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The Town of Bridgewater

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1998 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT
Bridgewater, Massachusetts
OPEN POSTED MEETINGS
are held by all
Town Boards and Committees

Selectmen
Roger Provost, 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. Douglas Sime, Chairman
Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Conservation Agent
Azu O. Etoniru

Advisory Board
Roland Moore, Chairman
Special meetings as called

Wage & Personnel Board
Richard Flannery, 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.
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.

William P. Tazioli
1965-1998
Hired as a Permanent Intermittent Officer – October 18, 1965
Appointed Full Time Patrolman – November 18, 1966
Promoted to Sergeant – June 1, 1969
Chief of Police – September 9, 1976
Retired June 24, 1998 with 32 years and 8 months of service

Edward J. O'Donoghue
1972-1998
Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School Teacher – 1972-1975
Assistant Headmaster and Supervisor of Attendance – 1975-1989
Varsity Assistant Football and Track Coach – 1972-1989
Superintendent of Schools – 1989-1998
Retired December, 1998 with 26 years of service

Florence Henrickson
1976-1998
CETA – November 1976
Coordinator of Elder Affairs – 1977
Director of Elder Affairs – 1989
Retired August 1998 – over 20 years of service

Robert Gray
1980-1998
Appointed Permanent Intermittent Officer – June 11, 1980
Full time Police Officer – December 31, 1981
Past President of the Police Association
Crime Prevention and MBTA Training Officer
Retired December 31, 1998 – 17 years of service

Margaret A. Mader
1985-1998
Selectmen’s Office – October 21, 1985 – Principal Clerk
Executive Assistant – 1994
Executive Assistant/Chief Procurement Officer – 1996
Retired July 31, 1998 with over 12 years of service
In Memoriam

David V. Poland
1931-1998
Retired – Bridgewater Fire Department

Michael Kent
1948-1998
School Building Committee

Dreena Austin
1950-1998
# TOWN OFFICERS

**ELECTED**

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Housing Authority (5 years)
Gerald Provost, Chairman
Brian J. Tatro, Vice Chairman
Matthew Striggles, Sr., Treasurer
Stephen Bonfiglioli
Fred J. Watson, III, State Appt.
Helen O'Donnell, Executive Director

Board of Health (3 years)
James A. Perry, Chairman
Joseph F. Bracken, Clerk
William K. Nicolas, Member

Water & Sewer Commissioners (3 years)
Charles J. Kane, Chairman
Allan S. Knight
Fawn L. Sances

Recreation Commission (5 years)
Thomas Arrighi, Chairman
James Campbell
Angelo Mattie
Robin Murray
Gina Guasconi

Tree Warden (3 years)
Peter Dubee

Planning Board (5 years)
Paul Sullivan, Chairman
Bruce S. Dyer, Vice Chairman
Gregory J. Feroli, Clerk
Ronald Emma
David Gabriel

TOWN OFFICERS — APPOINTED

Municipal Administrator
David A. Canepa

Town Accountant (3 years)
Belcher Stanley

Town Counsel (1 year)
Mark Gildea
Paul Pino, Associate

Highway Superintendent (3 years)
Andrew Bagas

Inspector of Buildings (3 years)
David Moore
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Andrew Bagas 1999
David Dantano 1999
George Gurley 1999
David Matton 1999
David Moore 1999
David Morwick 1999
Christine Stickney 1999
David Tillinghast 1999
Roderick Walsh 1999

Conservation Commission (3 years)
L. Douglas Sime, Chairman 2001
Antonio Chaves 1999
Rick Kranes 1999
Jeffrey Nangle (Resigned) 2000
Stephen Rudnickas 2000
Milan Whitaker 1999
James Wood 2000
Katherine Doherty, Associate Member

Bridgewater Cultural Council (2 years)
Barbara Hall, Chairman 2000
Charles Baker 2000
Jennifer Bean 2000
Virginia Bean 2000
Paula Cantave 1999
Cheryl Copeland 1999
Richard Curran 1999
Robin Gifford 2000
Barbara Machado 2000
James Moore 2000
Margaret Nisby 2000
Dr. Dorothy Oppenheim 2000
John Phanuef 1999
Gerald Spellman 1999
Carl Tisch, M.D.

Olde Scotland Links Golf Course Commission
Ronald Adams, Chairman 1999
Dennis Weingartner, Vice Chairman 2000
Duane German, Clerk 2000
Thomas Arrighi
Jack Buckley
William Jennings 1999
TOWN OFFICERS, Appointed (Continued)

Term Expires

Olde Scotland Links Golf Course Commission (Continued)
Daniel Reagan  
Wallace Renton 1999  
Charles Simonds 2000  
Andrew Bagas, Ex-Officio

S.A.V.E. Committee (1 year)
Leslie Dorr 1999  
Jeffrey Nangle 1999  
Paula Lehtola 1999  
Chauncey Cole 1999  
Bette Stewart (Resigned 11/98)  
Vacancy

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Ad Hoc Flagg Street Recreational Use Committee (1 year)
Robert Olson 1999  
Susan Perewitz 1999

Growth Advisory Committee (1 year)
Allan Knight, (Chairman) 1999  
MaryEllen Arabasz 1999  
Andrew Bagas 1999  
Joseph CaraDonna 1999  
Richard Curran 1999  
David Dantono 1999  
Ralph Dodge 1999  
Katherine Doherty 1999  
Bruce Dyer 1999  
George Gurley 1999  
Peter Fletcher 1999  
David Gabriel 1999  
Betty Gilson 1999  
Anna James 1999  
Charles Kane 1999  
Jeanne Kendal 1999  
Richard Krane 1999  
Pauline Jacintho 1999  
Michael Levy 1999  
Dolores Lopiekes 1999  
David Matton 1999  
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| Andrew Bagas                                   | 1999         |
| Mark Battistini                                | 1999         |
| Robert Fosdick                                 | 1999         |

| Ad Hoc Town River Fisheries Committee (1 year) |              |
| Andrew Bagas                                   | 1999         |
| Skip Copeland                                 | 1999         |
| Katherine Doherty                              | 1999         |
| Robert Hanson                                  | 1999         |
| Patrick Kelley                                 | 1999         |
| Russell Perkins                                | 1999         |
| Joseph Silva                                   | 1999         |

<p>| Ad Hoc Ironworks Land Use Committee (1 year)   |              |
| Judith Querzoli Freyermuth                     | 1999         |
| James Moore                                    | 1999         |
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ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the residents and taxpayers of Bridgewater:

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to report that 1998 was a year in which much progress was made not only in the area of financial management, but also with respect to long-term planning of the Town's capital needs. The Board also had the opportunity to welcome its newest member, Mr. James Nihan, who was elected to fill the vacancy created when Selectman Jeff Nangle chose not to seek re-election.

On fiscal matters, the Board worked hard to keep the Town's property tax rate stable. As a follow-up to freezing the tax rate during Fiscal Year 1998 which eliminated a potential tax increase of 73 cents, the Board successfully worked to eliminate a tax increase of 59 cents for Fiscal Year 1999. As a result, the Town's tax rate for Fiscal Year 1999 will be $15.34, one of the most reasonable and stable tax rates in our Region.

In addition, the Board also maintained its position with respect to our Capital Projects Fund. Following the receipt of $3 million from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as a result of prison expansion, the Board continued to invest those funds which, to date, has generated more than $375,000 in interest.

Mindful of the need to expand our commercial tax base by expanding business opportunities, the Board worked aggressively to develop a marketing strategy for the Town. With the assistance of our Community Development Office, our Town Departments, the Bridgewater Business Association, Bridgewater State College, as well as state and regional economic development professionals, the Town scheduled its first "Bridgewater Business Symposium" for March, 1999. This is the first time the Town has organized itself in a cohesive and comprehensive manner to begin the process of attracting new businesses to Bridgewater.

The Town's Capital Planning Committee, chaired by Selectman Chipman, made tremendous progress during 1998 in assessing the Town's future capital needs. The Committee's work included a major presentation at the Annual Town Meeting in May. One priority the Committee is looking at is an Ambulance/Fire Department substation on the east side of Town. This is in response to the potential delay that could occur in the delivery of emergency services during those times that the trains are running through town. The Committee is also looking at the future capital needs of the Police Department and the Highway Department. It is expected that a full report of the Committee will be made to the residents of Bridgewater in the Spring of 1999.

The Town's cable television contract with Time Warner was also renegotiated during 1998. As a result, the Town will continue to receive its full 5% in cable T.V. revenue to support our local Cable Access Program. After discovering, however, that cable T.V. rates were non-negotiable pursuant to federal law, the Board created the Cable Competition Committee in response to the concerns of residents with respect to cable T.V. rates and services. Through the dedication and hard work of the Committee members including Mr. Herb Lemon, Chairman, Mr. Nicholas Palmieri and Dr. Wayne Phillips, the Committee will successfully bring a second cable T.V. company to Bridgewater during 1999 to provide competitive cable T.V. services.
The Board of Selectmen also had the opportunity to appoint Police Lieutenant George Gurley as Acting Chief of the Bridgewater Police Department, following Chief William Ferioli's retirement. The Board also continued to work closely with the Police Department in support of our Community Policing efforts.

On a related public safety matter, the Board successfully negotiated a new Agreement with Bridgewater State College which provides for the reimbursement of expenses related to the response to false fire alarms at the College. The Board also continued to expand and improve its relationships with both Bridgewater State College and the MCI-Bridgewater.

Finally, the Board would like to thank our Department Heads and employees for their continued dedication and hard work. We also thank the many resident volunteers who serve on our elected and appointed Boards and Committees for their fine work, and of course, we thank our dedicated office staff, Municipal Administrator David Canepa, Patty Goss, Renee Rushton, Marie Jennings and Jolie Sprague Martin.

We are proud to serve as the Executive Board of our great Town, and we look forward to working with, and for the residents of our community in the coming years.
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998
AT 7:30 P.M.

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

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, Account #1-254-3590-6 the sum of $10,000.00 to Account #1-151103-5331, Special Litigation Expenses Account, for payment of current legal bills.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, Account #1-254-3590-6, the sum of $8,302.28, to Account #1-151-14 5791, Prior Year Special Litigation Account, for payment of prior year legal bill.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, Account #1-254-3590-6, the sum of $50,000.00 to Account #1-915-1025346, Police/Fire Medical, for payment of current and future bills.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 4. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from Free Cash, Account #1-254-3590-6, the sum of $23200 to Account #1-915-1465791, Police/Fire Medical Prior Year Account, for payment of prior year bill.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. It was unanimously voted as amended that the Town amend its vote taken under Article 29 and Article 35 of the June 9, 1997, recessed Annual Town Meeting, and as amended under Article 6 of the November 10 Special Town Meeting, to authorize the appropriation and transfer from Ambulance receipts Account #17-122-7034370, in the current fiscal year, the sum of $6,500.00 to Account #1-122-103-5334, Municipal Equipment Storage, for monthly lease payments for Bay located at 865 Beford Street used for Ambulance, Forest Fire Truck and PoliceCruiser.

Unanimous.

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 and as amended under ARTICLE 6 of the November 10 Special Town Meeting, to authorize the appropriation and transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Account #17-122-7034370, in the current fiscal year, the sum of $108,000.00 and to appropriate and transfer said sum as follows:
$5,000.00 to Account #1-220-102-5876, Fire Alarm Maintenance,
$9,000.00 to Account #1-220-103-5265, Replacement of Computer Equipment,
$4,000.00 to Account #1-220-102-5241, Building Maintenance,
$65,000.00 to Account #1-220-101-5146, Line of Duty Injury Coverage,
$10,000.00 to Account #1-220-101-5142, Holiday Pay,
$10,000.00 to Account #1-220-101-5130, Emergency Recall, and
$5,000.00 to Account #1-220-101-5132, Holiday Pay Coverage.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 7. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate
and transfer from Free Cash, Account #1-254-3590-6, me sum of $6,500.00 to Account
#1-630-145827, Recreation Commission/Skateboard Park Construction, for payment
of current and future bills.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 8. It was voted to Take No Action on this article.
(gas and oil account)

ARTICLE 9. It was voted to Take No Action on this article
(street lighting)

ARTICLE 10. It was unanimously voted that me Town transfer the sum of $35,46 from
Account #1420-102-5422, Stationery Account, to Account #1420-146-5791, Communications Account, for payment of Cellular One prior year bill.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 11. It was unanimously voted that that the Town transfer the sum of
$25,500.00 from Account #17-122-804-5961, Registry/Court Fine Account, to Account
#1-210-104-5872, Police Cruiser Account, for the purpose of purchasing a new
Marked Police Cruiser.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 12. It was unanimously voted that me Town appropriate and/or appropriate
and transfer from Free Cash, Account #1-3590-6, me sum of $15,000.00 to
Account #1-186-1025721, Community Planning & Development Special Project and Coordinator Expenses, for Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 13. It was unanimously voted that the Town affirm its vote taken under article 21 of me November 10, 1997 Special Town Meeting to amend me General By-Laws as follows:

In Article XXXI - Historic Iron Works District - after me words “High Street included in Assessors’ Map 10, Parcels 40 and 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 mat me 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.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:
Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1998
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL
Mt. 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 the 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 2,409 (four hand counted ballots included in total). There were 50 write in ballots.

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A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk
**BRIDGEWATER**
**STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST — 1998 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**
**BRIDGEWATER MASSACHUSETTS**
**UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

There were four hand counted ballots.

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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-Law require, or the Selectmen consider expedient.

Unanimous.

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.

Report of the Olde Scotland Links Golf Commission, as read by Chairman Ronald Adams, to be continued to the next annual Town Meeting. The remaining Committees will make reports at the adjourned town meeting on June 8, 1998.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 4. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into a compensating balancing agreement or agreements for the fiscal year July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999, pursuant to MGL. Chap. 44, Sec. 53F, amended by Chap. 740 of the Acts of 1985.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. 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, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chap. 44, Sec 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, Chap. 44, Sec. 17.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 6. 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 7. It was unanimously voted that the Town pursuant to MGL Chap. 44, Section 53E 1/2 to re-authorize all revolving funds in the Town of Bridgewater.

Unanimous.
ARTICLE 8. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate from time to time monies for resurfacing, improving, constructing and/or reconstruction 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 hereto, the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to pay any interest on temporary borrowing.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 9. It was voted unanimously that the Town amend the Protective Zoning ByLaws, Section 6.30 (Table of Use Regulations) principal uses – category B “Institutional, Recreational and Educational Uses” to read as follows:

6.30 Table of Use Regulations

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B Institutional
Recreational and Educational Uses
(COND)

11. Trade, professional or other school conducted as a private business for gain

N N N N SP Y Y Y Y Y N

12. Trade, professional or other school conducted as a business for gain, limited to one class at a time of no more than thirty (30) students

N N N N SP Y Y Y Y Y N

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 10. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend Section 6.30, B.9 of the Zoning By-Laws by inserting the words “excluding family day care home, but not large family day care home, as defined in MGL Section 9 of Chapter 28A, to read as follows:

Day nursery, nursery school, kindergarten or other agency, excluding family day care home, but not large family day care home, as defined in MGL Section 9 of Chapter 28A, giving day care to children provided any outdoor play area is screened by fence, wall, or planting line and from any neighboring residential structure and is not detrimental to the neighborhood by reason of noise.

