months in 1997, the Course was virtually booked solid with golfers eager to play Olde Scotland Links. The Town's operator, Corcoran Jennison Hospitality, Inc. is performing very well in their role of delivering top quality golf course conditions and customer service to our patrons. Over the coming year the Commission and Corcoran Jennison, utilizing the management skills of Scott Hall, our PGA Professional, will work hard to constantly upgrade our services. Suggestions are welcome!

We also intend to be known for top quality playing conditions. There is a saying in the golf industry that "golf courses are like fine wine, the older they get, the better they get." This means that a golf course needs time to mature and establish its turfgrass across the entire site. Olde Scotland Links is experiencing this maturation process. Although our greens, tees and fairways are lush, not all the rough areas are fully established. Over the span of the next two seasons these slower growing grasses will fully establish themselves, and the Course will become even better. The Commission is extremely happy with the efforts of our Golf Course Superintendent, Joe Felicetti, who was recruited by Corcoran Jennison Hospitality, Inc. to manage our Golf Maintenance Department.

The opening of the Golf Course has not been without its concerns. Some of the homes abutting the Course have been experiencing problems with mis-hit balls landing in their yards. This is a serious concern of the Commission, and we have begun to address this by transplanting trees in the identified areas and erecting fences. The Commission will continue to focus on this issue until all of the problems are solved in the neighborhood.

Similarly, the Commission faced many cost overruns from the project, especially related to the utilization of the clubhouse and maintenance building sites. The original clubhouse bids were well over estimates. This caused the need to utilize a temporary clubhouse building for the next several years, until the costs can be recaptured from the course operations.

Despite some setbacks, Olde Scotland Links is a jewel of Bridgewater. It is finally here for residents, young people and friends to enjoy. The course will stabilize itself and contribute an economic surplus to our community which can be used to stimulate other recreational amenities for the Town. Long into the future, Olde Scotland Links will continue to contribute, and those residents who spearheaded and supported the effort will be remembered for their foresight and contribution to Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald R. Adams, *Chairman*
Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission

OLDE SCOTLAND LINKS GOLF COMMISSION

Ronald R. Adams, *Chairman*

Dennis Weingartner, *Vice-Chairman*

Duane German, *Clerk*

Dan Reagan

Charlie Simonds

Tom Arrighi

Bill Jennings

Wally Renton

Jack Buckley



REGIONAL RESOURCES

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

County Extension programs are carried out through Plymouth County in cooperation with UMASS Extension (Amherst) and the United States Department of Agriculture. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Educational programs focus on four major program areas: Agroecology; Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (grant funds); 4-H Youth, Volunteer and Family Development; and federally funded Nutrition Education initiatives. Volunteer advisory groups work with staff on developing specific programs. Local citizens, appointed by the County Commissioners, serve as County Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Extension staff serve as a direct link with the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, technical assistance, newspaper articles, radio and television. Publications, such as regular newsletters and booklets, fact sheets, and home study courses, bring information directly to those who need it.

In Plymouth County, the Extension outreach office is located on High St., Hanson. There is a satellite office in the City of Brockton, for the grant-funded Family Nutrition Program. In Southeastern Massachusetts regional programs are often conducted. UMASS Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham. Currently the Plymouth County field staff consists of a County Director, two 4-H Youth Development Specialists, a Food Safety/Family Development Specialist, and a Landscape/Nursery Specialist. A federally funded Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program and the new Family Nutrition Program is run under the auspices of Extension. Currently, one supervisor and three outreach educators work in this program. A three-year Water Quality Grant recently concluded work in the Taunton River Watershed Connections Project. For more detailed information on Cooperative Extension programs contact the county office at Box 658, Hanson, MA 02341. (781) 293-3541 or 447-5946 or e-mail plycty@umext.umass.edu (also info on the Web <http://www.umass.edu/umext/>).

