

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 1975



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LET THE CHILDREN GUARD WHAT THE SIRES HAVE WON
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"Let the children guard what the sires have won"

CHELMSFORD

Only 33 years after the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth, a few hardy pioneers settled along the western frontier in what would be Chelmsford. By November 22, 1654 enough families had arrived to call the first public meeting at William Fletcher's house located near the end of the present Crosby Lane. Six months later (May, 1655) the Town of Chelmsford was incorporated along with the neighboring towns of Billerica and Groton. The Rev. John Fiske of Wenham accepted an invitation to come here with several members of his congregation and, on November 13, 1655, the first church in Chelmsford – now the First Parish Church – was organized. In 1820, the sixth minister, the Rev. Wilkes Allen, published the first "History of Chelmsford" which is reputed to be "the first town history of the dignity of a volume to be printed in this country." The original grant was much larger than the land area included within the present town boundaries but, in 1729, the "West Precinct" became the Town of Westford and, in 1826, the Town of Lowell was made out of East Chelmsford. Middlesex Village was annexed to Lowell in 1874. Chelmsford also gave smaller parcels of land to Tyngsboro, Carlisle, and Littleton.

In the events leading up to American independence, the citizens of Chelmsford were active participants. Chelmsford had its Committee of Correspondence and sent representatives to the Middlesex Convention in Concord in August, 1774. One of these delegates, Jonathan Williams Austin, is credited with writing the famous Middlesex Resolves. When the alarm was sounded on the morning of April 19, 1775, more than 100 Chelmsford men answered the call to arms. One of these minutemen was Benjamin Pierce who later became governor of New Hampshire and whose son, Franklin, was the 14th President of the United States.

Chelmsford has been the home of many other famous men and women. To mention only a few, Elizabeth (Clarke) Hancock, grandmother of John Hancock, was the daughter of our second minister; David Henry Thoreau lived here as a child and Ralph Waldo Emerson taught at the Chelmsford Classical School. America's first professor of physiology, who later served as president of Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, was Dr. John Call Dalton after whose family Dalton Road was named. Dr. Willard Parker was a world famous surgeon who reputedly was the first in America to successfully operate on an abscessed appendix. (Incidentally, his great uncle was Lt. Col. Moses Parker for whom the Junior High School has been named.) A famous professor of Anatomy at Harvard and the first curator of the Peabody Museum was a Chelmsford man, Dr. Jeffries Wyman. His father, Dr. Rufus Wyman, gave up his practice here to become the first superintendent of McLean Asylum (now McLean Hospital.)

In the field of education, Chelmsford had the first school for the deaf in which pure oral method was taught and one of the pupils was Mabel Hubbard, who later married Alexander Graham Bell.

Until the beginning of the 20th century, Chelmsford was predominately a farming community. Early industries were operated mainly to meet the needs of the inhabitants. However, there were exceptions. Ezekiel Byam was the first to manufacture lucifer matches in this country at his factory in South Chelmsford. Local quarries supplied "Chelmsford Granite" for the construction of public buildings in Boston, New York, and New Orleans as well as a church in Savannah, Georgia. Lime from Chelmsford quarries was used in building many of the early Lowell mills.

With the incorporation of the Merrimack Manufacturing Company in East Chelmsford in 1822 began the development of one of the great textile manufacturing centers of the world. Also worthy of note are the scythe factory in West Chelmsford (which became a sword factory and later produced files), the foundry, machine shops, and textile mills in North Chelmsford, as well as the Chelmsford Ginger Ale Company in the Center. "Chelmsford Glass", on exhibit at the Barrett-Byam House, was made at the Glass Works in Middlesex Village.

Public transportation before the advent of the railroads was by stagecoach between Boston and Concord, N. H. over the Middlesex Turnpike (Turnpike Road) and the Middlesex Canal that connected Chelmsford (Middlesex Village) with Boston. Canal Street was the tow path.

George Adams Parkhurst

George Adams Parkhurst
May 27, 1975

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Town of Chelmsford



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1975

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Incorporated:	May, 1655
Type of Government:	Town Meeting
Location:	Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lowell and Tyngsborough on the North, Billerica on the East, Carlisle on the South, and Westford on the West. It is 24 miles from Boston, 40 miles from Worcester, and 225 miles from New York City.
County:	Middlesex
Land Area:	22.54 Square Miles
Population, 1970:	31,032
Density, 1970:	1.394 persons per square mile
Assessed Valuation, 1975:	\$256,084,115 (Real Estate)
	\$9,776,300 (Personal Property)
Tax Rate:	\$41.00
United States Senators in Congress:	Edward W. Brooke, Newton
	Edward M. Kennedy, Boston
Representatives in Congress:	
5th Congressional District	Paul T. Tsongas, Lowell
State Senator:	
7th Middlesex District	Ronald C. McKenzie, Burlington
Representative in General Court:	
43rd Middlesex District	Bruce N. Freeman, Chelmsford - Precincts 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12
45th Middlesex District	Philip L. Shea, Lowell - Precincts 2 & 7
47th Middlesex District	Edward Le Lacheur, Lowell - Precincts 4 & 11
Accounting Department	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Assessors Office	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	(except Monday Evenings 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	(except June, July & August)
Building Inspector	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Thursday 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Highway Department	
Office	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Garage	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Public Libraries	
Adams Library	Monday thru Friday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
MacKay Library	Monday thru Friday 2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
	Saturdays 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
School Superintendent	Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Office	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Town Clerk	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Monday Evenings 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	(except June, July & August)
Tax Collector & Treasurer	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Monday Evenings 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	(except June, July & August)
Veterans Agent	Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

MEETINGS

Annual Election	First Monday in April	12 Precincts
Annual Town Meeting	First Monday in May	New High School
Selectmen	Monday - 7:30 P.M.	Town Hall
School Committee	Tuesday - 8:00 P.M.	High School
Planning Board	7:30 P.M., 2nd & 4th Wed. every month	Town Hall
Appeals Board	7:30 P.M., 4th Thurs. every month	Town Hall
Conservation Commission	8:00 P.M., 1st & 3rd Tues. every month	Town Hall
Board of Health	7:30 P.M., 2nd Tues. every month	Town Hall
Housing Authority	7:30 P.M., 1st Tues. every month	1 Smith Street

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Moderator

Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr.
(Term expires 1978)

Town Clerk

Mary E. St. Hilaire
(Term expires 1978)

Board of Selectmen

Gerald J. Lannan	Term expired 1975
Arnold J. Lovering	Term expires 1976
William R. Murphy	Term expires 1976
Paul C. Hart	Term expires 1977
Thomas A. Palmer, Jr.	Term expires 1977
Philip L. Currier	Term expires 1978

Treasurer & Tax Collector

Philip J. McCormack
(Term expires 1978)

Board of Assessors

Claude A. Harvey	Term expires 1976
Richard L. Monahan	Term expires 1977
Janet Lombard	Term expires 1978

Cemetery Commissioners

Arne R. Olson	Term expires 1976
Gerald L. Hardy	Term expires 1977
Arthur J. Colmer	Term expires 1978

Chelmsford Housing Authority

Richard L. Monahan	Term expires 1976
Roger W. Boyd	Term expires 1977
Robert L. Hughes	Term expires 1978
Claude A. Harvey	Term expires 1978
Ruth K. Delaney	Term expires 1980

Board of Health

Paul F. McCarthy	Term expires 1976
Paul J. Canniff	Term expires 1977
Peter Dulchinos	Term expires 1978

Nashoba Valley Technical Vocational School District

Louis E. Kelly	Term expires 1976
James M. Harrington	Term expires 1977
Jay M. Knox	Term expires 1977
Stratos Dukakis	Term expires 1978

Park Commissioners

Ralph E. House	Term expires 1976
J. Joan Schenk	Term expires 1977
Arthur L. Bennett	Term expires 1978

Planning Board

Timothy J. Hehir	Term expired 1975
Thomas A. Ennis (Resigned)	Term expires 1976
Peter J. McHugh Jr.	Term expires 1976
Eugene E. Gilet	Term expires 1977
Stephen D. Wojcik	Term expires 1977
Thomas E. Firth	Term expires 1978
A. Robert Raab	Term expires 1979
Ann McCarthy	Term expires 1980
Henrick R. Johnson, Jr.	Term expires 1976

School Committee

Jean B. Callahan	Term expired 1975
George A. Ripsom	Term expires 1976
Robert D. Hall	Term expires 1977
William J. Reynolds	Term expires 1977
Carol C. Clevin	Term expires 1978
Harry A. Foster	Term expires 1978

Sinking Fund Commissioners

Francis J. Goode	Term expires 1976
Kenton P. Wells	Term expires 1977
Eustace B. Fiske	Term expires 1978

Sewer Commissioners

Matthew J. Doyle Jr.	Term expires 1976
Joseph M. Gutwein	Term expires 1977
Theodore J. Rapallo	Term expires 1978

Trustees of Public Libraries

James M. Harrington	Term expires 1976
Roger P. Welch	Term expires 1976
Jean R. Mansfield	Term expires 1977
Audrey A. Carragher	Term expires 1977
Elizabeth A. McCarthy	Term expires 1978
Thomas C. Thorstensen (Resigned)	Term expires 1978
Dr. Howard K. Moore	Term expires 1978

Constable

William E. Spence	Term expires 1977
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Tree Warden

Myles Hogan	Term expires 1978
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Varney Playground Commissioners

Elected at Town Meeting

Robert C. McManimon	Term expires 1976
Henry J. Tucker, Jr.	Term expires 1977
Harry J. Ayotte	Term expires 1978

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Accountant

Arnaud R. Blackadar	Term expired 1975
Ernest F. Day	Term expires 1976

Board of Selectmen, Administrative Assistant

Evelyn M. Haines	Term expires 1976
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Town Counsel

Clement McCarthy	Term expires 1976
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Chief of Police

Robert E. Germann	Fire Chief Frederick H. Reid
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Cemetery Superintendent

George E. Baxendale	Term expires 1976
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Park Superintendent

Donald P. Gray	Term expires 1976
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Director of Public Health

Thomas W. Morris	Term expires 1976
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Board of Health Physician

Benjamin J. Blechman, M. D.	Term expires 1976
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Superintendent of Streets

Louis R. Rondeau	Term expires 1976
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Dog Officer

Frank J. Wojtas	Term expires 1976
Cheryl L. Constantine, Assistant	

Special Constable

Joseph D. Nyhan

Inspector of Animals

Dr. Martin A. Gruber	Term expires 1976
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Building Inspector
Peter J. McHugh, Jr. Term expires 1976

Gas Inspector
Neal C. Stanley Term expires 1976

Plumbing Inspector **Intermittent Plumbing Inspector**
William H. Shedd Richard M. Kelly

Sealer of Weights & Measures
Anthony C. Ferreira

Town Aide & Council on Aging
Kathleen Robinson

Assistant Town Clerk **Assistant Treasurer**
Mildred C. Kershaw Florence M. Ramsay

Planning Board Clerk **Zoning Appeal Board Clerk**
Nancy D. Maynard Velma Munroe

Veterans' Grave Officer
George E. Baxendale Term expires 1976

Wiring Inspector
Harold M. Tucke, Jr.

Custodians of Public Buildings
Robert Sheridan Center Town Hall
Leroy K. Fielding (Term exp. 1975) Police Station
Alton L. Dearborn Police Station
John P. Curran Police Station

Finance Committee
James Frame Term expired 1975
Donald McGillivray Term expires 1977
Marvin Schenk (Chairman) Term expires 1978
Richard McDermott Term expires 1978
William Edge Term expires 1978
Peter F. Curran Term expires 1978
James Thompson Term expires 1978
Richard Sullivan Term expires 1978

Zoning Appeal Board
Charles Higgins Term expires 1976
S. Robert Monaco (Chairman) Term expires 1978
Marshall Arkin Term expires 1977
Robert Kydd Term expires 1978
Carolyn Bennett Term expires 1980

Alternates
Marguerite Waldron Joseph Dappal
Daniel Burke

Council on Aging
Mary McAuliffe Christina Ahern
Lillian Gould Edna Nelson
William Clarke Kathleen Robinson
Louise Bishop Gula Boyce
Clarence Dane Joan Arcand
Charlotte Bovill

Crystal Lake Restoration Committee
Thomas E. Firth, Jr. Peter Dulchinos
Robert C. McManimon Robert R. Gagnon
John J. Kenney James S. Kasilowski
Paul C. Hart (deceased)
Edmund Polybinski Thomas A. Palmer, Jr.
(Chairman) Haworth C. Neild

Lowell Drug Treatment-Share
Donald Butler Edward Fallon
Adrion Yonge

Cable Television Advisory Committee
J. Alan Moyer Robert McAdam
Richard Arcand F.D. Cavallari
Harold Kriven (Resigned) Harold Witt
John Carson Joseph Bonica
Robert Brooks Chris Tournas, School Dept. Rep.
Susan Schleigh, Library Rep.

Revolutionary War Bicentennial Commission
George Parkhurst John Alden
Vincent Kehoe Walter Hedlund
J. Perry Richardson Robert Geary
Charles Marderosian Robert Charpentier
Anna Normand Mary Guaraldi
Hedwig Zabierek Audrey Carragher
Janet Lombard Richard Lahue, Sr.

Youth Center Advisory Committee
Everett Brown Judy Karow
Norman Douglas William Murphy, (Sel. Rep.)
Jan Greeno Brian Sullivan
Robert Hall Joanne Weisman
Melvin Peterson Thomas Dougherty
Paul Snyder

Youth Center Coordinator
Gary Wolcott

Ration Board
Arnold J. Lovering
Charles Koulas
Paul McMillan

Four C's Committee
Mrs. Alice Gossett
John Cryan

Historical Commission
James J. Wolfgang Term expired 1975
John C. Alden Term expires 1976
Richard Lahue Term expires 1976
Vincent J. R. Kehoe Term expires 1977 -Resigned
Bertha Trubey Term expires 1977
George A. Parkhurst Term expires 1978
Robert C. Spaulding Term expires 1978
John P. Richardson Term expires 1978
Audrey Carragher Term expires 1977

Chelmsford Historic District Study Commission
Harold Davis John Alden
John Balco Charles Watt
Jane Drury

Chelmsford Historic District Commission
Stephen Wojcik Term expires 1976
J. Perry Richardson Term expires 1977
Robert P. LaPorte Term expires 1977
Richard Lahue Term expires 1978
Dr. Paul Canniff Term expires 1978
Alternates
Harold J. Davis Charles Watt, Sr.

Library Needs Committee

Dr. Howard K. Moore Thomas C. Thorstensen
 Grace W. Pettee (Resigned)
 Elizabeth A. McCarthy Thomas A. St. Germain

Memorial Day Committee for the Year 1975

Harold Woodman
 Stanley Morrison Representatives Post 212
 Carl Reedy
 Elbridge W. Hawes Representatives Post 313
 Joseph Borden
 Timothy F. O'Connor Representatives Post 366

Fence Viewers
 Reginald Furness, Esq.
 Richard D. Harper

Veterans' Agent
 Mary McAuliffe

Director Veterans Services
 William R. Murphy

Veterans Emergency Fund Committee

George Archer Thomas Ennis
 Victor Fetro Kenneth Cooke
 James Walker Peter Saulis
 John McNulty Donald House
 George Waite Herbert Knutson
 Alfred Coburn Gerard Vayo

Personnel Board

Peter Vennard George Roy, (Resigned)
 William Hardy David J. McLachlan

Recreation Commission

William A. Dempster, Jr. Harry J. Ayotte
 Paul Murphy Robert Charpentier
 Haworth C. Neild Alfred M. Woods
 Sherburne Appleton
 Director: Donald Babin
 Assistant: Evelyn Newman

Home Rule Advisory Committee

John Balco Carol Stark
 Thomas Dougherty Denis D. Valdinocci
 John Griffin Morton Farber
 Gerald Silver John MacPhee
 Robert Stallard Gerald Shea
 Jean-Paul J. Gravel

Industrial Development Commission

Philip Currier (Resigned) Term expires 1976
 James M. Harrington Term expires 1976
 Forest E. Dupee Term expires 1977
 Robert Geary Term expires 1977
 Lawrence Rice Term expires 1977
 James Emanouil Term expires 1978
 David McLachlan Term expires 1978
 Robert Sayers Term expires 1978
 Richard F. Scott Term expires 1978

Weighers of Merchandise

George Fournier Peter F. McEnaney
 Ted Magiera John Bomal
 Paul Westwood Leo Gendron
 Charles Hacking Ovila Sirois
 Lillian Cabana Alex Coluchi
 Edward Whitworth George Ingalls
 Francis J. Sakalinski Frederick P. Simpson
 Joseph Bobola

Environmental Advisory Council**Steering Committee**

Dr. Ethel Kamiem Dr. Clara M. Refson
 Ina Greenblatt Mary M. Wadman
 Diane Lewis Richard B. Codling
 Sheila Groman Dorothy Stumpf

Town Tree Department

Myles Hogan Thomas A. Palmer, Jr.
 Joan Schenk Christos Alexion
 Louis Rondeau Donald House
 Samuel Parks

Police Station Addition Committee

Robert E. Germann Paul V. LaHaise
 Bernard L. George Peter McHugh, Jr.
 John H. Kelly, Jr.

Town Celebration Committee

William Fitzpatrick Richard Lahue
 James Gifford Raymond Day
 James Fantozzi Walter Hedlund

Board of Registrars

Michael J. Devine Term expires 1976
 Edward H. Hilliard Term expires 1977
 Robert J. Noble Term expires 1978

Capital Planning & Budgeting Committee

Eugene Doody Ira S. Parks
 Edward G. Krasnecki John Balco
 Arnaud Blackadar Thomas E. Firth
 Donald McGillivray

Civil Defense Committee

George R. Dixon Charles S. Koulas
 Walter R. Hedlund Sgt. Walter Edwards
 Christos Alexion Joseph Staveley
 George J. Brown Frederick Reid (Resigned)
 William W. Edge Melvin deJager

Conservation Commission

John Balco Term expires 1976
 Florence Gullion Term expires 1976
 Donald House Term expires 1976
 Robert E. Howe Term expires 1977
 John McCormack Term expires 1977
 Janet Lombard Term expires 1978
 Jane S. McKersie Term expires 1978
 Clerk: Barbara G. Micol

Community Teamwork

Arnaud R. Blackadar

Community Action Advisory Committee

Rev. Harry A. Foster Francis Wiggin
 Virginia Foster Mary McAuliffe
 John Cryan Thelma Stallard
 Jane Cryan Kathleen Robinson
 Anne Hadley Arnold J. Lovering

Committee to Up-Date Town History

Robert Spaulding Charlotte P. DeWolf
 Charles E. Watt, Sr. Frederick Burne
 Julia Fogg Michael McGrath

Town Forest Committee

Martin K. Bovey Kenneth Goggin
 Bruce S. Gullion John Smith

Kennel Building Committee
 Carl Seidel Charles Feeny
 Frank Wojtas Peter Green
 Dr. Martin Gruber, DVM

North Middlesex Area Commission
 Philip L. Currier Selectmen's Rep.
 John J. Kenny Alternate

Road Truck Exclusion Sub-Committee
 Robert Hall Joseph B. Hagopian
 Philip L. Currier Leslie Adams
 Robert Germann Gerald J. Lannan

Chelmsford/Westford Town Line Committee
 William R. Murphy Joseph Giordano
 Claude Harvey

Tree Committee
 Myles Hogan Thomas Palmer Jr.
 Louis Rondeau Joan Schenk
 Christos Alexion Donald House

U. N. Day Chairman
 Charles L. Mitsakos

Samuel Parks
East Chelmsford Fire Station Building Committee
 Edward Quinn George Dixon
 Frederick Reid Edward Hoyt
 Walter Hedlund

Task Force
 Off St. Parking Central Sq.
 Arnold J. Lovering
 Robert Flynn
 Gill Sherman
 Robert Kydd
 Stephen Wojcik

Route 213
 Arnold J. Lovering
 Marvin Schenk
 Donald House
 Richard Monahan
 Lawrence Rice

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN



BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Front row (l to r) Chairman Arnold J. Lovering, Vice Chairman Paul C. Hart; Back row, Thomas A. Palmer, Jr., Philip L. Currier, Clerk William R. Murphy.

At the Board's Organizational meeting on April 8, 1975, following the Annual Town Election, Arnold J. Lovering was elected as Chairman of the Board. Other Board members are Paul C. Hart, Vice Chairman; William R. Murphy, Clerk; Thomas A. Palmer, Jr.; and Philip L. Currier. Evelyn M. Haines was reappointed as Administrative Assistant to the Board for the ensuing year.

The success of local government in a democracy depends upon an informed citizenry. This annual report, covering the activities of the Town for 1975, is dedicated to the purpose of better acquainting the citizens of Chelmsford with their municipal government. It is intended, in addition, to deal with those specific programs and projects undertaken during the past year and to explain the organization and functions of your Town Government, the responsibilities of its various departments, and the underlying principles and policies that direct the administration of its affairs.

Several developments distinguished Chelmsford's Town Government today from what has been customary in the past. Because of the greater number of issues that now arise, the Selectmen are required to cope with such diverse subjects as drainage; sidewalks; engineering; traffic and parking functions; transportation; vandalism; police/community relations; binding arbitration for police officers and firefighters; implementation of the State Building Code; solid waste disposal; and Community Block Grants.

In order to deal constructively and effectively with the challenges posed, several significant changes in the Board's operations occurred in 1975:

Development of Selectmen's Open List of Projects and Priority Classification

It was agreed that programs and projects to be accorded priority status by the Board would be scheduled on weekly agendas for consideration in

order to permit development of full supporting information and data. There had been a general feeling that the Selectmen had been involved in "reacting to crisis" at the expense of planning appropriate future projects for study, consideration, and eventual decision. By adopting the open list of projects, the Board, it was felt, would be better able to prepare for possible beneficial changes in all phases of Town Affairs.

The following are some of the thirteen proposals which were discussed and implemented by the Board during this year:

Developed and mailed to residents a list of all open projects which required that priorities be established - the response from this mailing was very poor; however, it is the hope of the Selectmen to prepare a more informative list in the future which would result in more citizen participation.

The Board reviewed all appointed committees to determine need for continued existence. During the appointment process, the Board voted to dissolve many committees as the committees had fulfilled their specific purpose.

The Board prepared and adopted a job description and responsibilities for the Administrative Assistant's position.

The Board has discussed and referred to the Home Rule Advisory Committee for study, the need of a Town Manager.

The Board established that between the hour of 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM on Mondays, they would be available to meet with residents to discuss any matters residents feel should be brought to the attention of the Board.

Also, on a quarterly basis, the Selectmen conduct their regular meetings in a different geographical section of Town.

The Board continues an active role through membership and involvement in the Merrimack Valley Selectmen's Association, Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns, and the Middlesex County Advisory Board.

The Board developed and adopted a comprehensive hiring policy for all Departments under the Selectmen's jurisdiction.

The Board reinstated periodic department meetings to improve communications.

The Board conducted an in-depth work session with Town Counsel to assess status and progress of all matters currently in litigation in the Courts.

As the licensing authority, the Board held its annual hearings on the issuance of various licenses and also reviewed licenses which come under their jurisdiction. This year the Board conducted an in-depth survey of license fees throughout fifty-four cities and towns in Middlesex County. In accordance with State Statutes, the Board increased some license fees, i.e., Common Victualler Licenses, All Alcoholic Club Licenses, and Wine & Malt Restaurant Licenses.

In view of the fact that last year there was very little response to a public auction for the disposal of Town-owned equipment, the Board, this year, requested sealed bids for Town-owned and obsolete equipment, which proved to be more fruitful.

Chapter 646 of Acts of 1975 was signed in law by Governor Dukakis on October 16, 1975 which established the true boundary line between the Towns of Chelmsford and Westford.

The School Committee turned over to the Town through the Board, the East School and Quessy School. The Selectmen accepted formal proposals from various organizations and evaluated all proposals. After careful deliberations, the Board released the East School to the Recreation Commission, and the Quessy School to the Youth Center. The Board has also acquired through Town Meeting action the Emerson Property, land and buildings, located at 11 North Road which contains 3.211 acres of land. The property is to be used for municipal purposes. The Board has established Emerson Property Development Committee which will be composed of seven members who will implement the short and long range tasks approved by the Board.

The Board has conducted public hearings on the traffic control improvements in the Central Square Area which met much opposition from the merchants in the Square due to the proposed loss of parking spaces. As a result, the Selectmen appointed a sub-committee to review funding for the overall plan, redesign and redevelopment of the Central Square area.

The Board accepted bids and awarded the Contract for the Restoration of Crystal Lake to M. De Matteo Construction Company in the amount of \$644,833. The State Flood Relief Board has voted to reimburse the Town in the amount of \$610,833. They excluded reimbursement for the inlet and outlet control structure in the total amount of \$34,000, which will have to be paid by the Town. Construction will commence as soon as weather permits.

The Selectmen have again this year adopted specific policies pertaining to the signing of weekly warrants; use of Town Counsel, flying of Flags; temporary inability to fulfill duties; single bids; employment of School Department Retirees; disposal of surplus Town equipment; distribution of Commissions derived from package policy covering Town properties; Public Bus Transportation; unsigned letters; and the issuance of Town Keys.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have mutually adopted a communication procedure which establishes procedures for warrant articles; Special Town Meetings; Annual Town Meetings; and transfers from the reserve fund.

With the retirement of Arnaud R. Blackadar, Town Accountant, the Board advertised and received over one hundred applications for this position. At the conclusion of interviews the Board appointed Ernest F. Day as Town Accountant.

The Town was the recipient of the Kenneth E. Picard Innovation Award (Mass. League of Cities and Towns) for its Selectmen's Procedures; Appointed Committee Handbook and the Correspondence Summary.

Mr. Donald Gray, Park Superintendent, was nominated by Town Employees and chosen by the Board of Selectmen as the Outstanding Municipal Employee and received an award from the Mass. League of Cities and Towns.

To all who have offered and given their time and talents in the service of the Town, we express our sincere thanks. In the true spirit of our community, let us all continue to "GUARD WHAT THE SIRENS HAVE WON."

TOWN CLERK

Mary E. St. Hilaire, Town Clerk
Mildred C. Kershaw, Ass't Town Clerk

LICENSES AND VITAL RECORDS

<u>Sporting Licenses</u>	<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>Kennel Licenses</u>	<u>Marriage Intentions</u>	<u>Recorded Mortgages, Etc.</u>
1673	2557	11	253	456
<u>Births (Incomplete)</u>		<u>Marriages</u>		<u>Deaths</u>
324		301		246

1975 JURORS DRAWN

Following names were drawn from the 74-75 list.		Following names were drawn from the 75-76 list.	
30	1/6/75	25	8/18/75
26	1/30/75	10	8/18/75
57	1/30/75	115	8/18/75
29	1/30/75	53	8/18/75
1	1/30/75	45	9/25/75
33	1/30/75	19	9/25/75
42	3/3/75	106	9/25/75
27	3/3/75	68	9/25/75
41	3/3/75	35	10/20/75
56	3/3/75	44	10/20/75
39	3/20/75	103	10/20/75
22	3/20/75	100	10/20/75
73	3/20/75	15	11/24/75
34	3/20/75	114	11/24/75
48	4/18/75	22	11/24/75
51	4/18/75	72	11/24/75
70	4/18/75	88	12/23/75
72	4/18/75	13	12/23/75
50	4/28/75	33	12/23/75
43	5/20/75		
71	5/20/75		
81	6/9/75		
54	6/9/75		
32	7/17/75		
64	7/17/75		
66	7/17/75		
78	7/17/75		

1974-1975 JURY LIST

Name and Address	Occupation
1. DERRIN M. ALBERGHENE, 12 Carleton Avenue	Machinist-Engineering Department Model Make
2. JAMES F. ARMITAGE, 135 Dunstable Road	Boilermaker-Welder
3. DORILDA M. BARBER, 127 Hunt Road	Beauty Shop Owner & Hairdresser
4. ALBERT A. BARROWS, JR., 7 Bowl Road	Unemployed/Part-Time Tennis Instructor
5. BRUCE P. BELANGER, 144 Westford Street	Potter

Name and Address	Occupation
6. ROGER A. BLOMGREN, 24 Dunshire Drive	Division Staff Accountant
7. VERNON L. BURTON, 23 Stearns Street	Framing Contractor, Pres. & Tres. own company
8. JOHN CARDULLO, 60 Pine Hill Road	Regional Sales Manager, Computer Services
9. ROBERT A. CHASE, 67 Riverneck Road	Machinist
10. BELLA T. CLARKE, 6 Clarke Avenue	Assembler
11. JOHN T. COONEY, 8 Arbutus Avenue	Computer Systems Manager
12. PAUL G. CRETE, 14 Reid Road	Electronics Engineer
13. DAVID F. CURRIER, 4 Cliff Road	Investment Consultant
14. NORMA J. DAVISON, 9 Cypress Street	Assembler
15. ANTHONY J. DENARO, 8 Schofield Road	Instrument Maker
16. RICHARD D. DEVNO, 14 Blodgett Park	Circuit Board Drill Leader
17. WILLIAM H. DOMEY, 14 Sherman Street	Retired
18. FRANCIS J. DUNLAVEY, 33 Groton Road	Plumber
19. KENNETH A. DUVAL, 28 Charlemont Court	Electro-Optical Engineer
20. FRANKLYN R. FADER, 217 Main Street	Supermarket Manager
21. V. SCOTT FOLLANSBEE, 3 Fuller Road	R.E. Builder & Booker/Self-Employed
22. RICHARD J. FREITAS, 10 Arbor Road	Builder/Self-Employed
23. ALLAN F. GAGE, 27 Cathy Road	Packaging & Material Buyer
24. JOSEPH S. GAUDETTE, JR., 12 Cove Street	Civil Engineer
25. CHARLES GEORGE, 12 Dawn Drive	Carpenter
26. DOROTHY E. GIBSON, 12 Gregory Road	Part-Time Billing Clerk
27. JOHN W. A. GILMAN, 3 Pennock Road	Director of Mail Order and Advertising
28. PAULETTE L. GROUT, 105 Richardson Road	Unemployed
29. GLADYS E. HABERMAN, 4 Susan Avenue	Ass't. to V.P. of Insurance Company
30. JOHN F. HAYES, 3 Churchill Road	Materials Engineer
31. ROBERT E. HEROUX, 18 Dennison Road	Plumbing Foreman
32. RALF M. HOEHN, 36 Berkeley Drive	Marketing Manager
33. GERRY HOYE, 17 Dunstan Road	Bookkeeper
34. BARBARA G. HUNTLEY, Sinai Circle, Kennelworth Apts.	Assistant Dean of Administration
35. ANTHONY J. KAMINSKI, JR., 114 Meadowbrook Road	Mechanic
36. ALEXANDER R. KEENAN, 11 Lakeside Avenue	Project Control on Circuit Boards
37. JOHN R. KELLY, 5 Amble Road	Salesman
38. EDWARD L. KERSHAW, 74 Old Stage Road	Director of Field Services
39. PATRICIA S. KNAPP, 67 Pine Hill Road	Housewife
40. RALPH A. KOKOSKA, 30 Arbor Road	Production Control Specialist
41. BARBARA M. LANGWORTHY, 14 Pracing Road	Housewife
42. RICHARD J. LATULIPPE, 2 Meehan Drive	Manager of Financial Planning
43. EARL R. LEACH, 4 Pecos Circle	Test Design Development Engineer
44. GEORGE F. LEVASSEUR, 21 Varney Avenue	Painter
45. RAYMOND A. LINDSAY, 27 Old Stage Road	Sales Manager
46. MARGARET F. LYNCH, 13 Galloway Road	Housewife
47. JOHN MacPHEE, 14 Pendleton Road	Manufacturing Engineering Supervisor
48. LEE ANN MANSEAU, 70 Boston Road, Apt. H120	Executive Secretary to V.P.
49. WARREN EDGAR MARR, 23 Galloway Road	Safety Inspector, Mechanic
50. GARY B. MAUSER, 3 Baldwin Road	Design Engineer
51. HELENE E. McCUE, 17 Sunset Avenue	Clerk
52. JAMES ROBERT McGINN, 8 Hidden Way	Senior Financial Analyst
53. HELEN M. MERRILL, 285 Chelmsford Street	Housewife
54. CHARLES E. MORGAN, 51 Manning Road	Tuber
55. JAMES E. MULLIN, 5 Howard Road	Electronics Engineering Aide
56. PHILIP D. MURPHY, 89 Park Road	Program Manager
57. WILLIAM A. NORDSTROM, JR., 15 McIntosh Road	Services Office Machines
58. HELEN L. O'BRIEN, 8 Temi Road	Proofreader
59. JOHN O'GRADY, 14 Green Valley Drive	Manufacturer's Representative
60. STINA ALICE OLSON, 8 Gary Road	At Home
61. PAUL B. O'SULLIVAN, 17 Clover Hill Drive	Electrical Engineer
62. HENRY J. PARK, 27 Horseshoe Road	Radar Systems Engineer
63. RUTH J. PELOQUIN, 63 Amble Road	Plant Clerk
64. DAVID B. POLLOCK, 5 Nevada Drive	Electrical Engineer
65. TERESA RICHARDSON, 281 Mill Road	Executive Secretary
66. JOSEPH P. RIVARD, 7 Bentley Lane	President of Trucking Company
67. KENNETH A. ROY, 3 Woodhead Road	Industrial Engineering Manager
68. LORRAINE M. RYAN, 14 Dennison Road	Housewife
69. WALTER R. SKERRY, 6 Brush Hill Road	Technical Supervisor
70. IGNATIUS G. SIMARD, 80 Riverneck Road	Foreman
71. EDITH ST. CYR, 34 Beech Street	Office Manager
72. RONALD J. STANTON, 270 Littleton Road	Lab Technician
73. WILLIAM J. SWEENEY, 33 Longmeadow Road	Computer Maintenance Technician
74. PAUL V. THOMAS, 30 Ansie Road	Mechanical Engineer
75. DOROTHY M. TILTON, 11 C Street	Switchboard Operator
76. ARMAND A. TRAHAN, 10 Draycoach Drive	Electrical Engineer
77. ALAN E. TUCKER, 8 Cathy Road	Computer Repair