Unanimous.
ARTICLE 11. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend the Protective Zoning By-Laws Section 2: (Definitions) by inserting the following new definitions and amendments to existing definitions as follows: (as amended)

Add new definitions:

*Trade, Professional and Other Educational Uses:* A facility for general and/or specialized education that meets all Federal, state and local licensing and certification requirements.

*Lot Depth:* The depth of any lot shall be measured as the shortest distance between the front lot line and the rear lot line within a width at least equal to the required lot width.

Amend existing definitions:

2.24 *Lot Width:* The width of any lot shall be measured parallel to the front lot line at the required yard depth.

2.31 *Front Yard:* An area extending the entire width of a lot from side lot line to side lot line and from the street line to the front line of a building for the required front yard distance as established under Section 8.4.

2.32. *Rear Yard:* An area extending the entire width of a lot from side lot line to side lot line and from the rear line of a building to the rear lot line for the required rear yard distance as established under Section 8.4.

2.33 *Side Yard:* An area extending along a sideline of lot (between the front yard and the rear yard on such lot), and extending between the side lot line to the nearest point of the building for a side yard distance as established under Section 8.4.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 12. It was unanimously voted that Town amend the Protective Zoning By-Laws Section 9.88 (Site Plan Approval – Compliance) by inserting the following new language:

d. Upon issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and prior to final inspections, the applicant’s engineer/surveyor shall submit all site plan drawings/information as required under the Site Plan review process of Section 9 (Special Provisions on electronic files to the Planning Board. If under circumstances of due hardship, the applicant’s engineer/surveyor cannot fulfill this requirement, the Planning Board can waive this requirement after demonstration of a hardship basis.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 13. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend the Protective Zoning By-Laws Section 8.40 (Land Space Requirements Table) amending footnote #22 with the following language:
Minimum Lot Size, Minimum Lot Frontage and Minimum Depth requirements may be reduced by means of a Special Permit from the Planning Board, issued in conjunction with a site plan review approval, provided the Planning Board determines that any resulting development will not be detrimental to the area and will be consistent with any land use plans and design guidelines adopted by the Board for the Central Business District.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 14. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend the Protective Zoning By-Laws Section 6.30 (Table of Use Regulations) principal uses – category H "other Principal Uses" by adding the following new language:

4. Any use detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the public because of inadequacy of storm water management, site drainage or inaccessibility to fire fighting apparatus or other protective services.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 15. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend the Zoning Map for the Town of Bridgewater by deleting and removing as “Residential A/B” and substituting and establishing the same as a “Mobile Home Elderly Community District, as follows:

That land situated in the Town of Bridgewater shown on Assessors’ Map 7 as Lot 30 described in Deed recorded in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds Book 2130 at Page 191 containing 55 acres, more or less.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 16. A motion was made and duly seconded, it was voted to withdraw this article.


Voted.

ARTICLE 17. A motion was made and duly seconded, it was voted to withdraw this article.

(To establish new proposed Residential Bus. District.)

Voted.

ARTICLE 18. It was unanimously voted that the Town vote in the affirmative to oppose the extension of commuter rail service through the Town of Bridgewater to the City of Fall River.

Unanimous.

A motion was made and duly seconded that Articles 19 through 35 be continued to the June 8, 1998 recessed town meeting.

Voted.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting until Monday, June 8, 1998, at the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
7:30 P.M.

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

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted to appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from Free cash, Account #1-254-3590-6, the sum of $60,000.00 to Account #1-210-101-5114, Police Department Salary Account.

(voted as amended) Unanimous.

ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted to transfer the sum of $25,500.00 from Account #17-122-804-5961, Registry/Court Fine Account, to Account #1-210-104-5872, Police Cruiser Account, for the purpose of purchasing a new Marked Police Cruiser.

Unanimous.

A motion was made and duly seconded, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk
RECESSED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1998
7:30 PM.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:30 p.m. Total attendance: 302.

Dedication of New School “Gymnasium” to Mr. James Campbell.

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.

School Building Committee to be continued until the next annual town meeting.

Capitol Planning Committee to be continued until the next annual town meeting.

Trustees for the Senior center to be continued until the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 19. It was unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, under the provisions of Chapter 79 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other enabling authority, for municipal purposes, the land known and numbered Beech Street, Bridgewater, MA, purported to be owned by Kerry Lee Osborne Trust, Ernest R. Osborne, Trustee, and described as follows:

A parcel of land on the southerly side of Beech Street and the westerly side of Vernon Street abutting the Taunton River and containing approximately 20.22 acres. For title reference, see Plymouth Country Registry of Deeds Book 3871, Page 445. See also Book 3511, Page 784;

also to vote to authorize the expenditure of $100,000.00 (said sum previously appropriated at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting) from Account #28-450-106-5810, Land Acquisition Costs, to pay for the acquisition of said land, or to be used for payment of land damages or other costs and expenses of such acquisition, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements with private parties or state and federal agencies for financial and other assistance in connection with such acquisition, and to do all other acts and things necessary and proper for carrying out the purpose of this vote. Land to be used to upgrade the Town’s water supplies and/or goals and objectives set forth in the Town’s Open Space Plan.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 20. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds, the sum of $9,800.00 to Account #00005825, Williams Middle School Renovation Account, for the repairs to the chimney-stack in the A wing at the Williams Middle School.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 21. It was unanimously voted that the Town amend the Wage and Personnel Board By-Law as reported by the Wage and Personnel Board at its public hearing as read, including the amendments thereto.

Unanimous.
ARTICLE 22. 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 and Personnel Board. (see attached)

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 23. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds a sum of money for the salaries of elected officials.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 24. It was unanimously voted that the Town vote that this Article be considered covered and acted upon in one Vote so that the sum of $27,175,298.00 be appropriated and of such appropriation, the sum of $114,075.00 shall be for salaries of elected Town Officers which are fixed in the following amounts:

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**TOTAL SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS:** $114,075.00
for the ensuing year, and further, that of such appropriation, the sum of $27,175,298.00 be for the 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:

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# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
## FY 1999 Budget Analysis

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ARTICLE 25. 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 the 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 thereto to be retained during the fiscal year 1998-99, and the proceeds or portions thereof 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 26. A motion was made and duly seconded to take no action on this article. Voted.

ARTICLE 27. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of $33,780.00 to the Advisory Committee's Reserve Fund. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 28. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Free Cash, Account #31-254-3590-6, the sum of $5,000.00 to Account #1-122-145-5725 for vouchers under the Senior Associates Volunteer Experience to be administered by the S.A.V.E. Committee. Unanimous.

ARTICLE 29. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate from available funds, the sum of $1,200.00 for the stocking of streams and ponds of trout in the Town of Bridgewater. (voted as amended) Unanimous.

ARTICLE 30. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate by borrowing the sum of 2.2 million dollars ($2,200,000.00) for the construction of a proposed Water Treatment Plant located at the Carver's Pond Well Field; that to meet the appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow 2.2 million dollars ($2,200,000.00) under G.L. Chapter 44, Sec. 8; that the Water & Sewer Department is authorized to take any other action to carry out this project; and that water revenues shall be applied to pay bonds or notes authorized hereunder, provided that the bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town; to authorize the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners to apply for, accept and expend any and all Federal or State aid which may be available for such purposes or to do or act on anything thereto. Unanimous.
ARTICLE 31. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget (Outside Services) Budget #549. (Trustees for Plymouth County County Cooperative Extension, University of Massachusetts $125.00)

ARTICLE 32. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget (Outside Services) Budget #549. (Womensplace Crisis Center $2,500.00)

ARTICLE 33. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget (Outside Services) Budget #549. (Bridgewater Visiting Nurses Association - Board of Health Nursing, $15,000.00)

ARTICLE 34. This article was voted in the Omnibus Budget (Outside Services) Budget #549. (Brockton Area Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. Programs $6,529.00)

ARTICLE 35. It was unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of $35,000.00 from Account #82-145-3750-5961, Stabilization Fund Account, to Account #1-122-140-5810, Land Use Management Account.

Unanimous.

A motion was made and duly seconded, it was voted to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams

Town Clerk
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 13, 1998  
SELECTMEN’S OFFICE  
7:30 P.M.

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

**ARTICLE I.** It was unanimously voted as amended that the Town appropriate and/or transfer surplus funds from the Town Department budgets to various Town Department budgets, the total sum not to exceed $300,000.00.

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ARTICLE 2. It was unanimously voted as amended that the Town amend its Vote taken under Article 29 and Article 35 of June 9, 1997 recessed Annual Town Meeting and as amended under Article 6 of the November 10, 1997 Special Town Meeting and as further amended by Article 5 and Article 6 of the March 24, 1998 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 $91,781.76 and to appropriate and transfer said sum as follows:

The sum of $91,781.76 from Ambulance Receipts Account #17-122-703-4370 to Account Number:

1-220-101-5130 Fire Dept – Emergency Recall/Reg OT. $29,201.66
1-220-101-5132 Fire Dept – Holiday, Vacation Coverage 18,072.77
1-220-101-5145 Fire Dept – Sick Leave Coverage 9,287.91
1-220-101-5142 Fire Dept – Holiday Pay 7,424.61
1-220-101-5114 Fire Dept- General Salaries 16,645.11
1-231-101-5114 Ambulance Service - General Salaries 6,896.08
1-231-102-5700 Ambulance Service - Other Charges 4,253.62

$91,781.76

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 3. It was unanimously voted that the Town accept the deed from Chaves and Cincotta, Inc. of 40 Bedford Park, Bridgewater, MA for the land described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situated at the intersection of Greenbrier Lane and Orange Street, Bridgewater Plymouth County, Massachusetts, being shown as Parcel D-2 on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Bridgewater, MA (Plymouth County), owned by Woodbridge Realty Trust, Michael J. Koska & Associates, Scale 1" = 20 ft., dated October 7, 1996 and duly recorded with Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 703 of 1996. Said Parcel D-2 contains 308 Square feet of land according to said plan.

Being the same premises conveyed to Chaves and Cincotta, Inc. by deed of Kenneth A. Wood and Jane G. Wood, Trustees of Woodbridge Realty Trust, dated October 23, 1996 and duly recorded with Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Book 14737, Page 349.

This deed is to complete the acceptance of Greenbrier Lane as the land covered by the deed was inadvertently omitted from the description.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 4. It was unanimously voted that the Town raise and appropriate from Account #82-143-3750-5961, Stabilization Fund, the sum of $50,975.45 to Account #00005825, Williams Middle School Renovation Account, for the replacement of the sewer line at the Williams Middle School.

Unanimous.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk
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 Ronald R. Adams, Town Clerk. Total Voted: 2,249. Democrats – 1,386. Republicans – 863.

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A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk
## Percents based on votes cast

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1998
AT 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.

ARTICLE 1. It was unanimously voted that the Town appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 from the Golf Course Enterprise Fund for the purpose of completing fences, trees and cart paths for the safety and welfare of the residents abutting Olde Scotland Links Golf Course.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

A True Record, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk
STATE ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1998  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
MT. 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 Ronald R. Adams, Town Clerk. Total Vote: 6,399.

Precinct 1 1,277
Precinct 2 1,120
Precinct 3 1,723
Precinct 4 195
Precinct 5 392
Precinct 6 756
Precinct 7 936

A True Record, 'Attest:

Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk
## BRIDGEWATER

**STATEMENT OF VOTES CAST — GENERAL ELECTION**

**BRIDGEWATER MASSACHUSETTS**

**OFFICIAL RESULTS**

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1998  
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
MT. PROSPECT STREET  
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 175.

ARTICLE 1. It was voted that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of $60,000.00 from the Water Receipts Reserve Account to Account #28-450-103-5874, Vehicle Account, for the purpose of purchasing a new backhoe.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 2. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of $40,000.00 to Account #122-103-5728 (Emergency Control Signals), for the installation of emergency traffic control signals at the top of the common.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 3. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from free cash, the sum of $6,000.00 to Account #122-103-5730 (TRAFFIC STUDY-CAPITAL EXPENSES), for the purpose of funding necessary expenses for the Traffic Study Committee as it pertains to various traffic problems.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 4. It was voted as amended, that the Town transfer the sum of $16,000.00 from Account #26-422-4209-1, Olde Scotland Links Enterprise Fund Account, for a financial impact and feasibility study for a clubhouse at Olde Scotland Links, to include revenue projections over a five year period.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 5. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of $7,950.00 from Account #26-4224209-1, Olde Scotland Links Enterprise Fund, for banking fees for 1998.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 6. It was voted to Take No Action on this Article.  
(Police Dept. Education Acct.)

Voted.

ARTICLE 7. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer the sum of $4,779.00 from free cash to Account #1-210-104-5872, Court and Registry Fine Account, to replace funds used to equip the new cruiser with radar unit, scanner, spare rim & tire, shotgun, chemical fire extinguisher, cruiser personnel containment module and surveillance equipment.

Unanimous.
ARTICLE 8. It was voted that the Town transfer the sum of $26,000.00 from Account #1-210-104-5872, Court and Registry Fine Account, to Account #17-122-704-5961, Police Cruiser Account, for the purpose of purchasing a new marked police cruiser.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 9. It was voted that the Town amend its Vote taken under ARTICLE 24 and ARTICLE 25 of the June 8, 1998 recessed Annual Town Meeting, to authorize the appropriation and transfer from Ambulance Receipts Account #17-122-703-4370, in the current fiscal year, the sum of $84,500.00 and to appropriate and transfer said sum as follows:

- $3,000.00 to Account #89-242-2223, Unmanned Ambulance Receipts,
- $3,800.00 to Account #1-220-103-5276, Protective Clothing,
- $3,500.00 to Account #1-231-102-5500, Medical Supplies and
- $6,200.00 to Account #1-220-102-5877, Firefighting Equipment and Scott Safe Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- $5,000.00 to Account #1-220-102-5876, Fire Alarm,
- $30,000.00 to Account #1-231-103-5195, Training,
- $33,000.00 to Account #1-220-104-0000, Purchase of 4 WD Vehicle.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 10. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from free cash, the sum of $1,500.00 to Account #1-122-148-5728, 1998-99 Cultural Council Reception Account, for costs associated with 1998-1999 Annual Cultural Council reception for grant recipients.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 11. It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain under the provisions of MGL Chapter 79, or any other enabling authority, for municipal purposes, the land known and numbered Summer Street, Bridgewater, MA. purported to be owned by Edward & Maria Ruth, and described as follows:

A parcel of land on the Southwesterly side of Summer Street and the Northerly side of Carver's Pond Dam and containing approximately 2.22 acres. For title reference see Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan '78-451 in Plan Book 20, Page 244;

and to authorize the expenditure of $10,000.00 from the Water Receipts Reserve Account to pay for the acquisition of said land, or to be used for payment of Costs and Expenses of such acquisition or to be used for payment of land damages or other costs and expenses of such acquisition and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into agreements with private parties or state and federal agencies for financial and other assistance in connection with such acquisition, and to do all other acts and things necessary and proper for carrying out the purpose of this vote. Land to be used to upgrade the Town's watershed area surrounding Carver's Pond and support.