Board of Trustees oversees the work of Cooperative Extension. They are as follows:

- County Commissioner Robert J. Stone – Whitman (term expires 3/31/99)
- Valerie Dennehy – Kingston (term expires 3/31/00)
- Jere Downing – Marion (term expires 3/31/99)
- Claire Jesse – Plymouth (term expires 3/31/99)
- Anne M. McCormack – Brockton (term expires 3/31/99)
- F. Edward Nicolas – Plymouth (term expires 3/31/98)
- Wayne Smith – Abington (term expires 3/31/99)
- Matthew C. Striggles – Bridgewater (term expires 3/31/99)
- Lenore Swanson – Plympton (term expires 3/31/98)

Town Directors:

M.G.L. Ch. 128 outlines the Cooperative Extension System functions. It allows for Town Directors to serve in the capacity as a local liaison. These towns contribute additional funds to assist Cooperative Extension programs. Annual Cooperative Extension reports are published in their town documents. Director for Town of Bridgewater is Richard Wyman.

Report submitted by,

Mary M. McBrady, *County Director*
mmcbrady@umext.umass.edu

January 1998

WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER

This note serves as the Annual Report for services provided by Womansplace Crisis Center to residents of the Town of Bridgewater during FY'97. Last year, staff and/or volunteers received hotline calls from 34 Bridgewater residents. In addition, 17 survivors of rape, incest and/or sexual assault and her/his families received short-term individual or group counseling. Another 300 residents received sexual assault awareness education.

As always, we appreciate your support which enables us to continue to provide a much needed service to the residents of Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Mullin-Saucedo
Program Director

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

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

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 1997.

The Old Colony Planning Council is one of thirteen regional planning agencies in Massachusetts, authorized by state statute to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of their respective regions. OCPC is the only regional planning agency in Massachusetts to be designated as an Area Agency on Aging. In this responsibility, the OCPC manages federal Older Americans Act funding for elder services in the fifteen communities in the Council's regular planning district plus eight additional municipalities that constitute the elderly services planning and service area. The OCPC is also designated as an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for coordinating economic development activities within the OCPC District. Lastly, the OCPC is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Transportation and Transit Planning for the region. We are proud to report that the Old Colony Planning Council has the distinction of being the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of areawide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socio-economic information. Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA.

In 1997, the Council elected Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Secretary; and, David A. Johnson as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities, the participation and involvement of the members of the Joint Transportation Committee chaired by Stephen Baker; the Overall Economic Development Committee chaired by Joseph P. Joseph; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee chaired by Doris Grindle. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Anacki, *Delegate*
Matthew Striggles, *Delegate-At-Large*

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of Bridgewater:

The Delegate and Alternate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging (OCPC-AAA) Advisory Committee are pleased to present this report of the Area Agency on Aging activities for fiscal year 1997.

NARRATIVE STATEMENT:

The OCPC-AAA is responsible for the planning, coordinating and funding elderly services under Older Americans Act in the 23 community region served by the program. The OCPC-AAA, in conjunction with input from the 23 community Advisory Committee, has focused its efforts on developing a comprehensive network of services and programs to serve the unmet needs of elders from throughout the region. In fiscal year 1997, the OCPC-AAA provided grant funding to Councils on Aging and other service provider agencies for the following services and programs:

- Senior Center and Outreach Programs
- In-Home Mental Health Services
- Transportation Services
- Emergency Intervention Services
- Congregate and Home Delivered Meals
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Services
- Personal Care and Respite Services
- Services for disabled elders
- Legal Services
- Nutrition Education and Counseling
- Prostate Cancer Awareness
- Senior Aide Employment Program

The OCPC-AAA Advisory Committee Delegates and Alternates play a key role in the development and support of elder services and programs in the region. Committee members from each of the 23 communities assist the AAA in assessing elder needs, recommending funding priorities, and recommending sub-grantee awards to the Planning Council. The support and cooperation of local communities is acknowledged with gratitude by the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging. The OCPC-AAA also extends sincere gratitude to Advisory Committee Chairwoman Doris Grindle of Hanson and Vice-Chairwoman Mary Pelaggi of Avon for their leadership during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Lehtola, *Delegate*
Linda Buckley, *Alternate*

SELF HELP INCORPORATED

Report to the Town of Bridgewater:

During the program year ending September 30, 1997, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$10.5M and provided direct services to 16,251 limited income households in the area.