Name and Address	Occupation
78. RONALD UBERTI, 207 Concord Road	Computer Programmer
79. RITA C. VINES, 232 Princeton Street	Housewife
80. STEPHEN J. WALL, 26 Firth Lane	Owner - T.V. Sales & Repair
81. LILLIAN A. WASS, 7 Garrison Road	Housewife
82. ERNEST R. WOESSNER, JR., 31 Westland Avenue	Store Detective
83. JAMES L. WOOSTER, JR., 169 Boston Road	Assistant Manager of Liquor Store
84. JOHN M. ZEMAITIS, JR., 14 Pleasant St.	Department Manager
85. LARRY G. B. YEE, 157 Westford Street	Lab Technician

1975-1976 JURY LIST

Name and Address	Occupation
1. FRED ADAMS, Sinai Circle	Tester
2. RAMON ARRUDA, 9 Prairie Road	Sales Manager
3. ROBERT P. BELANGER, 83 Dunstable Road	Dir. of Food Service
4. DORTOHY G. BORROWS, 62 Hornbeam Hill Rd.	Manager
5. ROGER BURKE, 21 Dunstable Road	Driver
6. FRANCES F. CAMPBELL, 55 Locke Road	Housewife
7. EDWARD D. CIAMPA, 26 Marine Avenue	Testman
8. ROLAND J. CONWAY, 30 McIntosh Road	Director of Advertising
9. DAVID J. CUNHA, 144 Littleton Road	Owner-Manager
10. ALBERT J. ALLARD, 31 Overlook Drive	V.P. and Sales Manager
11. JOHN J. AVILA, JR., 15 Gay Street	Truck Driver
12. MICHELLE BENNETT, 25 Cathy Road	Cashier
13. JAMES L. BROWN, 16 Essex Place	Group Leader
14. ARTHUR I. BUTLER, 8 Lantern Lane	Design Analyst
15. ANTHONY P. CELLINI, 249 Graniteville Road	Foreman
16. NANCY P. CLARK, 54 Westford Street	Housewife
17. PAUL L. COSTANTINO, 23 Charlemont Court	Senior Accountant
18. MARY E. CUSHING, 188 Mill Road	Receptionist
19. FLORENCE M. ANDERSON, 7 Sierra Drive	Housewife - Part-Time Piano Teacher
20. EDWARD BARCUS, 10 Chestnut Hill Road	Silk Screener
21. KENNETH W. BOCZAR, 11 Kiberd Drive	Truck Maintenance Sup't.
22. JOSEPH W. BUCCERI, 2 Johnson Road	Engineer
23. MARY F. CAIN, 40 Graniteville Road	Homemaker
24. LEON A. CHASE, 1 Main Street	Retired
25. CAROL A. COLBOURNE, 31 Algonquin Street	Unemployed
26. CHERYL L. DAPPAL, 8 Topeka Road	Teacher
27. ANTHONY J. DeCAROLIS, 17 Overlook Road	V.P.-Sales Manager
28. JOHN P. DiROCCO, 17 Marose Avenue	Repair Technician
29. RICHARD T. DRONSEIKO, 19 Hitchinpost Road	Design Engineer
30. HARRIETTE FARRINGTON, 34 Dalton Road	Bookkeeper
31. JAMES J. FOX, JR., 142 Boston Road	Secretary
32. JOSEPH A. GEOFFREY, 106 Wightman Street	Machine Technician
33. JOSEPH J. GRAVELLE, 34 North Road	Self Employed General Contractor
34. DAVID F. HADLEY, 64 School Street	Service Technician
35. ROBERT L. HARMON, JR., 53 Warren Avenue	Material Control
36. CATHERINE HILL, 14 Carriage Drive	Cook
37. EDWARD I. DEIBERG, 134 Boston Road	Cabinet Maker
38. ROBERT E. DONALDSON, JR., 29 Warren Avenue	Truck Driver
39. CECELIA FERREIRA, 39 Marshall Street	Lab. Technician
40. ANN M. FRENCH, 9 Jensen Avenue	At Home
41. BARRY M. GILMAN, 21 Thomas Drive	Director of Material Services
42. MARION H. GREENWOOD, 2 Juniper Street	Housewife
43. RICHARD A. HALLION, 22 Sleigh Road	Truck Driver
44. CATHERINE HEHIR, 25 Church Street	Assembler
45. CHARLES P. HOEFFLER, 21 Charlemont Court	Bank Manager
46. PATRICIA A. DeYOUNG, 36 Miland Avenue	Housewife
47. JAMES T. DOSSETT, 14 Lantern Lane	Manufacturing Manager
48. ROBERT R. EGAN, 221 Mill Road	Education Consultant
49. ANNE M. FLEMING, 1 Manor Circle	Student
50. ALLAN T. GALPIN, JR., 70 Davis Road	Senior Staff Analyst
51. BARBARA D. GOGGIN, 38 Janet Road	Legal Secretary
52. J. W. GROVE, 7 Buckman Drive	Product Manager
53. MARTIN J. HANNON, 20 Carriage Drive	Technician
54. SAMUEL T. HERRICK, Jr., 21 Marina Road	Sales Executive

Name and Address	Occupation
55. EDWARD P. HOPEY, 70 Hunt Road	Computer Mfg.
56. HUGH F. KEANEY, 81 Dalton Road	Social Worker
57. EUGENE S. KILLMON, JR., 6 Comanche Circle	Project Manager
58. JOHN S. LACHUT, 14 Sherman Street	Unemployed
59. JULIA ELIZABETH LEWIS, 12 Longview Drive	Student
60. ALBERT A. MARCHAND, 14 Manahan Street	Custodian
61. JOHN E. McMANUS, 11 Hitchinpost Road	Personnel Director
62. RUTH D. MERRILL, 75 North Road	At Home
63. EVA A. MORIN, 143 High Street	Unemployed
64. ROBERT E. OSBORNE, 20 Russell Road	Meat Cutter
65. THOMAS J. PELLETIER, 10 Pilgrim Road	Student
66. MARION R. KELLEY, 24 Bridge Street	Manager
67. ERNEST G. KISLEY, 19 Chestnut Hill Road	Supervisor
68. JOSEPH T. LAMOUREUX, 5 Edgewood Street	Machine Operator
69. BEVERLY A. MACKEY, 4 Wiede Street	Housewife
70. JOSEPH T. MAYHAN, SR., 9 Green Valley Drive	Manager
71. WILLIAM J. McCARTHY, 180 Tyngsboro Road	Engineer
72. CHARLES E. MILLER, 21 Johnathan Lane	Consultant
73. BRENDEN G. MUNGOVAN, 61 Church Street	Mfg. Test Technician
74. REGINALD J. PALASKI, 11 Dennison Road	Store Owner
75. JOHN T. PIERCE, 50 Hall Road	Tech. Staff
76. EDWIN KENNERLY, 4 Woodhead Road	Project Engineer
77. J. C. KRAMER, 27 Sandra Drive	
78. HARRY M. LEONARD, JR., 9 Brush Hill Road	Manager
79. JOHN MAGNUSON, 289 Acton Road	Accountant
80. JOHN T. McCARTHY, 4 Starlight Avenue	Unemployed
81. MARTY K. McLAIN, 310 Old Westford Road	Student
82. CAROLYN A. MOODY, 23 Billerica Road	Supervisor
83. STELLA OCZKOWSKI, 274 Billerica Road	Horticulturist
84. DUNCAN PATRIQUIN, 10 Clarissa Road	Warehouseman
85. EVERETT A. PORTEOUS, 270 Littleton Road	Laborer
86. ROBERT D. PRESCOTT, 43 Highland Avenue	Clerk
87. DORIS L. REIMER, 13 Abbott Lane	Housewife
88. JOHN H. ROSS, 10 Kiberd Drive	Student
89. FRED W. SCHRIM, 5 Sandra Drive	Machinist
90. OLIVER C. SHELDON, 43 Clarissa Road	Engineer
91. LORRAINE M. STAUFFER, 17 Pleasant Street	At Home
92. MURIEL SWEET, 47 Dunstable Road	Bank Teller
93. THOMAS J. TEVLIN, 10 Bartlett Street	Manager
94. LUISE WADSWORTH, 279 Mill Road	Administrator
95. JOANNE L. WILSON, 8 Amherst Street	Nurses Aid
96. ELIZABETH K. PUROL, 18 Samuel Road	Housewife
97. FELIX ROBERTS, 14 Bishop Street	Foreman
98. BEATRICE F. RUSSELL, 216 Graniteville Road	At Home
99. PAUL C. SCRIBNER, 14 Brentwood Road	Salesman
100. EILEEN M. SIMPSON, 57 Main Street	Animal Breeder
101. PAUL A. STUART, 39 Berkeley Drive	Project Manager
102. JANICE T. SWIDERSKI, 39 Abbott Lane	Housewife
103. NORMAN TREMBLAY, 60 Gay Street	Driver/Counterman
104. DOROTHY WERLICH, 39 Old Stage Road	Sales Representative
105. MARCY R. YURICK, 270 Littleton Road	Keypunch Operator
106. MAURICE RACETTE, 250 Dunstable Road	Clerk
107. ELIZABETH L. ROESSLER, 3 Raymond Road	Assistant Director
108. JAMES W. SAULNIER, JR., 17 Regina Drive	Contractor/General Manager
109. THEODORE G. SHAMP, 35 Longmeadow Road	Senior Engineer
110. WAYNE R. ST. ONGE, 58 High Street	Letter Carrier
111. RICHARD J. SULLIVAN, 29 Sleigh Road	Self Employed/Sales
112. FRANKLIN W. TAYLOR, 20 Sharon Avenue	Manager
113. JOAN TURK, 9 Chelmsford Street	
114. DAVID R. WILCOX, 205 Graniteville Road	Accountant
115. BARBARA J. ENGEL, 305 Acton Road	Social Worker

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 7, 1975 and MAY 5, 1975**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in their several polling places, viz:

- Precinct 1. McFarlin School - All Purpose Room
- Precinct 2. North Elementary School Auditorium
- Precinct 3. Junior High School (West) Band Room
- Precinct 4. East Chelmsford School
- Precinct 5. Byam School Cafetorium
- Precinct 6. Westlands School Cafeteria
- Precinct 7. North Elementary School Auditorium
- Precinct 8. Small Gymnasium, C. Edith McCarthy Junior High School
- Precinct 9. South Row School Auditorium
- Precinct 10. South Row School Auditorium
- Precinct 11. Westlands School Cafeteria
- Precinct 12. Fire House — Old Westford Road

On Monday, the seventh day of April, 1975, being the first Monday in said month, at 8:00 A.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following officers:

- One Moderator for three years
- One Town Clerk for three years
- One Selectman for three years
- One Treasurer and Tax Collector for three years
- One Assessor for three years
- One Tree Warden for three years
- One member of Board of Health for three years
- Two members of the School Committee for three years
- One member of Nashoba Valley Technical High School District Committee for three years
- One Cemetery Commissioner for three years
- One Park Commissioner for three years
- One Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years
- Two Trustees for the Public Library for three years
- One member of the Planning Board for five years
- One Sewer Commissioner for three years
- One Housing Authority Member for five years

And to vote upon the following question:

Question:

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

The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., and to meet in the Chelmsford High School Gymnasium on Monday, the fifth day of May, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To hear reports of Town Officers and Committees: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to further amend Sub-Paragraph 3 (Moth Superintendent) of Paragraph B (Conservation and Cemetery) of Section 24, subtitled, "Job Titles and Standard Rates for Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary Bylaw", by deleting therefrom the position of Moth Superintendent and inserting in its stead the position of Superintendent of Pest Control; and further vote to amend the first sentence of the last paragraph of said Section 11 of said Bylaws by deleting therefrom the words, "December 21st of each year" and substituting therefor the words, "the first Monday in April each year"; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2A. To see if the Town will vote to further amend Section 24, subtitled "Job Titles and Standard Rates for Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary Bylaw", to conform to rates of pay negotiated by the Town with certain labor organizations, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 178 G through 178 N:

	CURRENT 1974-75	RECOMMENDED Fiscal July 1, 1975
A. ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL		
1. Veterans' Agent	\$ 8,500.00	p.a. \$ **
2. Clerk, Senior	7,431.00	p.a. \$ **
3. Clerk	5,923.00	p.a. \$ **
4. Town Accountant	14,000.00	p.a. \$ **
5. Assistant Treasurer	1.00	p.a. \$ **
6. Town Counsel	500.00	p.a. \$ **
7. Selectmen's Administrative Assistant	10,000.00	p.a. \$ **
8. Personnel Board's Recording Clerk	3.00	hr. \$ **
9. Board of Registrar's Clerk ..	850.00	p.a. \$ **
10. Clerk	3.00	hr. \$ **
11. Planning Board Clerk	3.00	hr. \$ **
12. Board of Registrars, three members	360.00	ea. \$ **
13. Town Aide	7,560.00	p.a. \$ **
B. CONSERVATION AND CEMETERY		
1. Cemetery Superintendent	\$11,466.00	p.a. \$ **
2. Cemetery Foreman	4.38	hr. \$ **
3. Superintendent of Insect and Pest Control	1.00	p.a. \$ **
4. Landscaper	3.92	hr. \$ **
5. Laborer, Park and Cemetery	3.58	hr. \$ **
6. Unskilled laborer	2.21	hr. \$ **
7. Park Superintendent	11,466.00	p.a. \$ **
8. Skilled Forest Workman ..	2.93	hr. \$ **
9. Cemetery Equipment Operator	4.23	hr. \$ **
C. CUSTODIAL		
1. Custodian (Center Hall) ...	\$ 3.31	hr. \$ **
2. Custodian (Library)	3.31	hr. \$ **
3. Custodian (Police Department)	3.31	hr. \$ **
4. Custodian (Fire Department)	3.31	hr. \$ **
D. LIBRARY		
1. Librarian MLS	\$ 13,456.00	p.a. \$ **
2. Librarian MLS (Assistant) ..	9,500.00	p.a. \$ **
3. Branch Librarian	8,005.00	p.a. \$ **
4. Senior Assistant Librarian ..	3.32	hr. \$ **
5. Junior Assistant Librarian ..	2.84	hr. \$ **
6. Clerk	3.00	hr. \$ **
7. Aides	2.21	hr. \$ **

E. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT *

1. Highway Superintendent	\$ 18,000.00	p.a.	\$ **
2. Highway Foreman	5.80	hr.	\$ **

Board of Selectmen

* The remaining classifications in this department are subject to collective bargaining

F. RECREATION

1. Director	\$ 0.00		\$ **
Transportation	250.00	p.a.	\$ **
1A. Administrative Assistant to Recreation Commission	1,200.00	p.a.	\$ **
1B. Director of Summer Program	1,240.00	p.a.	\$ **

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2. Swimming Director	\$ 70.00	wk.	90.00 wk.
3. Swimming Instructor	70.00	wk.	90.00 wk.
4. Playground Director	70.00	wk.	90.00 wk.
5. Playground Supervisor	70.00	wk.	90.00 wk.
6. Playground Instructor	70.00	wk.	90.00 wk.
7. Sports Instructor	70.00	wk.	90.00 wk.

Board of Selectmen
Recreation Commission

G. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Animal Inspector	\$ 1,000.00	p.a.	\$ **
2. Building Inspector	15,000.00	p.a.	\$ **
3. Gas Inspector	4.00	visit	\$ **
4. Electric Inspector	4.00	visit	\$ **
5. Sealer of Weights & Measures	2,000.00	p.o.	\$ **
6. Dog Officer	6,500.00	p.o.	\$ **
6a. Assistant Dog Officer	5,200.00	p.o.	\$ **
7. Clock Winder	100.00	p.a.	\$ **

** The rates set forth for the above departments are the current 1974-75 rates and as negotiations are continuing these rates will be amended at the Town Meeting:

or act in relation thereto.

Personnel Board

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to defray town charges for the fiscal period from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976: or act in relation thereto.

Treasurer

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17: or act in relation thereto.

Treasurer

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to request the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Division of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to make an audit of all accounts in all departments in the Town of Chelmsford: or act in relation thereto.

Treasurer

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money with which to meet bills for previous years: or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve the filing of a Petition in the General Court under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution for an act: enabling the Town to pay the sum of \$1,875.00 to John Gurich of Chelmsford for construction of 8' wide steel reinforced concrete steps constructed at the Robert's property in September, 1974. Said steps having been completed as part of the Recreation Commission's development of the Robert's property as a recreational facility for the community: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Recreation Commission

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following described town way in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 21, which way is located on the northerly side of Main Street, opposite Meadowbrook Road, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound at a southwesterly point of land, now or formerly of Malvina M. Arpin:

- Northwesterly by land of Arpin, two hundred thirty-seven and 05/100 (237.05) feet to a Massachusetts Highway bound:
- Northeasterly to Main Street one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less:
- Southeasterly along the northerly side of Main Street two hundred fifty-two (252) feet, more or less,
- Southwesterly seventy (70) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Containing approximately one-half (1/2) acre, more or less, and being the remaining portion of land owned by the Town as a result of the relocation of Main Street and a taking by eminent domain as shown on Assessors Map at Plat Number 195; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the erection of signs within housing developments indicating the way out of the developments to main thoroughfares: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to grant longevity benefits to all permanent employees of the Highway Department in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. Upon completion of five years of employment said employee shall receive a three per cent (3%) increase.
- b. Upon completion of ten years of employment said employee shall receive a six per cent (6%) increase.
- c. Upon completion of fifteen years of employment said employee shall receive a nine per cent (9%) increase.

d. Upon completion of twenty years of employment said employee shall receive a twelve per cent (12%) increase.:

or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the installation of new gasoline tanks and vaulting of new and existing tanks at the Highway Garage: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to participate and file an application for funds under the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple for a certain sum of money to be transferred from available funds or raised by appropriation, the land and buildings of the estate of the late Theodore W. Emerson located at 11 North Road in the town for municipal purposes: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Weston & Sampson engineering report dated February, 1975 to authorize the Water District Consolidation Committee to proceed with the necessary steps to consolidate those Water Districts within the Town which vote at their next annual or special Water District meeting to become part of a larger municipal water system: or act in relation thereto.

Water District Consolidation Committee

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water District Consolidation Committee to obtain the necessary legal, financial and accounting services and incur other necessary expenses for a study to determine how best to establish a municipal water system: or act in relation thereto.

Water District Consolidation Committee

ARTICLE 16. In the event of an affirmative vote on the foregoing article, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for such purposes: or act in relation thereto.

Water District Consolidation Committee

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Water District Consolidation Committee to draft proposed legislation consolidating the Water Districts, which proposals are to be presented for approval at the next Annual Town Meeting or any Special Town Meeting prior to the next Annual Town Meeting: or act in relation thereto.

Water District Consolidation Committee

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Chelmsford Zoning Bylaw now in force and effect by substituting or amending and substituting the proposed Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map which were prepared by the Chelmsford Planning Board and dated April, 1975 as filed in the office of the Town Clerk on which a public hearing was held at 8:00 P.M., April 16, 1975, notice of which was advertised in the Chelmsford Newsweekly as required by law: or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,672.59, or some other sum of money to pay the Treasurer of Middlesex County Retirement System, the said amount being the town's share of the pension, expense, and military service funds: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00, or some other sum of money, to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6: or act in relation thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$49,979.00 for Chapter 90 construction: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purchase of equipment for the Highway Department, such purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of equipment presently being used by the Highway Department as follows:

a. To purchase one truck chassis (for waste collections) for the Highway Department and to sell by good and sufficient bill of sale one waste collection truck presently being used by the Highway Department.

b. To purchase one packer body (for waste collections) for the Highway Department.

c. To purchase two dump trucks for the Highway Department and to sell by good and sufficient bill of sale two dump trucks presently being used by the Highway Department.

d. To purchase one Roller for the Highway Department.

e. To purchase one trailer for the Highway Department:

or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purchase and/or construction of a Salt Storage Shed for the Highway Department, said Shed to be located on the premises of the Highway Garage: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds in the amount of \$114,512.00 for various projects in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1140 Acts of 1973, Section 20: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purpose of purchasing six (6) new 1975 four door sedans to be used by the Police Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen: and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to one (1) 1971, one (1) 1973 and four (4) 1974 cruisers now being used by the Police Department: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,900.00 to match Law Enforcement Assistance Agency Federal Funds for the purpose of providing mutual aid programs for police departments: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purchase of a 1000 Gallon Pumping Engine for the Fire Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a fire station on Riverneck Road in East Chelmsford on land now owned by the Town: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 29. In the event of an affirmative vote on the preceding Article, to see if the Town will vote to appoint an East Chelmsford Fire Station Building Committee consisting of five (5) members and authorize it to proceed with the construction of said project and to enter into all necessary and proper contracts and agreements in respect thereto and to do all other acts necessary for constructing said project: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purchase of a one ton truck with dump body for the Cemetery Department and to sell by good and sufficient bill of sale one (1) ton truck with dump body: or act in relation thereto.

Cemetery Commission

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000.00 from Perpetual Care Interest Account to the General Labor Account: or act in relation thereto.

Cemetery Commission

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Perpetual Care Interest Account to the Beautification Account: or act in relation thereto.

Cemetery Commission

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing an extension of the Cemetery garage and office space, said sum of money to be returned to the town in full over a period of years in annual increments by the Cemetery Commissioners from funds received by the Commissioners from the trustees under the will of Vileata S. Douglas: or act in relation thereto.

Cemetery Commission

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following bylaw:

1. The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of Chelmsford or their architecture, and through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places, and the encouragement of design compatible therein.
2. There is hereby established under Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended, a Chelmsford Historic District Commission, with all the powers and duties of an historic district commission under such statute. The Commission shall consist of five members and two alternative members. One of the five members shall be a resident or owner of property in an historic district administered by the Commission. One of the five members shall be chosen from two nominees submitted by the Chelmsford Historical Commission. Other members shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of such statute.

The initial appointments to the Commission shall be as follows: One member appointed for a one year term: two members appointed for a two-year term each: two members appointed for a three-year term each: one alternate member for a term of two years: one alternate member for a term of three years. The successors of members and alternate members shall be appointed for terms of three years.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in this bylaw to the contrary, the authority of the Commission shall not extend to the review of the following categories of building or structures or exterior architectural features:
 - a) the color of paint
 - b) the color of materials used on roofs
 - c) the reconstruction substantially similar in exterior design of a building, structure or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

4. The Commission shall review, from time to time, possible additional historic districts and propose, as they deem appropriate, the establishment of additional historic districts or changes in historic districts. The Commission shall report on this activity in the town annual report at least biennially.

5. This Historic District Commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Historic District Act, Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, and may, subject to appropriation employ clerical and technical assistants or consultants and may accept money gifts and expend same for such purpose.

6. If any section, paragraph or part of this bylaw, be for any reason, determined invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect."

or act in relation thereto.

Chelmsford Historic District
Study Committee

ARTICLE 35. In the event of an affirmative vote on the preceding Article, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the establishment of an Historic District, under the provisions of Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, known as the Chelmsford Center Historic District, bounded and described as follows:

"Commencing at a point on Littleton Road, the southwesterly corner of Forefathers Burying Ground (lot 135) Northerly by two courses along the Westerly boundary of Lot 135 to the Southerly side of Bridge Street, thence across Bridge Street to the Southwest Corner of Lot 100 (land now or formerly owned by Paul J. & Joyce D. Canniff) thence Northwesterly by two courses along the Southwest boundary of Lot 100 to its Westerly corner, then Northeast along its Northwesterly boundary to its Northerly corner; thence Southeast (approx. 20 feet) along the Northeast boundary to the intersection with the Westerly boundary of Lot 98 (land now or formerly property of Margaret E. Robbins Mills): thence in a Northeast direction approximately 37 feet along the boundary of Lot 98 to an angle: thence North by East across Lot 98 approximately 400 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 96 (land now or formerly owned by Joseph L., Jr. and Violet M. Bonsignor): thence Northeast along the Northwest boundary of Lot 96 to the Westerly side of Westford Street: thence North diagonally across Westford Street to the Southeast corner of Lot 17A/2 (land now or formerly of Evelyn Russell): thence Northeast along the East boundary of Lot 17A/2 to its Northeast corner: thence in a Northeast direction across Lot 17A (land now or formerly of Evelyn Russell) approximately 125 feet to an angle on the Westerly boundary of Lot 19 (land now or formerly of Richard O. & Mary S. Lahue): thence Northwest along the Westerly boundary of Lot 19 and Lot 20B (land now or formerly of Blake Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.): thence Northeast along the Westerly boundary of Lot 20B to its Northmost point: thence Southeast along the Northeast boundaries of Lots 20B & 20A (now or formerly owned by Blake Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.) approx. 387 feet to a point at the intersection of land (Lot 20-1) nor or formerly owned by Raymond A. &

Barbara F. Carye, thence North along the Northwest boundary of said Carye's land to its Northwest corner: thence East North East by several courses along the Northerly boundary of said Carye's land to its Northmost corner, then Southeast along the Northeast boundary to the Westerly side of Worthen Street at its junction with North Road (Southeast corner of Lot 20/2): thence Northeast diagonally across North Road to the Northwest corner of Lot 67A (land now or formerly owned by Andrew & Lorraine C. McBride): thence East along the Northern boundaries of Lot 67A & Lot 67B (land now or formerly owned by Leroy & Charlotte D. Bliss) to the Eastmost point of said Bliss land: thence southwest along the South boundary of said Bliss lot (approx. 45 feet) to the Northwest corner of Lot 62 (now or formerly owned by Ronald D. & Anne Marie Greenwood): thence South along the East Boundary of Lot 62 to the North side of Crosby Lane to the Northeast corner of Lot 61 (land now or formerly of Albert W. & Mildred Willis): thence South along the East boundary of Lot 61 to its Southeast corner: thence Northwest along the South boundary of Lot 61 approx. 30 feet to an angle, then West along the South boundaries of Lots 61 & 70A to the Southwest corner of Lot 70A thence South across Lot 71 (land now or formerly of Roman Catholic Diocesan of Boston) continuing in the same direction as the Westerly boundary of Lot 70A, to Fletcher Street: thence continuing in the same direction across Fletcher Street: thence continuing in the same direction across Lot 73B (land now or formerly of Bradford O. Emerson, John C. Carragher, Allen Lampert, Edward C. Becker, & Richard L. Fox) to the Northerly boundary of Lot 73 (land now or formerly of Theodore W. Emerson): thence East along the Northerly boundary of Lot 73 to its Northeast corner: thence South along the East boundary of Lot 73 to its Southeast corner: thence East diagonally across the right of way of the N.Y., N.H. & H. Railroad to the Northeast corner of Lot 82A (now or formerly owned by Peter R. Markham): thence Southeast along the Northeast boundary of Lot 82A to the Northern side of Chelmsford Street: thence South diagonally across Chelmsford Street to the corner of Lot 47 (now or formerly of Henry & Helen J. Eriksen): thence Southeast along the Northeast boundary of Lot 47 to its Southeast corner: thence Southwest approx. 30 feet along the South side of Lot 47 to the Northern corner of lot 49 (land now or formerly of Parish of All Saints): thence South by two courses along the East boundary of Billerica Road: thence West along the North side of Billerica Road to a point where the extension of a line drawn along the East boundary of lot 18 intersects the North side of Billerica Road: thence South across Billerica Road to the Northeast corner of Lot 18 (land now or formerly of Thomas B. & Eleanor H. Doran): continuing South along the East boundary of Lot 18 to its Southeast corner: thence West along the South boundary of Lot 18 approx. 145 feet to a point forming the intersection of Lot 18, Lot 19 and Lot 19A: thence South along the East boundary of Lot 19 (land now or formerly of Eustace R. and Nancy M. Fiske) to Beaver Brook: thence along the course of Beaver Brook in a generally Northwest direction to Boston Road: thence diagonally across Boston Road (Central Square) to the Southeast corner of Lot 1 (land now or formerly of Vlahos Realty, Inc.): thence Westerly by various courses along the South boundary of Lot 1 to the East boundary of Lot 146: thence Northeast along the Southwest boundary of Lot 1 by various courses to the right of way of the N.Y., N.H. & H. Railroad at the Northwest corner of Lot 1: thence diagonally across the Railroad right of way to the Eastern most point of Lot 23, and

continuing in the same direction diagonally across Littleton Road to the North side of said road and the southern boundary of Lot 135A (land now or formerly of the First Congregational Society (Unitarian); thence Westerly along the North side of Littleton Road to the starting point and point of beginning"; or act in relation thereto.

Chelmsford Historic District
Study Committee

ARTICLE 36. In the event of the approval of the preceding two Articles, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$190.00 for the operating expenses of the Historic District Commission; or act in relation thereto.

Chelmsford Historic District
Study Committee

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to amend the bylaw relating to Chelmsford Conservation Commission Reservations by adding Section 12 as follows:

- 12. No person or persons, including but not limited to individuals, associations, partnerships, corporations, trusts or public or quasi-public bodies, shall dump any material, trash, refuse, rubbish, garbage, or debris, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, lumber, bricks, asphalt, plaster, wire, lath, paper, cardboard, pipe, tires, ashes, refrigerators, motor vehicles, or parts of the foregoing without permission by vote of the Commission.

Violators of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50, and in addition shall bear the expense of all reasonable costs incurred by the town in the restoration of the site to its original condition and the lawful disposal of the illegally dumped materials:

or act in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to amend the town bylaws to add the following provision which would allow the Conservation Commission to require performance bonds be posted by applicants under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, as amended:

"The Conservation Commission may, at its discretion, stipulate that applicant (s) filing a Notice of Intent, according to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, as amended, be required to post a security performance bond as part of the Order of Conditions which the Commission is authorized to impose."

and that the contract between the Commission and the applicant (s) hereby authorized shall be "Form E" used by the Planning Board, with the following changes:

- 1) The document shall be called "Form CCA", Usual Form of Contract between the Conservation Commission and an Applicant, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40.

2) All references to "subdivider" or "sub-division" shall be changed to "applicant" or "project site".

3) All references to "Planning Board" or "Board" shall be changed to "Conservation Commission".

4) Items (1), (2), (3), in Form E shall be stricken and in their place the following inserted:

(1) Complete construction, including loaming, seeding, rip-rap and erosion control according to the plans and Orders of Conditions.

(2) Complete restoration of areas, or removal of materials as specified in the plans and Orders of Conditions.

(3) Complete or satisfy the other terms of agreement as specified below.

- 5) Delete paragraph 3.

All other portions of "Form E" being retained, as published in the Town of Chelmsford Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and Acts Accepted by the Town:

or act in relation thereto:

Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 132A and Chapter 40, as amended, to purchase a certain parcel of land containing 9.25 acres more or less, located in Chelmsford off Canal Street which enters off Riverneck Road for Conservation purposes, said parcel being recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 1451, Page 310: and to authorize the Conservation Commission to enter into a contractual self-help agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources: or act in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purchase of a certain parcel of land containing 13.3 acres more or less located in Chelmsford on the easterly side of School Street, abutting on Stoney Brook (Assessors' Maps: Plat 196: B & M Lots 1-9). said land to be used for conservation purposes in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 132A and Chapter 40, as amended; and to authorize the Conservation Commission to enter into a contractual self-help agreement with the Department of Natural Resources: or act in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purchase of a parcel of land containing 31.19 acres more or less located in Chelmsford on Littleton Road abutting the Lime Quarry Reservation (Assessors' Maps: Plat 185, Block 42, Lot 209 and Plat 190, Block 42, Lot 192), in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 132A and Chapter 40 as amended, for conservation purposes: and to authorize the Conservation Commission to enter into a contractual self-help agreement with the Department of Natural Resources: or act in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 42. In the event the Town votes to purchase the lands described in the previous article, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to accept for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) a certain parcel of land containing 7.67 acres more or less. Said land is located in Chelmsford on Littleton Road across from the Lime Quarry Reservation (Assessors' Maps: Plat 176, Block 41, Lots 53 and 53A). Said land to be held, managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission for Conservation purposes: or act in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,500 to be spent by the Conservation Commission in order to obtain updated aerial photographs of the entire town and a Wetlands Inventory Mapping kit: or act in relation thereto.

Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to develop a comprehensive plan for constructing recreational facilities on town owned land: or act in relation thereto.