Unanimous.
ARTICLE 12. It was voted To Take No Action on this Article. (MBTA Mitigation Acct.)

Voted.

ARTICLE 13. It was voted that the Town raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and transfer from Account #82-143-3750-5961, Stabilization Fund, and/or appropriate and transfer from available funds, or authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in accordance with MGL, Chapter 44, Section 8C, the sum of $140,000.00 from Stabilization Fund, for the purpose of purchasing, for conservation purposes by negotiated purchase or otherwise, certain property together with building thereon, known as the Stiles and Hart Brick Company Property, consisting of seventy (70) 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 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. Appropriation of said funds shall be contingent upon the Town of Bridgewater receiving a grant in the amount of $95,200.00 that shall be reimbursed to the Town by the Division of Conservation Services through Self-Help Grant Program.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 14. It was 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:

Beaver Dam Road Old Farm Road
Horseshoe Lane Jillian’s Way
Enwright Way Country Club Drive
Starr Road (Extension) Elaine’s Lane

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 15. It was voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire two (2) plus or minus parcels of land and/or easements for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right-of-way in connection with the proposed Auburn Street Bridge replacement; and further, that the Selectmen be authorized to acquire these parcels, or other required parcels, through purchase, donations, eminent domain or other legal means. Said parcels are identified on a plan entitled "RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE B-23-06=M-18-01 AUBURN STREET, OVER THE TAUNTON RIVER IN THE TOWNS OF BRIDGEWATER/MIDDLEBORO, PLYMOUTH COUNTY, PRELIMINARY RIGHT-OF-WAY PLANS" prepared by BETA Engineering, Inc., 1420 Providence Highway, Norwood, MA, for Massachusetts Highway Department, dated March 4, 1998, and further to appropriate the sum of one dollar ($1.00) to defray associated right-of-way expenses and/or to acquire land parcels.

Unanimous.
ARTICLE 16. It was voted to Table this Article indefinitely.

(Alden Square)

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Voted.

ARTICLE 17. It was voted that the Town amend Article II of the General By-Laws of the Town by adding the following new paragraph:

Section 15. Whenever a two-thirds vote is required by statute, such vote may be declared as such by the Moderator without a count and be recorded as such by the Clerk upon such declaration; provided, however, that seven (7) or more members of a town meeting may challenge such declaration, at which time a count shall be held.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 18. It was voted that the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town by deleting Article XVIII, Family Swimming Pool By-Law in its entirety.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 19. It was voted that the Town amend Article XXXX of the General By-Laws of the Town, “Capital Planning Committee” voted June 13, 1995, by adding the following to Section 2:

“a designee to the Bridgewater State College appointed by the Town/College Executive Council consisting of three (3) members of the Board of Selectmen and College President and designated members of her staff; to read as follows:

Section 2. The Capital Planning Committee shall consist of one (1) member of the Board of Selectmen appointed by the Selectmen; one (1) member of the Advisory Committee appointed by the Advisory Committee; three (3) residents appointed as follows: two (2) residents appointed by the Board of Selectmen and one (1) resident appointed by the Advisory Committee; and a designee to the Bridgewater State College appointed by the Town/College Executive Council consisting of the three (3) members of the Board of Selectmen and the College President and designated members of her staff provided that the appointee is a resident of the Town of Bridgewater or shall be an Ex Officio member without voting rights. All members shall serve for a one year term expiring June 30. The Town Accountant shall be an Ex Officio member without right to vote. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 20. It was voted that the Town amend the existing zoning map of the Town of Bridgewater as follows:

"By expanding the Central Business District with the enclosed Parcels and removing from a Residential D District and establishing the same as a Central Business District."
FIRST PARCEL:

Beginning at a point in the Southwesterly side of Summer Street in said Bridgewater, at the Northerly corner of the premises and at a corner of land formerly of Agnes K. Warren, now or formerly of Edgar E. Cushman;

Then, by Summer Street, South of 48 30' East, a distance of 138.70 feet to a stone bound and corner of land formerly of Harriet S. MacMaster;

Then, by the last mentioned land, 36 32' West, a distance of 160.22 feet to a stake and corner of land of the Town of Bridgewater;

Then, by said Town land, North 43 23' West, a distance of 136.30 feet, more or less, to a stake and corner of said Town land;

Then, by said Town land, North 40 33' East, a distance of 56.76 feet to a drill hole in a stone at corner of land now or formerly of Edgar E. Cushman;

Then, by land now or formerly of Edgar E. Cushman, North 41 44' East, a distance of 89.09 feet to the point of beginning.

SECOND PARCEL:

A parcel of land in Bridgewater, Plymouth County, located on the Southerly side of Summer Street and being known as 19 Summer Street, bounded as follows:

NORTHERLY by said Street;

EASTERLY by lands of the First Congregational Society;

SOUTHERLY by land of said Society and the land heretofore sold by the late Ruth B. Stetson (widow) to the Town of Bridgewater and now known as the Dr. Albert F. Hunt School (formerly the Junior High School) lot; and

WESTERLY by the land of the Estate of Hannar Washburn et al, now of Freeman I. Davidson, Jr., being substantially all of the former homestead of the late Nahum Stetson of said Bridgewater.

Together with a right of way to School Street.

Unanimous.

ARTICLE 21. It was voted that the Town amend Section 9.60 of the Protective Zoning By-Laws, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, by removing the current section and substituting the following in its place:

To amend the reference at the bottom of Section 8.40, LAND SPACE REQUIREMENTS TABLE, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, from Section 9.644 to Section 9.642; and

To amend the reference in Section 8.40, LAND SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOOTNOTES, from Sections 9.632 and 9.634 to Sections 9.632 and 9.644.
9.60 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

9.61 Purpose

The purpose of this section is to allow the Town to regulate development of planned industrial parks in designated suitable areas so as to achieve significant revenue or employment benefits without adverse impacts on their neighborhoods or on the Town's natural resources. Thus the approach is to regulate such development through a special permit procedure which is a more flexible process than is possible through conventional zoning. The review by the special permit granting authority will include mixture of uses, site access, internal circulation and parking, probable traffic impacts, overall density, building location, overall project layout, provision and design of open space, visual impact on adjacent ways and neighborhoods and drainage and water resource impacts.

To allow a residential use without special review the district permits single family housing according to the present Residential A/B lot and yard requirements as of right.

Unanimous.

"Hotel Parcel" shall mean a parcel of land located wholly within the Town of Bridgewater and adjacent to an interstate or limited-access state highway on which a hose! building is located or to be located within 600 feet of such interstate or limited-access state highway.

"Lot Area" shall mean the total land area within a lot.

"Lot Coverage" shall mean the ratio (expressed as a percent) of the area of land within a lot covered by building to the Lot Area of the lot.

"Open Space" shall mean the ratio (expressed as a percent) of the area of land within a lot not covered by building or paving to the Lot Area of the lot.

"Public Way" shall mean an accepted state, county or town public way in existence on January 1, 1998 other than in interstate or limited-access state highway.

"Total Permissible Floor Area: shall mean the Gross Floor Area of all buildings approved as part of the special permit issued under this Section (Sec. 9.60).

9.632 Requirements. Prior to the submission of a formal application for a Special Permit, the applicant, who shall be the owner of the tract or his duly authorized agent, shall submit to the Planning Board, which shall serve as the Special Permit Granting Authority, a Preliminary Plan following the requirements for Preliminary Plans contained in Section III (A), or the Rules and regulations Governing Subdivision of Land, Planning Board, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, as amended. In addition, the plan shall show significant wetlands, zoning district boundaries, and the lot frontage of residential lots across the road from the proposed Planned Development.
The following conditions are to be met with respect to any particular parcel of land in a Planned Development District:

1. The tract is in single or consolidated ownership at the time of the application and is at least 10 acres in size.

2. Permitted uses shall be limited to those listed under Section 6.3 Table of Uses Regulations, as amended.


In a Planned Development District comprehensively, planned industrial/commercial parks shall be allowable by special permit, subject to the following specific requirements and general guidelines, and to the specific conditions set forth by the special permit granting authority in applying those provisions.

9.63 Definitions; Requirements:

9.631 Definitions. Specific definitions for certain terms used in Section 9.60 are set forth in this Section 9.631. To the extent these definitions and their operative provisions are inconsistent with the definitions contained in Section 2, the provisions of this Section 9.631 shall govern. As used in this Section 9.60, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Associated Buildings" shall mean a series of buildings either attached or arranged so as to appear to be attached.

"Buffer Adjacent to Public Ways" shall mean an area left in its natural condition or landscaped except that access roads, traffic control equipment, signs, drainage facilities, utility lines and other infrastructure improvements shall be allowed in such an area.

"Gross Floor Area" shall mean the horizontal area of the floor or floors for the building in question.

3. The following dimensional requirements shall apply to buildings and structures and the lots on which they are located:

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Maximum Heights shall not exceed for following:

- Hotels: (5) stories and 65 feet
- Water towers: 40 feet
- Buildings within 300 feet of a Public Way: (3) stories and 45 feet
- Other buildings and structures: (4) stories and 55 feet
4. The manner of sewage disposal shall be approved in writing by the Board of Health.

5. Formal application for Special Permit shall be governed by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 9, and Rules and Regulations Governing Subdivision of Land, Planning Board, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Section III (B), Definitive Plan Procedures.

6. The project area shall include a 200’ minimum depth buffer adjacent to public ways so as substantially to screen the uses of the premises from adjacent properties. No buffer strip shall be required where the project abuts an interstate highway or access ramp.

9.64 Use Regulations

9.641 Planned Developments, by Special Permit. In such developments the following uses shall be permitted in the designated proportions:

a) Up to 100% of total Permissible Floor Area may be devoted to office use.

b) Up to 80% of total Permissible Floor Area may be devoted to Health Care Facilities and/or research and development.

(c) Up to 5% of total Permissible Floor Area may be devoted to light manufacturing and/or assembly facilities.

d) Up to 5% of total Permissible Floor Area may be devoted to distribution facilities.

e) Up to 25% of total Permissible Floor area may be devoted to a motel or a Convention/exposition center.

f) Up to 20% of the Gross Floor Area of each building may be devoted to supporting commercial services including, but not limited to, fast print or photo processing services, duplicating services, secretarial services, or business equipment repair services, and those commercial uses allowed by special permit in the Industrial A District.

9.642 Single family housing on one acre lots according to the dimensional standards of the Residential A/B district. (See 8.4 Land Space Requirements Table).

9.643 There shall be no storage, processing, treatment or recycling of hazardous waste generated within the Planned Development District. All hazardous waste generated within the Planned Development District shall conform to all applicable federal, state and local laws regarding hazardous waste.

9.65 General Guidelines

Before approving an application for a special permit under this Section, the Planning Board shall find that the proposal meets the requirements under 9.63 and 9.64 above, and:
9.651 That the mixture of uses reflects consideration of the overall purpose of the district, the probable impacts of the proposed uses on one another within the development, and the impacts on existing nearby uses. In making such determination, consideration should be given to proposed hours of operation.

9.652 That the internal vehicular circulation system provides for flexible vehicular circulation connecting all points within the park without use of roads outside the development and that it avoids use of long dead-end roads or provides an alternate emergency bypass route to any dead-end roads of over 1000' length.

9.653 That all roads within the development conform to the construction standards in the Rules and Regulations for the Subdivision of Land of the Bridgewater Planning Board and that the developer has met the Performance Guarantee requirements set out in the subdivision rules and regulations of the Planning Board.

9.654 That based on the recommendations of the Planning Board the project has safe access (in terms of sight lines and grade) to an existing public way and that such public way has sufficient capacity in its present state, or with planned improvements, to accommodate the project at its maximum level of development.

9.655 That the pedestrian circulation system includes pathways providing direct routes between major buildings, parking areas and roads and that a secondary walking system allows movement to and through open space areas.

9.656 Parking spaces. Parking spaces shall be provided on the lot computed on the following basis:

1 space per 300 square feet of Gross Floor Area for office, research and development use, health care, child care or educational facilities, or conference center use;

1 space per 600 square feet of Gross Floor Area for light manufacturing or assembly use;

1 space per 1,000 square feet of Gross Floor Area for distribution use;

1 space per 225 square feet of Gross Floor Area for commercial use;

1 space per room for hotel use plus 1 space for each employee on the largest shift; or

1 space per 4 seats for restaurant use.

Where a building is devoted to mixed use, parking spaces at the above ratios shall be provided on a proportional basis in accordance with the portion of the building devoted to each use.
The Planning Board shall have the authority to grant a special permit to reduce the parking requirements under this Section 9.656 by as much as 20% for parking facilities serving use mixtures whose operating basis and activity patterns indicate that the total number of spaces needed at any one time will be significantly less than the total required by this Section 9.656.

9.657 That adequate off-street truck loading and parking space is provided.

9.658 That the drainage systems serving the development are designed to minimize increases in runoff, to maximize groundwater recharge and to protect the quality of receiving waters, and that the sewerage systems are designed to protect off site water bodies and aquifers from degradation of existing water quality and conform to all applicable federal, state and local laws.

9.659 That the development will not negatively affect normal and fire protection water services in the surrounding area, or if the development would have such affect, that the applicant has provided for on-site water systems to eliminate such negative effect.

9.660 That the applicant has demonstrated its ability, financial and otherwise, to bring the development to completion.

9.661 That the management plan submitted by the applicant is sufficient to insure continued unified management of the development in accordance with the standards set forth by the Planning Board.

9.662 That the applicant has proposed adequate security to insure the payment to the Town for the Town’s share of any costs incurred for improvements such as roadway improvements, traffic signalization or water lines required as a direct result of the construction of the development.

9.663 That adequate provisions have been made for the removal of solid wastes produced by the development, with particular consideration being given to the ultimate destination of such wastes; and that provisions have been made for the immediate removal of sludge produced as a result of on-site sewage treatment, if any.

9.664 That yard and setback requirements applicable to the Industrial A District are met, except that the Planning Board may allow reduction of up to 50% in the yard and setback requirements if the applicant demonstrates that the building sites and proposed uses, including possible expansion requirements, warrant such reductions.

9.665 That lot size requirements are met, except that the Planning Board may allow a reduction of up to 20% of such requirements if the applicant demonstrates that the building sites and proposed uses, including possible expansion requirements, warrant such reductions.
9.666 That uses requiring outdoor storage of equipment and supplies screen views of such storage areas from adjacent buildings or ways.

9.667 That the exterior building materials blend with the setting or complement it.

9.668 That building masses and heights along the perimeter of the project are compatible with the views from adjacent ways and neighborhoods.

9.67 Procedures

9.671 An application for a Special Permit to develop a Planned Development shall be submitted and received in a manner pursuant to the procedures set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, and all amendments thereto, as well as adherence to the Town's Zoning By-Laws, the Planning Board Rules and Regulations under Subdivision of Land and in this Zoning Amendment and further that Special Permits shall only be issued following public hearings held within sixty-five (65) days after filing of an application with the special permit granting authority, a copy of which shall forthwith be given to the Town Clerk by the applicant. Final action shall be taken on such applications within ninety (90) days following the public Hearing on said applications. The rights granted by special permit under this by-law shall lapse if they are not exercised within two (2) years after the special permit is granted.