In the town of BRIDGEWATER, SHI provided services totaling \$141,015 to 246 households during program year 1997.

The total funding of \$10,525,610 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,189,088 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was \$11,714,698.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 255 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, minorities, and who reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals and/or families as we did, in spite of the challenges with which we were faced, such as the elimination and/or down-sizing of programs and the decreases in funding we experienced.

We thank all the volunteers, Board of Selectmen, and Mr. Frederick Watson, your representative to our Board of Directors, Mr. John Caliri, representative of the limited income sector, and representatives of the private sector, for helping to make Fiscal Year 1997 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Administrative Assistant

**BRIDGEWATER
VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Last year the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association celebrated its 95th year of home health service to the community. Since 1902, the Bridgewater VNA has continued to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need, regardless of a person's ability to pay. More than 60,000 patient visits were made last year offering a variety of home health services to the residents of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater and several surrounding towns.

Recently, the Bridgewater VNA joined with seven formerly independent VNAs establishing a strong, non-profit partnership — the Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association. The merger has enabled our Agency to better serve you by enhancing services and expanding specialized programs while maintaining our community-based office and team of professional staff.

In addition to assisting homebound patients, the Bridgewater VNA, now a branch of the Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association, offers many community programs including flu immunizations, glucose, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, nutrition seminars, babysitting safety training, teddy bear clinics, wellness programs, caregivers support groups and health education seminars.

The Bridgewater branch of the Affiliated VNA extends sincere appreciation to our town for their support over the past years. It is through the generosity of our local government, area businesses, our loyal townspeople and our Boards of Health that we can ensure the provision of free outreach programs and medically necessary home care services to those who need them. With your continued financial assistance and ever welcomed support, we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services offered to the residents.

With sincere gratitude,

Ruth Metcalf, *Chairperson*
Bridgewater VNA Community Advisory Council

Linda J. Kravitz, *Chairperson*
Affiliated Community VNA Board

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE GROUP

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) is a consortium of sixteen cities and towns located in Southeastern Massachusetts who have signed an Inter-Municipal Agreement for the purpose of creating a voluntary regional association. Members pay a yearly assessment of \$3,100.00 per year. The Board of Directors of SERSG design a yearly work plan of shared services that member communities will receive. Continuing SERSG projects include: cooperative purchasing (which continues to save members thousands of dollars), shared personnel training, monitoring of the de-regulation of the electric utility industry, drafting of a model street opening by-law for the purpose of assuring that public ways are properly restored following excavations, and grant writing for joint applications. The Boards of Health of the Towns of Easton, East Bridgewater, Raynham and Stoughton asked SERSG to organize a Board of Health collaborative and to write a grant application on their behalf for a grant from the Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program. This collaborative was funded by the Dept. of Public Health for three years. These communities will benefit from shared tobacco cessation services, health education and technical assistance with drafting regulations.

SERSG is assisted with its mission by three advisory Councils. The SERSG Academic Council is composed of distinguished political scientists from area institutions of higher education. It met twice during 1997 – at Stonehill College in March and at Northeastern University in September. We shared our luncheon at NU with former Gov. Michael Dukakis who now teaches in their political science department. Our Legislative Council consists of those members of the U.S. House of Representatives whose districts include SERSG communities. Our Legislative Council met once in May with our featured speaker being Congressman Barney Frank who spoke about the changes that will result from balancing the federal budget. The SERSG Executive Council, consisting of all of the serving chief executive officers of each SERSG member community, had its inaugural meeting in October at The Martin Institute. Our speaker at that meeting was Paul Trane, former Communications Director for the City of Somerville, who spoke about Telecommunications Planning.

The SERSG program is flourishing and your municipality is receiving great value for its investment. We look forward to new and additional opportunities to serve your community in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Salisbury
SERSG Regional Administrator

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