Recreation Commission

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Trash Collection Bylaw by adding thereto the following sentence:

"Cans and glass shall also be separated and added to the pickup."
or act in relation thereto.

Environmental Advisory Council

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will ratify the action of the Chelmsford Housing Authority to initiate additional dwelling units on scattered sites for families of low income pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 705 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1966 and acts in amendment thereof: or take any action in relation thereto.

Chelmsford Housing Authority

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,800 to be used to join or buy into the Merrimack Valley Home Center, Incorporated for the purpose of obtaining services for the care of the Town's Older Americans: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town of Chelmsford will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2800.00 as a contribution towards the needed repairs to the Mill Dam of Russell's Mills Pond: or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

"Copies of the Finance Committee Report, including the Warrant, for each Annual Town Meeting shall be mailed by the Finance Committee to each residence of one or more registered voters of record no later than two weeks prior to the meeting."

or act in relation thereto.

Home Rule Advisory Committee

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

"No town board, committee, commission or office shall schedule public meetings and no town building shall be open for public use, other than those needed for town meeting use, while the town meeting is in session."

or act in relation thereto.

Home Rule Advisory Committee

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the enactment of a special act entitled, "Positioning of Candidates on the ballot in the Municipal Elections as their Names are Drawn by Lot", said act being as follows:

In all elections for public office within the Town of Chelmsford, the names of all candidates, including candidates for re-election, shall appear on the ballot in the order in which they are drawn by lot. To the name of each candidate for a Town office upon an official ballot who is an elected incumbent thereof shall be added the words "Candidate for Re-election" after his name. The drawing of lots shall be conducted by the registrars of voters. Each candidate shall have the opportunity to be present at such drawing in person or by one representative having written authorization to appear for the candidate: or act in relation thereto.

Home Rule Advisory Committee

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

"All new appointments or re-appointments to appointive Town offices shall require the appointing authority to give a minimum of two weeks notice of intent to fill any appointive opening and shall call for applications for appointment from interested citizens."

or act in relation thereto.

Home Rule Advisory Committee

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote as follows:

“Resolve that Mansfield Drive, in the Fifth Precinct of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, be certified by the Town as an accepted street of the Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts.”

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following mentioned street, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purpose of reconstructing the following mentioned streets:

- Barry Drive
- Tracy Road
- Kidder Road
- Zeus Drive
- Stuart Road Extension

Providing all construction of same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining boards until such requirements have been met: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purpose of reimbursing the Chelmsford Water District for installation of a water main and hydrant from Littleton Road in a southerly direction some 550 feet along Garrison Road for the fire protection of those living in the neighborhood: or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sinking Fund the sum of \$35.00 for cleaning and repairing the Treasurer’s Office in the Town Hall because of damage caused by vandals on or about July 30, 1974, or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to its Zoning Bylaw:

- (1) By deleting in Paragraph 2.1 of Section II entitled “Definitions”, the definition of Amusement, Outdoor and inserting therein the following definition:

Amusement, Outdoor - Drive-in theater, golf driving range, miniature golf, race track, amusement park, professional sports stadium or similar commercial recreation conducted in whole or in part outdoors.

- (2) By inserting in Paragraph 2.1 of Section II entitled “Definitions” after the definition of “Camping Ground, Commercial” the following:

Carnival — a fair, exhibition, show or similar event conducted by, for the benefit of or under the auspices of a non profit, charitable or religious organization, club, institution or association.

- (3) By deleting in Paragraph 5.1 of Section V entitled “Conditions”, “A — Use authorized under the special permits as provided for in Section 11.1.2 herein or under footnote number 14 below” and inserting:

A — Use authorized under the special permits as provided for in Section 11.1.2 herein or under footnotes numbered 14 and 15 below.

- (4) Amend Paragraph 5.3 of Section V entitled “Use Regulation Schedule” as follows:

(a) By inserting after the word “Barn Sale, Garage Sale or Yard Sale” the following:

Carnival 15 with all symbols applicable thereto to be designated “A”.

(b) By adding after footnote 14 the following:

15. Such special permit may only be issued by the Building Inspector, and shall not be valid for longer than one week, and a special permit can be issued to a particular organization only once each calendar year.

- (5) Amend Section VI entitled “General Regulations” by inserting the following paragraph 6.3.14:

The Building Inspector may provide that satisfactory arrangements are made for adequate off-street parking prior to issuing a temporary special permit for a carnival. See footnote 15 under Section V, paragraph 5.3.

or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the construction of improvements to Central Square authorized under Spot Improvement; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the present “Trash Deliveries to the Lowell Incinerator Site and to further authorize the removal of the Town’s refuse” (commonly referred to as “Trash”) to a sanitary landfill area located in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts utilizing Chelmsford Highway Department equipment, personnel and the continuance of current pick-up procedures: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 60. In the event of an affirmative vote under the preceding article, to see which of the following two proposals as submitted by the landfill owner and operator will be accepted by the town:

- (a) One (1) year contract at \$8.40 per ton.

- (b) Three (3) year contract at \$10.00 per ton:

or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to issue the sum of \$800,000.00 or some lesser sum from free cash in the Treasury for the reduction of the tax rate for the current fiscal period: or act in relation thereto.

Finance Committee

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the McFarlin School - All Purpose Room, North Elementary School Auditorium, Junior High School (West) Band Room, East Chelmsford School, Byman School Cafetorium, Westlands School Cafeteria, North Elementary School Auditorium, Small Gymnasium, C. Edith McCarthy Junior High School, South Row School Auditorium, South Row School Auditorium, Westlands School Cafeteria and Fire House - Old Westford Road seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding this meeting aforesaid.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 24th day of MARCH, 1975.

S/ Gerald J. Lannan

S/ William R. Murphy

S/ Paul C. Hart

S/ Thomas A. Palmer, Jr.

S/ Arnold J. Lovering

PURSUANT to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: McFarlin School — All Purpose Room, North Elementary School Auditorium, Junior High School (West) Band Room, East Chelmsford School, Byam School Cafetorium, Westlands School Cafeteria, North Elementary School Auditorium, Small Gymnasium, C. Edith McCarthy Junior High School, South Row School Auditorium, South Row School Auditorium, Westlands School Cafeteria and Fire House — Old Westford Road, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

S/ William E. Spence
Constable of Chelmsford

A true copy, Attest:

S/ William E. Spence
Constable of Chelmsford

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 7, 1975

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	Prec. 6	Prec. 7	Prec. 8	Prec. 9	Prec. 10	Prec. 11	Prec. 12	TOTALS
MODERATOR for 3 years													
Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr (Re-Election)	514	380	559	233	429	508	338	378	288	456	454	455	4,992
Write-In	1		1			1					1		4
Blanks	105	56	128	54	89	103	56	96	57	143	101	131	1,119
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
TOWN CLERK for 3 years													
Mary E. St. Hilaire (Re-Election)	523	377	593	242	443	536	349	406	301	486	474	483	5,213
Write-In											2		2
Blanks	97	59	95	45	75	76	45	68	44	113	80	103	900
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
SELECTMAN for 3 years													
Gerald J. Lannan (Re-Election)	213	219	246	98	185	238	206	180	117	217	197	198	2,314
Philip L. Carrier	399	209	437	187	326	365	181	284	223	370	346	378	3,705
Write-In												1	1
Blanks	8	8	5	2	7	9	7	10	5	12	13	9	95
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
TREASURER & TAX COLLECTOR for 3 yrs													
Philip J. McCarmack (Re-Election)	542	386	590	243	464	528	355	415	302	487	461	479	5,252
Write-In											1		1
Blanks	78	50	98	44	54	84	39	59	43	112	94	107	862
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
ASSESSOR for 3 years													
Robert L. Hughes	173	233	228	134	164	228	192	139	123	213	206	178	2,211
Janet Lombard	406	181	408	127	317	332	190	301	198	329	297	344	3,430
Blanks	41	22	52	26	37	52	12	34	24	57	53	64	474
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
TREE WARDEN for 3 years													
Myles F. Hogan (Re-Election)	529	374	558	243	425	515	343	392	295	472	464	443	5,053
Write-In	3												3
Blanks	88	62	130	44	93	97	51	82	50	127	92	143	1,059
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	556	6,115

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 7, 1975

SINKING FUND COMMISSIONER for 3 yrs	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Prec. 5	Prec. 6	Prec. 7	Prec. 8	Prec. 9	Prec. 10	Prec. 11	Prec. 12	TOTALS
Eustoce B. Fiske (Re-Election)	495	361	540	228	417	490	329	386	276	449	445	447	4,863
Write-In	2												2
Blanks	123	75	148	59	101	122	65	88	69	150	111	139	1,250
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE for 3 yrs (2)													
Elizabeth A. McCarthy (Re-Election)	505	349	549	221	426	493	324	389	295	471	449	446	4,917
Thomas C. Thorstensen (Re-Election)	457	287	483	191	376	441	276	349	236	412	379	421	4,308
Write-In				1								1	2
Blanks	278	236	344	162	233	290	188	210	159	315	284	304	3,003
TOTAL	1,240	872	1,376	574	1,036	1,224	788	948	690	1,198	1,112	1,172	12,230
PLANNING BOARD MEMBER for 5 yrs													
Henrick R. Johnson, Jr.	268	196	225	49	209	298	197	193	93	173	351	155	2,407
Ann H. McCarthy	239	113	320	67	214	228	112	215	181	307	144	314	2,454
Richard P. O'Neil	84	92	95	159	79	56	70	40	47	66	46	65	899
Blanks	29	35	48	12	16	30	15	26	24	53	15	52	355
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
SEWER COMMISSION for 3 yrs													
Theodore J. Rapallo	489	345	517	223	403	476	324	363	267	439	426	412	4,684
Write-In												1	1
Blanks	131	91	171	64	115	136	70	111	78	160	130	173	1,430
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
HOUSING AUTHORITY for 5 yrs													
Ruth K. Delaney (Re-Election)	417	301	434	187	351	460	268	346	219	382	413	393	4,171
Raymond L. Reynolds	136	86	174	68	109	93	85	73	80	133	93	112	1,242
Blanks	67	49	80	32	58	59	41	55	46	84	50	81	702
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115
QUESTION: "Shall licenses be granted in this Town for the operation, holding, or conducting a game commonly called beano?"													
YES	332	286	384	181	294	327	230	234	219	340	292	301	3,420
NO	152	65	195	47	137	141	86	154	75	145	123	173	1,493
BLANKS	136	85	109	59	87	144	78	86	51	114	141	112	1,202
TOTAL	620	436	688	287	518	612	394	474	345	599	556	586	6,115

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

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	Mosquito Control Committee			School Building Committee			
Lawrence McAllister		Michael Carr	James Sullivan				Paul Krenitsky
Martin Bovey		Kenneth Greeno	Robert Sexton				Harry McKeon, Jr.
	Bruce Gullion		Anthony DeProffio				Carol Clevon
				Carol DeCarolis			
	Special Police Officers			Vandalism Committee			
	For School Traffic Duty:		William R. Murphy				Robert McManimon
George Marinel		Joan Dillon	Paul C. Hart				Donald Gray
	Karen Flynn		Harry Ayoite				Robert Howe
			William Reynolds				Richard Campbell
	Special Police Officers		Charles Watt				Robert Germann
	Dog Officers:			Water District Consolidation Committee			
Frank Wojtas		Cheryl Constantine	Thomas Montedorisio				Jo Anne Kelch
			James McKeown				William R. Murphy
	Police Matrons		Ronald Pare				David McCarthy
Mary Long		Grace Auger	Michael Devine				Samuel I. Parks
Emily Peake		Nora Clifford					
						George Abely	

MAY 8, 1975

MIDDLESEX, SS.

April 30, 1975

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in the Chelmsford High School Gymnasium on Thursday, the eighth day of May, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash, or other available funds, the sum of \$30,000.00 to the Veterans Benefit Department - Cash and Material Grants Account: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote in the affirmative on the following question:

Shall the Town, in addition to the payment of 50% of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, pay a subsidiary or additional rate?

or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a certain sum of money from free cash to cover budget deficits of certain Town Departments: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the McFarlin School — All Purpose Room, North Elementary School Auditorium, Junior High School (West) Band Room, East Chelmsford School, Byam School Cafetorium, Westlands School Cafeteria, North Elementary School Auditorium, Small Gymnasium, C. Edith McCarthy Junior High School, South Row School Auditorium, South Row School Auditorium, Westlands School Cafeteria and Fire House — Old Westford Road seven days at least before the time appointed for holding this meeting aforesaid.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding this meeting aforesaid.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 29th day of April, 1975.

S/ Arnold J. Lovering
S/ Paul C. Hart S/ Thomas A. Palmer, Jr.
S/ William R. Murphy S/ Philip L. Currier

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: McFarlin School — All Purpose Room, North Elementary School Auditorium, Junior High School (West) Band Room, East Chelmsford School, Byam School Cafetorium, Westlands School Cafeteria, North Elementary School Auditorium, Small Gymnasium, C. Edith McCarthy Junior High School, South Row School Auditorium, South Row School Auditorium, Westlands School Cafeteria and Fire House — Old Westford Road seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

S/ William E. Spence
Constable of Chelmsford

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 5, 1975

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by Moderator Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 427 voters present.

After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, a moment of silence was given in memory of the following men who have died since last town meeting:

Charles A. House — Member of Board of Assessors 1960-1974
Member of South Chelmsford Water Commission 1953-1974
Died June 2, 1974

Theodore W. Emerson — Member of Board of Selectmen 1947-1953
Died November 25, 1974

Robert W. Barris — Member of Board of Selectmen 1925-1928
Died March 15, 1974

Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the reading of the Sheriff's return of the warrant and the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously.

The following tellers were appointed:

Robert Griffin Richard Lahue
Ruth Delaney Margaret Johnson
Carol Olsson Dorothy Lerer

UNDER ARTICLE 1. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the reports of Town Officers and Committees be heard. It was so voted. Selectman Paul Hart moved that Harry Ayotte be reelected to the Varney Playground Commission. A motion was made to close nominations. It was so voted. A vote was taken on the main motion. It was so voted.

The following resolution was offered for deliberation and vote:

WHEREAS, the Town of Chelmsford is annually required to raise funds on the property tax for support of state enacted programs, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Chelmsford does not receive its full entitlement under most state aid categories, and;

WHEREAS, the burden to raise all these funds falls squarely on the taxpayers of the Town of Chelmsford, and;

WHEREAS, only a small amount of revenue from the state is received in the Town of Chelmsford for municipal services not related to education; and

WHEREAS, the property taxpayers of the Town of Chelmsford can no longer afford to carry the heaviest burden of taxation on the local taxes,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of the Town of Chelmsford do hereby call upon their legislators and the other members of the General Court along with the governor to vote in favor of a program of municipal aid and additional educational aid during this legislative session and to redistribute the tax burden through use of the less regressive forms of taxes available at the state level, such as sales and/or income tax.

It was so voted.

Mr. Joseph Gutwein presented the report of the Sewer Study Commission. There was no action on this report.

Dr. Howard K. Moore gave a report on the \$98,000 addition to the Adams Library.

Mr. Marvin W. Schenk, Chairman of the Finance Committee moved to table Articles 2, 2A & 3, until after Article 60 has been completed.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 4. Mr. Philip J. McCormack moved that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1975, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 5. Mr. Philip J. McCormack moved that the Town vote to request the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Division of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to make an audit of all accounts in all departments in the Town of Chelmsford.

It was voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 6. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,608.17 to meet bills for previous years. A 4/5 vote required.

It was voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 7. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering and Mr. Alfred Woods of the Recreation Commission moved that the Town vote to approve the filing of a Petition in the General Court under the provisions of Section 8 of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution for an act: enabling the Town to pay the sum of \$1,875.00 to John Gurich of Chelmsford for construction of 8' wide steel re-inforced concrete steps constructed at the Robert's property in September, 1974. Said steps having been completed as part of the Recreation Commission's development of the Robert's property as a recreational facility for the community.

A 4/5 vote required. It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 8. Chairman, Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to discontinue the following described town way in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, Section 21, which way is located on the northerly side of Main Street, opposite Meadowbrook Road, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone bound at a southwesterly point of land, now or formerly of Malvina M. Arpin:

Northwesterly by land of Arpin, two hundred thirty-seven and 05/100 (237.05) feet to a Massachusetts Highway bound:

Northeasterly to Main Street one hundred fifty (150) feet, more or less:

Southeasterly along the northerly side of Main Street two hundred fifty-two (252) feet, more or less,

Southwesterly seventy (70) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Containing approximately one-half (1/2) acres, more or less, and being the remaining portion of land owned by the Town as a result of the relocation of Main Street and a taking by eminent domain as shown on Assessors Map at Plat Number 195.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 9. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,340.00 for the erection of signs within housing developments indicating the way out of the developments to main thoroughfares.

It was voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 10. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to grant longevity benefits to all permanent employees of the Highway Department in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. Upon completion of five years of employment said employee shall receive a three per cent (3%) increase.
- b. Upon completion of ten years of employment said employee shall receive a six per cent (6%) increase.

- c. Upon completion of fifteen years of employment said employee shall receive a nine per cent (9%) increase.
- d. Upon completion of twenty years of employment said employee shall receive a twelve per cent (12%) increase.

Mr. Marvin Schenk, Chairman of the Finance Committee opposed this motion, stating that the cost to the Town would be \$19,000 the first year.

Motion defeated by voice vote.

UNDER ARTICLE 11. Chairman of Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,390.00 for the installation of new gasoline tanks and vaulting of new and existing tanks at the Highway Garage. Selectman Thomas A. Palmer, Jr. spoke in favor of this article.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 12. Chairman of Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to participate and file an application for funds under the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974.

Mr. Stephen Wojcik and Mr. Jeanpaul Gravelle requested clarification of this article. Selectman William Murphy stated that \$27,000 of Housing and Urban Development funds would be available to the Town. A vote was taken.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 13. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple by raising and appropriating the sum of \$100,000.00, the land and buildings of the estate of the late Theodore W. Emerson located at 11 North Road in the town for municipal purposes.

Selectman Arnold Lovering and Chairman of the Finance Committee Marvin Schenk spoke in favor of this article. A lengthy discussion followed. A voice vote was taken which left the chair in doubt. A hand vote was taken

YES	181
NO	167
Motion Passed.	

UNDER ARTICLE 14. Chairman of the Water District Consolidation Committee Jo Anne Kelch moved that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Weston & Sampson engineering report dated February, 1975 to authorize the Water District Consolidation Committee to proceed with the necessary steps to consolidate those Water Districts within the Town which vote at their next annual or special Water District meeting to become part of a larger municipal Water System.

Mrs. Kelch gave an extensive report on the advantages of consolidation, stressing that in a twenty-year period savings of \$697,000 could be realized if Chelmsford changed to a municipal department instead of operating with four private water districts. The Finance Committee recommended this article.

her, after which a voice vote was taken.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 15. Mrs. Jo Anne Kelch moved that the Town vote to authorize the Water District Consolidation Committee to obtain the necessary legal, financial and accounting services and incur other necessary expenses for a study to determine how best to establish a municipal water system.

Mr. Samuel Parks of the Water District Consolidation Committee explained the purpose of this article is for authorization for the committee to seek legal assistance.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 16. Chairman of the Water District Consolidation Committee Jo Anne Kelch moved in the event of an affirmative vote on the foregoing article, I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for such purposes.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 17. Mrs. Jo Anne Kelch moved that the Town vote to authorize and direct the Water District Consolidation Committee to draft proposed legislation consolidating the Water Districts, which proposals are to be presented for approval at the next Annual Town Meeting or any Special Town Meeting prior to the next Annual Town Meeting.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 18. Chairman of the Planning Board Stephen D. Wojcik moved that the Town vote to postpone Article 18, and take it up for deliberation after Article 56.

Mr. Robert Raab of the Planning Board objected to postponing the article stating the Master Plan is "premature", stating that further study is needed in traffic, sewerage, water, and school areas. His presentation was ruled out of order by the Moderator. Mr. Arthur Riopelle spoke in favor of the motion, and Mr. Marvin Schenk of the Finance Committee favored postponement.

A voice vote was taken which left the chair in doubt.

A hand vote was taken:

YES	184
NO	152

It was so voted.

Mr. Reginald Larkin made a motion to reconsider Article 13 on the Emerson property, because he felt some voters had not been counted.

Motion defeated by voice vote.

Mrs. Ina Greenblatt questioned the voice vote decision by the Moderator, and moved that a hand count be taken. Since there were more than six voters who agreed with Mrs. Greenblatt, a hand count was taken.

YES	150
NO	187

Motion to reconsider Article 13 defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 19. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,672.59 to pay the Treasurer of Middlesex County Retirement System, the said amount being the Town's share of the pension, expense, and military service funds.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 20. Chairman of the Finance Committee Marvin W. Schenk moved that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000.00 to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 21. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$79,979.00 for Chapter 90 construction.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 22. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,749.44 for the purchase of equipment for the Highway Department, such purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of equipment presently being used by the Highway Department as follows:

- a. To purchase one truck chassis (for waste collections) for the Highway Department and to sell by good and sufficient bill of sale one waste collection truck presently being used by the Highway Department.
- b. To purchase one packer body (for waste collection) for the Highway Department.
- c. To purchase two dump trucks for the Highway Department and to sell by good and sufficient bill of sale two dump trucks presently being used by the Highway Department.
- d. To purchase one Roller for the Highway Department.
- e. To purchase one trailer for the Highway Department.

The Finance Committee recommended this article. It was so voted, by voice, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 23. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,926.00 for the purchase and/or construction of a Salt Storage Shed for the Highway Department, said Shed to be located on the premises of the Highway Garage.

Selectman Thomas Palmer spoke in favor of this article. Mr. Reginald Larkin asked if this storage area will be the same one, to which Mr. Lovering responded No.

The Finance Committee did not recommend the expenditure. Town Purchasing Agent Christos Alexion stated that \$7,000 could be saved in salt each year if we build the shed.

A vote was taken on the motion. It was so voted, by voice vote.

UNDER ARTICLE 24. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend \$114,512.00 for various projects in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1140 Acts of 1973, Section 20.

It was voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 25. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,986.00 for the purpose of purchasing six (6) new 1975 four door sedans to be used by the Police Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to one (1) 1971, one (1) 1973 and three (3) 1974 cruisers now being used by the Police Department.

Mr. Jeanpaul Gravelle moved to amend the above to read: that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,986.00 for the purpose of purchasing six (6) new 1975 compact or economy sedans to be used by the Police Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen to transfer by a good and sufficient bill of sale title to one (1) 1971, one (1) 1973 and three (3) 1974 cruisers now being used by the Police Department. The unexpended balance to be returned to free cash.

Police Chief Robert Germann opposed the amendment. A vote was taken. Amendment defeated by voice vote.

A vote was taken on the main motion. It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 26. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,900.00 to match Law Enforcement Assistance Agency Federal Funds for the purpose of providing mutual aid programs for Police Departments.

The Finance Committee is in favor of this article.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 27. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,437 and transfer the sum of \$53,263 from the Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a 1,000 Gallon Pumping Engine for the Fire Department, said purchase to be made under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

The Finance Committee supports this article. A 2/3 vote required for the transfer.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 28. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a fire station on Riverneck Road in East Chelmsford on land now owned by the Town.

A discussion about the need for a fire station followed with Fire Chief Frederick Reid answering specific questions. The Selectmen and Finance Committee favored this article.

It was so voted, by voice.

UNDER ARTICLE 29. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved in the event of an affirmative vote on the preceding Article, I move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an East Chelmsford Fire Station Building Committee consisting of five (5) members and authorize it to proceed with the construction of said project and to enter into all necessary and proper contracts and agreements in respect thereto, said contracts to be signed by the Board of Selectmen, and to do all other acts necessary for constructing said project.

It was so voted, by voice.

Mr. Stephen Wojcik moved to adjourn the meeting until Thursday, May 8, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. at the Chelmsford High School Gymnasium.

Mr. Gerald Silver questioned the presence of a quorum. A count was taken showing there were 224 voters present.

A vote was taken on the motion to adjourn. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 30. Chairman of the Cemetery Commission Arne Olsen moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,047.00 for the purchase of a one ton truck with dump body for the Cemetery Department and to sell by good and sufficient bill of sale one (1) ton truck with dump body.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 31. Mr. Arne Olsen moved that the Town vote to transfer \$5,000.00 from Perpetual Care Interest Account to the General Labor Account.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 32. Mr. Arne Olsen moved that the Town vote to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Perpetual Care Interest Account to the Beautification Account.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 33. Mr. Arne Olsen moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing an extension of the Cemetery Garage and office space, the said sum of money to be returned to the town in full over a period of years in annual increments by the Cemetery Commissioners from funds received by the Commissioners from the trustee under the will of Vileata S. Douglas.

It was so voted, unanimously.

Mr. Harold Davis moved to postpone until Thursday May 8, 1975 Articles 34, 35, & 36 since printed descriptive material on these articles is not available tonight.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 37. Chairman of Conservation Commission Donald A. House moved that the Town vote to amend the bylaw relating to Chelmsford Conservation Commission Reservations by adding Section 12 as follows:

12. No person or persons, including but not limited to individuals, associations, partnerships, corporations, trusts or public or quasi-public bodies, shall dump any material, trash, refuse, rubbish, garbage, or debris, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, lumber, bricks, asphalt, plaster, wire, lath, paper, cardboard, pipe, tires, ashes, refrigerators, motor vehicles, or parts of the foregoing without permission by vote of the Commission.

Violators of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$50, and in addition shall bear the expense of all reasonable costs incurred by the town in the restoration of the site to its original condition and the lawful disposal of the illegally dumped materials.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 38. Mr. Donald House moved that the Town vote to amend the town bylaws to add the following provision which would allow the Conservation Commission to require performance bonds be posted by applicants under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40, as amended:

"The Conservation Commission may, at its discretion, stipulate that applicant (s) filing a Notice of Intent, according to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 131, Section 40, as amended, be required to post a security performance bond as part of the order of Conditions which the Commission is authorized to impose,"

and that the contract between the Commission and the applicant (s) hereby authorized shall be "Form E" used by the Planning Board, with the following changes;:

- 1) The document shall be called "Form CCA", Usual Form of Contract between the Conservation Commission and an Applicant, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, Section 40.

- 2) All references to "subdivider" or "subdivision" shall be changed to "applicant" or "project site".

- 3) All references to "Planning Board" or "Board" shall be changed to "Conservation Commission".

- 4) Items (1), (2), (3) in Form E shall be stricken and in their place the following inserted:

- (1) Complete construction, including loaming, seeding, rip-rap and erosion control according to the plans and Orders of Conditions.

- (2) Complete restoration of areas, or removal of materials as specified in the plans and Orders of Conditions.

- (3) Complete or satisfy the other terms of agreement as specified below.

- 5) Delete paragraph 3.

All other portions of "Form E" being retained, as published in the Town of Chelmsford Bylaws, Rules, Regulations and Acts Accepted by the Town.

It was so voted, unanimously.

MAY 8, 1975

UNDER ARTICLE 39. Mr. Donald A. House moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131A and Chapter 40, as amended, to purchase a certain parcel of land containing 9.25 acres more or less, located in Chelmsford off Canal Street which enters off Riverneck Road for Conservation purposes, said parcel being recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 1451, Page 310; and to authorize the Conservation Commission to enter into a contractual self-help agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources.

A 2/3 vote required. It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 40. Concerning purchase of 13.3 acres of easterly side of School Street, abutting Stoney Brook by Conservation Commission, Mr. Donald House moved to dismiss this article.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 41. Mr. Donald A. House moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,000.00 for the purchase of a parcel of land containing 31.19 acres more or less located in Chelmsford on Littleton Road abutting the Lime Quarry Reservation (Assessors' Maps: Plat 185, Block 42, Lot 209 and Plat 190, Block 42, Lot 192), in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 132A and Chapter 40 as amended, for conservation purposes; and to authorize the Conservation Commission to enter into a contractual self-help agreement with the Department of Natural Resources.

A 2/3 vote required. It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 42. Mr. Donald A. House moved in the event the Town votes to purchase the lands described in the previous article, I move that the Town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to accept for the consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) a certain parcel of land containing 7.67 acres more or less. Said land is located in Chelmsford on Littleton Road across from the Lime Quarry Reservation (Assessors' Maps: Plat 176, Block 41, Lots 53 and 53A). Said land to be held, managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission for Conservation purposes.

It was voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 43. Mr. Donald A. House moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$8,500.00 to be spent by the Conservation Commission in order to obtain updated aerial photographs of the entire town and a Wetlands Inventory Mapping kit.

It was so voted, unanimously.

Selectman Arnold Lovering moved for adjournment until Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Gymnasium. Meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

It was so voted.

Daniel J. Coughlin,
Moderator

Mary E. St. Hilaire,
Town Clerk

The adjourned annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by Moderator Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr. There were 416 voters present. The following tellers were appointed:

Robert Griffin
Ruth Delaney
Carl Olsson

Richard Lahue
Margaret Johnson
Dorothy Lerer

Arthur Osborne

Because of technical difficulty with the loud speaker system the Moderator called a recess to correct the problem.

The special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Moderator Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., who recognized the presence of a quorum which is 300 for a special town meeting. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the reading of the warrant and the Sheriff's return of the warrant be waived. It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 1. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to transfer from free cash, or other available funds, the sum of \$30,000 to the Veterans Benefit Department - Cash and Material Grants Account.

Selectman Arnold Lovering recommended that this article pass, because of the need by veterans of the community. Mr. Richard McDermott stated the Finance Committee supports this article. The vote was taken by raising hands. It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 2. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote in the affirmative on the following question.

Shall the Town, in addition to the payment of 50% of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, pay a subsidiary or additional rate?

Selectman Arnold Lovering asked for dismissal of this article by a No vote, because we are in the process of collective bargaining with Unions. Mr. Richard McDermott of the Finance Committee recommended a No vote on the article.

A hand vote was taken — Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 3. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved the Town vote to transfer \$10,000 from free cash to cover budget deficits of certain Town departments.

Mr. Norman Labrecque questioned the transfer needs. Mr. Richard McDermott of the Finance Committee explained where the funds were going, and recommended a favorable vote on this article.

It was so voted.

Mr. Maurice Teehan moved for reconsideration of Article 2.

It was so voted.

RECONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 2. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering again explained that negotiations were going on with unions, and recommended a No vote on Article 2. The Finance Committee recommended a No vote, since all town employees would benefit after union negotiations are complete. Mr. Arthur Riopelle questioned what unions. Mr. McDermott explained that the Police, Fire, Highway, and School Departments are represented by unions. After further debate a vote was taken by a showing of hands. Since the chair was in doubt a hand count was taken:

YES	161
NO	165
Motion Defeated	

A question on the accuracy of the hand count was ruled out of order by the Moderator.

The special Town Meeting adjourned sine die at 8:35 P.M.

The annual Town Meeting was then called to order by Moderator Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr.

UNDER ARTICLE 34. Mr. Harold Davis moved to amend Article 34 by adding to Section 3 the following:

d) storm doors and windows, screen doors and windows.

A ten minute recess was called by the Moderator at 8:45 P.M. for a personal emergency call. The meeting was again called to order at 8:55 P.M.

A vote was taken on Mr. Davis motion to amend Article 34. It was so voted.

Mr. Harold Davis of the Chelmsford Historic Study Committee moved that the Town vote to approve the following bylaw:

1. The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the educational, cultural, economic and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the Town of Chelmsford or their architecture, and through the maintenance and improvement of settings for such buildings and places, and the encouragement of design compatible therein.
2. There is hereby established under Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as amended, a Chelmsford Historic District Commission, with all the powers and duties of an historic district commission under such statute. The Commission shall consist of five members and two alternate members. One of the five members shall be a resident or owner of property in an historic district administered by the Commission. One of the five members shall be chosen from two nominees submitted by the Chelmsford Historical Commission. Other members shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions of such statute.

The initial appointments to the Commission shall be as follows: One member appointed for a one year term; two members appointed for a two-year term each; two members appointed for a

three-year term each; one alternate member for a term of two years; one alternate member for a term of three years. The successors of members and alternate members shall be appointed for terms of three years.

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in this bylaw to the contrary, the authority of the Commission shall not extend to the review of the following categories of building or structures or exterior architectural features:
 - a) the color paint
 - b) the color of materials used on roofs
 - c) the reconstruction substantially similar in exterior design of a building, structure or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.
 - d) storm doors and windows, screen doors and windows.
4. The Commission shall review, from time to time, possible additional historic districts and propose, as they deem appropriate, the establishment of additional historic districts or changes in historic districts. The Commission shall report on this activity in the town annual report at least biennially.
5. The Historic District Commission shall adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of its business, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Historic District Act, Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, and may, subject to appropriation employ clerical and technical assistants or consultants and may accept money gifts and expend same for such purpose.
6. If any section, paragraph or part of this bylaw, be for any reason, determined invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect."

After a lengthy debate on the above article Mr. Gordon Reed made a motion to stop debate. It was so voted, unanimously.

A vote was taken on the main motion as amended, 2/3 vote required for passage.

YES	175
NO	71
It was so voted.	