9.672 A site plan and written plan shall be prepared for the whole tract of land and shall be submitted to the Town Clerk who shall distribute copies to the Board of Appeals, the Planning Board, Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, and the Community Development Coordinator. These agencies shall review the site plan and application and shall report their findings and recommendations for approval or disapproval, together with reasons therefor and any additional requirements, to the Planning Board within 35 days of receipt of the application and plan. Appeal from this decision of the Special Permit Granting Authority may be taken in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17.

9.673 The site plan submitted to the Planning Board, et al., shall include:

(a) The name of the proposed development, north point, date, scale and legend;

(b) The name of the record owner, applicant, architect, engineer and surveyor;

(c) The names of all abutters as determined from the most recent tax list;

(d) Existing and proposed topography of the land at two foot contour intervals;
(e) The existing and proposed lines of streets, ways and easements;

(f) Proposed dedicated open space areas or other public areas;

(g) Proposed lighting and signage;

(h) The proposed drainage system including existing and man-made waterways and retention or detention areas on the property or adjacent property. The last may be shown by reference to an attached smaller scale map showing the project locus and adjacent land uses, circulation facilities, topography and drainage.

(i) The names, approximate location and width of adjacent streets;

(j) The approximate boundaries of any proposed lot or building sites and, where applicable, intended outer edge of the proposed buildings;

(k) All other information required for definitive plans under Bridgewater Rules and Regulations Section III (B) (3) and any other information required by the Planning Board.

9.674 Written material submitted along with the site plan shall include:

(a) The name of the proposed applicant;

(b) The name(s) of the owner of the land within the project area;

(c) The names of the project architect, engineer and surveyor;

(d) A narrative describing the long range development plan including proposed uses, anticipated traffic volumes and general character of building types and materials;

(e) A financial plan showing the proposed sources and methods of financing for the project, the structure and percentage of ownership, evidence of financing commitments;

(f) A management plan describing the method by which the applicant will secure continued, unified management of the project area, including the method for providing security, sewage disposal, maintenance of the privately owned streets and ways, sewers and common areas, and providing services to the tenants of the project area;

(g) A program for meeting the requirements of the by-law with regard to the provision of public improvements and amenities of the Town made necessary by the construction of the project, including the method of financing such improvements and/or amenities; and

(h) A description of existing hydrogeologic conditions and how the proposed sewerage disposal system and storm drainage system will impact existing hydrogeologic conditions.
Amendments

9.681 The Planned Development shall be constructed and operated in conformance with the site plan presented to the Board and any conditions imposed by the Board in the Special Permit.

9.682 Variations from the site plan and conditions of the special permit may be authorized by the Planning Board. Requests for substantial variations from the site plan and conditions of the Special Permit as determined by the Planning Board may be granted only after notice and public hearing pursuant to this Section.

A motion was made and duly seconded, to adjourn. Voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams  
Town Clerk
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1998
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
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 transfer from the Free Cash Account the sum of $276,890.13 to reduce the 1999 Fiscal Year tax rate.

Unanimous.

A motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn. Voted. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:

Ronald R. Adams
Town Clerk
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Bridgewater:

The overall crime rate decreased during the previous year. Major factors in this decrease were the increase of officers on our streets, thanks to the Federal Cops Programs and because of our different Crime Prevention and Community Policing Programs. Our overall call for police services increased, which was anticipated due to the growth in Town.

The K-9 Program is working very well and Officer Delmonte had an active year in town and assisting neighboring communities.

In February Officer Philip Rand and Willis Griffiths, Jr. were appointed as Permanent Intermittent Police Officers. They entered the police academy in September and will graduate in February 1999.

In April of this year Thomas Schlatz was appointed to the rank of Sergeant.

On June 24, 1998, Chief William P. Ferioli retired after 32 years as a Police Officer and 22 years as your police chief. He is certainly missed by all. Upon his retirement I was appointed as your Acting Chief of Police and I am very proud to serve you and the citizens of Bridgewater.

Officer Robert Gray was granted an accidental disability and retired from the department in December. He served on the department for 18 years and will also be missed.

Due the efforts of our officers we received numerous Federal and State Grants. These grants are the best aids in helping us continue our "Partners in the Community" philosophy.

Since becoming the Acting Chief, I have decided to put more emphasis in Juvenile Crime Prevention. Our department, working closely with the High School, has implemented a very successful Alternative School Program. I feel that we, as police officers, can make a significant impact on decreasing the crime rate at the same time improving the lives of our young people.

My thanks to all of the Bridgewater Police Department employees for their continued support, dedication, professionalism and commitment to the department and our community.

George K. Gurley
Acting Chief of Police
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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M/V CITATIONS WRITTEN IN 1998: 7,401    PARKING TICKETS WRITTEN: 2,854
FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bridgewater Fire Department responded to a total of 3,328 emergency incidents: 1,739 fire related incidents, 1,589 medical incidents and 518 general assistance/inspections/ public service incidents, combined total 3,846. For informational purposes, we responded to 140 incidents at the MCI Bridgewater Complex and 184 at Bridgewater State College. These facilities amounted to 10% of our total deployments for Fire and EMS.

Of the fire related runs, 174 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, wood fires, medical assists, HAZMAT responses, fires within buildings not classified as structural, storm coverage, and miscellaneous unclassified runs. The need for sub-stations is being actively planned by the Board of Selectmen and the Capital Planning Committee and we will present our recommendations at the Annual Town Meeting in May 1999. Forest Fire 1 was refurbished this year; our new UHF Radio System was installed; a complete replacement of our computer system was accomplished and major repairs were done to our facility. These were accomplished with the support of the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Board and personnel of this Department.

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.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Roderick K. Walsh, Chief
Bridgewater Fire Department
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 1998. Overall, new residential growth increased by 37% over last year. Within that figure, the number of new single family dwellings increased to a frantic 155 for the year, while the pace of new permits for the MH elderly community increased by 41% over last year to 55 homes.

Commercial permits for 1998 show a 300% increase in activity. Although this is a significant increase, it still amounts to less than 10% of the construction activity in a very busy year.

The overall number of permits issued by the Inspectional Services Department in 1998 increased by 299 over last year to a record high of 2,721 permits.

SUMMARY OF BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED 1998

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SUMMARY OF PERMITS & FEES SUBMITTED 1998

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Total Wiring Fees $29,892.00

Total Permits Issued (Building/Plumbing/Gas/Wiring): 2,721

Total Fees for Building/Plumbing/Gas/Wiring $198,402.00

Weights & Measures

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Total Weights & Measures Fees $3,486.80

Total Fees Submitted by Inspectional Services $201,888.80

Photocopy Receipts from General Public 51.20
Witness and Subpoena Fees 12.00

Total Monies Submitted by Inspectional Services $201,952.00

On August 11, 1998, Governor Cellucci signed into law The Consumer & Merchant Protection Act, Chapter 29 of the Acts of 1998. This new law requires local Sealers of Weights & Measures to become State certified, check unit pricing, check item pricing, enforce motor fuel regulations, issue civil citations for weights and measures violations, and to bi-annually inspect scanners in retail stores. These tasks were either not previously required or were performed by inspectors of the Massachusetts Division of Standards. Of major concern will be the prescribed procedure for selecting a sample of items to be checked for correct scanning. A purely scientific random sampling technique will be very time-consuming, and could require the better part of one day to complete one store. We await further clarification and instructions from the Director of the Division of Standards.

On behalf of the Inspectional Services staff – Local Building Inspector Robert Iafrate, Plumbing & Gas Inspector Donald Sweetman and his assistant Mark Dangioia, Wiring Inspector Peter Proffetty and his assistant, Peter Spiro, Sealer of Weights & Measures Herbert Wolfer, Office Administrator Diane Sears, and Clerk Anne Marie Hanley – I would like to thank the townspeople and all Town Departments and Boards for their assistance and cooperation throughout the busiest year on record. Special thanks to S.A.V.E. Volunteer Emily Stone and Planning Board Of fice Administrator Leslie Dorr for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Moore
Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer
As Superintendent of the Highway and Forestry Departments, I am pleased to present the 1998 Annual Report to the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Bridgewater.

This year was perhaps our most productive in roadway improvement projects. High Street, from Broad Street to Hayward Street, was reconstructed and widened with a sidewalk added on the south side. Granite curbing was also installed. This project was funded by Mass Highway Department. The Town's financial share was the engineering and design phase, funded under Chapter 90.

Main Street from High Street to Austin Street was widened. A new sidewalk was added on the west side of the roadway. Granite curbing was installed on both sides of the roadway. Our Highway Department employees completed most of the work. We are fortunate to have a talented work crew.

Using local funds as well as Chapter 90 monies, approximately 30 streets were crack sealed in preparation for surface treatments. There was chip sealing on 15 roadways totaling nearly 9 miles in length. During the year, we also paved several other roadways.

A new pavement treatment called Micro Surfacing was used on a number of streets including Central Square, Broad Street and Pleasant Street. This process is approximately 1/3 the cost of conventional paving if used under certain applicable conditions. According to industry experts and municipal managers, this process will become more widespread in the future.

The Highway Department took delivery of new equipment to replace some of the aging vehicles in our fleet. As part of a three-year financing plan, we obtained three International dump trucks with sanders, an Elgin Street sweeper, a John Deere backhoe, a Ford pickup with plow, and a Ford dump truck with plow. A savings in our repair account has been realized as less money is spent maintaining new vehicles. In the future, the fleet will need to be expanded to keep up with growth of the Town.

The Forestry Department also had a busy year maintaining our roadside trees. Other projects by the Forestry Department included mosquito control and assistance to the Tree Warden with replacement trees. On Arbor Day, we distributed 500 Kousa Dogwood tree seedlings to local residents.
The challenges of the coming year are numerous. Most important is expediting the reconstruction and traffic signal installation on Pleasant Street, from Prospect Street to Route 24. The Town has committed our Chapter 90 monies to the design and engineering of this project. Construction is to be paid for with State and Federal funds.

The Highway and Forestry Departments are in desperate need of a new garage and salt storage facility. Plans are underway for development of the “Iron Works” site off High Street. The proposed facility would bring us into the 21st century and would eliminate several operational obstacles that now exist.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and all Town Departments who have supported and assisted us this year as well the dedicated Highway and Forestry staff. I look forward to the challenges of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Bagas, Superintendent
Highway & Forestry Department

PARKING CONTROL OFFICE

The opening of the MBTA station has continued to reduce some of the parking problems. The Community Development Office has been meeting with college officials and has implemented changes to improve the traffic flow in the Central Square area and the college area.

The Community Development Office, Police Department and Highway Department have changed some of the streets to one ways. School Street is now partially a one way. Spaces have been provided for 15 minute parking. Cedar Street has no parking, but is now a two way street and Grove Street is partially a one way. The Municipal Parking Lot and a portion of the Hunt School property were combined to create more spaces. New parking stickers were issued to the businesses and town employees.

A special thank you to Florence Burke whose dedication and assistance as a volunteer was greatly appreciated. She will be sadly missed by this office. GOOD LUCK, Florence.

A total of 3,123 parking violations were issued during 1998 which resulted in $59,286 in revenues for the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline A. Grenier
Parking Clerk
WATER DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Bridgewater:

The Bridgewater Water Department has made very good progress in addressing what the Department felt were top priorities for 1998 - water quality issues, water exploration and Distribution System Upgrades.

At the Annual Town Meeting, held in May, the Town’s people voted to bond Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (2.2 Million Dollars) for a Water Treatment Plant at the Carver’s Pond Well Field. This Treatment Plant will remove the iron and manganese minerals that were causing periodic discoloration throughout the Town. Ground breaking ceremonies took place in December and the completion date for total plant construction is for September, 1999. When the new Treatment Plant is put on line, Well #1, which has been out of commission for fifteen (15) years due to the high iron and manganese levels, will be brought back into the system, adding another 350,000 gallons a day to the Town’s water supply.

The Town has also been involved in a land taking in the Beech Street area for the purposes of developing another water source. The Water Department also had the water main in the Southeast Business District on Bedford Street extended another 800 feet with 12 inch water main and many dead end roads have had hydrants added to the end of the road for fire protection and water quality improvement purposes.

There were 139 new water connections to the Town’s Distribution System with 20 of these services installed by the Water Department crews. Other maintenance and repairs include the following:

- Rebuilding 11 existing fire hydrants; installing 10 new fire hydrants; and repairing 8 water main breaks;
- There were 12 water service renewals and 6 water service leaks that had to be repaired.
- Over 200 new meters were installed for the new Meter Reader Upgrade Program.

The two water storage towers have been inspected and dived. Currently, they are structurally sound, but within 3 years they will have to be painted inside and out. This project will be very costly.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners for their support throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge all the Water Department Personnel, the Office Staff and Water Department Crew for their dedication and professionalism, for without these people, the Department would not be as successful as we are now.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Silva, Superintendent
Bridgewater Water Department
SEWER DEPARTMENT

To the Citizens of Bridgewater:

This year the Sewer Department undertook a long awaited sewer project. After (4) four years of planning, sewer was finally completed on the north end of Center Street, Hammond Street, Lawrence Ave. and a major repair to a sewer line on Howard Street. This part of the project was completed in December. The remaining streets: Main Street, Old Forge Road, Mary Lane, Water Street, Laurel Street and Laurel Drive will be started this April and should be completed by July of 1999. These streets will be paved after the project is completed by the Highway Department using Sewer Department funds.

The areas that are part of this sewer project had been dropped from the 1987 sewer project for lack of funds. Over the last (20) twenty years these areas have had major septic problems due to ground water, soil conditions and lack of lot size to do the needed repairs.

Since the Title V regulations have become more stringent, requests for sewer have increased tremendously. Federal funding was not available for our existing project and funding for future projects doesn't look good. In spite of the difficulty, the Sewer Department is always looking for the best way to serve the public in this area.

The Waste Water Treatment Plant operated extremely well this year, but after (10) ten years of operation we are starting to see an increase in maintenance costs. The EPA issued our new discharge permit this year which requires us to remove more pollutants from the effluent, including copper. We feel the copper limit could have an effect on getting our compost permitted as a Class A product. We have entered into discussions with the EPA regarding these copper levels. In the absence of attainment of Class A permitting the plant may have to address compost disposal expenses.

Flows at the Treatment Facility averaged about (1) million gallons per day, about the same average as last year. Over the last (3) three years we have had 104 tie-ins to the sewer system with very little change to our flows.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Town Departments, Boards, Treatment Plant personnel and office staff for their help throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Souto, Superintendent
Waste Water Treatment Plant

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BOARD OF HEALTH

1998 has seen an increase in the population of the Town of Bridgewater, with a proportional demand on the services of the Health Department. Title 5 inspections for property transfers are up dramatically. The food inspection programs have been increased due to greater business in the Town. Housing complaints are at an all time high. Communicable disease follow-ups are the most we have ever encountered. The number of animals being tested for rabies is even at a peak. Finally, the amount of rubbish and recycling at our transfer station is running at least thirty percent beyond our expectations.