UNDER ARTICLE 35. Mr. Harold Davis moved that in the event of an affirmative vote on the preceding Article, I move the Town vote to authorize the establishment of an Historic District, under the provisions of Chapter 40C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, known as the Chelmsford Center Historic District, bounded and described as follows:

"Commencing at a point on Littleton Road, the southwesterly corner of Forefathers Burying Ground (lot 135) Northerly by two courses along the Westerly

boundary of Lot 135 to the Southern side of Bridge Street, thence across Bridge Street to the Southwest Corner of Lot 100 (land now or formerly owned by Paul J. & Joyce D. Canniff), thence Northwesterly by two courses along the Southwest boundary of Lot 100 to its Westerly corner, then Northeast along its Northwesterly boundary to its Northerly corner; thence Southeast (approx. 20 feet) along the Northeast boundary to the intersection with the Westerly boundary of Lot 98 (land now or formerly property of Margaret E. Robbins Mills); thence in a Northeast direction approximately 37 feet along the boundary of Lot 98 to an angle; thence North by East across Lot 98 approximately 400 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 96 (land now or formerly owned by Joseph L., Jr. and Violet M. Bonsignor); thence Northeast along the Northwest boundary of Lot 96 to the Westerly side of Westford Street; thence North diagonally across Westford Street to the Southeast corner of Lot 17A/2 (land now or formerly of Evelyn Russell); thence Northeast along the East boundary of Lot 17A/2 to its Northeast corner; thence in a Northeast direction across Lot 17A (land now or formerly of Evelyn Russell) approximately 125 feet to an angle on the Westerly boundary of Lot 19 (land now or formerly of Richard O. & Mary S. Lahue); thence Northwest along the Westerly boundary of Lot 19 and Lot 20B (land now or formerly of Blake Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.); thence Northeast along the Westerly boundary of Lot 20B to its Northmost point; thence Southeast along the Northeast boundaries of Lots 20B & 20A (now or formerly owned by Blake Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.) approx. 387 feet to a point at the intersection of land (Lot 20-1) now or formerly owned by Raymond A. & Barbara F. Carye, thence North along the Northwest boundary of said Carye's land to its Northwest corner; thence East North East by several courses along the Northerly boundary of said Carye's land to its Northmost corner, then Southeast along the Northeast boundary to the Westerly side of Worthen Street at its junction with North Road (Southeast corner of Lot 20/2); thence Northeast diagonally across North Road to the Northwest corner of Lot 67A (land now or formerly owned by Andrew & Lorraine C. McBride); thence East along the Northern boundaries of Lot 67A & Lot 67B (land now or formerly owned by Leroy & Charlotte D. Bliss) to the Eastmost point of said Bliss land; thence southwest along the South boundary of said Bliss lot (approx. 45 feet) to the Northwest corner of Lot 62 (now or formerly owned by Ronald D. & Anne Marie Greenwood); thence South along the East Boundary of Lot 62 to the North side of Crosby Lane to the Northeast corner of Lot 61 (land now or formerly of Albert W. & Mildred Willis); thence South along the East boundary of Lot 61 to its Southeast corner; thence Northwest along the South boundary of Lot 61 approx. 30 feet to an angle, then West along the South boundaries of Lots 61 & 70A to the Southwest corner of Lot 70A thence South across Lot 71 (land now or formerly of Roman Catholic Diocesan of Boston) continuing in the same direction as the Westerly boundary of Lot 70A, to Fletcher Street; thence continuing in the same direction across Fletcher Street; thence continuing in the same direction across Lot 73B (land now or formerly of Bradford O. Emerson, John C. Carragher, Allen Lampert, Edward C. Becker, & Richard L. Fox) to the Northerly boundary of Lot 73 (land now or formerly of Theodore W. Emerson); thence East along the Northerly boundary of Lot 73 to its Northeast corner; thence South along the East boundary of Lot 73 to its Southeast corner; thence East diagonally across the right of way of the N.Y., N.H. & H. Railroad to the Northeast corner of Lot 82A (now or formerly owned by Peter R. Markham); thence Southeast along the

Northeast boundary of Lot 82A to the Northern side of Chelmsford Street; thence South diagonally across Chelmsford Street to the corner of Lot 47 (now or formerly of Henry & Helen J. Eriksen); thence Southeast along the Northeast boundary of Lot 47 to its Southeast corner; thence Southwest approx. 30 feet along the South side of Lot 47 to the Northern corner of Lot 49 (land now or formerly of Parish of All Saints); thence South by two courses along the East boundary of Lot 49 to its Eastern corner on the North side of Billerica Road; thence West along the North side of Billerica Road to a point where the extension of a line drawn along the East boundary of lot 18 intersects the North side of Billerica Road; thence South across Billerica Road to the Northeast corner of Lot 18 (land now or formerly of Thomas B. & Eleanor H. Doran); continuing South along the East boundary of Lot 18 to its Southeast corner; thence West along the South boundary of Lot 18 approx. 145 feet to a point forming the intersection of Lot 18, Lot 19 and Lot 19A; thence South along the East boundary of Lot 19 (land now or formerly of Eustace R. and Nancy M. Fiske) to Beaver Brook; thence along the course of Beaver Brook in a generally Northwest direction to Boston Road; thence diagonally across Boston Road (Central Square) to the Southeast corner of Lot 1 (land now or formerly of Vlahos Realty, Inc.), thence Westerly by various courses along the South boundary of Lot 1 to the East boundary of Lot 146; thence Northeast along the Southwest boundary of Lot 1 by various courses to the right of way of the N.Y., N.H. & H. Railroad at the Northwest corner of Lot 1; thence diagonally across the Railroad right of way to the Eastern most point of Lot 23, and continuing in the same direction diagonally across Littleton Road to the North side of said road and the southern boundary of Lot 135A (land now or formerly of the First Congregational Society (Unitarian)); thence Westerly along the North side of Littleton Road to the starting point and point of beginning."

A debate on the above historic boundaries and limitations to property owners resulted in a motion by Paul Murphy to stop debate. It was so voted, unanimously.

A 2/3 vote was required for passage. A hand count was taken

YES	174
NO	43

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 36. Mr. Harold Davis moved in the event of the approval of the preceding two Articles that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$190.00 for the operating expenses of the Historic District Commission.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 44. Mr. Alfred Woods, Chairman of the Recreation Commission moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to develop a comprehensive plan for constructing recreational facilities on town owned land.

Mr. William Dempster spoke in favor of article. The Finance Committee recommended passage. It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 45. Mrs. Ina Greenblatt moved that the Town vote to amend the Trash Collection Bylaw by adding thereto the following sentence:

"Cans and glass shall also be separated and added to the pickup."

Selectman Paul Hart recommended defeat of this article, and Mrs. Greenblatt agreed with the Selectmen. The Finance Committee was against this article also the Environmental Advisory Council went on record as opposed.

A vote was taken. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 46. Chairman of the Chelmsford Housing Authority Claude Harvey moved that the Town ratify the action of the Chelmsford Housing Authority to initiate additional dwelling units on scattered sites for families of low income pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 705 of the Massachusetts Acts of 1966 and acts in amendment thereof.

Housing Authority Secretary Ruth Delaney requested approval of this article from the voters, and answered questions presented to her concerning the renovation of low income dilapidated houses in scattered sections of Town. Stella Maybury of the League of Women Voters requested support of Article 46.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 47. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,800 to be used to join or buy into the Merrimack Valley Home Care Center, Incorporated for the purpose of obtaining services for the care of the Town's Older Americans.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee approved this article.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 48. Selectman Arnold Lovering moved Article 48 be dismissed since it has been ruled illegal by Town Counsel.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 49. Chairman of the Home Rule Advisory Committee Thomas Dougherty moved that the Town vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

"Copies of the Finance Committee Report, including the Warrant, for each Annual Town Meeting shall be mailed by the Finance Committee to each residence of one or more registered voters of record no later than two weeks prior to the meeting."

Mr. Dougherty spoke in favor of the bylaw stating it is the obligation of the town to inform the voters about issues to be considered at town meeting. Mr. Richard McDermott spoke against article stating it is impossible to have all the financial information required in print and mailed out two weeks before the meeting, also the cost involved would not in his opinion bring more voters to town meeting.

After a lengthy debate on this subject a motion was made to stop debate. It was so voted, unanimously.

A vote was taken on the main motion. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 50. Chairman Home Rule Advisory Committee Thomas Dougherty moved that the Town vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

"No town board, committee, commission or office shall schedule public meetings while the town meeting is in session."

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 51. Chairman of the Home Rule Advisory Committee Thomas Dougherty moved that the Town vote to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the enactment of a special act entitled, "Positioning of Candidates on the ballot in the Municipal Elections as their Names are Drawn by Lot", said act being as follows:

In all elections for public office within the Town of Chelmsford, the names of all candidates, including candidates for re-election, shall appear on the ballot in the order in which they are drawn by lot. To the name of each candidate for a Town office upon an official ballot who is an elected incumbent thereof shall be added the words "Candidate for Re-election" after his name. The drawing of lots shall be conducted by the Registrars of Voters. Each candidate shall have the opportunity to be present at such drawing in person or by one representative having written authorization to appear for the candidate.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 52. Chairman Home Rule Advisory Committee Thomas Dougherty moved that the Town vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

"All new appointments or re-appointments to appointive Town offices shall require the appointing authority to give a minimum of two weeks notice of intent to fill any appointive opening and shall call for applications for appointment from interested citizens."

Selectman William Murphy opposed this article as did Mr. McDermott of the Finance Committee. Mr. Gerald Silver spoke in favor of motion.

A vote was taken. Motion defeated. The decision of the chair was questioned. A hand count was taken:

YES	101
NO	107

Motion Defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 53. Mr. Richard J. Russell moved that the Town vote as follows:

"Resolve that Mansfield Drive, in the Fifth Precinct of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, be certified by the Town as an accepted street of the Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts."

The Finance Committee recommended a Yes vote on the above. It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 54. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to accept the following mentioned streets, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate no sum of money for the purpose of reconstructing the following mentioned streets:

Barry Drive
Tracy Road
Kidder Road
Zeus Drive
Stuart Road Extension

Providing all construction of same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met.

A motion was made to amend the above to include Schofield Road. This motion was ruled out of order by the Moderator. A vote was taken on the main motion. It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 55. Ms. Sandra Ludwig moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of reimbursing the Chelmsford Water District for installation of a water main and hydrant from Littleton Road in a southerly direction some 550 feet along Garrison Road for the fire protection of those living in the neighborhood.

Selectman Philip Currier spoke in favor of this article. The Planning Board also urged passage.

It was so voted, unanimously.

Mr. McDermott of the Finance Committee stated that the Finance Committee proposes not to act on budget items in the order in which they appear in the book, but will recommend taking the School Budget and the Nashoba Valley Technical Vocational School budget up first at next session of Town Meeting.

Selectman Arnold Lovering moved for adjournment at 11:05 P.M. until Monday, May 12, 1975 at the High School Gymnasium. It was so voted.

Daniel J. Coughlin,
Moderator

Mary E. St. Hilaire,
Town Clerk

UNDER ARTICLE 56. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to transfer from the Sinking Fund the sum of \$35.00 for cleaning and repairing the Treasurer's office in the Town Hall because of damage caused by vandals on or about July 30, 1974.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 18. Chairman of the Planning Board Stephen D. Wojcik moved to dismiss Article 18 re: Master Plan, because the zoning map had not been properly published. It will be brought up at a later date.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 57. Chairman of the Planning Board Stephen D. Wojcik moved to postpone this article until after Article 3 has been voted upon.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 58. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved to dismiss Article 58 (Central Square Spot improvement).

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 59 & 60. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved to dismiss both articles on Trash Removal.

It was so voted, unanimously.

Mr. Richard McDermott of the Finance Committee moved to consider Article 3, Nashoba Valley Technical High School budget.

It was so voted, unanimously.

NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT — Chelmsford assessment 45.49% \$509,628.00.

Mr. Stratos Dukakis moved we pay our share of the Operating and maintenance budget.

It was so voted.

Mr. Richard McDermott of the Finance Committee moved to take out of order the budget of the Chelmsford School Department.

It was so voted.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 12, 1975

The adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Moderator Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr. who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 313 voters present:

The following tellers were appointed:

Richard Lahue
Dorothy Lerer
Margaret Johnson

Ruth Delaney
Robert Griffin
Thomas Thorstensen

185.	School Committee	\$ 27,300
186.	Superintendent's Office	234,107
187.	Supervision	236,422
188.	Principals	576,091
189.	Teaching	6,720,256
190.	Textbooks	133,294
191.	Library	290,910
192.	Audio-Visual	144,758
193.	Guidance	334,501
194.	Work Study	18,340
195.	Psychological Services	00
196.	School Attendance	15,975
197.	Health Services	74,628
198.	Transportation	761,900
199.	Food Service	62,471
200.	Athletics	89,600
201.	Other Student Activities	29,000
202.	Driver Education	2,000
203.	Health Education	44,993
204.	Custodial	581,020
205.	Utilities	395,850
206.	Maintenance of Grounds	27,965
207.	Maintenance of Buildings	98,160
208.	Maintenance of Equipment	56,140
209.	Moving Expenses	00
210.	Adult Education	16,402
211.	Civic Activities	18,147
212.	Programs with other Schools	15,000
	Subtotal	\$11,005,230
	Chapter 766	714,237
	Subtotal	11,719,467
	Less Undistributed Reduction	-50,000
	TOTAL	\$11,669,467
	Minus Public Law Funds	-375,000
	TOTAL TOWN FUNDS	\$11,294,467

RECEIPTS

213.	State Education Aid Law	\$ 3,375,202
214.	Tuition & Transportation of State Wards	12,078
215.	School Transportation	1,139,088
216.	Rental of Auditoriums	100
217.	Custodial Services	14,000
218.	Special Education - Chapter 766	96,508
219.	Vocational Education	35,849
220.	Dog Licenses	5,000
221.	Miscellaneous	4,200
222.	Adult Evening Education	7,825
223.	Federal Funds	375,000
	Total Receipts	\$ 5,064,850
	Net Cost to Chelmsford	\$ 6,604,617

Mr. George Ripsom moved that we accept the School budget of \$11,669,467 less 375,000 from Federal Funds, making a total of \$11,294,467.

Mr. Robert Hall gave a clear explanation of the School budget as listed. The Finance Committee recommended we vote on the school budget.

It was so voted.

Selectman Arnold Lovering moved for a recess at 9:15 P.M. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 P.M. by Moderator Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr.

UNDER ARTICLE 2. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Town vote to further amend Sub-Paragraph 3 (Moth Superintendent) of Paragraph B (Conservation and Cemetery) of Section 24, subtitled, "Job Titles and Standard Rates for Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary Bylaw", by deleting therefrom the position of Moth Superintendent and inserting in its stead the position of Superintendent of Insect Pest Control: and further vote to amend the first sentence of the last paragraph of said Section 11 of said

Bylaws by deleting therefrom the words, "December 21st of each year" and substituting therefor the words, "the first Monday in April each year".

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 2A. Mr. Peter Vennard of the Personnel Board moved the Town vote to further amend Section 24, subtitled "Job Titles and Standard Rates for Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary Bylaw", to conform to rates of pay negotiated by the Town with certain labor organizations, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 178 G through 178 N:

Mr. Richard McDermott of the Finance Committee stated we will not discuss the Highway Department, except one position, and we will discuss two Items for Fire & Police Departments. The Personnel Board recommended a flat rate of 6 1/2% increase over the current 1974-75 rates with some exceptions.

Mr. Richard McCermott of the Finance Committee moved that the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant be paid \$10,650. Mr. Arnold Lovering stated that the Selectmen are in favor of an increase in salary from \$10,000 to \$11,000 because of the responsibilities of the administrative assistant. Mr. Peter Vennard of the Personnel Board favored this increase also, and moved Line Item 7 be changed to \$11,000.

A voice was taken on Line Item 7. Selectmen's Administrative Ass't., \$11,000. The chair was in doubt. He requested the showing of hands. Motion passed.

A motion was made to call a vote on Line Items 1-13 with figures instead of percentage increase with exceptions.

<u>Administrative and Clerical</u>	<u>Recommended Fiscal July 1, 1975</u>
1. Veteran's Agent	\$ 9,052.50 p.a.
2. Clerk, Senior	7,914.02 p.a.
3. Clerk	6,308.00 p.a.
4. Town Accountant	14,910.00 p.a.
5. Assistant Treasurer	1.00 p.a.
6. Town Counsel	500.00 p.a.
7. Selectmen's Admin. Ass't.	11,000.00 p.a.
8. Personnel Boards Recording Clerk	3.20 hr.
9. Board of Registrars Clerk	850.00 p.a.
10. Clerk	3.20 hr.
11. Planning Board Clerk	3.20 hr.
12. Board of Registrars (3 mbrs)	360.00 ea.
13. Town Aide	8,051.40 p.a.

A motion was made by Mr. Peter Vennard to accept Lines 1-13 as amended. Motion passed.

CONSERVATION AND CEMETERY

1. Cemetery Superintendent	\$12,211.29 p.a.
3. Superintendent of Insect and Pest Control	1,250.00 p.a.
7. Park Superintendent	12,211.29 p.a.

The Finance Committee and Personnel Board recommend the above figures for Line Items 1, 3, & 7. It was so voted.

CUSTODIAL

1. Custodian (Center Hall)	3.53hr.
2. Custodian (Library)	3.53hr.
3. Custodian (Police Department)	3.53hr.

It was so voted.

LIBRARY		Recommended July 1, 1975
1.	Librarian MLS.....	\$14,330.64p.a.
2.	Librarian MLS (Assistant).....	10,227.50p.a.
3.	Branch Librarian.....	8,525.33p.a.
4.	Senior Assistant Librarian.....	3,54hr.
5.	Junior Assistant Librarian.....	3.02hr.
6.	Clerk.....	3.20hr.
7.	Aides.....	2.21hr.

.....	4.96 hr.
Custodian (Laborer - general).....	3.60 hr.
Painting Machine Operator (Only when employed).....	4.23 hr.
Sewer Rodder Machine Operator (Only when employed).....	4.23 hr.
TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT	
RATE OF PAY (1975)	
1. Chief.....	\$22,700.00 p.a.
2. Deputy Chief.....	18,728.00 p.a.

Judith Blume moved that we adjourn until correct figures can be given on wages. The Finance Committee opposed adjournment. The Moderator refused to accept the motion as it was given. Mrs. Blume then moved that we adjourn until May 19, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. at the High School Gymnasium. The Selectmen had no objection to adjournment. Mr. McDermott withdrew the Finance Committee's objection to adjournment. Selectman Arnold Lovering moved that we hold on items that are in collective bargaining. Motion carried, unanimously. Mr. Edward Hilliard objected to adjournment stating the 1974-75 figures plus 6 1/2% increase were accurate. A vote was taken on the motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn defeated.

A vote was taken on Library Lines 1-7. It was so voted.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		Recommended July 1, 1975
1.	Highway Superintendent.....	\$19,170.00 p.a.
2.	Highway Foreman.....	6.18 hr.
3.	Administrative Assistant.....	9,052.00p.a.

Richard Codling objected to the 6 1/2% increase for Line Item 1. Normand Labrecque moved that Line 3 be reduced to \$1.00. Mr. McDermott of the Finance Committee supported the change of classification stating the responsibility of the position merited the salary figure proposed. This is one position in the Highway Department. A vote was taken on Mr. Labrecque's motion to amend Line 3 to read \$1.00. Motion defeated.

Mr. Richard Codling moved to amend Line Item 1 to read \$18,000. A vote was taken on the main motion Line Item 3 — \$9,052.00. It was so voted.

Mr. Codling moved to amend Line Item 1 to read \$18,000. This amendment was not supported by the Personnel Board & Selectmen. The Moderator put the figure of \$19,170 on Line Item 1 to a vote. It was so voted.

Line 2, Highway Foreman — \$6.18 hr. It was so voted.

Selectman Arnold Lovering requested the following classifications be on hold:

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CLASSIFICATION	RATE OF PAY (1975)
Assistant Foreman.....	\$4.56 hr.
Grader Operator.....	5.07 hr.
Class I - Engineer, Equip. Operator (Tractor & Broom Oper.)....	4.87 hr.
Class II - Engineer, Equip. Operator (Catch Basin Cleaner Oper).	4.49 hr.
Class III - Special Equip. Operator (Truck Driver, Highway & Waste)	
Laborer (Ashes & Waste).....	\$ 3.88 hr.
Laborer (General).....	3.60 hr.
Laborer (Skilled).....	3.88 hr.
Mechanic.....	4.57 hr.

Selectman Arnold Lovering moved we vote a statutory salary for both Chief and Deputy Chief since the Town Fire Department is still in the process of collective bargaining with the union. Mr. Thomas Thorstensen questioned whether the collective bargaining is for more than 6 1/2%. Mr. Lovering could not answer this question.

Mr. Gordon Reed moved we table Lines 1 & 2 until negotiations are complete.

Mr. McDermott moved to pass on Fire & Police until next session of town meeting. The motion before us is to table Line 1 & 2 until next session/and or until negotiations are completed. Mr. Edward Quinn asked how Deputy Chief's salary under Item 2 would be determined. The Finance Committee asked Town Counsel Clement McCarthy's opinion on this. The Deputy's pay would be 165% of the highest paid firefighter.

Mr. Gordon Reed withdrew his motion to table Line Items 1 & 2. The Finance Committee moved that under Police & Fire Department, Line Item 1 should read 200% which is the statutory salary for Chiefs. Line Item 2 should read 165% of money voted for firefighter and police officer.

Mr. Robert Griffin questioned the quorum. A count was taken showing 136 voters present — 200 are required for a quorum.

A motion was made to adjourn until Monday night, May 19, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Gymnasium. It was so voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr.
Moderator

Mary E. St. Hilaire
Town Clerk

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 19, 1975

The adjourned annual Town Meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. by Moderator Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr. who recognized the presence of a quorum.

UNDER ARTICLE 2A

TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT Recommended July 1, 1975

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering stated the Selectmen will not make a motion on the salary for the Fire Chief since his rate of pay is set by statute and cannot be governed by Town meeting. Mr. Lovering moved we vote on Deputy Chief which is not governed by statute, annual pay \$19,945.

2. Deputy Chief..... \$19,945 p.a.

It was so voted, unanimously.

Selectman Lovering stated the same applied to Police Chief. No motion on the salary for Chief. He moved we voted on Captain, \$19,945.

2. Captain \$19,945 p.a.

It was so voted, unanimously.

RECREATION Recommended July 1, 1975

Mr. Peter Vennard of the Personnel Board moved to amend 1. Director Transportation by deleting \$250.00.

It was so voted, unanimously.

1A. Administrative Assistant to Recreation Commission \$ 2,000 p.a.
 1B. Director of Summer Program 1,240 p.a.

2. Swimming Director MIN MAX
 \$70.00 wk \$100.00 wk

3. Swimming Instructor 70.00 wk 100.00 wk
 4. Playground Director 70.00 wk 100.00 wk
 5. Playground Supervisor 70.00 wk 100.00 wk
 6. Playground Instructor 70.00 wk 100.00 wk
 7. Sports Instructor 70.00 wk 100.00 wk

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Animal Inspector \$ 1,000.00 p.a.
 2. Building Inspector 15,975.00 p.a.
 3. Gas Inspector 2,500.00 p.a.
 4. Electric Inspector 5,000.00 p.a.
 5. Sealer of Weights & Measures 2,000.00 p.a.
 6. Dog Officer 6,923.00 p.a.
 6a. Assistant Dog Officer 5,538.00 p.a.
 7. Clock Winder 100.00 p.a.

It was so voted.

ARTICLE 2A "Job Titles and Standard Rates for Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary Bylaw" as amended.

It was so voted.

UNDER ARTICLE 3.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

1. Accountant \$ 14,910.
 2. Senior Clerk (3) 23,742.
 2a. Additional Clerk Hire 00.
 3. Severance 3,256.
 TOTAL \$ 41,908.

EXPENSES:

4. Expenses 1,500.
 5. Outlay 00.
 TOTAL \$ 1,500.
 TOTAL ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT \$ 43,408.

It was so voted

ANIMAL INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

6. Inspector's Salary \$ 1,100.
 7. Expenser 100.
 TOTAL ANIMAL INSPECTOR'S DEPT \$ 1,100.

It was so voted.

BOARD OF APPEALS

8. Clerk Hire \$ 2,173.
 9. Expenses 2,450.
 9a. Outlay Account 250.
 TOTAL BOARD OF APPEALS \$ 4,873.

It was so voted.

ASSESSORS

SALARIES:

10. Assessor (Full Time) \$ 14,910.
 11. Baard Member (Part Time) (2) 7,159.
 12. Senior Clerk (4) 31,655.
 13. Clerk (Part Time) 00.
 TOTAL \$ 53,724.

EXPENSES:

14. Office Expenses \$ 5,000.
 15. Transportation 1,000.
 16. Outlays 00.
 17. Data Proc. (Tax Billing) 6,000.
 TOTAL \$ 12,000.

TOTAL ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT \$ 65,724.

It was so voted, unanimously.

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMM.

18. Expenses -- Annual Operation \$ 1,171.
 19. Accumulation Fund (1975-76) 8,400.

TOTAL BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE \$ 9,571.

It was so voted, unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT
(Includes Zoning Bylaw Enforcement)

20. Inspector's Salary \$ 15,975.
 21. Inspector's Fees 00.
 22. Sr. Clerk 1.
 23. Vacation & Sickness 1.
 24. Transportation 1,500.
 25. Inspector's Expenses 1,890.
 26. Out of Town Expenses 250.
 TOTAL \$ 19,617.

It was so voted, unanimously.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

27. Commissioners (3) \$ 300.
 28. Superintendent 12,205.
 29. General Labor 24,624.
 30. Special Labor for Lat Owners 700.
 TOTAL \$ 37,829.

31. Interments 4,500.
 32. Transportation Superintendent 300.
 33. Expenses 8,150.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

OUTLAYS	\$ 1,750.
34. Town Clerk - Salary	00.
35. Town Clerk - Expenses	00.
36. Beautification -- Perpetual Care	00.
37. Out of State Expenses	200.
38. Restore Forefather's & Hort Pond.	1,000.
TOTAL	\$ 15,900.
TOTAL CEMETERY DEPARTMENT	\$ 53,729.

It was so voted, unanimously.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

39. Expenses	\$ 3,400.
40. Outlays	3,400.
TOTAL CIVILIAN DEFENSE	\$ 6,800.

It was so voted, unanimously.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

41. Expenses	\$ 11,600.
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It was so voted, unanimously.

CONSTABLE

42. Constable's Solory	\$ 120.
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COUNCIL ON AGING

43. Salary	\$ 00.
44. Expenses	6,925.
45. Transportation Expenses	3,500.
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 10,425.

It was so voted, unanimously.

DEBT AND INTEREST

46. North School Loan	\$ 00.
47. High School Loan No. 1	50,000.
48. High School Loan No. 2	85,000.
49. Highway Garage Loan	5,000.
50. South Row Elementary School Loan	45,000.
51. Addition to High School	00.
52. Junior High School Loan	110,000.
53. Pine Ridge Equipment	00.
54. Westland Elem School Loan &	
55. Harrington Elem. School Loan	160,000.
56. Byam Elementary School Loan	105,000.
57. High School - 1972	850,000.
DEBT TOTAL	\$ 1,410,000.

It was so voted, unanimously.

INTEREST

58. North School Loan	\$ 00.
59. High School Loan No. 1	3,500.
60. High School Loan No. 2	8,160.
61. Highway Garage Loan	00.
62. Anticipation of Revenue &	
Reimbursement Loans	50,000.
63. South Row Elem. School Loan	9,450.
64. Addition to High School	00.
65. Junior High School	31,363.
66. Pine Ridge Equipment	00.
67. Westland Elem. School Loan &	
68. Harrington Elem. School Loan	85,140.
69. Byam Elementary School Loan	89,850.
70. High School - 1972	280,500.
INTEREST TOTAL	\$ 557,963.
TOTAL DEBT & INTEREST	\$ 1,967,963.

It was so voted, unanimously.

DOG OFFICER

FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

SALARIES:

71. Dog Officer	\$ 6,923.
72. Assistant Dog Officer	5,538.
73. Expenses	1,500.
TOTAL DOG OFFICER	\$ 13,961.

It was so voted, unanimously.

DUTCH ELM CONTROL

74. Superintendent	\$ 00.
75. Expenses	00.

TOTAL INSECT PEST CONTROL

It was so voted, unanimously.

EDWARDS MEMORIAL BEACH

76. Expenses	\$ 00.
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This item is included in Vorney Playground

ELECTIONS

77. Wages and Expenses	\$ 18,340.
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It was so voted, unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

78. Expenses	\$ 1,500.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

79. Officers and Administration	\$ 114,149.
80. Regular and Substitute Account	719,036.

TOTAL

EXPENSES:

81. Maintenance & Equipment	41,675.
82. Outlays	4,900.
83. Out of State	400.
84. Stabilization Fund (Equipment)	15,000.

TOTAL

TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT

It was so voted, unanimously.

GAS PIPING & FIXTURE DEPARTMENT

85. Inspectors Fees	\$ 00.
85a. Inspectors Salary	2,500.
86. Expenses	00.

TOTAL GAS PIPING & FIXTURE DEPT.

HEALTH & SANITATION DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

87. Board Members	\$ 828.
88. Director of Public Health	18,000.

Mr. Paul McCarthy moved to amend Line 88 to \$18,000 instead of \$17,360. The Finance Committee supported this amendment. A vote was taken which left chair in doubt. A hand vote was taken. Motion carried.

89. Senior Clerk	\$ 7,914.
90. Plumbing Inspector - Fees & Transfers ..	2,000.
91. Physicians	1,000.
92. Vacation and Sickness	500.

TOTAL

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

EXPENSES:

93. Health & Professional Services	\$ 4,700.
94. Mosquito Control Study	1.
95. Transportation Directors	1,500.
96. Other Expenses	1,920.
97. Out of State Expense	350.
Outlay	600.
TOTAL	\$ 9,071.
TOTAL SALARIES & EXPENSES	\$ 39,313.

It was so voted, as amended.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

98. This number omitted in Finance Committee 5-19-75 Book.

Selectman Arnold Lovering moved to amend Line 101. Engineer's Fees from \$4,500 to \$10,000. The Finance Committee agreed with this amendment. It was so voted.

99. Superintendent	\$ 19,170.
100. Administrative Ass't - Highway	9,053.
101. Engineer's Fees	10,000.
101. Sr. Clerk	00.
(101 used twice in Finance Booklet)	
102. Clerk Hire	633.
TOTAL	\$ 38,856.

EXPENSES:

103. Utilities & Misc. Expense	\$ 30,000.
104. Street Signs	2,300.
105. Waste Collection	380,899.
106. Annual Waste Clean Up Days	10,000.
107. Maintenance & Repair to Garage	1,200.
108. Outlays	00.

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & DRAINAGE

109. Highway Materials	\$ 78,000.
110. Highway Misc. Equipment & Small Tools	1,500.
111. Stabilization Fund Equipment	10,000.
112. Machinery Hire - Other	6,000.
113. Labor - Men	216,873.
114. Vacations and Sickness	31,912.
115. Labor - Overtime	6,160.
116. Radio Outlay & Equipment	00.
117. Radio Repairs and Services	540.

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT:

118. Repairs	\$ 23,750.
119. Snow and Ice Removal	197,080.
120. Highway Bridges & Drainage Const	45,632.
121. Chapter 90 Maintenance	00.
122. Sidewalks	7,000.
TOTAL	\$ 1,048,346.
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$ 1,087,702.

Mr. Robert Hall of the School Committee expressed concern about the delay in pursuing the sidewalk project. Selectman Lovering responded we do have a formal sidewalk committee and a definite program started.

Mrs. Ina Greenblatt questioned the waste collection figure. Selectman Lovering responded it will remain \$13.00 a ton. We are also working on a plan whereby residents will voluntarily separate glass and cans and bring them to pick up spots in several convenient places in Town.

The Highway budget as amended passed, unanimously.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION**

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

123. Expenses	\$ 900.
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It was so voted.

HOME RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

124. Expenses	\$ 600.
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It was so voted.

HYDRANT SERVICE DEPARTMENT

125. Center	\$ 33,640.
126. North	9,400.
127. East	4,300.
128. South	4,000.
TOTAL HYDRANT SERVICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 51,340.

It was so voted.

INSECT PEST CONTROL

Mrs. Ethel Kamien questioned this budget. Tree Warden Myles Hogan explained in detail the need for the money requested.

129. Superintendent's Salary	\$ 1,250.
129a. Expenses	13,950.
TOTAL INSECT PEST CONTROL	\$ 15,200.

It was so voted.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Arnold Lovering moved to amend Line Item 131, Chapter 32B (Insurance Employees) to read \$223,500 in lieu of \$202,500. This amount is requested to increase coverage of Town employees' Blue Cross to Master Medical instead of Major Medical. The Finance Committee supports this amendment.

It was so voted, unanimously.

130. Prop. Liab. & All Types of Ins.	\$ 136,100.
131. Chapter 32B Insurance - Employees	223,500.
132. Police Professional Liability	00.
TOTAL INSURANCE DEPARTMENT	\$ 359,600

Liability Insurance - Selectmen

00.
A vote was taken on the main motion as amended.
Motion passed

LAW DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

133. Town Counsel	\$ 500.
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It was so voted.

EXPENSES:

134. Legal Services	\$ 14,000.
134a. Misc. Exp. Association Dues	1,000.
TOTAL LAW DEPARTMENT	\$ 15,500.

It was so voted.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

135. Librarian	\$ 14,331.
136. Assistant Director	10,118.
137. Branch Librarian	8,525.
138. Assistant Librarians	72,525.
139. Library Aides	4,580.
140. Custodian & Security	8,307.
141. Vacation & Sickness	2,876.
TOTAL	\$ 121,262.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

EXPENSES:

142. Repair & Maintenance of Bldgs.	\$ 2,100.
143. Fuel, Light and Water.	8,100.
144. Books and Periodicals.	43,690.
145. Other Expenses.	7,100.
146. Outlays.	<u>3,400.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>64,390.</u>

TOTAL LIBRARY DEPARTMENT \$ 185,652.

State Funds Received 11,787.

NET LIBRARY DEPARTMENT. \$ 173,865.

It was so voted.

MODERATOR

147. Moderator's Salary.	\$ 300.
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It was so voted.

PARK DEPARTMENT

148. Labor.	\$ 14,608.
149. Expenses.	3,450.
150. Outlays.	3,000.
151. Recreation Field Maintenance Labor.	2,250.
152. Recreation Field Maintenance Exp.	<u>1,000.</u>
TOTAL PARK DEPARTMENT.	\$ <u>24,308.</u>

It was so voted.

PERSONNEL BOARD

153. Expenses.	\$ 450.
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Mr. Robert Raab moved that Article 3, Line 157. Consultant be amended to the figure of \$10,000, with the notation that this money shall be used only as Chelmsford's participation in the Comprehensive Planning and Management Program, Section 701, of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Finance Committee supported this amendment as did the League of Women voters. After a discussion, a vote was taken. It was so voted.

PLANNING BOARD

154. Clerk Hire.	\$ 1,704.
155. Expenses.	1,000.
156. Outlay.	250.
157. Consultant.	10,000.
158. Greater Lowell Planning Fee (NMAC)	<u>00.</u>
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD.	\$ <u>12,954.</u>

It was so voted, as amended.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Selectman Arnold Lovering moved that the sum of \$407,370 be transferred from the revenue sharing fund to the Police Department salaries account, and that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$412,728 for said salaries account. It was so voted.

SALARIES:

159. Officers and Administration.	\$ 149,862.
160. Regular and Special Account.	<u>670,236.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>820,098.</u>

161. Maintenance and Equipment.	\$ 82,153.
162. Chief's Out of State Expense.	150.
163. Outlays.	00.
164. Special Education, Out of State.	1,600.
165. Regional Tactial Unit. Expenses.	<u>1,500.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>85,403.</u>
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.	\$ <u>905,501.</u>

It was so voted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

166. Janitor's Salary.	\$ 7,343.
167. Vacation & Sickness.	<u>356.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>7,699.</u>

EXPENSES:

168. Fuel, Light & Water.	\$ 9,000.
169. Repairs, Equipment & Expenses.	6,000.
170. Outlays.	<u>10,000.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>25,000.</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT \$ 32,699.

It was so voted.

RECREATION COMMISSION

171. Salaries, Directors & Asst. Youth.	\$ 12,650.
172. Expenses, Youth.	90,300.
173. Out of State Expenses.	00.
174. Outlay.	<u>10,500.</u>
TOTAL RECREATION DEPARTMENT.	\$ <u>113,450.</u>

It was so voted.

REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

175. Registrars (3).	\$ 1,080.
176. Ass't Registrars: Wages & Mileage.	3,500.
177. Clerk.	<u>4,228.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>8,808.</u>

EXPENSES:

178. Printing: Men-Women Directory.	\$ 1,100.
179. Printing: Voters' Lists.	400.
180. Other Expenses.	800.
181. Data Processing.	<u>2,500.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>4,800.</u>
TOTAL REGISTRAR'S DEPARTMENT.	\$ <u>13,608.</u>

It was so voted.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

182. Clerk.	\$ 1,000.
183. Out of State Travel.	00.
184. Expenses.	<u>300.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>1,300.</u>

It was so voted.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

224. Salary.	\$ 2,000.
225. Expenses.	<u>1,000.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>3,000.</u>

It was so voted.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

226. Chairman.	\$ 1,500.
227. Board Members.	4,000.
228. Selectmen Adm. Asst.	11,000.
229. Labor Relations Advisor.	5,000.
230. Clerk (2) (Part-time)	5,003.
231. Senior Clerk (Full-time)	7,914.
231a. Purchasing Agent.	<u>650.</u>
TOTAL.	\$ <u>35,067.</u>

FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

EXPENSES:

232. Expenses	\$ 6,200.
233. Conference Expenses	1,600.
234. Outlays	00.
235. Out of State Expenses	250.
236. Emergency Employment	00.
237. Purchasing Agent	1,100.
238. Photo Copy Machine	3,600.
239. Insurance for Selectmen	1,560.
TOTAL	\$ 14,310.
TOTAL SELECTMEN'S DEPT.	\$ 49,377.

It was so voted.

SEWER COMMISSION DEPARTMENT

240. Professional Fee	\$ 25,000.
241. Expenses	1,000.
TOTAL SEWER COMMISSION DEPARTMENT	\$ 26,000.

It was so voted.

STREET LIGHTING

242. Street Lighting	\$ 62,459.
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It was so voted.

TOWN AIDE

243. Salary	\$ 8,051.
244. Expenses	550.
TOTAL	\$ 8,601.

It was so voted.

TOWN CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

245. Expenses	\$ 5,000.
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It was so voted.

TOWN CLERK DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

246. Town Clerk	\$ 10,500.
247. Senior Clerk (2)	15,828.
248. Clerk (Part time)	3,323.
249. Clerk (Overtime)	950.
TOTAL	\$ 30,601.

EXPENSES:

250. Expenses	\$ 4,500.
251. Board of Appeals - Variance Rec. Fees	50.
252. Printing Bylaws Books	1,000.
253. Outlays	00.
TOTAL	\$ 5,550.
TOTAL TOWN CLERK DEPARTMENT	\$ 36,151.

It was so voted.

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

254. Expenses	\$ 200.
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It was so voted.

TREASURER & COLLECTOR DEPT.

SALARIES:

255. Treasurer & Collector	\$ 16,103.
256. Assistant Treasurer	00.
257. Senior Clerk (6)	47,484.
258. Clerk	00.
259. Vacation & Sickness	1,000.
TOTAL	\$ 64,587.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

EXPENSES:

260. Postage	\$ 9,000.
261. Printing, Advertising, Binding & Stationery	2,000.
262. Bonds	780.
263. Expenses	3,800.
264. Outlays	00.
265. Machine Hire	00.
266. Data Processes, Payroll	00.
267. Purchase NCR 400 Acct. Machine	00.
TOTAL	\$ 15,580.
TOTAL TREASURER & COLLECTOR DEPT.	\$ 80,167.

It was so voted.

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

SALARIES:

268. Tree Warden	\$ 800.
269. Fees	4,000.
TOTAL	\$ 4,800.

Mr. Myles F. Hogan moved to amend Line Item 270 to read \$12,500 instead of \$9,500. He explained the expenditure of \$3,000 is needed to replace trees that have been cut down. The Finance Committee was opposed to the amendment. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

EXPENSES:

270. Other Expenses	\$ 12,500.
271. Outlay	650.
TOTAL	\$ 13,150.
TOTAL TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT	\$ 17,950.

It was so voted, as amended.

UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENTS

272. Town & Finance Committee Reports	\$ 10,000.
273. CATV Committee	1,000.
274. Expenses for Memorial Day	1,500.
275. Expenses for Town Clock	300.
276. Development & Industrial Commission	500.
277. Ambulance Service	10,000.
278. Lowell Mental Health Association	8,695.
279. Veteran Pension Claims	4,586.
280. Bus Transportation Subsidy	\$ 35,000.

Mr. Murphy moved to amend line 280 to read \$35,000 instead of \$29,000. The Finance Committee supported this amendment. After a discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment. It was so voted.

281. Share Inc. (Drug Rehabilitation)	\$ 23,575.
282. NMAC Assessment	8,952.
TOTAL Unclassified Departments	\$104,108.

VARNEY PLAYGROUND

283. Labor	\$ 2,450.
284. Expenses	3,000.
285. Outlays	1,600.
TOTAL VARNEY PLAYGROUND	\$ 7,050.

It was so voted.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS DEPARTMENT

286. Salary of Veteran's Agent	\$ 9,053.
287. Clerical	00.
288. Expenses	1,550.
289. Outlay	00.
290. Cash & Material Grants	75,000.
TOTAL Veteran's Benefits Department	\$ 85,603.

It was so voted, unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION

WIRING INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

291. Inspector's Fees	\$ 00.
292. Inspector's Salary	5,000.
293. Expenses	00.
TOTAL	\$ 5,000.

It was so voted, unanimously.

YOUTH CENTER

294. Salaries	\$ 20,289.
295. Expenses	3,700.
296. Outlay	1,730.
TOTAL YOUTH CENTER	\$ 25,719.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 57. Mr. Stephen Wojcik moved to dismiss Article 57.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 61. Mr. Marvin W. Schenk moved that the Town vote to amend article 61 to read \$650,000 instead of \$800,000. It was so voted.

Mr. Marin W. Schenk, Chairman of Finance Committee moved that the Town vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to issue the sum of \$650,000 from free cash in the Treasury for the reduction of the tax rate for the current fiscal period.

A vote was taken on the main motion, as amended. It was so voted.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arnold J. Lovering moved to adjourn meeting sine die at 10:00 P.M. It was so voted.

Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr. Mary E. St. Hilaire
Moderator Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 16, 1975

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in the C. Edith McCarthy Junior High School Auditorium on Monday, the sixteenth day of June, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used by the School Building Committee for the purpose of securing the design, specifications, plans and cost for the construction of a 250 pupil capacity auditorium addition to the new high school: or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to its Zoning Bylaw:

- (1) By deleting in Paragraph 2.1 of Section II entitled "Definitions", the definition of Amusement, Outdoor and inserting therein the following definition:

Amusement, Outdoor - Drive-in theater, golf driving range, miniature golf, race track, amusement park, professional sports stadium or similar commercial recreation conducted in whole or in part outdoors.

- (2) By inserting in Paragraph 2.1 of Section II entitled "Definitions" after the definition of "Camping Ground, Commercial" the following:

Carnival - a fair, exhibition, show or similar event conducted by, for the benefit of or under the auspices of a non profit, charitable or religious organization, club, institution, or association.

- (3) By deleting in Paragraph 5.1 of Section V entitled "Conditions", "A - Use authorized under the special permits as provided for in Section 11.1.2 herein or under footnote number 14 below" and inserting:

A - Use authorized under the special permits as provided for in Section 11.1.2 herein or under footnotes numbered 14 and 15 below.

- (4) Amend Paragraph 5.3 of Section V entitled "Use Regulation Schedule" as follows:

(a) By inserting after the word "Barn Sale, Garage Sale or Yard Sale" the following:

Carnival 15 with all symbols applicable thereto to be designated "A".

- (b) By adding after footnote 14 the following:

15. Such special permit may only be issued by the Building Inspector, and shall not be valid for longer than one week and a special permit can be issued to a particular organization only once each calendar year.

- (5) Amend Section VI entitled "General Regulations" by inserting the following paragraph 6.3.14:

The Building Inspector may provide that satisfactory arrangements are made for adequate off-street parking prior to issuing a temporary special permit for a carnival. See footnote 15 under Section V, paragraph 5.3.:

or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purchase and/or construction of a Salt Storage Shed for the Highway Department, said Shed to be located on town owned property: or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the funds in the "Library Addition Account" to an account to be known as the "Land and Buildings Acquisition for Town Library Purposes": or act in relation thereto.

Library Building Committee

ARTICLE 5. In the event of an affirmative vote on the foregoing article, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Building Committee acting under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen to purchase for the sum of \$75,000 approximately 47,000 square feet of land with the buildings thereon, bounded on the south by the Adams Library site, on the east by Boston Road, on the north by land of Riney and on the west by land of Tevlin and Adams Ave., and to expend a certain sum of money to renovate and equip the buildings thereon for library purposes: or act in relation thereto.

Library Building Committee

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Bylaw to establish criteria and procedures for the recall of an elected officer of the Town: said Bylaw to read as follows:

1. An elected officer of the Town, provided that he has had his office for at least six months, may be removed from public office by the following procedure. Any voter of the Town may file with the Town Clerk a petition containing the name and title of the elected officer whose removal is sought, together with a statement of the reasons for his removal. The petition shall be signed in ink or indelible pencil by qualified voters of the Town equal in number to at least two per cent of the voters registered in the Town at the last annual town election. Said petition shall be accompanied by affidavits signed and sworn by each circulator.

2. Within five days following receipt of the petition the Town Clerk shall determine whether the petition and the affidavits are sufficient, and if sufficient, a recall vote shall be taken within ninety days, but not sooner than sixty days, following such determination. However, no such vote shall be taken if the term of office of such elected official shall expire within ninety days after the recall vote, or if such elected officer shall resign from office before the taking of the vote. Said recall vote shall be called and conducted in the same manner as is provided by General Laws for the call and conduct of a special election.

3. The form of the question to be voted upon shall be substantially as follows: "Shall (here insert the name and title of the elected officer whose recall is sought) be removed from office?" A majority vote to recall shall not be effective unless at least thirty per cent of the voters entitled to vote on the question shall have voted. Recall of such elected officer shall become effective upon certification of the results of the voting regardless of any defect in the recall petition. If any elected officer shall be recalled, the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of General Law, this Chapter and Bylaw.:

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Bylaw to establish criteria for conflicts of interest by Town officers, employees, and appointed members of Town committees: said Bylaws to read as follows:

1. All Town officials shall conduct themselves with competence and the highest ethical conduct for the benefit of the majority of the taxpayers in matters directly affecting their office.

2. All Town officers, employees and voting appointed committee members shall perform the duties and responsibilities of their office without conflicts of financial interests.

3. No Town officer or voting appointed committee member shall serve on any Town agency nor exercise his/her vote on such an agency or committee if said act would directly affect the income of a) that Town officer, b) any member of the officer's immediate family, or c) a business associate of the Town officer.

4. No Town officer or voting appointed committee member shall exercise his vote on any Town agency if that vote directly affects an issue involving an area in which he holds professional competence or is employed gainfully.

5. The submission of a bid by a Town officer, employee or committee member to the Town for any materials or services shall serve to cause an immediate vacating of his office.

6. No elected Town officer or voting appointed member of a Town committee shall become a Town employee in the field of the subject matter of his/her appointment within four (4) years of the termination of the term of office or appointment.

7. Any group of ten (10) registered voters may bring to the Town Counsel a request to investigate an alleged violation of this Bylaw. The Town Counsel shall notify the person accused of the allegation and request vacating of the office. If the person accused elects to vacate the office, all allegations will be dropped by the Town: if not, then the Counsel shall proceed with a civil suit for vacating the office.

8. Any Town officer, elected or appointed, shall upon conviction under this conflict of interest Bylaw pay to the Town Treasurer an amount equal to 1.5 times the amount of the financial benefit received by the officer, member of his immediate family, or his business associate.:

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Bylaw to establish criteria and procedures for the suspension or removal from office of any appointed Town officer, employee, or appointed member of a committee for cause: said Bylaw to read as follows:

1. Any appointed Town officer, employee, or appointed member of a committee of the Town may be suspended or removed from office for cause. The term "cause" shall include, but not be limited to, the following: (A) Incapacity other than short term illness, (B) conflict of interest, (C) inefficiency, (D) insubordination, (E) conduct unbecoming the office, or (F) prolonged unexplained absence.

2. Suspension of any such officer, employee, or committee member may be effected whenever the appointing authority deems such action necessary to safeguard the interests of the Town, such action shall be effective for no more than 30 days and may be coterminous with a petition of 1% of the voters registered when presented to the appointing authority.

3. When removing any such officer or employee, the appointing authority shall act in accordance with the following procedure:

- A. A written notice of intent to remove and a statement of the cause or causes therefore shall be delivered by registered mail to the last known address of the person sought to be removed.
- B. Within five days of the receipt of such notice the officer or employee may request a hearing, at which he may be represented by counsel and shall be entitled to present evidence, to call witnesses, and to question any witnesses appearing at the hearing. Said hearing shall be public and shall be held within fourteen days of his request.
- C. Between one and ten days after the hearing is adjourned or if the officer or employee fails to request a hearing, between six and fifteen days after sending of the notice of intent to remove, the appointing authority shall take final action, either removing the officer or employee or notifying him that the notice is rescinded.
- D. Removal action may be instituted by a citizen's petition of 1% of the voters registered when presented to the appointing authority.

4. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as granting a right to such a hearing to a person who is not re-appointed upon the expiration of a fixed term:

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to change the Town Bylaw on Warrant articles to read as follows:

All articles to be inserted in the Annual Town Meeting must be in the hands of the Selectmen no later than six weeks prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. This also applies to Special Town Meetings but the time shall be four weeks prior to the meeting. Within one week of the close of the Warrant the Selectmen shall publish a list of titles of the articles which shall in essence disclose the intent of the article. At least two weeks prior to the meeting the Selectmen shall have a final draft available for interested citizens:

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote for the following Bylaw:

At least ten days prior to any Town Meeting, the Selectmen shall mail a copy of the Warrant articles to every resident taxpayer of the Town of Chelmsford and the Finance Committee shall

mail its recommendations on such Warrant articles. The mailing may be included in the same document. Failure to mail such Warrant and recommendations on time shall cause a reschedule (sic) of the meeting to ten days after the mailing. This Bylaw shall take precedence over the Bylaw establishing the Annual Town Meeting date:

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

June 17, 1975

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: McFarlin School — All Purpose Room, North Elementary School Auditorium, Moses Parker Junior High School Band Room, East Chelmsford School, Byam School Cafetorium, Westlands School Cafeteria, North Elementary School Auditorium, Small Gymnasium, C. Edith McCarthy Junior High School, South Row School Auditorium, South Row School Auditorium, Westlands School Cafeteria and Fire House — Old Westford Road seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

William E. Spence
Constable of Chelmsford

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 16, 1975

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by Moderator Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., who recognized the presence of a quorum which is 300 for a Special Town Meeting. There were 499 voters present.

The following tellers were appointed:

Ruth Delaney	Edward Hilliard
Margaret Johnson	John McCormack
Dorothy Lerer	Carl Olsson

Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the Sheriff's return of service be waived. It was so voted, unanimously. A motion was made that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 1. Mr. Robert O'Regan moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$18,000.00 to be used by the School Building Committee for the purpose of securing the design, specifications, plans and cost for the construction of a 250 pupil capacity auditorium addition to the new High School.

A lengthy discussion developed about the need for an auditorium. The article was supported by the School Committee. The Board of Selectmen, School Building Committee, and Finance Committee opposed the article. Mr. Gerald Shea made a motion to stop debate. A 2/3 vote required.

YES	412
NO	28

It was so voted.

A vote was taken on the main motion.

YES	180
NO	282

Motion Defeated.

SEPTEMBER 22, 1975

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, S.S.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in the Chelmsford High School Gymnasium on Monday, the twenty-second day of September, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, or otherwise, a flowage easement over certain lands adjoining Crystal Lake for the purpose of permitting the flooding of said lands up to an elevation of 122 feet above mean sea level and for the municipal purposes of public health, safety and/or conservation and more particularly over the land of Roland S. Doyle and Anastasia Doyle a flowage easement extending to a point 1 foot higher than the line of Crystal Lake as taken by the Town of Chelmsford by a taking dated November 30, 1970 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1942, Page 689. The limit of said easement is shown on a "Property Plan of the Restoration of Crystal Lake", dated February 1975, by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc., the original of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Chelmsford and a reduced copy of which is recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 120, Plan 115; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen and
Crystal Lake Restoration Committee

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, or otherwise a flowage easement over certain lands adjoining Crystal Lake for the purpose of permitting the flooding of said lands up to an elevation of 122 feet above mean sea level and for the municipal purposes of public health safety and/or conservation and more particularly over the land of James M. Doyle and Kathleen Doyle a flowage easement extending to a point 1 foot higher than the line of Crystal Lake as taken by the Town of Chelmsford by a taking dated November 30, 1970 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1942, Page 689. The limit of said easement is shown on a "Property Plan of the Restoration of Crystal Lake", dated February, 1975 by Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc., the original of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Chelmsford and a reduced copy of which is recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 120, Plan 115; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen and
Crystal Lake Restoration Committee

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to approve the filing of the following petition in the General Court under the provisions of the Constitution of the Com-

UNDER ARTICLE 2. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering stated that the Article as written has been ruled illegal by Town Counsel, therefore the Board of Selectmen moved to dismiss it. The Planning Board was in favor of dismissal.

It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 3. Selectman Arnold J. Lovering moved that the location of the Salt Storage Shed, the purchase of which was authorized under Article 23 at the Annual Town Meeting held on May 5, 1975, be located on Town owned property.

The Finance Committee opposed this article. Mr. McDermott felt a specific site should be made for the location of the salt shed. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 4. Chairman of the Library Building Committee Howard K. Moore moved that the Town vote to transfer \$94,500.00 from the "Library Addition Account" to an account to be known as the "Land and Buildings Acquisition Fund for Town Library Purposes."

Mr. Richard McDermott of the Finance Committee stated that this article should be taken up at the next annual Town Meeting. The Selectmen favored the article. A discussion followed with a clear presentation of the need given by Mr. Moore, Mrs. McCarthy, and Mr. Panceira.

Mr. John Arenstam made a motion to stop debate. A 2/3 vote required. It was so voted, unanimously.

A vote was taken on the main motion under Article 4.

It was so voted, by voice.

Mr. Gerald House moved that Article 1 be reconsidered. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 5. Chairman of the Library Building Committee Howard K. Moore moved that the Town vote to authorize the Library Building Committee acting under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen to purchase for the sum of \$75,000 approximately 47,000 square feet of land with the buildings thereon, bounded on the south by the Adams Library site, on the east by Boston Road, on the north by land of Riney and on the west by land of Tevlin and Adams Avenue, and to expend the sum of \$19,500 to renovate and equip the buildings thereon for library purposes.

Mr. Richard McDermott stated the Finance Committee does not object to the voters choice. A vote was taken on the main motion.

A 2/3 vote required. It was so voted unanimously.

Mr. Leroy Fielding questioned the quorum. A count was taken, showing 245 voters present. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M. without another date because of lack of quorum.

Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr.
Moderator

Mary E. St. Hilaire
Town Clerk

"The voters of the Town of Chelmsford pursuant to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Amendment Article 2, Section 8, hereby petition the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact the following law:

Section I Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, in order to ascertain the will of the voters of the Town of Chelmsford the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford shall cause to be placed on the official ballot to be used in the Town of Chelmsford by the registered voters of said town at the next annual town meeting, the following question:

"Shall the Town of Chelmsford participate in the METCO program or any other similar school busing program?"

Whether or not a majority of the votes cast in answer to said questions is in the affirmative or negative, the result of such vote shall not be deemed to be binding upon the Selectmen and other officers of said town.

Section II This act shall take effect upon its passage."

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purchase of a traffic counter and paint striper, the cost of which will be 100% reimbursable to the Town; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Bylaw to establish criteria and procedures for the recall of an elected officer of the Town: said Bylaw to read as follows:

1. An elected officer of the Town, provided that he has had his office for at least six months, may be removed from public office by the following procedure. Any voter of the Town may file with the Town Clerk a petition containing the name and title of the elected officer whose removal is sought together with a statement of the reasons for his removal. The petition shall be signed in ink or indelible pencil by qualified voters of the Town equal in number to at least two per cent of the voters registered in the Town at the last annual town election. Said petition shall be accompanied by affidavits signed and sworn by each circulator.

2. Within five days following receipt of the petition the Town Clerk shall determine whether the petition and the affidavits are sufficient, and if sufficient, a recall vote shall be taken within ninety days, but not sooner than sixty days, following such determination. However, no such vote shall be taken if the term of office of such elected official shall expire within ninety days after the recall vote, or if such elected officer shall resign from office before the taking of the vote. Said recall vote shall be called and conducted in the same manner as is provided by General Laws for the call and conduct of a special election.

3. The form of the question to be voted upon shall be substantially as follows: "Shall (here insert the name and title of the elected officer whose recall is sought) be removed from office?" A majority vote to recall shall not be effective unless at least thirty per cent of the voters entitled to vote on the question shall have voted. Recall of such elected officer shall become effective upon certification of the results of the voting regardless of any defect in the recall petition. If any elected officer shall be recalled, the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of General Law, this Chapter and Bylaw:

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Bylaw to establish criteria for conflicts of interest by Town officers, employees and appointed members of Town committees: said Bylaw to read as follows:

1. All Town officials shall conduct themselves with competence and the highest ethical conduct for the benefit of the majority of the taxpayers in matters directly affecting their office.

2. All Town officers, employees and voting appointed committee members shall perform the duties and responsibilities of their office without conflicts of financial interests.

3. No Town officer or voting appointed committee member shall serve on any Town agency nor exercise his/her vote on such an agency or committee if said act would directly affect the income of a) that Town officer, b) any member of the officer's immediate family, or c) a business associate of the Town officer.

4. No Town officer or voting appointed committee member shall exercise his vote on any Town agency if that vote directly affects an issue involving an area in which he holds professional competence or is employed gainfully.

5. The submission of a bid by any Town officer, employee or committee member to the Town for any materials or services shall serve to cause an immediate vacating of his office.

6. No elected Town officer or voting appointed member of a Town committee shall become a Town employee in the field of the subject matter of his/her appointment within four (4) years of the termination of the term of office or appointment.

7. Any group of ten (10) registered voters may bring to the Town Counsel a request to investigate an alleged violation of this Bylaw. The Town Counsel shall notify the person accused of the allegation and request vacating of the office. If the person accused elects to vacate the office, all allegations will be dropped by the Town: if not, then the Counsel shall proceed with a civil suit for vacating the office.

8. Any Town officer, elected or appointed, shall upon conviction under this conflict of interest Bylaw pay to the Town Treasurer an amount equal to 1.5 times the amount of the financial benefit received by the officer, member of his immediate family or his business associate.

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

UNDER ARTICLE 5. Mr. Jean-Paul J. Gravel moved that the Town vote to adopt a Bylaw to establish criteria and procedures for the recall of an elected officer of the Town: said Bylaw to read as follows:

1. An elected officer of the Town, provided that he has had his office for at least six months, may be removed from public office by the following procedure. Any voter of the Town may file with the Town Clerk a petition containing the name and title of the elected officer whose removal is sought, together with a statement of the reasons for his removal. The petition shall be signed in ink or indelible pencil by qualified voters of the Town equal in number to at least two per cent of the voters registered in the Town at the last annual town election. Said petition shall be accompanied by affidavits signed and sworn by each circulator.

2. Within five days following receipt of the petition the Town Clerk shall determine whether the petition and the affidavits are sufficient, and if sufficient, a recall vote shall be taken within ninety days, but not sooner than sixty days, following such determination. However, no such vote shall be taken if the term of office of such elected official shall expire within ninety days after the recall vote, or if such elected officer shall resign from office before the taking of the vote. Said recall vote shall be called and conducted in the same manner as is provided by General Laws for the call and conduct of a special election.

3. The form of the question to be voted upon shall be substantially as follows: "Shall (here insert the name and title of the elected officer whose recall is sought) be removed from office?" A majority vote to recall shall not be effective unless at least thirty per cent of the voters entitled to vote on the question shall have voted. Recall of such elected officer shall become effective upon certification of the results of the voting regardless of any defect in the recall petition. If any elected officer shall be recalled, the vacancy created thereby shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of General Law, this Chapter, and Bylaw.

Mr. Gravel moved to amend Section 1 to change the 2% figure to read 40%. The Board of Selectmen supported this amendment. The Finance Committee opposed it. Mr. Schenk stated it would be more appropriate to consider an article of this type at a regular town meeting.

A vote was taken on the motion to amend. Motion defeated.

Mr. Gordon Reed moved to reconsider the amendment. Motion carried.

Mr. Edward Hilliard moved to amend Section 1 to read 10% of the voters registered. Mr. Gravel withdrew his motion for 40%.

A vote was taken on Mr. Hilliard's motion to amend Section 1 to 10% of the voters registered. Motion carried.

After a lengthy discussion a vote was taken on the main motion as amended. Motion carried.

Section 1 under Article 5 now reads:

1. An elected officer of the Town, provided that he

has had his office for at least six months, may be removed from public office by the following procedure. Any voter of the Town may file with the Town Clerk a petition containing the name and title of the elected officer whose removal is sought, together with a statement of the reasons for his removal. The petition shall be signed in ink or indelible pencil by qualified voters of the Town equal in number to at least ten per cent of the voters registered in the Town at the last annual town election. Said petition shall be accompanied by affidavits signed and sworn by each circulator. (This article was disapproved by the Att'y. Gen. on December 1, 1975, result: this is not a town bylaw.)

UNDER ARTICLE 6. Mr. Arnold Lovering stated that the Selectmen are concerned about the legality of this article, and recommended dismissal with the stipulation it be turned over to the Home Rule Advisory Committee for further study. The Finance Committee agreed with the Selectmen's motion for dismissal and recommendation for Home Rule study. Mr. Gravel agreed with the Selectmen and Finance Committee. A vote was taken on the motion for dismissal with the stipulation the article be studied by the Home Rule Advisory Committee.

It was so voted unanimously.

Mr. Lovering moved for adjournment sine die at 9:05 P.M. It was so voted.

Daniel J. Coughlin, Moderator
Mary E. St. Hilaire, Town Clerk

TOWN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY

NOVEMBER 18, 1975

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in their several polling places, viz:

Precinct 4. East Chelmsford School
Precinct 11. Westlands School Library

On Tuesday, the 18th day of November, 1975, being the third Tuesday in said month, at 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of candidates for political parties for the following office:

REPRESENTATIVE IN
GENERAL COURT 47th Representative District

Precincts 4 and 11 only

The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the East Chelmsford School and the Westlands School Library at least seven days before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding this meeting aforesaid.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 10th day of November, 1975.

S/ Arnold J. Lovering
 Thomas A. Palmer, Jr.
 S/ William R. Murphy S/ Philip L. Currier

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS. November 10, 1975

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: East Chelmsford School and the Westlands School Library, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

S/ William E. Spence
 Constable of Chelmsford

11-10-75

A true copy, Attest:
 S/ William E. Spence
 Constable of Chelmsford

RESULTS OF SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY

DEMOCRATIC
 SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
 November 18, 1975

Representative in General Court 47th Middlesex District (To Fill Vacancy)	Prec. 4	Prec. 1	Total
Thomas P. Daugherty	23	13	36
Francis A. Gendreau	6	3	9
Stephen J. Harrigan	3	6	9
Edward A. LeLacheur	49	26	75
Thomas P. Machado	17	8	25
Gerald J. Mahoney	6	4	10
John J. McNulty	185	171	356
Anthony Medeiros	31	15	46
Mary Gaith Murphy	1	1	2
George F. Pilato	0	3	3
Daniel E. Reynolds	1	4	5
Write-In	0	0	0
Blanks	1	1	2
TOTAL	323	255	578

REPUBLICAN
 SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
 NOVEMBER 18, 1975

Representative in General Court 47th Middlesex District (To Fill Vacancy)	Prec. 4	Prec. 1	Total
John J. McNulty (Write-In)	26	31	57
Edward A. LeLacheur (Write-In)	1	3	4
Stephen J. Harrigan (Write-In)	1	4	5
Anthony Medeiros (Write-In)	3	2	5
Thomas P. Machado (Write-In)	4	3	7
Thomas P. Daugherty (Write-In)	1	1	2
McDonaugh (Write-In)		1	1
Gendreau (Write-In)	2		2
Mahoney (Write-In)	2		2
Blanks	9	8	17
TOTAL	49	53	102

AMERICAN PARTY
 SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
 NOVEMBER 18, 1975

Representative in General Court 47th Middlesex District (To Fill Vacancy)	Prec. 4	Prec. 1	Total
Thomas P. Machado (Write-In)		1	1
Edward A. LeLacheur (Write-In)	2	3	5
John J. McNulty (Write-In)	2	1	3
Anthony Medeiros (Write-In)	3	0	3
Blanks	0	0	0
TOTAL	7	5	12

TOWN WARRANT FOR
 SPECIAL STATE ELECTION
 DECEMBER 16, 1975

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

To the Constable, or any other suitable person of the Town of Chelmsford:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in their several polling places, viz:

Precinct 4. East Chelmsford School
 Precinct 11. Westlands School Library

On Tuesday, the 16th day of December, 1975, being the third Tuesday in said month, at 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Officers for the election of candidates for political parties for the following office:

REPRESENTATIVE IN
 GENERAL COURT 47th Representative District

Precincts 4 and 11 only

The polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

AND YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SERVE this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the East Chelmsford School and the Westlands School Library at least seven days before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

HEREOF FAIL NOT and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding this meeting aforesaid.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 4th day of December, 1975.