To meet these demands, it is my pleasure to report that we have been able to hold our own and even make some improvements. To this task I would like to thank the many people who have come forward to help our department with a great volunteer effort – the staff who have kept the day to day operations on track and the other Town departments who have stepped forward to help:

Title 5 Loan Committee members Barry Porter, Nick Palmeri and Jud Kane; Acting Police Chief Gurley and members of the Police Department, especially Officer Hobson for the new anti-smoking program for people under 18 years of age; Joe Souto of the Sewer Department for helping us with the septic repairs and allowing us access to their facility to help people with septic repair problems, Doreen Zeller of the VNA and her staff for a Trojan effort with communicable diseases, flu clinics, client assessments and in other ways too numerous to mention, Joe Silva, Water Department Superintendent, Highway Superintendent Andy Bagas and the men of the Highway Department who have made the running of our Transfer Station possible; the Inspectional Services Department without whose assistance the many housing problems incurred during the last year could not have been resolved; the dedicated efforts of Dr. Gagne at the annual Flu Clinic and Dr. Robert Brown and his staff at the Rabies Clinic; Animal Control Officer Donna Morris for a great effort this year, especially with the rabies work and clinics; and to the Selectmen’s Office without whose continued support of public health efforts, little could be accomplished.

Finally, my deep appreciation to my staff: Vale Sime, Office Administrator, for organizing our records and office, giving direction to us all; Ken Leduc for keeping our Transfer Station Program on track; Assistant Health Agent Doug Sime for grinding out the everyday inspections and reports needed; our new addition to the office, Kristen Harris, for jumping right in like a pro; Health Agent Stanley Kravitz for continued commitment to improving the quality of life in the community; and my two fellow Board Members Joe Bracken and Bill Nicolas for their dedication to the principals of the Health Department.

I see no reason why these continued improvements and growth should not continue into the next century.

Respectfully submitted,

James Perry, Chairman
OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Bridgewater Residents:

The year 1998 proved to be a year of transition, growth and change for the Office of Elder Affairs. After having served the Town's Seniors for more than 20 years, Florence Henrickson retired as Director. She implemented many wonderful programs and her dedication serving Bridgewater's senior population as Director is deeply appreciated. Other staffing changes included the permanent status of Elizabeth Moura and the addition of Ruth Macdonald as Nutrition Site Coordinator. Velia Sanborn came aboard as a Senior Aide through Old Colony Elderly Services and assists the staff with program and activity planning and monthly trips.

Congregate lunches served five days a week in 1998, totaling 5,688 meals served, cited the desperate need for a daily Nutrition Site Coordinator to manage this busy program.

Senior Clerk Carla Medeiros logged 5,355 incoming calls and 2,765 outgoing calls. Dial-A-Bat transportation services, including Bill's Taxi in Bridgewater, logged 4,860 trips. A total of 8,744 Meals on Wheels were delivered.

In addition to the $5,000 voted in by Bridgewater voters to fund the Outreach Worker position, the FY98 State Formula Grant Award from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, totaling $8,177, provided additional funding for the position held by Kathy Lamontagne. The State Incentive Grant Award of $2,500 helped to fund the Clerk-Steno position for the TRIAD Crime Prevention Program currently filled by Joan Leombruno.

Volunteerism increased dramatically in 1998. These special individuals included our Meals on Wheels drivers, who five days a week deliver nutritious meals to Seniors in their homes. Special thanks to Bob Henrickson for his many hours of service to the Town's Seniors, including delivery of Meals on Wheels whenever he is needed. Other volunteers provide services including blood pressure testing, fuel assistance, legal assistance, hearing screening, glucose testing, podiatrist and tax services.

This past year there were many firsts. In June, Annual Town Meeting voters approved funding which enabled the outreach Worker to continue her vital work providing information and direction to local Seniors.

The Golden Agers began holding monthly meetings at the Senior Center in 1998 and the Garden Club began holding all its night and day meetings at the center. The Ousamequin Club voted in 1998 to begin holding its meetings at the Senior Center in 1999. TRIAD (Seniors And Law Enforcement Together), the Crime Prevention Program which is sponsored jointly by the Office of Elder Affairs, Bridgewater Police Department and Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, increased its council membership to 18. The program was awarded $2,500 to continue its important work in reducing criminal victimization of the elderly and increasing safety awareness among Seniors.

The Office of Elder Affairs would like to thank the following individuals, organizations and agencies for contributing to the successful 1998 year: Office of Elder Affairs.
Affairs staff Carla Medeiros, Elizabeth Moura, Ruth Macdonald, Kathleen Lamontagne, Helen Tokarsky, John Suba, Senior Aide Velia Sanborn, Council on Aging Secretary Colleen Lieb, and TRIAD Secretary Joan Leombruno; the Bridgewater Police Department; Bridgewater Fire Department; Board of Selectmen and Gerald Chipman, the liaison to the Office of Elder Affairs; Board of Trustees of the Senior Center; Council on Aging Members and Chair Meryl Emma for their ongoing support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Carrozza
Director of Elder Affairs

COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the resident of the Town of Bridgewater
The Council on Aging is pleased to present this report on activities for Fiscal 1998.

The Council on Aging is a nine member board comprised of a cross section of the community with the majority of the Council over 60 years of age. The Council acts as an advisory board to the Department of Elder Affairs.

The Council set several goals at the start of the calendar year. First and foremost was to work in collaboration with the Department of Elder Affairs and the Trustees for the Senior Center in increasing interest and involvement at the Senior Center. We worked successfully with Elder Affairs in planning and implementing many events at the center. In looking back over the year, the attendance and interest has grown as each event has attracted record number of participants. Our goal for the upcoming year is to continue to assist with, as well as to sponsor, programs that are of interest to many more seniors in our community.

Another goal that the Council on Aging set and successfully accomplished was the implementation of a separate Fund Raising Committee. The Council, along with this committee, has been able to raise funds to add to our newly established agency/revolving account, enabling us to plan for future new and exciting programs. Our plans for the upcoming year also involve sponsoring trips and speakers of interest to the seniors.

The Senior Center has seen Sunday openings become a reality, allowing many seniors to socialize on a day that otherwise finds people very lonely. This has added to the increase of new faces at the Center as well.

Finally, the members of the Council on Aging have worked with the Director of Elder Affairs in presenting our programs and ideas to various groups in the community, generating positive feelings as well as allowing for more widespread knowledge of program availability.

In retrospect, the Council on Aging has seen a most successful and gratifying year. Our goals for the new year continue to be to meet the needs of as many seniors in the community as possible. We plan to continue to work closely with Elder Affairs in identifying unmet needs and advising of programs to fill these.

Respectfully submitted,
Meryl Emma, Chairperson
Council on Aging

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

My first Annual Report as your Superintendent of Schools is written with a very optimistic view of the future for the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District. In 1998, we scored above the state average in all nine MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System) categories; completed work on a new High School Technology Center; received an exceptionally positive state report on our Special Needs Program; and won the following Championships: Gymnastics and Spring Track (Girls) and Winter Track, Spring Track, Basketball, Wrestling, and a Football Super Bowl (Boys).

Our October 1, 1998 enrollment was 5,755 students; this reflects an increase of 124 students over the previous year. In addition, we are projecting an increase of 450 students over the next five years. Three hundred nine members of the senior class graduated from Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School, with 83 percent participating in post-secondary education.

The retirement of Superintendent Edward J. O'Donoghue in 1998 has allowed us to reflect upon his 26 years of dedicated service to the District. Over the past three decades, he taught Physical Science and Biology at the High School; served as the Supervisor of Attendance/Assistant Headmaster at the High School; and was appointed Superintendent of Schools in 1989. Since 1994, he worked continuously to bring the pre-K to Grade 12 Regional District to the point it is today. It is evident that the decisions he made and his tireless efforts were always in the best interests of the students of Bridgewater-Raynham.

In the areas of curriculum, grants, and professional development, we implemented a new mathematics program in Grades K-6; a new science program that teaches hands-on problem solving in Grades K-4; and a new social studies program that teaches geography, world history, and United States history in Grades 5-10. These three programs are now aligned with the state's Curriculum Frameworks. We have received over $1 million in grants that are used for direct services to students and professional development for teachers in the form of workshops on strategies, programs, and technology. Also, a new kindergarten report was adopted by the School Committee as part of a systemic revision of our reporting system.

With respect to our facilities, a major renovation of the M. G. Williams Middle School in Bridgewater allowed the transfer of Grade 5 students from the W. H. McElwain School and the transfer of Grade 6 students from the A. F. Hunt School to the M. G. Williams Middle School. Raynham voters on November 3, 1998 approved $28.9 million for the construction of a new middle school to house students in Grades 5-8 and to renovate the L. B. Merrill and E. J. LaLiberte Junior High Schools. The Town of Raynham will receive a 73 percent state reimbursement of the total cost of this project.

In this report, it is appropriate to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the following members of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School Committee: Mrs. Patricia A. Roland, Chairperson; Mr. James A. 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. Timothy P. Fitzgibbons. These people take their responsibilities seriously and work extremely hard for the students of Bridgewater and Raynham.

Appreciation is also extended to our School Site Councils, parent groups, the Bridgewater-Raynham Alliance for Great Schools (B.R.A.G.S.), and the Raynham Association of Volunteers for Education (R.A.V.E., Inc.).

There is a pride in Bridgewater and Raynham that is exhibited by the School Committee, Selectmen, town committees and departments, citizens, town and school employees, parents, and the children that makes our towns very special places to live and work. The spirit of cooperation that has existed is greatly appreciated as we go about our most important task—educating our young people.

As your new Superintendent of Schools, I will work very hard to build on the efforts of those who preceded me. I will endeavor to take the District to the next level, and we will “EXPECT THE BEST” for the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District.

Ronald P. Gerhart, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

I am pleased to submit to the Town of Bridgewater an overview of some of the major developments and initiatives accomplished this past year at Bristol-Plymouth.

In October we opened our newest technical program, Computer Information Technology. This program provides students with experience in using state-of-the-art Computer Technology with an emphasis on the application of technical skills in a variety of occupational areas. In order to further accommodate student needs in the area of computer technology, two additional classrooms were outfitted as computer labs. These areas will enable students to utilize computer technology as a tool in the development of language arts and communication skills.

Our outside construction program had a busy year. Students completed construction on a storage facility for the Park and Recreation Commission in Bridgewater as well as constructing the Holiday scene on the Taunton Green. The program participants were also busy building two projects in Middleborough, a storage building for the Council On Aging and an open-air nature center for Camp Yomechas.

The school’s summer exploratory program for students in grades seven and eight was expanded to include sessions in the areas of Culinary Arts, Pastry Arts, Electronics, Graphic Arts, Carpentry, Machine Shop, and Babysitting Preparation and Infant/Child CPR.

As of September, Bristol-Plymouth is accommodating the largest student enrollment in the history of the school with 877 students. Applications for enrollment continue to increase.

The 123 members of the class of 1998 attained a 95% graduate placement record. The Practical Nursing Class of 33 students successfully passed the National Council of Nurses Licensing Examination.
The continuing education program continues to grow in popularity with area residents. The enrollments for the fall/winter sessions were the largest to date with the addition of new courses in computers and culinary arts.

In November, twenty-one educators from throughout New England spent three days at BP conducting a review of the school. I am proud to report that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges has announced that the school has received reaccreditation which continues until 2008.

The Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School district appreciates the strong support from its member municipalities and we once again look forward to another productive year.

Respectfully submitted,
John P. Avery, Ph.D.

Committee Members:
Catherine M. Williams, Chairman – Raynham
Nuno J. Sousa, Vice Chairman – Taunton
Dennis W. Ploggner – Berkley
Charles L. Simonds – Bridgewater
Robert S. Welch – Middleborough
Steven A. Furtado – Taunton

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ SERVICES

As in past years, prevailing economic conditions continue to influence the processing of Veterans’ Services benefits, most notably in the area of financial assistance to the unemployed. With the exception of a few short-term, financial need cases, the Veterans’ Services case load remains primarily in support of disabled-medically and disabled-elderly clientele.

The most notable event of the past year relating to the Veterans’ Services Department was the resignation and retirement of the Department Director and Veterans’ Agent, St. Elmo Maclay. Mac, as he was commonly and affectionately referred to, served nearly seven years in the above capacities and is fondly remembered by client Veterans, Townspeople and co-workers alike. On behalf of his successor, yours truly, and the many people that have conveyed their feelings to me, I take this opportunity to wish Mac and his wife a very happy, healthy and prolonged retirement.

As always, the Department of Veterans’ Services in Boston, in conjunction with the Mass. Veterans’ Service Agents Association, have been very busy proposing and promoting new and improved benefits for Mass. Veterans. As a result, their efforts were rewarded. The Massachusetts Legislature was quite generous to Veterans over the past year, approving new benefits and enhancing existing ones. Space limitations herein preclude the enumeration of enacted changes, however, Veterans are encouraged to contact this office for detailed information.

Goals for the Department in 1999 will remain as always to serve and assist Bridgewater’s resident Veterans while continuing to promote and introduce more efficient, technological changes to the overall process.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Fisette
Veterans’ Agent/ Director of Veterans’ Services
Burial Agent and Graves Officer
Soon after the Public Library observed its Centennial celebration in 1982, the Trustees and staff looked with pride and gratitude upon Bridgewater’s past accomplishments in showing what a free public library should become in a democracy. The Centennial library was a monument in the 1970’s for the search for information and recreation. It opened with rich possibilities. No longer was the Library a traditional book exchange. There were the Flora T. Little Art Gallery and the Flora T. Little Meeting Room and the very supportive Friends of the Library organization. The Library evolved as a cultural center. What is more, the Children’s Room took on a dynamism unknown in the early Memorial Building. Story hours and programs delighted children of all ages. As these activities flourished, Trustees and staff equally agreed that increased space and relocation of the Children’s Room were inevitable.

As the population of Bridgewater was soaring, the Library Trustees pledged constant alertness to necessary and possible happenings for the people of Bridgewater and surrounding communities. They recognized the mounting expectations for a Library in the 21st century, requiring additional services and hours open, and a sufficient book budget.

The last decade of the millennium will be remembered for the vigorous fundraising. In the early 90’s, the new library addition and renovation project was underway thanks to a generous gift from our benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Davis; State and Federal grants; private donations and Town generosity. Simultaneously, the Library embraced the electronic age. Additional space would allow us to house the equipment for the new technologies that were becoming available. When the newly renovated Library was dedicated in April 1995, the Trustees named the new Children’s Room in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Davis for their strong support of educational pursuits.

It was especially gratifying for the Trustees to witness the number of children who access the computers in the new Children’s Room. This year, in addition to using public access catalogs, sign ups for use of electronic resources numbered 1,460. At the same time, children were borrowing books and other library materials in record numbers. They borrowed over 90,000 items. One hastens to expect these young enthusiasts of Library riches will in adulthood use and support the Bridgewater Public Library.