S/ Paul C. Hart Arnold J. Lovering
 S/ William R. Murphy Philip L. Currier

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS. December 5, 1975

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: East Chelmsford School and the Westlands School Library, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

S/ William E. Spence
 Constable of Chelmsford

December 5, 1975

A True copy, Attest:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: East Chelmsford School and the Westlands School Library, seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

S/ William E. Spence
 Constable of Chelmsford

December 5, 1975

A true copy, Attest:

S/ William E. Spence
 Constable of Chelmsford



The members of
THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

George A. Ripsom, Chairman

William J. Reynolds, Vice Chairman
Carol C. Clevon, Secretary

Robert D. Hall
Rev. Harry A. Foster

Joan M. McHugh, High School Student Member
Thomas L. Rivard, Superintendent

<u>Year</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Non-Teachers</u> ¹	<u>Budget</u> ²	<u>Expenditures</u> ²	<u>Enrollment</u>
1970	474	256	\$ 6,416,116	\$ 6,200,184	8,755
1971	486	260	7,296,850	7,070,708	9,002
1972	497	273	8,305,023	8,090,812	8,990
1973	512	296	14,767,112 ³	14,328,428	9,059
1974	548	324	10,660,533	10,532,793	9,627
1975-76	553	331	11,294,467	4	9,555

1 Includes Part Time Personnel

2 Includes Federal Funds

3 Eighteen Month Budget (1/1/73 - 6/30/74)

4 Not Finalized until 6/30/76

During the year 1975 a significant amount of School Committee and staff energy was devoted to the articulation of goals for the school system and clarification of objectives of school programs. At the base of these activities has been: (1) the desire to establish standards against which the performance of individual children and the system could be measured. The goal: To organize and develop the thought and skills of students so that not only within but outside the school and beyond the years of formal education they will choose to live healthy lives characterized by reflection, intervention, rational inquiry, and judgment; (2) the desire to make the best use of the tax dollar to help the school system serve better than ever the children and parents of the community. The goal: To weigh the educational priorities for students' needs against the soaring costs of necessary non-educational expenses.

In this year of economic stress, the School Committee, Administration, and staff are especially mindful of the effect of the school budget on the citizens of the community. Budget considerations were most

time consuming. The tension between increasing educational expectations and the difficulties of financing them provided the background for many of the issues and events during the past year.

Every September between six and seven hundred children enter Kindergarten. These children bring to the classroom a whole series of varying abilities in language, basic counting, art, music, and physical movement. Each child is a unique and different blend of abilities and experiences. The old assumption that students can be grouped by age and taught in standard size groups by one teacher does not provide the flexibility or richness of talent necessary to meet the needs of students. Each year the Chelmsford Schools do improve in understanding and dealing with the differences in children. However, each year there is an increase in the expectation of parents, community aspirations, new state requirements, and the challenge to the staff itself in dealing with differences among children. The concern of the School Committee is providing the resources to deal with differences among children resulted in the formation of an Ad Hoc

Committee of administrators, teachers, and parents to explore and design an implementation plan for the purpose of facilitating alternative program offerings for elementary children in the school system. This Ad Hoc Committee has been collecting data and meeting regularly to finalize their report which is scheduled for late Spring 1976.

In addition to this committee, the School Committee established in the Spring of this year an Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate the school system's testing program. The function of this Ad Hoc Committee was: (1) to evaluate the present school testing program; (2) to reveal the extent to which the school testing program actually achieved the purpose for which it was designed and the reasons for any failure to attain its goal; (3) to make recommendations relevant to the school testing program becoming a more effective technique for critically judging the worth of whatever the schools teach and the effectiveness and efficiency of their method of instruction. This Committee has met regularly during the 1975 school year and will submit its report to the School Committee in January 1976.

The modified open enrollment policy which provides parents with the opportunity to enroll their children in an elementary school outside their school attendance district was continued this year. Thirty-five children were transferred to schools outside of their attendance district under this policy in 1975. This number is an increase of ten from 1974 when the policy was initiated, and twenty-five children were transferred.

As predicted in last year's annual report, the East and Quessy Elementary Schools were closed in September because of the declining elementary enrollment. This resulted in an estimated savings of \$100,000 in the current school budget. A projected decline of upwards to 235 students in K-6 next September will result in a need for five fewer classrooms system wide. This enrollment trend has caused the School Committee to direct the Administration to develop a long-range plan for school organization from Kindergarten through Grade 12, with back-up data showing educational and economic implications.

Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972 focused statewide and local attention to the needs of the handicapped child, those with specific learning disabilities, as well as other categories requiring special education. This law assigns to public school systems the responsibility for the education of all children aged 3 through 21 with special needs.

The special needs student may have one or more of the following difficulties: problems in adjustment or attributes arising from intellectual, sensory, emotional, or physical factors; cerebral dysfunctions; perceptual factors or other specific learning disabilities. Under Chapter 766, a child with indications of a "special need" may be referred by parents or teachers for a "core evaluation" in which parents, teachers, and specialists meet to diagnose the child's learning difficulties and to develop a specific educational plan. The educational plan may be as simple as twice a week speech therapy, or, at the extreme, placement in a private, residential treatment center. In either instance, all expenses are borne by the Town.

As of December 31, 1975, approximately 9.5 per cent of the total student population of Chelmsford was receiving supportive services within the Chelmsford School System.

In order to facilitate referrals and the writing and implementation of educational plans, the Special Education Department has expanded its services for Chapter 766 students during the current school year. Three CORE evaluation team chairpersons were appointed, two to serve the elementary schools and one chairperson to serve the secondary schools. A full-time school psychologist was also appointed to serve on the CORE evaluation team.

In order to reduce program costs, the Chelmsford School Department has joined with neighboring communities in a collaborative venture to develop programs for special needs students. This collaborative presently serves the needs of children with one or more of the following difficulties:

1. visual impairment
2. emotionally based problems
3. substantially disabled and multihandicapped

The Special Education Department, in conjunction with collaborative members, continues to explore and develop new programs for children with special needs.

Although Chapter 766 is a time-consuming, intensive, and costly process, it is expected to assure that each child receives the appropriate level of educational services, regardless of the special need. It is with a clear view of both benefits and costs that the Chelmsford School Committee continues to give much time and thought to demands made upon its schools by Chapter 766, and to the possible limitations that public schools may eventually be forced to place upon services to children. Consequently, all programs of Special Education Services are closely monitored to the degree that time and available personnel permit.

Curriculum development is an ever evolving process. For the past several years, the Annual Report has attempted to illustrate the dynamic quality of a curriculum, that by its very nature, is never complete. The year 1975 has witnessed a continuation of many facets of curriculum projects. Curriculum committees have raised or developed specific courses of study, with the intent of improving subject structure and levels of instruction. Interaction of people meeting together to review, to analyze, and to share experiences, has in the best sense provided a unique opportunity for improvement of the curriculum. In addition, in-service workshops have preceded changes and strengthened curriculum by involving staff members who are to be affected by curriculum changes.

It is axiomatic that planning teaching strategies and materials to permit students to progress according to their needs is no easy task. Planning for and teaching individual students requires a commitment of effort and time far in excess of the normal school day. But learning is the primary function of the school, not teaching; and the following excerpts, taken from reports written by school personnel, will aid readers of this report to better understand some of the learning experiences children are having in our schools today.

FROM THE COORDINATOR OF SOCIAL STUDIES

When a small group of hearty men and women of the Massachusetts Bay Colony left the greater-Boston and Woburn area over 300 years ago and settled in the wilderness along the Merrimack River, they could never have imagined that this settlement would one

day include over 30,000 people with almost one-third of them in the community's schools. Nor could these colonists have predicted that their settlement which became Chelmsford would be part of a new nation that would in 1975 begin its Bicentennial celebration.

These colonists and the nation's Bicentennial were a major source of material for the Chelmsford Social Studies program in 1975. As Americans prepared for the re-creation of the events at Concord on April 19, Chelmsford students participated in a variety of functions. These ranged from a total school program with students and teachers in colonial costume at the Westlands School, to an extensive lecture and activity program dedicated to Bicentennial ideals at Chelmsford High School.

The second grade school visitation program at the Old Chelmsford Garrison House took on special meaning as children adopted Adams family names and simulated daily chores in colonial Chelmsford. Third graders examined the artifacts of Chelmsford's history at the Barrett Byam Homestead. Eighth grade students in American history classes conducted field study at the Garrison House and concentrated on colonial ingenuity and resourcefulness in food preparation and textile production. All three programs made the Bicentennial much more meaningful than would classroom experiences alone.

The Bicentennial even influenced the schools' observation of United Nations Day as children examined America's ethnic heritage and the nation's willingness to aid others through international agencies such as UNICEF.

Bicentennial observances within the schools continue in 1976.

Curriculum development during 1975 was concentrated at three levels. The Kindergarten program began working with readiness activities in Social Studies. Junior High School teachers worked during the summer to develop detailed teacher resource guides for their American history and political science courses and a revised concluding unit for their "People and Society" course. The contribution of computerized data and data retrieval systems in history and social science were the basis for initiating certain interdisciplinary work in mathematics and social studies at Chelmsford High School.

Truly it may be said that, throughout the year, much progress was made as an exceptional group of teachers strove to prepare their students for intelligent participation in the free society whose origins Americans commemorate during the Bicentennial.

FROM THE COORDINATOR OF SCIENCE

The study of science today is a continuing and varied process involving a developing body of facts and general laws which are interrelated with all phases of man and his society. Some of the major objectives of the sequential science program are to achieve an awareness of generalizable intellectual skills and to acquire knowledge of scientific procedures (observation, classification, measurement, and others) for gaining new knowledge, as well as to develop the ability to apply a scientific mode of thought to a wide range of problems in the social and environmental areas.

Science Curriculum Improvement Study (or SCIS), a National Science Foundation curriculum established in 1962, is now fully implemented at the elementary level. The SCIS Kindergarten program, "Beginnings," offers the young child a wide variety of experiences in the life and physical sciences. These experiences contribute to language development and to a growing understanding of science through exploration, invention, and discovery. A method of evaluating basic science skills at the Grade 6 level of SCIS is currently being investigated with a projected implementation by 1977.

The science program at the McCarthy and Parker Junior High Schools is laboratory experience oriented. The Intermediate Science Curriculum Study (ISCS) program is now being used in Grades 7, 8, and 9. The instructional approach of ISCS allows each student to work at his own pace with basic concepts in a variety of subject areas. Traditional course offerings in life, earth, and physical science provide students with an alternative to individualized instruction. A curriculum workshop for Junior High science staff was held prior to the opening of school for the development and construction of a test to be given to all Grade 9 students for the purpose of evaluating science skills acquired in Grades 7, 8, and 9.

At the High School level, science curriculum offerings are highly inquiry oriented with a major emphasis on the laboratory program. Understanding and basic skills are developed in biology at Grade 10, chemistry at Grade 11, and physics at Grade 12.

Classes in anatomy and clinical techniques have shown increased enrollment due to the current interest in the health sciences and an awareness of the variety of careers available in health allied fields.

The physics program has been redesigned using the Keller Plan as a basis for instruction. Students achieve mastery of material at varying rates. Laboratory experiences are an integral part of the mastery sequence.

Advanced chemistry is a highly individualized program using modular packages consisting of textual material, required as well as optional experiments, and a rigorous testing program.

The present school year has seen increased utilization of the darkroom and photographic facilities at the High School. A one semester course in photographic theory, composition and manipulative skills offers an opportunity to students of all abilities to investigate photography as a career as well as a leisure experience.

The Chelmsford Science Program is attempting to educate the future student of science as well as the non-scientist who will experience a need for ever increasing scientific literacy in order to evaluate daily problems of our technologically complex society.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CAREER EDUCATION

The Career Education Department of the Chelmsford School System encompasses the areas of Career Education, Business Education, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, and Work Experience.

The School Committee implemented two new programs in the Industrial Arts and Home Economics Departments. These programs were developed for the

students in the 7th Grade. It was the feeling of the School Committee that Career Education should become a vital part of the students' education at an early date. In the past, a student did not have an opportunity to experience many of the occupational clusters that are recommended by the United States Office of Education at the 7th Grade level. This earlier offering of career exploration will help students decide with more assurance what careers they would like to explore for possible future study at the secondary school level either at Chelmsford High School or at Nashoba Valley Technical High School.

The programs at the two Junior High Schools are the same.

This is the age in which many students start their formal introduction into the working world. The 7th Grade Home Economics program allows students to explore some of the careers which will be meaningful to them later in life. These might include the health services, social services, recreational services, or others.

Our curriculum in Home Economics is based on the study of personal relationships, child care, and the introduction of foods and nutrition study. A very important adjunct of the 7th Grade program is the understanding about the physical, social, and emotional development of young children as related to babysitting.

The program in Industrial Arts is based on a nationally recognized program for exploring the world of construction. Students are introduced to the basic methods and techniques required to build any structure, whether it be a road, dam, building, tower, or tunnel. These concepts are presented through simulation which is the basis for our Industrial Arts curriculum - Grades seven through twelve. Students simulate a topographical survey, study actual blueprints, and write specifications for estimating building cost.

The students next undertake to bid a construction job just as a contractor would do. Personnel management is a role played when they interview and hire for specific jobs for the construction job. Actual construction experience is gained by learning how to locate foundations, footing constructions, and block laying, as well as by building a modular model house of wood frame construction. Finally, students combine their knowledge of construction technology to effect a city and regional planning model.

The School Committee continues to demonstrate its concern for the best possible education of our students by supporting the Career Education Department. The fastest moving curriculum in today's education is Career Education, and Chelmsford once again can be proud of its accomplishments in this education structure.

FROM THE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR OF ART

The Art Department has two critical objectives - first, to make each student aware of the visual world in which he lives; and secondly, to make each student aware of his own skills and manipulate capabilities. These goals are very broad, and to attempt to accomplish them requires constant attention on the part of the staff.

How do we attempt to achieve these objectives? Awareness of one's world is a very non-tangible element. We talk, we touch stones, we show films and slides, we study architecture, we look at shells as well as statues, we talk about styles, and we try to get involved with as many forms of design in our visual and sensory world as possible. We attempt to show that our visual world, both natural and man-made, must not be taken for granted; but rather, it must be understood, appreciated, and cherished. Hopefully, from this form of understanding will develop a life-long attitude for our world and one that will encourage caring and discretion among our younger citizens.

The Art Department has worked with numerous classes on various Bicentennial projects and has undertaken several projects within the community. One such project was for some High School students to paint the fire hydrants in Chelmsford Center under the sponsorship of one of the local Garden Clubs (and to our delight the idea quickly spread to many of our neighboring communities). Another project was undertaken by some students at McCarthy Junior High, and they have created a Bicentennial mural in the Chelmsford Mall. We are very pleased with this type of activity, not only because it is important for the school and the community to work together, but even more because it is one of the more realistic ways that a student can do something for Chelmsford . . . his town!

Academically, our educational plan is developed so that the goals and objectives for each grade level are steps on which to build in the following years, while at the same time dwelling on the growth and development of each child at each grade level. We try to give every student in our schools a total Art experience by offering as many forms of media, ideas, and challenges as possible.

In keeping with the contemporary trends and the growing interest in our native arts and crafts, we find that more and more of our staff is getting involved with quilting, hooking, stitchery, and such activities. This is evident in every school from Kindergarten classes through the High School studios. We consider this to be very meaningful in an academic sense because all of the craft areas offer the greatest potential for developing visual and manipulative skills. Through this type of activity, many other academic areas can be integrated and enhanced.

There are still many hundreds of hours spent in painting, color study, printmaking, lettering, perspective, and in other more traditional Art areas.

In summation, we feel that our students are offered an art education of very broad scope which can help each one develop more fully mentally, physically, and sensorially into responsive and responsible citizens.

FROM THE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

The purpose of music education in the schools of Chelmsford is to assist students to appreciate, understand, participate, and respond with sensitivity to the aesthetic effect of music, according to their individual capacities.

The Music Department is committed to excellence in music at all levels and strives to help students discover and develop their musical talents for better understanding and enjoyment of all kinds of music.

Each school has two programs: vocal/academic and instrumental. A vocal/academic program is required through Grade eight and elective in nine through twelve. The instrumental program is elective with strings starting in Grade three and band instruments starting in Grade six.

All schools have performing ensembles ranging from choral, recorder, song flute, and guitar to orchestra and band. These ensembles are active in performing at school assemblies, concerts, and community programs.

FROM THE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

This year the Foreign Language Department is pleased to announce a gain of 162 in student enrollments at the High School. This compares with an increase of only 142 in total enrollment at the High School. We believe this phenomenon is attributable to greater student awareness of the relevance of foreign languages to careers, increasing enrollments in advanced courses, and a curriculum more responsive to students' needs and wants.

Several departmental policies and actions contributed to these happy results. First, the department sought last year to arrest the decline in foreign language enrollments by mounting at the Senior and Junior Highs an aggressive recruitment campaign which focused on demonstrating a strong link between foreign language competence and job opportunity. This year the department is continuing this tactic with the added dimension of a classroom instruction unit in Foreign Language Career Education.

Second, the department began last year and continues this year to adopt specialized listening comprehension units of instruction for each course of each level in order to establish well the listening skill. This is in response to recent foreign language educational research which has established the primacy of the listening skill as the foundation upon which all subsequent language skills are built. In this regard, also, new audio-lingual visual materials are being tested in the Grade 7 French course for general adoption. These new materials strongly emphasize the listening skill as a prerequisite to all language learning.

Third, the department attempted to be more responsive to student needs by abandoning the comprehensive French IV course in favor of a series of semester skills and culture-oriented elective courses. Instead of assuming that all students at the advanced level have uniform needs and interests, the elective system attempts to cater to specialized areas of development. Students may elect such courses as Intensive Grammar Review, Advanced Conversation, French Cuisine, Taking a Look at French Canada, Modern Short Story, etc. Because of favorable student reaction, the department plans to continue the elective program into the next academic year.

Lastly, the department has organized again this year its Spanish Tutorial Program. Under this plan, advanced Spanish students from Chelmsford High spend one afternoon a week in a Lowell elementary school to relate with Spanish speaking students in activities such as crafts, sports, and games. In addition, several students have been assigned as in-class tutors of academic subjects to bilingual pupils needing extra or remedial help. Both concepts afford our students a practical opportunity to use and perfect their language skills while providing a community service.

FROM THE COORDINATOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS

Perhaps the year of 1975 can best be described by the words GROWTH and CHANGE.

The new High School was opened in the Fall of 1974. This provided us with a facility with seven indoor teaching stations, twelve tennis courts, plenty of outdoor fields, and a new all-weather track. Our physical education offerings expanded considerably, with additional staff and facilities, into a very comprehensive selective program. Approximately 2,000 students, Grades 10 through 12, are housed in the High School.

The old High School became McCarthy Junior High, and the former Junior High School was named Parker. The two Junior High Schools, Grades 7, 8 and 9, represented a change in our system. All of the sixth graders are housed in McFarlin School. This, of course, reduced the number of students in the elementary schools; and, for the first time in a number of years, every student has a gym for his/her physical education classes.

Intramurals were offered at the elementary schools, and the response was great! These elective programs are running differently in all schools; McFarlin, McCarthy, and Parker Schools had great success with gymnastic intramurals followed by exhibitions for the parents.

Two new laws, Title IX and Chapter 622, were enacted this past year. Both of these laws will have some impact on our programs in physical education, intramurals, and athletics. In November, the School Committee adopted a policy in support of these laws, and full implementation is coming this year. This will necessitate curriculum planning and, in some cases, revision of programs.

The athletic program has developed into a very comprehensive one, with teams at both Junior Highs and new teams added at the High School. New sports begun in 1975 for girls are as follows: Volleyball, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Track, and Junior High School Softball and Track. For the boys, we added two new sports - Soccer and Gymnastics.

Of course, now with two Junior High Schools, the number of teams has doubled at the Junior High level. No longer is Chelmsford a small school district; with over 9,000 students, we are larger than the Lexington, Winchester, or Wellesey Public School Districts.

The support of the Boosters Club and entire community has been a big help to our athletic program. The number of student participants (over 1,000) has nearly doubled in the past two years, and their enthusiasm is contagious to all associated with the program.

FROM THE COORDINATOR OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA CENTER

The 1975 school year was the first year of full library services and facilities in all the Chelmsford elementary schools. The greater availability and quantities of library materials at the elementary level is being reflected in the ability of the students in using all sorts of library materials. Instruction in library science is given in all elementary schools on the third grade level. In several libraries additional instruction is given by the library aides. A pilot program has been

instituted at the McFarlin School in which instruction in the use of the reference collection is being given. Colorful chairs and tables now furnish the libraries at the Center, North, and South Row libraries. All the elementary libraries are the scene of frequent story hours given for the Kindergarten, first, second, and third grades.

The closing of the East and Quessy schools necessitated the transfer of the library collections to other facilities. This was accomplished during the summer months. 8,473 items have been cataloged and processed by the Media Center staff for the elementary libraries. These were shipped from the Center to the individual schools ready for immediate circulation.

As in past years, there has been a large group of volunteer mothers who go to the libraries to assist the aides. It would be difficult to give library services to the students without this able assistance. A tea in their honor was given in the Media Center at the High School in May.

The elementary library program is administered by two professional librarians who carefully select new materials for the libraries, and implement the continuing development of a library science curriculum. A series of six workshops for library aides was held to extend their knowledge and to increase their skills in assisting students and teachers.

2,069 items were added to the McCarthy Library in 1975, bringing that collection to a total of 5,781. This library is administered by a professional librarian who has trained over fifty students as library aides. An orientation program is given for the seventh grade students early in the school year. The librarian does all the materials selection for the McCarthy Library, gives group instruction and helps students and teachers in finding needed materials.

A professional librarian is in charge of the Parker Junior High School Library. 472 items were added to this collection, bringing it to a total of 11,402. At the Parker, as at the McCarthy Library, students aides are trained by the librarian. Here again, the librarian gives instruction to students, helps teachers in acquiring needed materials, provides reserve book collections, and provides individual attention to students' needs.

The High School Library has seen its use increased tremendously both by students and faculty. It houses a varied and valuable collection which includes periodicals, microfilm, microform, microfiche, sound filmstrips, film, and recordings, in addition to an increasing number of books in its collection. 8,116 items have been added to the collection during 1975, making a total of 12,650.

The High School Library is administered by two professional librarians, assisted by two full-time and two part-time library aides. Teachers bring classes to the library for orientation and instruction by the librarians. The librarians have prepared over thirty bibliographies in various subject areas for the use of teachers and students.

The centralization of processing and cataloging of all library materials in the Media Center office continues to be a tremendous help for all school libraries, supplying each one with materials immediately available to students. The professional cataloger facilitates the

work flow and insures that there is consistency in cataloging. The cataloger and the small staff in the office have made available a total of 21,650 items to the various school libraries town-wide.

The Media Technician had a busy schedule repairing and maintaining audio-visual equipment in all the schools. With the addition of another large school, the High School, to the system, the summer project of cleaning and repairing equipment in all the schools could not be completed, but the task was completed during the Christmas vacation. This year has seen the completion of a file which contains a card for each piece of equipment, identifying it by serial number and a Chelmsford identification number. A continuing record of repairs effected on any one piece of equipment is entered on that item's card.

The GraphicArtist/Media Production Specialist and the Media Aide continue to spend much time in schools throughout the system. Slide tapes, audio tapes, videotapes, and films produced with their assistance better prepare students for larger scale and less supervised projects of their own using different communicative media. In conjunction with this goal of greater student expertise, the Graphic Artist has instituted a media club for sixth graders at the McFarlin School in which different media are dealt with in class projects. In addition, the Graphic Artist produces transparencies, posters, signs, and other illustrative materials. Many of the teachers, particularly at the elementary level, produce teaching aides which are sent to the Media Center for lamination, thus providing inexpensive and long-lasting materials which can be used by their students over a long period of time.

The High School television studio became operative in May, 1975 and several hours of local programming were produced by English, Foreign Language, and Media Production classes. Since September, videotapes have been broadcast regularly from the studio to television sets in all classrooms. The High School's extensive collection of locally and commercially produced videotapes is being well and widely utilized. The studio and portable media production facilities continue to be used daily by several film, radio, and television production classes, and are available as needed to students and teachers in all disciplines.

All these activities, efforts, and periods of instruction are put forth in an endeavor to support the philosophy of the Media Center: the development of basic communications skills, the effective use of knowledge, the nurture of creative interests and talents, and the provision of the capacity for lifelong learning.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF THE McFARLIN SCHOOL

To permit several basic considerations to be met, the organizational philosophy of the McFarlin School characterizes it as a "School of Alternatives." A basic consideration in the designation of the McFarlin School as the central Grade 6 school was a strong desire to maintain, as much as possible, the essential features of the elementary schools feeding students into the Grade 6 complex. Such a consideration was essential in order to solidify and extend each student's program in preparation for the transition to the town's secondary schools. Coupled with this desire was the existence of the town's modified open enrollment policy which permitted parents to exercise an option in the choice of educational programs. In a central school, such as the

McFarlin School, increased attention could be devoted to this concern given the presence of the total population of sixth-grade students and faculty.

Recent research suggests additional basic concerns which must be considered in creating a "School of Alternatives." In attempting to create contemporary educational programs designed to meet most effectively the needs of the individual's cognitive, affective, and psychomotor developmental patterns, definitive psychological assessment of the learning profile of individual students must be undertaken. Attention must be devoted to the methods of instruction by which individual students can learn best. In the program design at the McFarlin School, this consideration played a vital role in the structuring of alternative patterns.

At the McFarlin School, students and teachers are organized into "clusters." These "clusters" range in size from 60 to 150 students working with two to five classroom teachers and a "cluster" of specialists in Art, Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Physical Education, Reading, Learning Disabilities, and Guidance. Additional specialists available to the student body include the Resource Room teacher and the Intercluster Teacher who provide concentrated individualized attention as the need exists. This "cluster" design permits the student entering the McFarlin School to identify closely with a given group of students and teachers, and it thus fosters the development of personalized working relationships.

"Clusters," totaling eight in number, vary in their organization for instruction. In some clusters, children work in self-contained classrooms in which they work with one teacher and specialists, as needed, for the total school day. Team-teaching exists in other clusters. In this organization, children are deployed between/among several teachers during the course of the typical school day.

"Clusters" also vary in the emphasis placed on traditional and open-concept teaching strategies. The staff feels that careful attention to these variations is essential in meeting the total needs of the student body.

Curricular offerings at the McFarlin School are geared to consolidate and extend the offerings of the earlier elementary years. In the reading program, a combination approach is employed utilizing multi-basal materials to develop word recognition and comprehension skills. Paralleling this approach is the use of the language experience approach which focuses on the development of effective communicative skills. In many classrooms of the McFarlin School, an individually prescribed reading program is employed.

Consistent with the Chelmsford Language Arts Program, emphasis is placed in the McFarlin School on the students' writing experiences serving as the organizing strand for instruction in this area. A contemporary language arts text series, which parallels a detailed Scope and Sequence Chart, is utilized, along with a multi-level spelling program geared to the individualization of instruction. Supplementary units in advertising, mythology, etymology, and poetry extend earlier experiences in sentence building, dictionary skills, and composition.

A comprehensive intramural sports program is in operation. Interest in this offering is very strong among the students. Approximately 200 boys and 150 girls are involved four afternoons per week in this

program which emphasizes a variety of skills in the playing of competitive sports. Late buses provide transportation to all sections of the town following the intramural program.

In the Spring of 1976, all students will have the opportunity to spend one week at an environmental camp at Yarmouth, Mass. This program is designed to tie together many of the topics discussed in the science program. It will also provide students the opportunity to grow socially by presenting them many activities dealing with life skills and social behavior.

As a "School of Alternatives," the McFarlin School attempts to provide options for students, parents, and teachers in the creation of multiple learning environments. These options are consistent with the physical, social, and emotional development of its student body.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

In spite of all the strains and pressures of operating the new High School with construction on-going for several months, the educational experience of those at the High School was not adversely affected. Education is far more than bricks and mortar, but the new High School stands as a tribute to the faith and trust which the citizens of Chelmsford have in their young people. With sufficient space, excellent work areas, laboratories, shops, and an outstanding instructional media center, the new High School should provide an impetus to examine new and better ways of teaching and learning.

A good portion of the year was spent in planning for the 1975-76 school year. There has been some discussion within the academic departments at the school about requirements for graduation and proficiency level requirements in reading, writing and mathematics prior to graduation. The discussions are continuing with the recommendations to be presented to the School Committee in the immediate future.

There were several new features worthy of note introduced in September. Among these was a Service Study Program whereby a student's academic studies were complemented with a meaningful experience in the community - e.g. assisting in a swimming program for retarded youngsters at the Y.M.C.A. Another was the Career Information Center which opened in the Fall. This center, manned on a rotating basis by Guidance Counselors, contains information, materials, and audio-visual aides in hundreds of career opportunities. It is an integral part of a career awareness philosophy being developed at the High School. Lastly, a monthly series in the Chelmsford Newsweekly called the Maroon and White was developed as a means of keeping the community abreast of developments at the High School. It has been successful as a vehicle of communication with parents and the community at large, so that they may better understand the complexity of the High School programs, activities and problems.

FROM THE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR OF GUIDANCE

A concerted effort is underway on the secondary level to bring a balanced program of "careers" to students in the secondary schools.

At both the McCarthy and Parker Junior High Schools, Career Centers are being established by the Counselors in those buildings.

The Senior High School Center has been firmly established and is operational with all the necessary resources, including the computer service of Time Share, Inc., to allow students to seek answers to the question "What will I do after graduation?"

An increasing number of recent graduates are using the Center. Residents who have career questions to be answered are invited to see the facility.

The success of the Career Center is the result of a joint effort involving Principal George Simonian, Career Specialist John LeClere, Guidance Supervisor Edward Balcom, and High School Counselor Jeffrey Proctor, Anita Charpentier, and John Jarema.

To stimulate further interest in career exploration, a region-wide Career Fair is being planned for late April by Merrimack Valley guidance and career personnel. The project received its major impetus from School Committee members who make up the Merrimack Valley Association of School Committees. At this writing, Career Day is tentatively planned for Chelmsford High on April 29th. The Greater-Lowell Chamber of Commerce also is lending its support to the "Fair."

The Regional College Day sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Superintendent's Association at the Tewksbury High School on October 31 was a well-planned cooperative program. Participating in this first major regional meeting with forty-one college representatives from the New England area were senior students from eight high schools in the Merrimack Valley. Over three hundred students from Chelmsford High School attended the event. A similar program is being planned for next year. Chelmsford will be the host school.

A study of the Class of 1975 reveals the following post-secondary educational and vocational plans of the graduates:

	Boys	Girls	Totals	%
4 year Private colleges or Out-of-State ' including 4 Nursing	61	57*	118	
4 year Mass. State colleges Universities	90*	90*	180	
' 1 boy nursing				
' 12 girls nursing				
SUB TOTAL - 4 year Colleges Universities			298	55%
2 year Private Junior Colleges ' 2 Forsythe Dental	0	13*	13	
2 year Mass. Community Colleges ' 1 Stockbridge	15	41*	57	
SUB TOTAL - 2 year Colleges			70	13%
R.N. Hospital	0	6	6	
LPN	0	3	3	
Technical Schools (including Art Schools, hairdressing, apprenticeships, Wentworth)	21	7	28	
Business Schools	0	3	3	
Prep Schools	2	0	2	
Noshaba P.C.	1	2	3	
SUB-TOTAL - all others			45	8%
TOTAL POST-SECONDARY			413	76%
Employment	41	44	85	16%
Military Service	11	1	12	2%
Undecided	15	12	27	6%
	258	279	537	100%

(13 students indicated marriage)

Some anxiety has arisen recently regarding the nation-wide lowering of College Board Test (SAT) results. Chelmsford is no exception. Concern has been expressed by faculty, students, and parents alike. Although our scores have not dropped so noticeably as other comparison groups, there is reason to note the diminishing scores and to examine what can be done to reverse the trend. There are numerous reasons advanced, not the least of which is the effect on the verbal by the lack of outside reading time because of the distraction of television.

In a recent response to the question, Sidney Marland, President of the College Board, offers the following:

... "The College Board does not yet know the reasons for the decline, but we take very seriously our responsibility to try to explain the phenomenon as dependable evidence is assembled. Most of the speculation falls under four general headings: 1) the psychometric qualities of the test; 2) The nature of the population sitting for test; 3) Factors bearing on the nature of secondary education; 4) Factors bearing on the conditions of society during the past decade."

At the time of this writing, an Advisory Panel has been named to study the nation-wide decline that has occurred over a 12 year period and this panel will conduct a detailed and independent study of all issues related to this decline.

In concluding his commentary of the score decline, Mr. Marland relates:

... "The question of SAT score decline with all that it connotes for this organization, for the schools, colleges, and individuals that it serves, remains a serious one that we are examining intently, but not with a sense of panic or hastily developed explanations. In the spirit of accountability, it is our full intention to keep you and the public at large advised by all appropriate means as additional information and clarification become available. At this time, we have no substantial evidence that enables us to attribute the score decline to any single cause or any particular set of causes."

To illustrate better the SAT score decline, the following scores are presented on the graduating classes of 1972, 1973, 1974, and 1975.

These are mean scores (averages) of all seniors who took the test during the designated years:

	1972	1973	1974	1975
Chelmsford High School	464	509		425
Other comparison groups not available				34,576
Chelmsford High School	459	498		434
New England Seniors	447	482		434
Nation-wide	445	481		437
Chelmsford High School	458	491		442
Greater-Boston High Schools	445	478		434
Massachusetts High Schools	445	477		437
New England Seniors	447	479		434
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The Spring SRA Achievement Test results for the elementary grades were received in June, 1975. In addition to the individual pupil results being given to the parents, a detailed analysis of the results was placed in the town libraries and also published in the local newspapers. The results justify the efforts of the schools in coordinating the curriculum and providing appropriate learning materials.

As did all other consumers, the school lunch program faced large increases in the cost of food. Meal prices have been increased to the maximum allowable, but a slight increase in the amount with which the town subsidizes the program was required. The total number of meals served to students was 625,076. Cafeteria receipts for the school lunch program ending June 30, 1975 were \$397,455. State and federal aid for the same period was \$172,014.

On Memorial Day, May 26, 1975, citizens met together to dedicate the Junior High School on Graniteville Road. The school was named in honor of Lt. Colonel Moses Parker who was one of Chelmsford's outstanding patriots. Lt. Colonel Parker was born in Chelmsford on May 13, 1731, and died on July 4, 1775, of wounds received in the Battle of Bunker Hill.

It is appropriate that in dedicating this school which serves the future, we bridge time by linking it with our proud and distinguished past through Lt. Colonel Parker.

In grateful recognition for long years of dedicated, valuable service to the youth and citizens of the town, School Committee members, Administration, colleagues and citizens alike honored the retirement of the following employees:

- Sally Conlon (Teacher, North School)
- Leon Pigeon (Maintenance Dept. Supervisor)
- Marion B. Moore (Director of School Food Services)
- Andrew Jacobs (Custodian, McFarlin School)

It is the sincere wish of the School Committee and Administration that the retirees may find the years ahead both satisfying and rewarding. To them goes our deep appreciation for having contributed so much to so many.

IN MEMORIAM

It was with deep sorrow that the community received news of the untimely death of Mr. Robert Sudak, Teaching Principal of the East School, on July 15, 1975. The things left unsaid would have described an enthusiastic, interesting person whose capabilities were recognized by all who knew him.

With the passing of Mrs. Harriett Lalumiere on December 20, 1975, Chelmsford lost a most loved and respected teacher aide. Mrs. Lalumiere at the time of her death was assigned to the Westlands School.

Sincere thanks are once again extended to the town officials and boards, to the school personnel, to the Parent-Teacher Organizations, to Educational Advisory Committees, and to the citizens for their cooperation and assistance this past year.

The School Committee is most appreciative of the assistance rendered by the Chelmsford Jayceettes when its members coordinated the efforts of local organizations and citizens in sponsoring the Town-Wide Pre-School Screening Clinic on March 22, 1975.

The School Committee wishes to promote increased citizen involvement in school task forces, Advisory Committees, and other voluntary services and to strengthen communications among members of the educational community.

The past year found the School Committee very involved in budget, as always, but with a greater determination than ever to be as economical as possible without compromising the quality of educational offerings in the schools. Personnel changes, administrative reorganization and the impact of these changes have been watched closely by the Committee. The proposed budget for the 1976-77 school year reflects the concern of the School Committee with the current fiscal situation. We welcome your comments, your suggestions, and your support, and we pledge to you our best efforts. The budget recommended for the 1976-77 school year is contained in the Finance Committee's Annual Report.

NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL-DISTRICT COMMITTEE

The District Committee for the year 1975 is as follows:

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| Chelmsford | Mr. Stratos G. Dukakis |
| | Mr. James M. Harrington (Chairman) |
| | Mr. Louis E. Kelly (Vice-Chairman) |
| | Mr. Jay M. Knox |
| Groton | Dr. Thomas Hefele |
| | Mr. Jordan Waugh |
| | Mr. Augustine Kish |
| Littleton | Mr. Lincoln D. Kraeuter |
| | Mr. Percy O. Daley, Jr. |
| Westford | Mrs. Charlotte Scott (Secretary) |

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| District Treasurer | Mr. Thomas A. St. Germain |
| District Counsel | Mr. Charles Zaroulis |
| Superintendent-Director | Mr. Thomas Lafionatis |

1975 will have to be recognized as the saturation year for Nashoba Valley Technical High School. The 490 student school is almost up to 700, with rented facilities and a converted ranch house. The space problem is really very critical. The decision of the four towns not to accept the Building Committee's recommendations two years ago has really come to full bearing this year. Studies are under way to consider a pre-engineered addition to bring our students from the rented facility back to the main building, with no attempt or consideration to provide for any enrollment expansion beyond what we have now.

Studies commenced this past year to determine the viability of some of our programs as they related to the job market. Also, consideration is being given to clustering other departments for greater efficiency and economy. At this point of time our offerings have reached 16 from the original 8. The current offerings at Nashoba Tech are as follows:

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Auto Body | Drafting |
| Automotive | Electrical |
| Commercial Art & Industrial | Electronics |
| Photography | Graphic Arts |
| Community Service Aide | Painting & Decorating |
| Culinary Arts | Machine |
| Data Processing & | Metal Fabrication |
| Business Machines | Mill & House Carpentry |
| Distributive Education | Plumbing & Heating |

Adult Education

Our Adult Education Program continues to be very much in demand with applications outstripping by far the available space. This year we solicited space for two programs to be conducted in Chelmsford under Nashoba Tech auspices; and two, in Westford. If it was not for the cooperation of these two towns a number of citizens would have missed out on adult programs because of the lack of space at the Tech. Offerings for adult programs are as follows:

Monday

Auto Body	Home Renovation & Maintenance
Auto Maintenance	Photography, Advance
Bookkeeping, Int.	Physical Fitness - Women
Data Processing, Int.	Plumbing & Heating, Int.
Drafting	School Bus Driving Training
Electrical Code & Theory	Woodworking
Gourmet Cooking	Typing
Home Painting & Decorating	

Tuesday

Antique Automotive & Auto Body	Floral Design
Automotive for Women	High School Equivalency
Bookkeeping, Int.	Physical Fitness - Women
Data Processing, Adv.	Small Engine Repair
Electronics, Basic	Welding
Home Painting & Decorating	Woodworking
	Woodworking

Wednesday

Auto Body	Machine Shop
Auto Maintenance	Ornamental Sheet Metal
Bookkeeping, Int.	Photography, Dark Room
	Technique
Creative Crewel	Physical Fitness - Women
Creative Crewel	Plumbing Code & Theory
Electrical Code & Theory	Self-Defense
Gourmet Cooking	Woodworking
Graphic Arts - Offset Press	Woodworking
Health Assisant Aid	Typing

Thursday

Antique Automotive & Auto Body	High School Equivalency
Automotive for Women	Photography, Int.
Bookkeeping	Physical Fitness - Men
Commercial Art	Small Engine Repair
Data Processing	Welding
Electric Wiring	Woodworking
Floral Design	Woodworking
Fly Tying	Typing

Special Needs

Our Special Needs Program moved from the four year old VIP Program, that was being run at our school to an integrated 766 Program. The implementation was done by our Area Coordinator, and the whole package will now be transferred for continued operation to the Guidance Department, commencing September 1976.

Add departments continue to function in their respective modes with one of the highlights being that the Mill & House Carpentry Departments have embarked on the second house building program for a customer. The selection was made by a drawing following an advertisement in the newspapers. The house is being built in Littleton this year. Another part of that department "Historical Restoration" is in the process of restoring the original Westford Academy

which has been used for many years as the Fire Department. This project involved bicentennial funding, and part of Westford's contribution to the Bicentennial.

A very important milestone was reached this past year by Nashoba Tech, and that is accreditation. An evaluation was conducted of the total school, and its programs by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., and the school was awarded a five year accreditation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I herein respectfully submit for your information and review, the Annual Report of the Police Department for the Fiscal Year 1975.

At the present time the department is made up of 48 permanent men.

Chief of Police

Robert E. Germann

Captain

Richard F. Campbell

Sergeants

Leslie H. Adams, Jr.	Pennryn D. Fitts
Armand J. Caron	James C. Greska
Walter E. Edwards, Jr.	William R. McAllister
Raymond P. McKeon	

Patrolmen

Richard A. Adams	Roland E. Linstad
Edgar L. Auger	Russell H. Linstad
John J. Bell	John J. Mack, Jr.
Mark L. Burlamachi	Raymond G. McCusker, Jr.
Steven A. Burns	Henry R. McEnany
John P. Campbell	James F. Midgley
Lance R. Cunningham	Philip N. Mollere
Patrick W. Daley	Thomas A. Niemaszuk
Frederick C. Dillon	John E. Redican, Jr.
John J. Donovan	Edward C. Rooney
Kenneth R. Duane	Richard A. Simpson
Blair J. Finnegan	John B. Sousa
Barnard L. George	William H. Strobel, Jr.
Charles H. Hadley	Robert J. Trudel
John G. Harrington	Howard R. Ubele
Edwin P. Hodgson	Daniel J. Walsh
Robert C. Howe	Eugene W. Walsh
James J. Kerrigan	John O. Walsh
Ronald A. Leach	William R. Walsh
Norman L. Wellington	

Intermittent Patrolmen

Francis W. Ahearn	Gary W. McCarthy
Lloyd E. Butt	Timothy F. O'Connor
Robert L. Cowan, Jr.	Robert Popplewell
Bruce A. Darwin	Edward M. Rooney
Ernest R. Woessner, Jr.	

Police Matrons

Grace Auger	Mary Long
Nora Clifford	Emily Peake

School Traffic Supervisors

Joan Dillon	Karen Flynn	George Marinell
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Secretary

Louise A. Pigeon

Clerk

Nora F. Clifford

During 1975 the Chelmsford Auxiliary Police served the town on thirteen occasions. These included the Patriots Day activities, bike-a-thon, parades and Halloween. During the summer vacation months 2906 house checks were made on a regular basis by the men of this unit. Together with the thirteen callouts a total of 2063 man hours were donated to the town by the men of the Auxiliary Police.

The training program for 1975 continued with the emphasis on police procedures, traffic control, firearms, basic law, radio communications and emergency first aid. Nineteen men have completed and been certified on Cardio-Pulmonary-Resuscitation. Five men completed the advanced Red Cross first aid course. The training program logged 3659 man hours. The total hours for 1975 was 5722.

Work continued on improving the rescue capabilities of the Emergency Mobile Unit. This unit is now fully equipped with the latest first aid equipment. The Auxiliary acquired a 1971 Chevrolet sedan, formerly used as a police cruiser, and is in the process of rebuilding and re-equipping this vehicle into an operational emergency vehicle.

Director Co-ordinator
Sgt. Walter W. Edwards, Jr. Sgt. Basil Larkin
(Retired)

Roster

Emil Aberizk	William Keenan
Robert Abreau	Robert Loyd
Lloyd Anstey	Frederic Mehan
Kenneth Berger	Manuel Mello
George Brown	Edward Norton
Roger Clermont	Bruce Pemberton
John Daugherty	Thomas Peterson
Paul Dean	James Quinn
Douglas Drobnis	David Ramsay
Leroy Fielding	George Roscoe
Leo Flanagan	Nicholas Stratis
Roger Gregoire	Jeffrey Taylor
John Hartnett, Jr.	Raymond Tremblay
Leland B. Kelly	Clifford Varnum

ARRESTS

	1974	1975
Crimes Against Person	59	45
Crimes Against Property	65	91
Crimes Against Public Order	1,326	1,416

DISPOSITION OF CASES 1975

Fined	830
Placed on Probation	34
Suspended Sentence and Placed on Probation	38
Placed on File	75
Not Guilty Finding	28
Dismissed	25
Ordered to Pay Court Costs	18
Committed to Youth Service Board	3
Committed to M.C.I. Walpole	1
Committed to M.C.I. Billerica	1
Turned over to out of town Police Departments and Courts	119
Cases Continued Without a Finding	55
Placed on Alcohol Safety Program	65
Cases Pending and Continued in the courts	260

	1974	1975
Calls Answered by Cruisers	12,454	12,309
Summonses Served	1,707	1,409
Licenses Suspended	110	149
Accidents Reported	839	1,030
Personal Injuries Claimed	278	351
Fatal Accidents	5	5
Mileage of Cruisers	389,521	517,652
Special Property Checks	2,832	2,906
Station Lock-ups	646	431
Citations Issued	1,565	1,985
Parking Violations	523	565
Doors and Windows found open	127	243
Detoxification Unit	372	415

RECEIPTS TURNED OVER TO THE TOWN

	1974	1975
Photocopying Machine	\$1,862.00	\$ 1,898.00
Firearm Permits	2,661.00	2,940.00
Bicycle Registrations	25.25	48.25
Firearm Identification Cards	476.00	2,030.00
Court Fines	1,052.70	2,852.00
Photographs	440.00	506.00
Detail Account Service Charge	2,664.80	4,050.81
	\$9,181.75	\$14,325.06

Education and Training are still very important with our department. At this time we have attending the following:

Northeastern University	6 Men
Middlesex Community College	2 Men
Lowell University	1 Man

Other training courses that our men attended in 1975:

Mass. Training Council Rape Investigators School	2 Men
Northern Middlesex Police Academy	5 Men
Mass. State Police Breathalyzer School	2 Men
Emergency Medical Training Course	2 Men
Department of Attorney General Drug Abuse School	1 Man
Criminal Justice Seminar	2 Men
Bloomberg Police School	9 Men

This year, as you can see by the personnel roster, we have established an Intermittent Patrolmen List. These men are all qualified men that have passed the Police Entrance Exam and have been certified. They can be used at any time for regular patrol duty or in case of emergency work.

This year we have also started installation of the new Police Inter City Radio Hookup. This will be on the Ultra High Frequency Radio Band. It will give us radio contact with surrounding cities and towns. This will be of great assistance to Police Departments. We hope to have this system in full operation in the near future.

This year while patrolling the highways and roads of our town, the mobile units covered 517,652 miles.

We would also like to express our thanks and appreciation to the Bournival Chrysler Plymouth Company of Lowell for the donation of our safety car. Our Safety Program is very important to us, and we will continue to keep it in full operation.

In conclusion, I would like to offer my sincere appreciation and thanks to the various officials and department heads, the Captain, Sergeants, Patrolmen and the citizens of the town for their continued help and cooperation. Because of their combined efforts I am sure Chelmsford is a better and safer place in which to work and live.

Respectfully Submitted.

Robert E. Germann
Chief of Police

CIVIL DEFENSE COMMISSION

The Civil Defense Commission, which has been meeting regularly on the second Tuesday of each month, going over various reports from the State and Federal Civil Defense, Office of Emergency Preparedness.

The necessary program papers were completed and accepted by the State and Federal Civil Defense agencies, which made the Town eligible for Surplus Property. Some Property was purchased from the Taunton Surplus Supplies Department at substantial savings to the Town.

The Communications Center participated in the monthly drills with Area 1 in Tewksbury and other towns, and we are grateful to our Communications Officer and member of this commission Mel DeJager for the time and effort he has put into our Communications Center.

The Auxiliary Police has been very active this past year, assisting the Police Department, at parades, band concerts and assisting in the summer months with the checking of homes of residents on vacation. Their Rescue Truck and Car are now ready for emergency operation.

We wish to thank the Heads of the various Departments and the Board of Selectmen for the fine cooperation received this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. Hedlund, Director
 Melvin P. DeJager
 Charles Koulas
 George J. Brown
 Joseph E. Stavely
 George R. Dixon
 Christos A. Alexion
 William W. Edge
 Walter W. Edwards

FIRE DEPARTMENT

This year for the first time the Fire Department responses exceeded 1000 calls with increase mainly in automobile accidents, motorvehicle fires and malicious false alarms which in itself showed an increase of 87%. Of major concern to the Fire Department is the number of motor vehicles being stolen and burned in the Town of Chelmsford with approximately fifty cases of arson involving motor vehicles this year alone.

On December 29, the contract was signed for the new Fire Station on Riverneck Road in East Chelmsford. Funds were appropriated at the annual town meeting. Construction should begin sometime in January with a completion date set for August.

A new 1000 gallon per minute pumper authorized last year is on order and scheduled for delivery in the summer of 1976.

This year the Fire Department is requesting funds in the budget for eight additional men for the new fire station.

I wish to express my thanks to all town officials and employees for the excellent cooperation given to the fire department during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frederick H. Reid
Fire Chief

Fire Chief
Frederick H. Reid

Deputy Fire Chief
Edward G. Quinn

Captains

William H. Thayer
 Allen C. Mello
 Charles S. Galloway, Jr.
 James M. Spinney

Robert C. Spaulding

Clerk

Mary Ann Koulas

Privates

Thomas P. Miskell
 Arthur G. Anderson
 Bertrand E. Dixon, Jr.
 Charles Ferreira
 Edward J. McGovern
 Robert K. Adams
 Alvin F. Wetmore
 Jack D. Hadley
 Harvey M. Miller
 Robert A. Bennett
 Robert R. Gagnon
 Harold J. Pierce, Jr.
 Donald A. Weber
 Paul D. Henderson
 Peter T. Wetherbee
 Francis J. Conlin
 Donald A. Drew
 James T. Cutter
 Gerald D. Tonks
 Richard P. O'Neil
 Robert L. Hughes
 Thomas J. Curran
 James P. Flaherty
 Joseph F. Lynch
 Paul D. Hayes
 Terrance A. Goode
 William H. Hadley
 Leo A. Martin
 Emil R. Magiera
 Philip Dube
 Ronald J. Sawicki
 Joseph E. Staveley
 John P. DePalma
 Walter F. Adley, Jr.
 Dennis Vargeletis
 Michael A. Blazonis
 Richard L. Grenon
 Ronald L. Johnson
 Wallace V. Maybury, Jr.
 William V. Cady, Jr.
 Ronald O. Wikander
 James A. Sousa
 William F. Curran
 Daniel T. Reid
 Joseph J. Spinazola
 Michael McTeague
 Ernest J. Frobese
 James P. Curran

CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE in 1975

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Accidents	1	0	3	8	3	6	3	2	2	4	5	5	42
Brush	0	6	19	66	26	10	15	1	3	9	28	6	189
Building	9	4	15	11	2	7	6	2	9	8	7	16	96
Dump	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	6
False-Malicious	5	7	9	5	4	13	10	14	9	21	8	4	109
False-Accidental	6	5	0	5	5	4	2	4	1	2	3	5	42
Misc.	16	22	27	34	26	18	29	26	15	15	22	29	279
Lock Out	2	0	1	0	3	3	1	1	1	5	1	2	20
1st Aid	2	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	10
Mutual Aid	0	2	5	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	3	2	21
Resuscitator	13	10	8	11	11	8	5	7	11	11	14	19	128
Vehicle	8	7	6	14	16	13	13	22	6	10	11	6	132
	62	63	94	158	98	82	88	80	59	88	104	98	1,074

EAST CHELMSFORD FIRE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Walter Hedlund, Chairman

Frederick Reid, Fire Chief
George Dixon

Edward Quinn, Deputy Fire Chief
Edward Hoyt, Secretary

The above committee met in February 1975 and voted to insert in the annual Town Warrant an article requesting that the sum of \$275,000 be appropriated for the construction of this station. Following approval of this article at Town meeting the architect made structural changes in the design of the station to bring the cost more in line with the sum of money that was appropriated.

Complete working plans and specifications were prepared for bidding and on November 18th bids for sub-contract work were received and opened at the architect's office. Sealed bids for the general contract were received and opened at the architects office November 25th. A total of fifteen bids were received with costs ranging from a low of \$244,397 to a high of \$304,622. The successful bidder was the Petruccelli Construction Co. of Lynn, Mass.

At a meeting with the Board of Selectmen on December 29th contract documents were signed by the Selectmen, with Committee and the contractor. The projected completion date is expected to be early fall of 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. Hedlund
Chairman

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the Highway Department for the year 1975:

Year	No. Reg. H'way Employees	No. Reg. Waste Col. Employees
1955	21	3
1966	27	13
1975	37	16

Six new streets were accepted in 1975.

The recycling program that was implemented by the Highway Department has been continued. Papers are collected on a monthly basis.

Spring Clean Up Days were conducted during the week of April 14 through April 18 and the Fall Clean Up Days were conducted the week of October 6 through October 10.

In July, the City of Lowell decreased its fees from \$13.00 per ton to \$11.00 per ton for the use of the Lowell Land Fill. The Town owned dump, located on Swain Road, North Chelmsford, is open two days a week for Chelmsford residents. (Wednesday's and Saturday's from 8:00A.M. to 12:00N and 12:30P.M. to 4:00P.M.)

Drainage projects include the following:

Diamond Street	160' 6" asphalt coated pipe, 11 feet 12" pipe 4 catch basins installed.
Fairbanks Road	30 feet 10" asphalt coated pipe (replaced cement pipe.)
Locust Road	14 feet 12" asphalt coated pipe.
High Street	22 feet 10" asphalt coated pipe. (replaced cement pipe)
Rainbow Ave.	198 feet 12" R.C. pipe, 2 catch basins installed.
Waverly Ave.	482 feet 12" R.C. pipe, 3 catch basins installed.
Evergreen Street	175 feet 12" R.C. pipe, 1 manhole installed.
Groton Road	168 feet 12" R.C. pipe, 205 feet 12" aluminum pipe, 2 catch basins installed.
Summer Street	324 feet 18" aluminum pipe, 112" 12" R.C. pipe, 2 manhole and 1 catch basin installed.
Davis Road	276 feet 12" R.C. pipe, 1 catch basin installed
Pineneedle St.	20 feet 12" aluminum pipe, 20 feet 6" aluminum pipe.

Brentwood Road	60 feet 18" aluminum pipe, 3 feet 24" aluminum pipe, 1 manhole installed.
Sheppard Lane	176 feet 10" asphalt coated pipe, 2 catch basins installed.
Southgate Road	20 feet aluminum pipe.
Billerica Road	1 manhole, 1 catch basin installed.
Boston Road	2 catch basins installed.

The Chapter 90 Construction project was continued on Acton Road. The work consisted of adjustment of drainage structure castings. A bituminous concrete top course was placed over the existing bituminous binder course from Sleigh Road to Elm Street. All slopes were graded, loamed and seeded.

Under Chapter 1140 funds, Golden Cove Road and a section of Boston Road were resurfaced with bituminous concrete. Sidewalks were installed on Boston Road (from Warren Avenue to Summer Street) and Acton Road (from Sleigh Road to Elm Street).

Sidewalks were also installed on a portion of Middlesex Street.

Under Chapter 825 funds, sections of Westford Street, Boston Road, Billerica Road and Mill Road were resurfaced with bituminous concrete.

Guard Rail was installed on Sherman Street and Turnpike Road.

New equipment purchased for the Highway Department is as follows: One Waste Collection Truck, Two Dump Trucks, One Roller, One Trailer.

The usual oiling of streets, including mix-in-places, brush cutting, fabricating, replacing and installing of street signs, painting traffic lines, cleaning catch basins, rebuilding and repairing sunken catch basins, sanding, snow plowing and snow removal, sweeping streets, drainage and general maintenance were performed throughout the year.

I wish to thank the townspeople for their kind consideration and cooperation and the Police Department for notifying the department of dangerous conditions on the streets during the winter months.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Rondeau
Superintendent of Streets

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

Paul F. McCarthy, Chairman
Paul J. Canniff, D.D. Peter Dulchinos

Health Department Personnel

Director of Public Health Senior Clerk
Thomas W. Morris, R.S. Barbara A. Korsak

Board of Health Physician

Benjamin Blechman, M.D.

Plumbing Inspector, Civil Service

William H. Shedd

Permanent Intermittent Plumbing Inspector,

Civil Service
Richard M. Kelly

Water Pollution Control

In 1975 the water pollution control program continued its effort to clean up the streams. Numerous complaints were filed in District Court, several of which have been continued to 1976.

The Board performed 140 dye tests and issued 119 permits to repair septic systems in addition to issuing 78 permits for construction of new septic systems.

Administration and Management

Income for various services and permits is listed below:

Percolation tests - 107	\$ 1,605.00
Testing paint for lead content - 49	650.00
Hot water permits - 182	910.00
Plumbing permits - 145	1,370.00
Sewage permits - 197	1,970.00
Miscellaneous licenses & fees	13,917.50
Amount received for 1975	\$20,422.50

Rabies Clinic & Encephalitis Clinic

Administered by Martin Gruber, D.V.M., a total of 353 animals were inoculated against Rabies.

A total of 60 horses were inoculated against Encephalitis at the clinic.

Public Health

During 1975, the Board of Health Nurse attended Board of Health Meetings periodically in order to report her activities and received feedback from the Members.

Her duties included the usual state required follow-up on persons exposed to TB, persons having had communicable diseases and persons having premature infants.

Seven premature infants were visited and assistance given to parents on care of the babies.

There were three reports of newly active TB in 1975. Mantoux tests were performed on bus drivers, nursing home employees, nursery school personnel and contacts of known cases of Tuberculosis.

With the cooperation of school nurses and Dr. Blechman, Board of Health Physician, the following immunizations were given:

Pre-School & School Immunizations

DPT	16
MMR	10
Polio	506
Rubella	155
TD	514

The Town Nurse rendered home visits and completed investigations and reports for the State for the following communicable diseases:

Encephalitis	1
Hepatitis	11
Menigitis	1
Salmonella	7

The Town Nurse took and recorded blood pressure readings on a monthly basis.

The flu clinic this year was a joint effort of the Council on Aging and the Board of Health. Dr. Blechman, Town Physician, was in attendance. The clinic was opened to any senior citizen and any Chelmsford resident with a chronic illness. Employees of the Town of Chelmsford were also offered the injection. In total there were 191 flu injections administered.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The following report of the activities of the Assessors
Department for the year 1975 is hereby submitted:

Motor Vehicle Excise	Number issued	30,156	Total Tax	\$1,564,676.63
Excise Tax Abatements	Number Granted	4,612	Amount	160,320.53
Real Estate Tax	Assessments	9,649	Value	256,084,115.00
R.E. Tax December Assessment	Assessments	5	Value	73,050.00
Personal Property Tax	Assessments	625	Value	9,776,300.00
Number of Dwellings 8,600				

Statutory Exemptions

Type	Number	Tax Abated
Clause 41 (Elderly)	234	\$ 80,751.50
Clause 22 (Veteran)	518	93,489.30
Clause 37 (Blind)	12	5,250.00
Clause 17, 18 (Age, Infirmary Financial Condition)	60	25,271.96
R.E. Tax Abatements (Over Value, erroneous etc.)	27	9,115.56

RECAPITULATION

Town appropriations and charges	\$20,015,783.76	
State assessments	199,509.13	
County Tax and hospital	585,896.21	
Overlay Account	230,238.51	
Gross amount to be raised		\$21,031,427.61

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

All revenue derived from excise tax and department receipts	\$ 1,521,163.00	
Total amount from state (Cherry Sheet)	6,730,750.39	
Transfers from available funds	1,096,307.00	
Available funds to reduce tax rate	650,000.00	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		\$ 9,998,220.39
Total to be raised by taxation		\$11,033,207.22
Fiscal 1976 tax rate \$41.50/1000 valuation		
1974 Rate 39.00 1973 Rate 44.00		

The calendar year 1975 has been a very busy year for both the Assessors and the clerical staff.

The assessors have spent many hours in the field following-up on 369 building permits consisting of 89 new dwellings, 102 new additions, 51 pools, 42 remodeling jobs and 85 various other improvements. This not only entails the measuring and listing of these properties but most important, the determination of value.

As the taxpayers of Chelmsford are well aware, a complete mass appraisal of all properties was done in 1972. Because of the highly inflated real estate market assessments are now only at about 70%, an increase in the market of 10% a year. On December 24, 1974 the State Supreme Judicial Court handed down a decision in the "Sudbury Case" declaring that all real property in the commonwealth must be assessed at full and fair cash value. The State Tax Commission, in carrying out this court decision has placed the burden on the local assessors to not only submit a plan for updating assessments but also a plan to maintain these property assessments at 100%. The Chelmsford Assessors will endeavor to comply with this court mandate but a specific timetable has not been established. A com-

plete study is now under way to determine the most accurate and thorough procedure to follow in complying with this very important court decision.

In September, the annual Assessors school was held at the University of Massachusetts campus in Amherst, Mass. Miss Janet Lombard, the newest member of the board successfully completed the intermediate and advanced course in assessing practices and is well on her way to becoming a Certified Massachusetts Assessor.

The clerical staff has been very busy processing approximately 30,000 excise tax bills, 9,600 real estate tax bills, 625 personal property bills, 5,463 various abatements and exemptions and over 600 transfers of property within the town.

We would hope that in 1976 this volume of work will only increase, a good indication of our economy making a healthy recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude A. Harvey, Chairman
Board of Assessors



Stephen D. Wojcik
PLANNING BOARD Chairman

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| Mr. Stephen D. Wojcik, Chairman | Mr. Thomas A. Ennis
(Resigned) |
| Mr. Peter J. McHugh,
Vice Chairman | Mr. A. Robert Raab |
| Mr. Eugene E. Gilet, Clerk | Mrs. Ann McCarthy |
| Mr. Thomas E. Firth | Mr. Henrick R. Johnson, Jr. |

The Planning Board reorganized for the year with Mr. Stephen D. Wojcik as Chairman, Mr. Peter J. McHugh as Vice Chairman, Mr. Eugene E. Gilet as Clerk and as Planning Board Representative to Northern Middlesex Area Planning Commission, and Mrs. Nancy Maynard as Recording Clerk.

A low of four (4) subdivisions were brought before the Planning Board for approval under subdivision control law, at which time seventeen (17) new building lots were created. Forty-nine (49) individual lots not requiring approval under subdivision control law were approved by the Planning Board, this number being consistent with years past reflecting the creation of some building lots and the other being the mere changing of title of ownership.

No areas changed zoning last year, probably in anticipation of the possible presentation of the new zoning map and new zoning regulations proposed by the Planning Board. Because of errors in the publication, it was impossible to make a presentation to the townspeople, at Town Meeting for their consideration, however, every attempt shall be made to correct the publication errors prior to the present Town Meeting.

The next major project for the Planning Board will be a complete review of the present subdivision rules and regulations, particularly in the areas of engineering and supervision of construction of new roads, engineering fees, requiring as built drawings from developers when a project is finished prior to road acceptance and other related problems.

Respectfully submitted,
STEPHEN D. WOJCIK
Chairman

The volume of work in the department as well as the case load has increased considerably during 1975. The continued rise in unemployment, illness of veterans, labor dispute etc., have all been contributing factors in the high cost of Veterans' Benefits for the year.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

For the period January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975, the department handled a total of 597 cases. In July 1975, all recipients on our rolls who were eligible for Social Security benefits, received an 8% increase in benefits. In January 1975, all recipients who were eligible for pension received a 10% increase in benefits. For 1975, we settled two assignment cases for a total of \$987.00.

Cash and Material Grants Account

Year	Expended
1974	\$98,314.23
1975	98,414.64
Month	
January	Expended \$15,360.95
February	7,840.42
March	9,777.94
April	8,468.72
May	6,986.41
June	16,956.90
July	3,685.24
August	6,551.82
September	6,872.19
October	6,237.95
November	5,509.62
December	4,166.48
Total:	<u>\$98,414.64</u>

VETERANS' SERVICES

In addition to the administration of financial assistance to our recipients, the department also renders veterans services to our veterans and their dependents.

To:	
Jamaica Plain, V.A.	3
West Roxbury	8
Bedford, V.A.	40
Brockton, V.A.	6
Total trips	<u>74</u>

The department works in conjunction with the Veterans Administration and Social Security office to obtain benefits for our recipients who are eligible for benefits. This reduces the amount of benefits which this department must pay to individual cases. An accounting is kept on all benefits derived from other sources.

Benefits from:	
Veterans Administration	\$ 97,145.00
Social Security	58,000.00
Supplemental Soc. Sec.	3,650.00
Total:	<u>\$158,795.00</u>

I wish to acknowledge the cooperation that we received from the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Boston and the Veterans' Services Contact Office in Boston during the year, which enables us to obtain benefits for our veterans and dependents. We are grateful for their assistance.

We also wish to thank the office of the Commissioner and his staff for their fine cooperation during the year. Only through their cooperation are we able to give our veterans and their dependents the service and assistance they are eligible to receive.

To the various departments and agencies that assist us through the year, our most sincere thanks and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary K. McAuliffe
Veterans' Agent

VETERANS' EMERGENCY FUND COMMITTEE

The year 1975 has been a more active year for members of the Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee compared to recent years. The present state of the economy of the country has in some ways affected the fund inasmuch as we are far more apt to receive applications for assistance when a recession occurs.

All applications are at first reviewed by the town's Veterans' Agent and in some cases the town is unable to assist completely. When such situations arise, the committee accepts the application and the members are called to a meeting, to decide what, and if any assistance should be given.

Two applications were received during 1975 and meetings were held during June and November and in both instances assistance was approved and payments were made.

In one case the applicant's income was interrupted by lack of employment for a period of several months, and in another case, a most serious illness had

required the applicant to remain away from his work and he was hospitalized for a period of a few weeks.