1998 brought the resignation of Attorney Stephen Elliott from our Board. The Trustees join me in thanking Mr. Elliott for his 9 years of dynamic service to this Board. When he resigned to follow other interests, the Selectmen and Library Trustees jointly appointed Janet Dye to fill the vacancy.

For 117 years after the Reverend Sanger allowed early residents to borrow books from his private library, the people of Bridgewater have demonstrated enduring awareness of a free public library’s importance and enthusiastic willingness to support it with taxation and private funds.

As we approach the millennium, the Trustees will continue to offer this community the highest level of excellence in Library services. To help achieve this goal,
the Trustees will work with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners as it launches a major Public Library Initiative to increase awareness of libraries in the Commonwealth, and to insure they are adequately funded. The Trustees and the excellent staff are ready to accept this challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary L. Jarvis, Chair
Board of Library Trustees

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR

1998 was a very busy year both inside and out. Several projects involving the building and grounds were undertaken. Additional display units for audiovisual materials were added to the browsing area; highly used service areas were spruced up with a coat of paint; and an Eagle Scout project conceived by Jeffrey Kelleher helped to beautify the library grounds by planting shrubs and ground cover along the exit driveway.

Circulation of library materials rose to 232,616, a considerable increase over the 175,306 items reported in 1997. An average of 94 items per hour were circulated. Approximately 127,906 people visited the library, averaging about 52 people per hour. In all, 1,311 new borrowers were registered, bringing our total number of cardholders to 21,471. We also recorded 2,882 adults and children signed up to use library computers for the Internet, word processing and the use of electronic resources.

It was an eventful year for the Children's Room. The first “Book Baby” program was held for Infants and toddlers under 30 months and their parents or caregivers. A total of 15 sessions were held with an attendance of 920 children and adults. The summer reading program was a huge success. There were 1,020 children registered for the program and they read a total of 13,995 books. There were 110 more participants in 1998, reading 2,623 more books than in 1997. The Teen Reading program increased in popularity this year with 76 participants reading 325 books. In 1997, there were only 39 participants reading 199 books.

Some other activities included:

• 3,039 students visited from local schools
• 15,674 reference questions were handled
• 379 programs were held for children and adults
• 12,815 persons attended programs
• 26,253 audiovisual materials circulated

Besides keeping up with the day-to-day activities of the library, staff and trustees attended many workshops and meetings in order to keep up with the new trends in library services and technologies. Both the staff and trustees have a long history of dedicated service to the Town of Bridgewater and are to be commended for their efforts.
In addition, the Library appreciates the cooperation of other town departments throughout the year, and would like to thank all the people who generously volunteered their time to help with special projects at the library. A special thank you goes to Karen Brother, outgoing president of the Friends of the Library, for 4 years of dedicated service in that position.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth L. Gregg, Director

Bridgewater Public Library

Grants, Gifts and Major Donations Received 1998

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS CENTER

The Emergency Management Operations Center, located in the basement of the Academy Building, has been active for ten years (formerly known as Civil Defense). The Center has been funded by Boston Edison through a grant which the Town has received yearly.

The Acting Director is on call 24 hours a day and there are plans in place for all emergencies. Training sessions are held periodically for the thirty volunteers involved in carrying out Town emergency plans and graded exercises are held in carrying out the Bridgewater Radiological Response Plan (Pilgrim Power Plant).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who are involved in the emergency operations program, and the Board of Selectmen for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie McCampbell
Acting Director
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of Bridgewater:

I hereby submit my report as Animal Control Officer for the period of 1-1-98 to 12-31-98.

I received 1,285 calls for various reasons: complaints of dogs creating a nuisance, injured animals, sick animals in need of medical assistance and a variety of calls pertaining to wildlife.

- 79 dogs were picked up
- 50 dogs were claimed by their owners
- 17 dogs were euthanised at the Whitman Animal Hospital
- 12 dogs were adopted out to new families

It is my policy, with cooperation of the Town, to place as many dogs as possible into new homes. However, from time to time, dogs have to be euthanised because of abuse and neglect, viciousness or being too old and sick. These dogs cannot be rehabilitated and pose a high risk if adopted out.

A total of $3,415.00 was collected in fines, boarding care and adoption fees. All monies, along with the proper DL-9 Forms, were filed with the Selectmen's Office.

Bridgewater suffered the tragic loss of Zacarias and Carlos Amaral this year. Mr. Amaral's other son David is also deceased. Their beloved pets, "Davi" and "FooFoo", were left behind in desperate need of a new home together. I am sincerely grateful to Dr. Brown for the free services given to "FooFoo" to assure he was healthy. Much gratitude to Patricia Jillson for a beautifully written article in The Enterprise. Most of all, I was overwhelmed by the public's response. It was incredible! "Davi" and "FooFoo" are doing excellent with their adoptive Mom, Jane. Carlos, my lifelong friend would be so proud.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity and confidence given to me for the second full year as Animal Control Officer and to thank all of the Town officials and citizens for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Morris
Animal Control Officer
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 16, 1998.

Results of Investigations:

There were 19 animals sent to the State Laboratory for testing due to human exposure. All animals tested negative (not rabid).

The following animal bites were investigated:
- 22 dog bites were reported
- 3 cat bites were reported
- 14 dogs with bites of unknown origin
- 26 cats with bites of unknown origin

State Barn and Animal Count:

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Number of stables accessible to the public: 3

Respectfully submitted,

Wilfred L. Prouty
Inspector of Animals

BRIDGEWATER HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Citizens of Bridgewater:

The recently enacted Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act addresses a public housing system fraught with counterproductive rules and regulations. This new legislation will help residents overcome the disincentives to achieving economic independence and self-sufficiency and improve the living environment in Section 8 housing by providing new opportunities for working families. It will also provide new affordable housing, transform public housing and increase home-ownership opportunities in the Section 8 Programs.

The Housing Authority opened the Section 8 waiting list in October as the present list was nearly exhausted. The need for housing continues as confirmed by the magnitude of applications received during this process. The Board is unanimously committed to applying for additional funding to assist as many applicants as possible.
During the year 1998 the Housing Authority pursued initiatives for energy conservation and fire safety. In order to lessen the impact of rising costs in utilities, the Housing Authority completed an additional insulation project at Hemlock Drive to reduce the high costs of heating. To ensure the safety of all tenants, fire alarm systems were upgraded at Hemlock Drive. In addition, bathrooms and kitchens were remodeled in several 705 family housing units as well as exterior work. The Housing Authority is making every effort to maintain these dwellings to conform with the finely maintained neighborhoods in which they are located.

In accordance with Executive Order 384, to reduce unnecessary burden, the Department of Housing and Community Development adopted a new regulation containing provisions for 760 C M R 4.00 and 760 CMR 6.00. These new regulations became effective October 1, 1998 and have been adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners and Executive Director will continue to seek funds for additional dwellings for the elderly and families through federal grants and state funding. The need for both continues to increase each year and they are committed toward this goal.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen O'Donnell
Executive Director

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I report to you and the residents of Bridgewater as to our first full year of operation as the Community Development Office. With assistance from the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting we hit the year running.

In March of 1998, Town Meeting approved funding that allowed for the purchase of computer hardware and software to establish a Geographic Information System (GIS). Interfacing with the state MASS GIS system and use of electronic files from the Town's consultants has provided a good base of information from which we are building upon daily to assist in our goals as well as the other Town department's long term planning efforts.

Among the many areas of focus, business development and establishing an economic development policy for the Town has been a major work effort with a number of new initiatives. Under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, this past year's initiatives have included service through various state agencies, establishment of a tax incentive program and an aggressive public relation marketing campaign for the Town. In addition to these outreach efforts, support for local existing businesses has included increased downtown parking, a College Campus business day and a local business reference guide to promote patronizing of our local business establishments. Through the state office of Housing and Community Development the Town received two grants for technical assistance in the area of economic development and tax increment financing.
In other community interests, our efforts to assist the different boards and commissions with grant writing have proven successful in the area of open space, historic preservation, and cultural affairs.

The Town of Bridgewater was the successful recipient for a second consecutive year of a Self-Help grant for acquisition of the Stiles and Hart property as open space off Broad Street. A milestone in the implementation of the Town’s Open Space and Recreation Plan, successfully protecting approximately 100 acres of natural resources along the Town River in two years. Bridgewater was also successful in receiving funds under the Historic Preservation Grant Fund for exterior restoration of the Memorial Building, a historical landmark in our downtown historic district. Assistance to the Bridgewater Cultural Council, helped with the award of funds to have a cultural calendar on the Internet that would provide information on monthly cultural events in the area.

In the area of transportation, the Bridgewater Transportation Management Association (TMA), under a third year grant from the Executive Office of Transportation, continues to diligently work towards mitigating traffic impacts and promoting alternative modes of transportation throughout our community. Assisting the traffic study committee, the TMA helped with development of new traffic patterns and circulation for the downtown common area that has improved the peak hour vehicular congestion that has historically plagued this area. Efforts continue to be pursued with the two major state institutions in Town to mitigate traffic impacts and promote alternative modes of transportation such as the commuter rail.

The accomplishments of this department in 1998 have been the direct result of the daily support and hard work of my staff and I am most appreciative of their efforts. I have also been fortunate to have a unique volunteer, Barbara Alexander, who has provided professional clerical assistance to our office on a number of projects. I wish to recognize her volunteerism and thank her for the endless hours of help in the office over the past year.

As we begin the New Year, the tremendous growth in southeastern Massachusetts has forced all communities in the region to compete for limited funding. Bridgewater’s efforts over the last five years has begun to be recognized at both the regional and state level as a community with a proactive planning approach to growth. We need to continuously maintain these efforts to ensure the diversified character and quality of life of Bridgewater is protected and that future growth is managed rather than reacted to in the years to come. The Community Development Office continues to move forward to accomplish this goal and look forward to providing our assistance to a variety of Boards, Commissions and Town departments with their goals and objectives for 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Stickney
Community Development Director
ASSESSORS’ REPORT

The total taxable valuation for the Town of Bridgewater in fiscal 1999 is $1,023,705,200. composed of:

- Residential .............................................. $905,362,400.
- Commercial ............................................... 61,918,000.
- Industrial .................................................... 29,945,800.
- Personal Property ....................................... 26,479,000.

**TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE:** $1,023,705,200.

The total number of assessed parcels for fiscal 1999 is 7,767, plus 462 Exempt properties bearing a value of $191,914,300. This brings the total value of Bridgewater to $1,215,619,500. Further, this represents an increase in total valuation of $26,244,600. over the previous fiscal year.

21,866 motor vehicle excise tax bills were generated for the year with a total of $1,724,743.69 in commitments.

Again this year the Assessors held assessed property values to those set in fiscal 1997, even though market values of properties indicated a substantial increase. Holding these values however, created a significantly higher estimated tax rate for the fiscal year 1999. The assessors, with the efforts of other town departments, worked to keep the tax rate equal to the two previous fiscal years of $14.84/1000. As certified by the Department of Revenue, the 1999 tax rate would be $14.84 plus .50¢ to cover Bond issues, for a certified tax rate of $15.34/1000.

The inspection program of measuring and listing all properties in the town as mandated by the State for Bridgewater continued during the year, and is ongoing into 1999. Many adjustments were unidentified such as extra bathrooms, air conditioned homes, sheds, pools and finished basements. These additions will be reflected on assessed values for fiscal 2000. The Board is grateful to all the taxpayers who cooperated in this inspection program by allowing appraisal personnel into their properties. We realize such inspection is an inconvenience to many, but this is necessary if we are to assure complete fairness in the assessed values.

Once the inspection program has finalized, the town will commence the Revaluation process for fiscal 2000 with the analysis of sales over the past year and a half. Properties for fiscal year 2000 must be certified by the Department of Revenue as assessed at full and fair market value.
During the year Mrs. Rose J. Bevis, MAA retired from the Town of Norton as their Assistant Assessor, and also from Bridgewater as the Clerk of the Board of Assessors. However, she was appointed to fill the vacant position on the Bridgewater Board until the expiration of the term. We are pleased to have Mrs. Bevis on the Board with her many years of experience in assessing coupled with her assessing qualifications.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to its Assistant Assessors, Vincent M. Damon and Marie V. Amelotte for their valued and able assistance and dedication day to day. Thanks also to Marie E. Strang, senior clerk to the Board of Assessors.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Welby, MAA, Chairman
Rose J. Bevis, MAA, Clerk
John L. Revil, Member
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

It is with pleasure that I submit my second annual report as the Treasurer/Collector of Bridgewater. I wish to thank the residents of the Town for their cooperation as we continue to change the operational procedures in our department.

My very experienced and capable staff serves our residents with incredible dedication. They have met the challenge of an increasing workload, resulting from the number of new homes being built and new cars being registered, with professionalism and enthusiasm.

I wish to thank Irma Sankunas, Assistant Collector and Nancy Wolfson, Assistant Treasurer for their capable assistance and Marjorie Newey and Helen “Tootie” Whiting who are generally the “front line” when dealing with our customers.

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, 1998 is given below.

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

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MONTHLY ANALYSIS

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Douglas H. Dorr
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**ORANGE STREET CEMETERY**

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| 100.00 Jacob & William Hall | BankBoston | 390.09 | 16.33 | 406.42 |
| 200.00 Herbert A. Wing | BankBoston | 870.57 | 36.42 | 906.99 |

**EPISCOPAL CEMETERY**

| 300.00 Increase Robinson | BankBoston | 689.86 | 13.75 | 351.26 | 342.35 |

**SCHOOL TRUST FUND**

| 6,162.50 Daniel Dyer | BankBoston | 10,848.01 | 453.98 | 11,301.99 |
| 300.00 Edson Fund | BankBoston | 549.51 | 22.99 | 572.50 |
| 10,717.00 Samuel P. Gates | BankBoston | 18,863.86 | 789.46 | 19,653.32 |
| 17,179.50 | 30,261.38 | 1,266.43 | 0.00 | 31,527.81 |

**SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND**

| 1,317.00 Auburnville Improve. | BankBoston | 2,505.35 | 102.36 | 100.00 | 2,505.71 |
| 1,990.00 Rita Dziengowski Mem. | BankBoston | 2,637.86 | 119.51 | 1,000.00 | 3,557.37 |
| 1,600.00 Helen Hunt | BankBoston | 1,600.00 | 1,432.26 | 1,432.26 | 1,600.00 |
| 2,000.00 Virginia G. Jones | BankBoston | 8,419.92 | 330.91 | 850.00 | 9,339.09 |
| 2,000.00 Lorin Keith Prize | Bridgewater Savings | 1,000.00 | 27.04 | 1,000.00 |
| 500.00 Charles F. Leach Mem. | Bridgewater Savings | 2,169.34 | 34.68 | 2,104.02 |
| 5,282.45 Merritt G. Perkins | BankBoston | 6,346.97 | 255.22 | 3,000.00 | 6,302.19 |
| 12,500.00 Mildred K. Stearns | BankBoston | 15,408.82 | 615.96 | 900.00 | 15,124.78 |
| 26,189.43 | 41,896.55 | 3,025.24 | 2,459.30 | 3,984.30 | 43,396.79 |

**LIBRARY TRUST FUND**

<p>| 500.00 Sarah L. Alden | BankBoston | 527.62 | 22.09 | 549.71 |
| 2,000.00 Edith Ames | BankBoston | 2,377.02 | 99.47 | 2,476.49 |
| 500.00 Sarah Bates | BankBoston | 524.45 | 21.94 | 546.39 |
| 2,000.00 Mary C. Bryant | BankBoston | 2,312.51 | 92.61 | 2,305.12 |
| 26,436.27 Christine Canning | BankBoston | 28,335.04 | 1,166.64 | 800.00 | 28,710.68 |
| 11,500.00 Arthur E. Copp | BankBoston | 0.00 | 481.28 | 11,500.00 | 11,981.28 |
| 500.00 Mary Ann Dunbar | BankBoston | 555.86 | 23.27 | 579.13 |
| 100.00 Mary Parry Farr | BankBoston | 1,173.26 | 49.11 | 1,222.37 |
| 5,000.00 William &amp; Catherine Flynn | Bank Boston | 5,385.80 | 219.96 | 444.90 | 5,160.86 |
| 500.00 Abbie F. Gammons | BankBoston | 712.22 | 29.81 | 742.03 |
| 3,450.00 Samuel P. Gates | BankBoston | 3,580.50 | 149.85 | 3,700.35 |
| 2,507.00 Harriet M. Gilbert | BankBoston | 2,767.02 | 115.75 | 2,882.77 |
| 3,069.61 Harriet M. Gilbert | BankBoston | 3,069.61 | 2,786.04 | 2,786.04 | 3,069.61 |
| 1,000.00 Susan Goodrich | BankBoston | 1,136.46 | 47.57 | 1,184.03 |
| 1,000.00 Virginia G. Jones | BankBoston | 1,369.74 | 57.32 | 1,427.06 |</p>
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**LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS (Continued)**

**LONG-TERM DEBT SUMMARY**

**as of June 30, 1998**

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# REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR


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Respectfully submitted,
DOUGLAS H. DORR
Collector
REPORT OF 
THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

You will find on the following pages complete Financial Information on the Town for Fiscal Year 1999.

At this time, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the great cooperation which we received from all the Town’s Departments and Boards.

Many thanks to my two Assistants Phyllis Tirrell, and Olive Nicolas, for their wonderful support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Belcher W. Stanley  
Certified Governmental Accountant

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER 
ACTUAL RECEIPTS 
Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/98

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax............................................ $1,696,701.00
Other Excise Tax ......................................................... 1,367.00
Interest & Penalties on Real and
   Personal Property Taxes ............................................. 72,437.00
Interest & Penalties on
   Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes ...................................... 47,825.00
Interest & Penalties on Other ........................................ 287.00
Interest & Penalties on Tax Liens ................................ 124,109.00
Investment Income ..................................................... 238,482.00
In Lieu of Taxes ......................................................... 4,404.00
Fees ........................................................................... 172,684.00
Alcoholic Beverage Licenses ......................................... 32,142.00
Other Licenses and Permits ......................................... 227,160.00
Fines and Forfeits ....................................................... 59,155.00
Special Assessments .................................................... 50,984.00
Unclassified ............................................................ 186,344.00
Prison Monies ............................................................ 246,141.00
Bridgewater Raynham Regional School District ............. 359,241.00

Charges for Services:
Water ........................................................................ 1,405,162.00
Sewer ......................................................................... 921,167.00
Golf Course ............................................................... 1,035,023.00
TOTAL ........................................................................ $6,880,815.00

Belcher W. Stanley  
Town Accountant
### TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
### COMBINED BALANCE SHEET — ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
### JUNE 30, 1998

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| **LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY** |         |                 |                    |                         |                 |                             |                        |
| Warrants payable | $396,781 | $40,185 |                   |                         |                 |                             | 469,686                 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 77,577 |                 |                    |                         |                 |                             | 77,577                 |
| General long-term obligation bonds outstanding |                         |                  |                        |                         |                 |                             | 22,865,992             |
| Temporary notes payable |                         |                  |                        |                         |                 |                             | 70,000                 |
| Guarantee deposits and amounts due other taxing authorities |                         |                  |                        |                         |                 |                             | 1,902,802              |
| Accrued vacation and sick leave |                         |                  |                        |                         |                 |                             | 600,000                 |
| Deferred revenue | 1,763,709 |                  |                    |                         |                 |                             | 1,763,709              |
| **Total Liabilities** | $2,238,067 | $40,185 | $32,720 | $1,902,802 | $23,535,992 | $27,749,766          |

**Fund equity (deficit)**
- Reserved for encumbrances and continuing appropriations | $18,268 | $14,037,711 | $1,917,903 | $4,983,001 | $499,619 | $1,361,747 | $800,107 | $9,562,377 |
- Reserved for specific purposes | $495,924 | 4,983,001 | 499,619 | 1,361,747 | 800,107 | 8,140,998 |                         |
- Unreserved | $1,403,711 |                  |                    |                         |                 |                             | 1,403,711              |
| **Total Fund Equity** | $1,917,903 | $4,983,001 | $499,619 | $1,361,747 | $800,107 | $8,140,998 |                         |
| **Total Liabilities and Fund Equity** | $4,155,970 | $5,023,186 | $499,619 | $1,394,467 | $2,702,909 | $23,535,992 | $37,312,143          |
# Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Equity

**Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts**

**Year Ended June 30, 1998**

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Continuing a trend that started last year, the Board found itself holding twice as many commercial site plan hearings as residential subdivision hearings. This in no way suggests anything but an extremely healthy climate for local construction. Construction activities are not limited to any one part of town. Unfortunately, two site plan hearings of major importance ended up being withdrawn by the applicants. The Board had expended a substantial amount of time and effort in reviewing the applications involved. It is expected that both applicants will return during 1999. The Board looks forward to once again holding hearings on both locations. These locations, the Lakeside Corporate Center and the former Cooperative Shoe Building on Spring Street, offer the potential for substantial tax revenues and job opportunities.

Once again, the Board would like to publicly acknowledge and thank those town employees, boards and commissions who report to us. Their skills and professionalism allow the process to function as designed. In addition, this Board is grateful for the professionalism and dedication exhibited by its Office Administrator, Leslie Dorr. Her personality and knowledge, coupled with her ability to react to all requests in a positive manner, make her unusually qualified to be the primary contact for anyone wishing to conduct business with or make inquiry of this Board. Her due diligence assures us of a well run, orderly office. For these and all the other things you do, Leslie, this Board would like to express a sincere thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Sullivan, Chairman
Bruce Dyer, Vice Chairman
David Gabriel, Clerk
Ronald Emma, Member
Gregory Feroli, Member
David Post, Associate Member

BRIDGEWATER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Bridgewater Historical Commission is once again looking for members. The task of preserving the history of our Town is a never-ending task and we always welcome a helping hand. This past year was very exciting with the discovery and donation of two ledger books from the Old Lazell Company store, circa 1831. These books were purchased and donated by the Neault family in memory of Dorothy Neault. There was also the donation of “The Two Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of Bridgewater” from the collection of Tim Resmini, by the Pincolini family. A major on-going task is the preservation of items of historical interest to the Town such as these ledger books and to see that they are available to the public. It is hoped that 1999 will see the beginnings of accessible displays of the items.

Respectfully submitted,

James K. Moore, Chairman
Bridgewater’s Historic District Commission has been busy during the past year with routine business as well as special projects. Most importantly, the Commission worked with the New Jerusalem Church and Sprint on the steeple project, which was completed with the steeple dedication ceremony on December 6, 1998. The Historic District Commission and the people of Bridgewater were delighted with the final result and especially with the level of cooperation and comity between all parties involved. Once again, the beauty of a Victorian steeple graces downtown Bridgewater. In addition, the Historic District Commission worked closely with various businesses moving into the District.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. Smith, Chairman

BRIDGEWATER CULTURAL COUNCIL

This year your Cultural Council’s membership has swollen to sixteen members who are enthusiastically working to bring the finest quality programs and events to the people of Bridgewater and the region. There were 29 Local Cultural Grants Submitted and one Pass Grant for the Elementary School Music Program, a total of $18,260.00 in grant monies.

As voted on in 1998, The Mass. Cultural Council has awarded the Town and Bridgewater State College a matching grant totaling $4,500 to develop an event Calendar/Web Site and Historical Walking Tour which is in its first year and is showing great success. Work with the College continues as another matching grant is under way for an “Artist in Residency Program” for Fall ’99.

Last Spring’s Reception, held in May, honoring 1997 grant recipients, was a huge success. At least five hundred people were in attendance and we are already planning this year’s reception in May which is free to the public and to be held at the Moakley Center. This reception could not have been possible without the support of the Board of Selectmen, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater Savings Bank, Roche Bros. Supermarket, The Lincoln AA, The Forty Niners’ Club and the Firefighters Association.

Many thanks to all for making the reception a huge success with your generosity and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara M. Hall, Chairman
To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Bridgewater:

The Council started the year off by preparing for the Memorial Day Parade and the appropriate way to honor some truly dedicated people who, over the years, have helped the Council whenever called upon. On Memorial Day, those so honored were:

- Fire Chief Walsh
- Retiring Police Chief Ferioli
- MCI Honor Guard
- Sheriff Peter Forman
- Bob Shepard
- Ray Waugh
- Peter Proffetti

The Selectmen then recognized our Secretary, Crissie Shepard, for 10 years of dedicated service to the Council.

On November 11th, the Council participated in the Tri-Town Vet’s Day Parade in West Bridgewater and won the trophy for “Best Marching Unit.” The Council is looking for a proper place to display this.

After working with the Town of Middleboro and the State House, approval has been given for signage on 4 area bridges: Summer St./Middleboro line (Viet Nam); Green St./Middleboro Line (WWII); Green St./Vernon (WWI); and Bridge at Rte. 18/28/Middleboro (Desert Storm). Dedication will be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Devine
Lino Bonfiglioli
William Northrop
Charles Chisholm
John Chisholm
Crissie Shepard, Secretary
Norman LeClerc
Jackie Wegman, Chairwoman
Peter Northrop
Bill LaBossiere
Angelo Pinheiro
Scott Black, Co-chairman
Stanley Sobolewski
Jim Savage

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The Zoning Appeals Board respectfully submits this report of its activities for the calendar year 1998.

A total of thirty-eight (38) appeals, requests for variances and special permits were filed during the calendar year 1998. To process the thirty-eight (38) appeals the Zoning Appeals Board held a total of forty-six (46) 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: eighteen (18) requests for variances were granted; five (5) requests for variances were denied, one (1) request for a variance was withdrawn; twelve (12) requests for special permits were granted; one (1) request for a special permit was withdrawn. One (1) appeal of the Building Inspector's decision was made and the Board upheld the Building Inspector's decision.

The Zoning Appeals Board operates under very strict guidelines specifically set forth in the Zoning Enabling Act, General Laws Chapter 40A.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry J. Gingras, Chairman
Thomas L. Adduci, Clerk
Frederick J. Watson, Regular Member
Stephanie J. Ryan, Associate Member
John A. King, Associate Member
The Bridgewater Elementary School is in its second year of operation and the children of Bridgewater continue to enjoy their new school. The School Building Committee currently is in arbitration with the architect which it hopes will be decided soon in order to bring closure to this project. The school features extensive classroom space, a technology/computer center, library, cafetorium, commons rooms for special activities, a full size gymnasium, a large activity room, playgrounds and sports fields. The school currently houses 1,386 students from preschool through fourth grade and it is hoped the new school will serve not only the elementary school children of Bridgewater, but the entire community. In February, 1998, the renovation of the Williams School was completed, converting the Williams School to an effective middle school. The work included converting the electric heating system to a more efficient forced hot water system, restoration of the existing art rooms, science rooms, library, and other classroom areas. The school was brought up to code in many areas and handicapped accessibility was extended to the entire building. On October 18th, the Bridgewater Elementary School was formally dedicated. A number of local, state and federal officials recognized the merits of the relatively new elementary school. A perpetual walkway was unveiled with the names of people inscribed on bricks so that their support and effort in building the school will not be forgotten. The School Building Committee was deeply saddened by the untimely death of Michael Kent. Mr. Kent dedicated a great deal of time to the building of the school and was a valuable asset to the Committee. The Committee would like to acknowledge the Williams Subcommittee of James Nihan, Michael Tibert, Thomas Adduci, Jeff Connors, Jack Page, Joseph Rebello, Andrew Thompson, and Kevin Whittington, who worked hard to oversee the Williams project. We also want to thank Mary Crealese for volunteering to serve as our accountant for the many hours she spent working on the finances. 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
Kathy Milan, Vice-Chairperson

Anthony Anacki
Ralph McLean
Joseph Rebello

Steven Bonfiglioli
William Norman
Frederick J. Watson
RECREATION COMMISSION

The Bridgewater Recreation Commission saw the completion of a number of projects during the course of the last year. After much anticipation, the Skate Park of Bridgewater opened in July. The Commission had worked closely with the Community Policing Partnership in developing the park from a dream to reality. The park has benefited the entire community by giving skateboarders, inline skaters, and bicyclists equipment designed for their sport and greatly reducing the dangers of having these sports performed on busy streets or in local parking lots.

The Commission saw the completion of two new playgrounds. The first is at Legion Field and designed for tiny tots. New playground equipment was installed with money obtained from a TriumphHead Start Community Partnership for Children grant. The second playground is at Scotland Field and was completed as part of the upgrading of that facility.

The Commission has continued expanding programs at Scotland Links, including developing a town league in which 116 townspeople participated. In addition, clinics were offered to students and senior citizens.

The Summer Recreation program under the direction of Nancy Wood had its biggest year ever, offering summer activities to the children of 178 families and the Summer Swim Program was filled to capacity. Mike Perry ran boys’ and girls’ basketball clinics during the summer involving sixty children, each clinic lasting one week.

The Summer Concert Series was held every two weeks, and provided musical entertainment for all ages and interests. Its success has encouraged the Commission to continue to broaden the program with additional concerts scheduled for 1999.

During the Fall and Winter, the Commission sponsors basketball town and travel leagues involving over 600 boys and over 250 girls. In addition, it supports Little League, Youth Football, Girls’ Softball League, and a number of other teams which participate in sports activities at Legion Field. The demand for fields increases as the number of townspeople grows and sports activities are not limited to school.

The Commission continues to provide quality recreational space and activities for all townspeople. Plans for the future include passive recreation space near the golf course and passive recreation space near the golf course and development of a sailing program.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. Arrighi, Chairman
James P. Campbell
Gina Guasconi
Robin Murray
Angelo Mattie
Charles Simonds,
Coordinator of Recreational Facilities
CONANT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

The Conant Community Health Center operates with 4 tenants:

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

**Healthcare Educational Resources** [H.E.R.], 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. provides courses to the following groups: Bridgewater Boy and Girl Scouts 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 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.

**Sinai Adult Day Health Care** 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**, a children's daycare facility, licensed by the Massachusetts Office for Children, offers preschool, after-school 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.
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.

During 1998, the Conservation Commission reviewed three (3) Notices of Resource Area Determination, fifty-four (54) Notices of Intent and eight (8) Requests for Determination of Applicability (RDA), generating $1,732.00 in new revenue for the General Fund Account through the Conservation By-Law; and some $11,780.00 in new revenue for the Reserve Fund Account. Many of these applications resulted in significant plan modifications, resubmissions, or project denials.

Regrettfully, David Moore resigned from the Conservation Commission; his expertise is greatly missed. During the same period, the Board of Selectmen appointed one (1) new member to the Commission, Jeffrey Nangle, who was a great benefit to the Commission for several months before resigning. Lloyd D. Sime remained as Chairman in 1998. The Commission sincerely thanks Mr. Sime for another year of dedicated service as Commission Chairman.

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 D. Sime
Members: James D. Wood
          Antonio Chaves
          Milan Whitaker
          Stephen Rudnickas
          Richard Kranes
Conservation Agent: Azuanuka O. Etoniru
WAGE AND PERSONNEL BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bridgewater:

1998 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, policies, and job descriptions. These are the areas 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 affected 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 policies that continue to be fair and equitable to all employees affected 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 formed a committee with the Board of Selectmen to create and write a job description for a Human Resources Director. It is the feeling 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.

Regretfully, Kenneth Newby resigned from the Wage and Personnel Board. Due to the James Nihan's election to the Board of Selectmen, the Wage and Personnel Board had two vacancies. George Mitchell and Steven Maloney were appointed and we are pleased to have these two new members on our Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Flannery, Chairman
BRIDGEWATER SENIOR CENTER TRUSTEES

The Bridgewater Senior Center Trustees had a very successful year in 1998, accomplishing many of our goals. Meeting on a monthly basis at the Senior Center, Trustees were able to implement several important purchases for the Senior Center. A canopy has been installed over the front entrance walk, which, with its side panels, provides shelter from the wind and snow, putting an end to the very slippery ramped walkway entrance. This was an item requested by the former Director, Florence Henrickson, to avoid the possibility of a senior being injured on the walkway during inclement weather. Our sincere thanks to Florence for her 20 years of service to the seniors of Bridgewater and our best wishes for a satisfying and happy retirement.

Through the cooperation of the office of the Board of Selectmen, a storage shed was built to house the many items for which there was no longer any space in the Center. It is shared with the Golden Agers and holds many items used occasionally but not needed on a daily basis. This has freed up space in the storage closets inside the building and we are grateful for the assistance of Bill LaBossiere, David Anacki and Ronald Ghelfi in completing this much needed storage facility.

Over the past year the inside of the Center was painted with the help of the Sigma Chi Fraternity of Bridgewater State College. Eagle Scout David Hubble prepared stairs and a nature walk at the rear of the Senior Center which has been enjoyed by many since it was dedicated in July, 1998. Our thanks to David and his colleagues for a job well done.

On a daily basis, many routine responsibilities are dealt with through the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Director of Elder Affairs, the Council on Aging, the custodians and other departments of the town. We are especially grateful to the Highway Department for arranging to put the final coat on the parking lot. This was not done originally due to a lack of funds to complete the project. Many other things have received the attention of the Trustees and we are continually grateful to David Gonsalves for managing the fundraising whist parties and to Bette Stewart for holding the monthly suppers at the Center. There is now over $35,000 in the trust fund which we hope will be used to seed a grant or funding by the Town through the Capital Planning Committee to complete the Senior Center in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Shonio, Acting Chair
Vale Sime
Willard Banks
William LaBossiere
Peter Kondrotas
After a brief hiatus, the Town River Fisheries Committee (TRFC) has reorganized and has been meeting on a regular basis since the early winter. The rejuvenated committee hopes for some accomplishments in the new year and many in the new millennium.

The TRFC is unique: it is an Ad-Hoc committee recognized by the Selectmen of Bridgewater as the developer of management policy for the Town River herring fishery.

The mission of the TRFC is to unify the restoration and management of the herring fishery along the whole fourteen mile Town River, a major tributary of the Taunton River.

Short term goals are to make the local community aware that herring, still exist in the Town River, are a valuable natural resource, and are part of our food chain. Also, the TRFC would like to designate accessible public areas of the river as safe sites for catching and viewing the fish. These goals can be realized easily if a working partnership is formed between the town, the TRFC, the private sector, and concerned individuals who are willing to donate time and effort to restore and monitor the depleted fishery.

Long-term goals include evaluating and repairing the dams and fish ladders on the river.

In summary, the committee's dream is to make the herring spawning in the Town River plentiful and available for recreation and food purposes, as well as viewing pleasure to all who wish to partake of one of nature's marvels.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Hanson
Acting Chairman
BRIDGEWATER FOOD PANTRY

The year of 1998 brought about some changes in how the food pantry was administered. St. Elmo (Mac) Maclay retired officially at the end of December 1997, but was called back to work until March of 1998. Mr. Maclay brought much integrity and good will to administering the food pantry and associated functions. He will be missed by those who worked with him and by the many people who came in contact with him throughout his career with the town.

Judy Cicierga, a volunteer, also deserves to be mentioned for her work and association with the food pantry. She has been very committed to keeping the food pantry neatly stocked and does whatever she can to assist. Many thanks are extended for her dedication.

Another volunteer, Florence Burke, devoted time and energy to the food pantry and assisted in any way that she could. She also deserves the thanks and recognition for her dedication. It is with sincere gratitude that she is thanked for her assistance.

The generosity of many people have kept the food pantry stocked and available. A special thank you to all the civic groups and individuals for their continued support in their generous contributions.

Ron Adams, the Town Clerk, was responsible for organizing and creating the food pantry many years ago when he realized that some families were finding themselves in need of assistance. Although Mr. Adams no longer supervises the food pantry, he has never lost interest in helping people in need. He is dedicated in his continued efforts to keep the food pantry stocked and continues to direct families and individuals to the designated programs to receive assistance.

Requests for assistance should be made by calling 697-0908 Tuesdays and Thursdays during the hours of 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Grenier, Supervisor
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
OLDE SCOTLAND LINKS GOLF COMMISSION
1998 ANNUAL REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

After our first full year of operation, we are pleased to report that the Town of Bridgewater has established a top quality golf facility.

From March through November, a total of 40,000+ rounds of golf were played. These rounds exceeded our expectations as a first year facility. Most notably is the fact that the Golf Course was able to cater to all abilities, ages, and genders, as well as to host a number of charitable events for the benefit of the townspeople of Bridgewater.

We are most proud of the instructional golf clinics that were offered to Bridgewater residents at a no-fee or nominal fee basis. Utilizing our top notch learning/practice area, we were able to offer clinics to youths, adults and seniors. Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Charlie Simonds, Jim Campbell and the Bridgewater Recreation Commission, the first-ever Bridgewater Golf League attracted 144 participants and was a highlight of the summer season. The ninety-nine season will provide golf clinics for Town residents again, as well as additional golf leagues for seniors and ladies.

Facility enhancements were also accomplished in the way of property improvements. Key perimeter fencing and tree planting improved property protection. Extended cart paths were installed. A vigorous course maintenance program continued to allow excellent quality fairways and greens, a top attraction to the Golf Course.

The Golf Commission is optimistic for the future of the facility as an outstanding asset to the quality of life in Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

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
The role of Umass Extension, Plymouth County is to deliver research-based information to specific groups of people through nonformal methods. The local staff work in concert with Umass Amherst faculty and staff on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture to provide valuable information in Extension's four program areas. 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. Programs include: Pruning demonstrations; Pesticide applicator trainings and licensing exams; The Annual Umass Extension Garden Calendar; Educational resource materials; Training and resources for agencies serving youth; Accredited overnight summer camps; Teacher workshops and resources; Food Safety Certification Course; and Distance education opportunities. Local citizens, appointed by the County Commissioners, serve as County Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. 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 Street, 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 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. For a more detailed program brochure 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)
- Dominic A. Marini – E. Bridgewater (term expires 3/31/01)
- Anne M. McCormack – Brockton (term expires 3/31/99)
- Wayne Smith – Abington (term expires 3/31/99)
- Matthew C. Striggles – Bridgewater (term expires 3/31/99)
- Janice Strojny – Middleboro (term expires 3/31/01)
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.

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 FY98. Last year, staff and/or volunteers received hotline calls from 30 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 286 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 1998.

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 1998, the Council re-elected Eldon F. Moreira of West Bridgewater as President of OCPC; David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Daniel M. Crane serves as Executive Director of the Council. The Council publishes a more complete Annual Report of its activities which is sent out to local officials and is available to the public upon request.

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
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 1998.

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 1998, 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-Chairwomen Josephine Hatch of Pembroke and Phyllis Hancock of Brockton for their leadership during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine LeClerc, Delegate
Lorraine Carrozza, Alternate
OLD COLONY ELDERLY SERVICES

During Fiscal Year 1998, Old Colony Elderly Services has reemphasized its efforts to strengthen its service delivery capability to provide seniors the best possible service and remain competitive in a rapidly changing elderly care environment.

Staff members have been engaged in a process of organizational introspection that involved review, analysis, procedural change, organizational and functional realignment. Substantial progress has been made:

- a new work flow pattern was established;
- a new methodology with respect to quality assurance was adopted;
- a new “self-directed work team” approach to administration was initiated; and
- a new administrative alignment was operationalized.

A member of the Elder Care Network Southeast (ECNS), OCES continued to work closely with the five other Aging Services Access Point (ASAP) agencies serving the South Shore. The goal of this collaboration is to promote regional administrative capability across southeastern Massachusetts. To date, this work has resulted in a six-agency backup/support system for protective service supervision, two major collaborative trainings and a group (cost-saving) equipment purchase.

With the fiscal support that the Executive Office of Elder Affairs negotiated with the Division of Medical Assistance, OCES was able to provide certain additional services. These ‘Service Enhancements’ allowed OCES greater flexibility in the use of home care services to meet the long-term care needs for our frailest seniors. In concert with local Councils On Aging, OCES successfully increased participation in the Senior Pharmacy Program throughout the service area. And, OCES has recently secured funding to begin “Money Management” and “Elder-At-Risk” Programs.

We are pleased to report that over the course of the past year, OCES has brought needed in-home care to over twenty-two hundred (2,200) seniors each month. We wish to formally acknowledge the caring work of our volunteers; the dedication of our entire staff; and the active participation of our Board members which has made it possible to consistently reach out and help so many.

As OCES approaches its twenty-fifty anniversary, the agency’s mission is clear; its service base is solid; and its ability to respond to changing service requirements continues to improve. OCES is very well-positioned to meet the challenges of the future. With the support and dedication of our volunteers, staff and Board, OCES’ tradition of providing quality service to seniors will continue well into the 21st century.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward T. Donovan, Executive
Barbara Pelati, Treasurer
Catherine Connors, Secretary

Patricia McCarthy, President
Elizabeth Verity, Asst. Treasurer
SELF HELP INCORPORATED

Report to the Town of Bridgewater:

During the program year ending September 30, 1998, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $11.7M and provided direct services to 13,967 limited income households in the area.

In the town of BRIDGEWATER, SHI provided services totaling $144,388 to 230 households during program year 1998.

The total funding of $11,737,921 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 $2,276,402 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 $14,014,323.

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, 1997 through September 30, 1998 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges with which we were faced.

We thank all the volunteers, the Board of Selectmen and your representative to our Board, Mr. Frederick Watson, III, Mr. John Caliri, representative of the limited income sector who is also the Chairperson of our Board of Directors, and all the representatives of the private sector, for helping to make Fiscal Year 1998 a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Administrative Assistant
REPORT OF THE
BRIDGEWATER VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.
Branch of
THE AFFILIATED COMMUNITY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Bridgewater:

On behalf of the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., branch of the Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. (ACVNA), we are pleased to submit our annual report for 1998.

Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., branch of the ACVNA, a non-profit Medicare certified agency, continues to serve Bridgewater residents, offering skilled nursing; physical, occupational, and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutrition counseling, and home health aide assistance. The ACVNA continues to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need. In August, we again received accreditation with a superior rating by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Besides assisting our patients with a variety of home health services, the Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., branch of the Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. offers many community programs including wellness programs, health promotion screenings, nutrition seminars, babysitting safety training, teddy bear clinics, caregivers support groups and health education seminars.

Highlights of this years public health activities are, flu/pneumonia immunizations, increase adult and pediatric immunization clinics for the public schools and the community, TB tests and readings, blood pressure clinics, glucose and cholesterol screenings and weekly office hours and monthly clinics whereby residents may obtain free screenings and health instructions.

An ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiative continues with the Board of Health, the public schools and town agencies and departments.

The Bridgewater Visiting Nurse Association, Inc., Branch of the Affiliated Community VNA, Inc. extends sincere appreciation to our towns for their support over the past years. It is through the generosity of our local government, area businesses, volunteers, our loyal townspeople and our Boards of Health that we can ensure the provisions 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,

Doreen Zeller, RN
Community Health Nurse

Ann G. Hill, CEO
Affiliated Community VNA, Inc.
1998 was a productive year for the Southeastern Regional Services Group. A major project involving SERSG Highway Superintendents, the Bay State Gas Company and the Regional Administrator resulted in the production of a model street opening by-law. This model has been adopted by the Town Meetings in six SERSG municipalities so far. By adopting this by-law, these communities will ensure that those who excavate in the public ways will restore the public way to as good a condition as it was in prior to the street opening.

SERSG conducted a number of cooperative procurements for its member municipalities and once again significant savings were realized. All 17 members participated in the Spring DPW supplies IFB.

The Regional Administrator was invited this past year to speak to a number of other municipalities that are considering forming a similar organization to SERSG. Addresses were made to the Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC), Worcester Area Regional Education Project, North Shore Regional Managers, South Shore Coalition, and the Plymouth County WaterWorks Association.

SERSG hosted both a Fall and Spring Academic Luncheon and a Spring Legislative Breakfast. SERSG put forward legislation that it thinks is needed to protect local governments regarding road restoration and the siting of cellular towers. Several of our state Representatives and Senators have agreed to cosponsor this legislation.

As the year comes to a close, SERSG remains committed to its mission of providing services to its members so that savings in dollars as well as time and effort can be realized. We look forward to new and additional opportunities to serve your community in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine L. Salisbury
SERSG Regional Administrator
FRONT COVER
Memorial Building 1998
*Courtesy of: Jean Hayden-Knight*

BACK COVER
Memorial Building Circa 1920
*Courtesy of: David Moore*

INSIDE PHOTOS:

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*Courtesy of: George Rizer*

Page 3 William P. Ferioli
Florence Henrickson
Edward O’Donoghue

Page 82 Andrea and Diana Bagas assist their father Highway Superintendent Andrew Bagas with the distribution of free Kousa Dogwood Tree seedlings to Bridgewater residents as part of Arbor Day 1998 celebration.
*Courtesy of: Highway/Forestry Superintendent*

Page 117 New Jerusalem Church Steeple Project
*Courtesy of: Les Dorr*

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*Courtesy of: Peg Mader*

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*Courtesy of: Ron Adams*

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Circa 1939
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