Assistance, in the form of material grants, was approved in both cases and payments were made to the electric utility company and a fuel oil dealer to help these veterans.

The Committee also voted to raise the annual allotment for Veterans of World War II from \$100.00 to \$250.00. A financial report is submitted with this written report. Total assets are now \$6,336.54.

Veterans of World War II who desire to file an application for aid should first contact the local Veterans' Agent, so that it can first be determined if assistance should come from the Veterans' Benefits Program, which the town and state jointly support.

The present membership of the committee, by precincts, follows:

Precinct 1: Dr. Albert W. Willis
Precinct 2: Victor W. Fetro
Precinct 3: James J. Walker
Precinct 4: John J. McNulty
Precinct 5: George F. Waite
Precinct 6: Alfred H. Coburn
Precinct 7: Thomas A. Ennis
Precinct 8: Kenneth A. Cooke
Precinct 9: Peter J. Saulis
Precinct 10: Melvin P. DeJager
Precinct 11: Herbert T. Knutson
Precinct 12: Gerard A. Vayo

For the Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee by

Alfred H. Coburn,
Chairman

Treasurer's Report to the Board of Selectmen
January 1st, 1975 thru December 31st, 1975
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Balance on Hand as of January 1st, 1975:	\$ 6,446.87
Add Receipts:	
The Central Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Interest	\$ 205.73
The First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Lowell, Mass.	
Dividends	\$ 139.36
Total Receipts	\$ 345.09
Total of Balance on Hand as of January 1st, 1975 & Receipts:	\$ 6,791.96
Deduct Disbursements:	
Veterans' Assistance; Two Applications Approved	\$ 455.42
Balance on Hand as of December 31st, 1975:	\$ 6,336.54

ASSETS

Central Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.		
On Deposit, Bank Baok Number 128790	\$ 3,736.54	
First Federal Savings & Loan Association, Lowell, Mass.		
formerly Middlesex Cooperative Bank, Lowell, Mass.		
Ten (10) Paid-Up Shares, Certificate No. 3025	\$2,000.00	
Three (3) Matured Shares, Certificate No. 2380	600.00	
Total value of Bank Shares	\$ 2,600.00	
Total Assets:	\$ 6,336.54	

LIABILITIES

Total Liabilities	\$ None
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TOWN OF CHELMSFORD,
VETERANS' EMERGENCY FUND COMMITTEE

Respectfully yours,
ALFRED H. COBURN, TREASURER

BOARD OF APPEALS

Chairman-S. Robert Monaco
Vice Chairman-Marshall Arkin

Charles Higgins	Alternates
Robert Kydd	Marguerite Waldron
Carolyn Bennett	Joe Dappel
	Daniel Burke

The Board of Appeals has held thirty-five hearings for Special Permits/Variances. They were dispensed with as follows:

Granted	22
Denied	9
Withdrawn	4

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the town employees and elected officials for their cooperation in the past year.

S. Robert Monaco
Chairman

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Adams Library, Boston Road
Chelmsford Center
Anna C. MacKay Memorial Library
Newfield Street, North Chelmsford

Library Trustees

Elizabeth McCarthy, Chairman	Jean Mansfield
Audrey Carragher	Howard Moore
James Harrington	Roger Welch

Expansion was the keyword for 1975. The originally anticipated addition, which was to have been constructed with the substantial assistance of the staff and students of Nashoba Valley Technical High School, was halted due to vigorous opposition from certain area trade unions. The resolution of the legal questions raised by this issue was not pursued when the Building Committee chose instead to turn its attention to the former Scoboria house and property adjacent to the Adams Library. The purchase was made after the change in plans had been sanctioned by a special town meeting. Under the guidance of the Trustees work was begun in November of 1975 to prepare the building for use as a Children's House, with library staff offices on the second floor. This alternative compares favorably in cost, schedule and utility with what was first envisioned in 1974 and it provides the library more than one acre additional land. It appears to us clearly a case of all things working out for the better.

While the solutions to library space needs were being discussed and worked out regular library business continued its steady upward march. Circulation fell just short of the quarter million mark with the largest advances being made in Fine Art and Adult materials. Special programs attracted over 6,000 persons, with the library's Bicentennial slide tape, "Chelmsford at the Turn of the Century," being enjoyed inside and outside the library. Grants were received from the Massachusetts Council on Arts and Humanities for the Community Calendar, from Neighborhood Youth Corps for children's summer theater and \$9220. worth of Federal Library Services and

Construction Act funds for videotape equipment. We continue to be active members of Lowell Area Council on Interlibrary Networks and share in the operation of radio WLTI (91.5 F.M.) and other cooperative projects.

In sum, 1975 was a year of intensive planning and preparation, but not without ongoing achievements. With the help of our Friends, volunteers, patrons and staff we expect to see this work come to full fruition in 1976 and by so doing add an exciting dimension to public library service in Chelmsford.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Monies deposited with Town Treasurer	\$16,448.42
Circulation	248,010
New Cards Issued	2,579
Employees (Full time including C.E.T.A.)	12
Employees (Part Time)	24

Department Heads: Goldie Creamer (MacKay branch), Lillian Storey (Circulation), Bea Beaubien (Children's), Linda Webb (Art & Music), Joan Allard (Reference)

Hours open per week for service (both Libraries) 126

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. PANCIERA, Library Director

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Gerald Hardy	Arne R. Olsen	Arthur J. Colmer
	George E. Baxendale	

The Cemetery Commissioners are pleased to report a few of our accomplishments this past year.

Pine Ridge Cemetery has had three and one half acres of wooded land developed into approximately one thousand lots. This work was done by our regular labor force with no extra cost to the Town.

The department has had a considerable increase in the sale of lots this past year.

This year we have seen completed a fifty foot addition to our garage. This addition has given us a much larger maintenance area plus new office space, which we feel will allow us to serve the public in a more suitable atmosphere. This addition is being paid for through the will of Vileata S. Douglas.

People coming to the Cemetery office will be pleased to see a new entrance within the Cemetery, eliminating the hazard of traffic on Billerica Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Arne R. Olsen

PARK COMMISSION

Park Superintendent: Donald P. Gray

The goal of the Park Department continues to be one of providing the best possible maintenance to all Town parks and recreational areas and yet striving to keep the costs to a minimum to the taxpayers. The year 1975

brought increased maintenance responsibilities at the newly constructed football and soccer field at Roberts Playground Recreational area. Also this year the Park Department assisted the Varney Commission with the mowing at the Varney Playground as well as assisted in the preparation of new lawn seedings at the Adams Library and the square at Routes 27 and 4.

The Department's long range plans include the acceptance of the ground maintenance at many newly developing recreational facilities as well as the continued responsibility to meet the yearly demands of proper maintenance at all Town squares, commons, and parks. These properties must be cleared of debris, seeded, loam and fertilizer spread at proper times, mowed and certain areas planted with flowers and shrubs. The coming Bicentennial year will again see Town flower plantings in red, white and blue.

This past year the Park Department relocated two large flagpoles that had deteriorated, one at East Chelmsford Monument, the other in the South Village. All the flagpoles were painted and the large one in North Chelmsford was repaired with a rotted section being removed. We are again very grateful for the continued assistance with the task of daily flag raisings from various townspeople. Our special thanks to the Fire Department for the Center flags; to Captain William Thayer for his assistance at Fletcher Square at North Road and Worthen; to Mrs. Mark and her son for their help at Winship Square in West Chelmsford; and the Kiwanis Club for their efforts at Gallagher Square.

The Park Department wishes to thank Paul Hart for his time and equipment in preparation of the adult softball field in North Chelmsford. And, again we express our deep appreciation to the Highway Superintendent and his department for their cooperation and assistance in many of our projects - one being the curbing around Perham Park at Worthen and Westford Streets. Our appreciation to the Fire Chief and his department for plowing at the skating area at Roberts Field and to the many garden clubs and various other town departments and organizations for their unlimited support and cooperation this past year.

The Park Commissioners are extremely proud that Superintendent Don Gray was named The Outstanding Town Employee of Chelmsford in 1975. It is through his dedication and cooperation with all the other departments of the Town that help make Chelmsford a good place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph E. House, Chairman
Arthur Louis Bennett, Commissioner
J. Joan Schenk, Commissioner
Donald P. Gray, Park Superintendent

D.P.W. STUDY COMMITTEE

Since its appointment by the Selectmen in April, the committee has studied the procedure for establishing a department of public works (DPW) and studied the workings and structure of the existing departments in the town which could be included in a DPW. The committee has also interviewed DPW Chairmen from some 16 towns of similar size to Chelmsford. As a result of this work, the committee has reached the following conclusions: (a) in general, it is considered that the

delivery of town services as currently provided are adequate and are perceived to be so by the public, recognizing that at present water supply and sewage disposal are not town services and (b) the data obtained to date, while tending to point favorably toward the future establishment of a DPW, still requires extensive analysis and further detailed supporting data in order to be able to present a comprehensive, objective proposal to the townspeople.

The committee has presented the Board of Selectmen with a set of recommendations on the eventual establishment of a DPW and has requested that the Board of Selectmen authorize the committee to investigate and pursue the availability of outside consulting services along with a suitable method of funding to compile substantiating statistical evidence to support this position.

Gerald Silver, Chairman

George Auchy

Arthur Glazer

Jack Massachelin

(Resigned 7/29/75)

Barbara Langworthy

Joan Schenk

Gary Lewis

(Resigned 9/17/75)

RECREATION COMMISSION

The efforts of the Commission and its associated organizations were most rewarding during the past year, as the various Programs offered to the youth of the Community enjoyed yet another year of progress. The members of the Commission were most grateful for the efforts of all volunteers and the encouragement and cooperation of other Boards within the Community.

The Commission was pleased with the results of the various Summer Programs. Every playing field and playground was active during the summer period with boys and girls pursuing activities such as Soccer, Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Football, Tennis, Track and Field, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Gymnastics, as well as the usual Programs associated with our regular summer playground activities. More children than ever before were participating in healthful physical activities.

We were also successful in securing a rather limited, but successful, Summer Arts Program with the Chelmsford Community Band providing regular summer concerts and our own Chelmsford Free Summer Theatre providing theatrical productions on the Common. The Summer Theatre was unique for Chelmsford and drew enthusiastic responses from residents who viewed the four productions staged by local youths. In the coming year both concerts and free theatre will be offered as well as, hopefully, our first Summer Arts Festival.

The Commission was equally fortunate to secure the support of both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee in obtaining funds to keep open the East School building as the first Chelmsford Community Center. Our initial efforts in this direction are, of course, only meagre as we must redesign our thinking to include the vast portion of our population not relating to strictly physical activities. A limited number of Community groups are currently using the building, including the Art Society. The Society is offering a full range of youth and adult classes. With the continued support of the Community and the various Boards, the Commission will be able to offer the Town

a Community Center that will provide a wide range of passive and active recreation during the day and the evening for the full enjoyment of all residents. We actively seek support of all residents in this venture.

Our own Robert's property was improved again this year with the addition of a large size playing area. It will be available for regular use in 1977 as we need a full year to provide a suitable playing surface. Lighting was also added for the skating area to lengthen the hours that this facility will be available for residents.

Work was also begun on a new Softball Field on the Southwell property. This area will be in use for the Men's Softball Leagues and other Softball play in the Town. The new Softball Fields were completed early last fall; at the McFarlin School and the East School. Both fields are non-grass infields to reduce field maintenance.

Soccer finally arrived in Chelmsford with a roar. A Summer League sponsored by the Commission and the Youth Soccer League provided League play for both boys and girls. The phenomenal success of this sport will create problems next summer as there will simply not be enough playing areas for the anticipated number of children expected to register.

The success of our Programs is due in no small measure to the some 500 residents who regularly volunteer their time, and, in some cases, their money, to make our Programs work. We could not buy this loyalty, and if we had to pay for the effort the volunteers expend on the Town's behalf, then our yearly budget would be considerably higher. This volunteer effort is unique to Chelmsford and it is the primary reason why our Programs are successful.

We will not embark on an expansive development program, but we will continue to provide needed programs on a slow, steady basis, working with volunteers and partially funded by interested groups. We can bring our facilities and our Programs to the level desired by residents, and with the help of the Community we will succeed on your behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Dempster, Jr., Chairman
Paul Murphy, Vice Chairman
Alfred Woods
Haworth Neild
Russell Kerr, Director
Evelyn Newman,
Administrative Assistant
Sherburne C. Appleton
Harry Ayotte
Robert Charpentier

YOUTH CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

YOUTH CENTER

The Chelmsford Youth Center has completed its fifth year of successful operation. With the acquisition of the Quessy building and the development of new programs it has been a very busy year for the Youth Center, its participants, staff and Advisory Committee.

The McFarlin Center (located in the McFarlin School in the Center) hours were expanded to five evenings per week (Monday through Friday) early in

1975. Special "Coffeehouse" programs featuring local talent as well as films occurred in an open air fashion throughout the summer. Special field trips to art museums and fairs, a winter ski trip to Mt. Ascutney, Vermont, a trip to Nantasket Beach and Paragon Park and a climb up Mt. Monadnock highlighted 1975.

Regular weekly programs of arts and crafts, films and athletic events were planned and successfully carried out. A complete gymnastics program was the high point of the 1975 athletic offerings under the competent direction of Mr. Michael Fay, the Youth Center Athletic Supervisor. The addition of a 6' cage ball to the Youth Center equipment created many hours of strenuous play. Ultimate frisbee (frisbee football) was another very popular activity. Other athletic programs included volleyball, basketball, weightlifting and track events. A continuous arts & crafts program featuring simple crafts was offered a minimum of three days each week at the McFarlin Center.

The arts and crafts program met with a very good response from the youth participants. Under the direction of Chief Supervisor, Ms. Andrea Johnson, staff members Ms. Robin Bowen (CETA) and Ms. Pat Crowell operated the crafts program that emphasized projects that could be completed in a single evening and resulted in a work of value.

The weekly film program under the direction of Mr. Larry Noyes (CETA) has become a regular feature at the Youth Center in 1975. Through the generous assistance of the Adams Library many free films have been acquired from the Boston Public Library on a weekly loan basis.

Another significant service the Youth Center has been able to offer was shuttle transportation from outlying areas of Town to the McFarlin Center. The Council on Aging very generously offered the use of their van three evenings per week. This has enabled many youth to get to and from the Center that would not have been able to before. The Youth Center Council and the Advisory Committee voted to show its appreciation for the use of the van by purchasing a special vacuum cleaner to maintain the van. Staff members Mr. Larry Noyes and Mr. Keith Withycombe (CETA) have been sharing the evening driving responsibilities. Both men functioned as back up drivers for the COA van in case of illness of the regular driver during 1975.

During 1975 the Youth Center sponsored many special events. With the direction of the staff a series of youth dances and concerts were operated. In the spring of 1975, the Chelmsford Jayceettes, produced a full stage play, GODSPELL, to benefit the Youth Center. Youth Center participants assisted the production with ticket selling, ushering and general support.

On the 4th of July the Youth Center, Inc. (a non-profit corporation aimed to assist the Youth Center) held its annual raffle. Youth participants helped operate the booth and sell raffle tickets. Well over \$500 was made and was used to purchase equipment. Also, during the 4th of July parade, a strange bunch of clowns appeared giving away balloons and entertaining the small children along the parade route. This was a group of youth participants and staff members sharing their new found dramatic skill "clowning."

The Youth Center Advisory Committee spent an active year working on the long range goals for the Youth Center as well as supervising the Youth Center operation. With the acquisition of the Quessy building

in the last month of 1975 much energy was spent preparing that building for program use in January of 1976. During 1975 the Advisory Committee also spent much time evaluating staff performance and considering ways of improving the overall operation of the Center. At the Committee's direction two thirds of the staff now has Red Cross First Aid training, insuring that during the operation of any Youth Center Program, First Aid assistance is available. This fall the staff has been supported by the intern program in human services of Middlesex Community College. One intern from Middlesex Community College. One intern from Middlesex worked 8 hours per week assisting in Youth Center operation at no cost to the Town. Also, in conjunction with local colleges, the Advisory Committee explored the possibility of staff member/students participating in Federal Work-Study programs and beginning in January of 1976 at least one staff member's salary was subsidized at the 80% level by this program.

Looking toward the future, 1976 promises to be a very exciting year for the Youth Center. The Quessy building will move toward total use and by April of 1976 it will, hopefully, be used four days per week. The Youth Center, Inc. has committed itself to raise a substantial sum of money to help refurbish the Quessy building to meet Youth Center program needs. Other new programs in drama, more involved arts and crafts, photography, ceramics and others are planned.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry F. Wolcott
Youth Center Coordinator

YOUTH CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Melvin Petersen, Chairman

Everett Brown	Judy Karrow
Norman Douglas	William Murphy, Selectman
Thomas Dougherty	Brian Sullivan
Jan Greeno	Paul Snyder
Robert Hall	JoAnn Weisman

BUILDING INSPECTOR

BUILDING INSPECTOR, Peter J. McHugh, Jr.

Local Inspector	Senior Clerks
Charles N. McArthur	Dorothy A. McDonough
	Linda Gauthier

The following is a report of the Building Inspection Dept. for the year 1975:

There were 369 Building Permits issued:

- 196 Occupancy Permits issued:
- 138 Certificates of Inspection issued:
- 82 Yard Sale permits issued:
- 165 Business Establishments inspected:

The types of Building Permits issued are listed below:

No. of Permits	Type Issued	Est. Value
89	Dwellings valued at	\$2,648,245.00
116	Additions valued at	445,383.00
41	Remodelings valued at	222,890.00
51	Swimming Pools valued at	155,587.00
17	Utility sheds valued at	5,916.00
22	Signs valued at	11,820.00
1	Storage Building valued at	31,500.00
1	Siding valued at	1,200.00
2	Commercial remodeling valued at	26,000.00
1	Poultry shed valued at	150.00

3	Greenhouses valued at	2,550.00
3	Barns valued at	3,650.00
2	Stables valued at	2,000.00
6	Fireplaces valued at	5,920.00
5	Garages (unattached)	15,100.00
5	Demolitions valued at	2,000.00
4	Foundations valued at	6,200.00
369	Permits with estimated value of	\$3,586,111.00

Amount of Salary appropriation for Zoning Bylaw Officer and Inspector of Buildings - July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976		\$15,852.20
Amount received by the Town of Chelmsford for Building Permits:		16,864.00
Amount received by the Town of Chelmsford for Occupancy Permits:		4,950.00
Amount received by the Town of Chelmsford for Certificate of Inspections:		4,300.00
Amount received by the Town of Chelmsford for Yard Sale Permits:		82.00
Total paid to the Town of Chelmsford by the Building Inspectors office:		26,196.00
Amount disbursed from office expense		1,411.89
Number of Zoning Violations Inspected		322
Telephone Inquiries		9,560

Other Departments assisted during 1975

Board of Selectmen
Fire Department
Police Department
Highway Department
Town Counsel
Board of Health
Conservation Committee
Board of Appeals
Historic District Commission

The year 1975 was more eventful and active than the previous year of 1974, mainly due to the implementation of Chapter 802, the State Building Code.

As reported to you in the 1974 Annual Town Report, the estimated 400% workload increase became a reality and additional staffing changes will be required.

Office space was increased some 120 sq. ft. and it appears at this writing that this sum will not be adequate.

During the coming year a reorganization of Inspectors will take effect, placing the Wire, Gas and Plumbing Inspectors in the Building Inspection Department. This reorganization should bring about the benefits of Consolidated records keeping, more coordinated inspection efforts and a more manageable inspection system in general.

To reflect back on the past year, we did expect that the implementation of the State Building Code would have its effects felt in the Town of Chelmsford. This indeed proved to be correct. I am happy to report that some of the adversities in this new Code have been corrected by amendments to the code, others however remain to be resolved. Therefore: It is our hope through continued cooperation with all those adversely affected by the code that adequate solutions to the problems can and will be forthcoming.

As the Inspector of Buildings, I thank all those town departments that contribute and assist me throughout the year so readily. I also thank the townspeople of Chelmsford for their past cooperation and look forward to serving them in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. McHugh, Jr.
Inspector of Buildings

VANDALISM COMMITTEE

A lighting survey of Forefathers' Cemetery and the Varney Playground is being conducted by the Electric Company in light of the heavy vandalism there. The National Sheriffs' Association "NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH" program, a neighborhood information and self-surveillance program, is presently being considered as a civic project by a local service club.

The School Committee regulations on the use of the property will be presented as a Town Bylaw at the Town Meeting so that they can be duly recognized by the courts. A pamphlet, identifying all the various recreation areas in the community and their regulations, is presently scheduled for printing in the early Fall.

William R. Murphy, Chairman

Harry Ayotte, Robert McManimon
Donald Gray, William Reynolds
Paul C. Hart, Charles Watt
Robert Howe, Gary Wolcott
Capt. Campbell and Chief Germann - Police Dept.

WIRE INSPECTOR

There were 412 applications for wire permits issued in 1975. Some of these requiring several inspections.

Inspections made for wire permits 843

TYPE OF INSPECTIONS	NO.
Commercial & Industrial buildings	256
Residential buildings	224
Service chgs., dryers, pools, relocations etc.	363

Other inspections made by the Wire Inspector

Mass Electric - releasing services
Zoning bylaws - electric fences, etc.
Fire damage
Police and Highway Dept. - signs
Tenant complaints
Water serv. change - grounding
Code Information - telephone inquiries
Periodic Inspections - Theaters, Assembly halls churches, night clubs, residential over 2 family, lecture halls, public pools, Institutional, schools, signs, etc..

Respectfully submitted

Harold Tucke
Wire Inspector

GAS INSPECTOR

There were 386 permits issued in 1975
Total fees collected: \$2,402.00
There were 601 inspections made by the Gas Insp.
Salary paid \$2,429.98

Respectfully submitted,

Neal Stanley
Gas Inspector

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

As Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Chelmsford, I wish to submit my report for the past year, 1975.

In performing my duty, I have sealed the following:

181 Gasoline Meters
2 Oil and Grease Meters
27 Scales - 100 to 5,000 Pounds
66 Scales - More than 10, Less than 100 Pounds
17 Scales - 10 Pounds or Less
97 Avoirdupois Weights

Money received from seals, the sum of \$619.70, has been turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony C. Ferreira
Sealer of Weights and Measures

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Number of dog bites	60
Number of premises keeping cattle	9
Number of cattle	220
Number of horses	62
Number of sheep	14
Number of swine	377

Respectfully submitted,

Martin A. Gruber, D.V.M.

DOG OFFICER

The following is a report of my services as Dog Officer for the year 1975:

Stray dogs sold to individuals	48
Stray dogs sent to medical schools	137
Stray dogs disposed of	25
Total strays picked up	210
Complaints investigated	842
Miscellaneous calls	3,186
Dead animals picked up	363
Miles Traveled	24,690
Lost dogs returned to owners	96

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Wojtas
Dog Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEMBERS: John Balco, Florence Gullion, Donald House, Robert Howe, Janet Lombard, John McCormack and Jane McKersie.

WETLAND PROTECTION ACT

This year, as in past years, the Chelmsford Conservation Commission has found the Wetlands Protection Act takes up more and more of our time. In 1975 thirteen hearings were held with as many requests for determinations submitted to the Commission. Contractors are beginning to come before the Commission with their plans before work commences,

rather than wait until a Cease and Desist Order has been issued by the Commission because of a possible violation of the Wetlands Protection Act. This action on the part of the contractors saves both time and money for themselves and for the Commission.

WINTER WEEKEND

The first annual Winter Weekend was held utilizing the Town's Reservations. This activity was sponsored by the Conservation Commission, the Jaycees, the Recreation Commission and the Youth Center. Limited skating was available on Swains Pond, there was extensive skating on the Crooked Springs Brook Reservation and many adults and children enjoyed the additional skating area available because of the dam. Snowshoe racing was held at the George B. B. Wright Reservation. The Commission was privileged to have Mr. Lester Ball on hand to award the winners with ribbons. Cross-country skiing was held at Robert's Field as well as various skating events. "Smokie the Bear" was on hand at Robert's Field to enjoy the festivities. Snow sculptures were created in people's yards and these were judged and prizes awarded in various categories.

NATURAL RESOURCES PLANNING PROGRAM:

In 1975 the Natural Resource Planning program was completed for the Town. The NRPP defines the natural resource base of the Community by a method developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. Resources are measured in terms of quantity, quality and distribution. The NRPP was carried out by a committee consisting of three members of the Conservation Commission (John Balco, Torry Gullion and Janet Lombard) and a representative of the League of Women Voters (Carrie Fenn).

The resulting report presents several recommendations of importance to the wise use of Chelmsford's natural resources. More importantly, however, the information gathered as a result of the process can be of use in measuring alternative land area in Chelmsford and how those uses will impart the Town's natural resources. A copy of the report is on file at the Adams Library.

Although the NRPP report is important in identifying areas of specific concern to Chelmsford, the content was of interest to the Soil Conservation Service. Copies of the report are being prepared by the S.C.S. for distribution throughout Massachusetts to serve as a model for the potential of the program for implementation in other communities.

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION:

The retention of many of the desirable aspects of Chelmsford remains the primary goal of the Conservation Commission. A great deal of time is spent by the Commission on land acquisition, either obtained through gifts or by purchase.

Many of the purchases made by the Town included a self-help application to the state. \$11,000.00 was received during 1975 as a reimbursement to the Town from our Swains Pond Reservation application.

New land acquisitions this year includes a 30 acre addition to the Lime Quarry Reservation and a five acre gift of land across the street from the Lime Quarry was also obtained. Also acquired was a large parcel of land along Stoney Brook, several lots on

Winter Street and several smaller parcels which enlarged the Wright Reservation. These were acquired through outright purchase and as gifts.

The 9.25 acre Middlesex Canal property which is located off Canal Street, is in the final stages of acquisition and is being handled by Town Counsel. Self-help funds as well as federal funds have been applied for in the purchase of this land. If successful the cost to the Town should be about \$2,500.

The Commission is planning to bring before Town Meeting a 32 acre tract of land abutting the southwest corner of Crystal Lake to be used for the purpose of recreation. Obtaining this parcel of land would enable the Town to have access to boating, swimming, fishing and picnicking in this area.

RESERVATIONS:

Once again the Commission has relied on the interest of the community for getting the work done on the Reservations. John Farina, working on his Eagle Badge project for Scouts, spent many hours cleaning and marking a complete trail around the Crooked Spring Brook Reservation. This effort included many boys working under his leadership. Another Scout, Harold Carrison, erected a new sign on the Crooked Spring Road side of the Reservation as well as a sign on Parker Road near the parking area located at the George B. B. Wright Reservation.

The Woodridge Garden Club completed their Bicentennial Project of tree planting in the barrow area of Crooked Springs Brook Reservation. A small plaque is to be erected this spring commemorating this project. The Golden Chain Garden Club continued its leaf project, concentrating their efforts on a badly eroded site in the section of the barrow area of the Crooked Springs Brook Reservation. The Golden Chain Garden Club as well as the Conservation Commission would like to thank the townspeople for their support in this effort.

The Job Youth Corps did some clearing and marking of trails on various Reservations. The Corps also cleaned the rubbish from brooks running through the Reservations.

A great deal of time and effort was spent by the Boy Scout Troop from South Chelmsford in cleaning and clearing underbrush from the brook on the George B. B. Wright Reservation.

Several nature walks were conducted on the Deep Brook Reservation. Many people from Chelmsford, as well as members of the Conservation Commission, utilized the land the town is taking by adverse possession.

Two to three hundred trees were planted on the Swains Pond Reservation by members of the Commission under the direction of Bruce Gullion. Unfortunately many of the trees were destroyed due to illegal use of trail bikes and snowmobiles.

There are now four reservations with well marked trails and these are the Lime Quarry Reservation which is located on Littleton Road, parking available; George B. B. Wright Reservation on Parker Road, parking available; Crooked Springs Brook Reservation, Crooked Spring Road; and Deep Brook Reservation, which is located off Dunstable Road.

INSECT PEST CONTROL

For the first time the Conservation Commission has appointed three volunteer Association Consultants, Carrie Fenn, David Merrill and Frank Siraco. These people have been a tremendous help to the Commission and their efforts have freed regular members to engage in a wider variety of duties and complete their regular duties in a hopefully more competent manner.

TREE DEPARTMENT

The Tree Department is presently having one of its most productive years. Over 138 dead or dangerous trees of various sizes have been removed. In many areas, if the tree being removed is disease free, the wood is being cut into useable lengths and left behind for the taxpayers' use. This saves some time in hauling to the dump plus minimizes use of the landfill.

This year we are continuing our program of attempting to prune all trees on one street at a time. At the same time removing all dead trees and low ground brush. The pruning program has recently been completed on Dalton Rd.; Parker Rd.; and Fay Street. I also plan to finish Robin Hill Rd. within the year. These streets had several complaints by bus and truck drivers of low limbs hitting side mirrors and truck bodies. Also, residents were concerned about dead limbs hanging over the road and their houses.

Bids for our Spring Tree Planting are about to be advertised. I would like to thank all departments for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Myles J. Hogan
Tree Warden

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

The Town Forest Committee continued general maintenance of the Thanksgiving and Mill Road Forests. The Committee also continued its reasearch of deed information associated with these properties and the small tract on Concord Road. All available information indicates the need to establish permanent boundaries to protect against encroachment by adjacent owners.

Scout groups estimated at over 200 children and leaders used the town forests for training and education. No fires or damage was noted during the year.

The Committee was consulted concerning proposals to consolidate certain town committees into departments or activities for more effective administration.

The Committee hopes to accumulate enough deed information in the coming year to be able to determine a realistic cost for surveying. In addition, we plan to complete a management plan for all properties under the control of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce S. Gullion
Kenneth C. Goggin
John J. Smith

This department's largest expense has been the removal of diseased Elms. A contract listing 84 Elms has just been recently completed. Every year we make an effort to preserve as many of our Elms as possible. This year the Lowden Company of Needham, Mass. was consulted in regards to Elm preservation. Their recommendations were a continuance of many of our present methods with the addition of a system of injection presently being experimented by their company in many Eastern States.

After inquiring with other towns, I found that in some areas the program was effective, however, too expensive when used on a municipal basis.

This department plans to continue using pruning and various spray methods to control this disease in the early Spring of this season.

Many of our more visible pests still exist, however, they will progressively decline seasonally as their generations weakens. Past efforts of roadside spraying is the only possible control of these various insects. However, unless notified by one of our state agencies to anticipate a serious problem, no town wide spray program will be used in the upcoming season.

Respectfully submitted,

Myles J. Hogan
Tree Warden

TOWN AIDE

Serving the Townspeople as a social service agent, the Town Aide's Department continued, throughout 1975, to encourage low income residents to participate in all anti-poverty programs available in the Greater Lowell Area. By acquiring current information relevant to each program and its guidelines, active recruitment of eligible persons was possible. Furthermore, a general referral and advocacy service has been established in this department on the second floor of Center Town Hall.

The following are examples of the types of programs which offered services to Chelmsford residents in 1975:

CONCENTRATED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Operates a comprehensive network of services for disadvantaged, unemployed. These services include: outreach, screening, intake, counselling, testing, employability, planning, orientation and occupational skill training. The CEP is divided into three components;

Versatile - skill training in the areas of automotive, clerical, electronic assembly, food service, machine shop and welding.

Operation Mainstream - provides paid work experience for unemployed in private non-profit and public agencies. Through a positive, regular work experience it is hoped that the enrollee will become ready for regular employment.

New Careers - Two year program designed to train low income unemployed persons for career in human service in such fields as: drug and alcoholism rehabilitation, work with elderly and handicapped, preschool education, recreation, hospital lab work, inhalation therapy, mental health, employment interviewers and teacher aides.

Provides work training experience for economically disadvantaged youngsters; offering both an in-school and an out-school program. Youngsters are placed in private non-profit and public agencies.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Head Start Program - provides pre-school children from low income families with educational, health, nutritional and social services in order to prepare them for school and deal with any problems which would impede their educational progress.

Family Day Care Program - provides quality child care for children from low income families in which child care is a necessity if the parent is to support the family. Care is provided in private homes which are licensed by the Office for Children.

ELDERLY PROGRAMS

Foster Grandparent Program - link up low-income elderly persons who want to help provide individual care and attention for handicapped children. Foster Grandparents work at places such as; Tewksbury State Hospital, Bay State Rehabilitation Center, Soloman Mental Health, Lowell Day Nursery, and Lowell and Dracut Public Schools.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program - provides low income elderly persons with the opportunity to serve their community. Volunteers work in public and private non-profit agencies, including schools, hospitals, libraries, senior centers, police department, and nursing homes.

In addition to seeking increased program participation, this department furthered attempts to encourage community involvement by low income residents in 1975. Specific efforts were made by the Chelmsford Community Action Advisory Committee which convened regularly until June. The committee's efforts culminated in an educational symposium, held in April, which was designed to inform residents of available programs. New direction and greater emphasis are needed in this area. Knowledge of programs and involvement in the community are necessary if low income residents are to effectively exert some influence on decisions which effect their lives. In 1976, a human service approach with a more diversified representation will be organized as an attempt to meet the need for community participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Robinson
Town Aide

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Chelmsford Council on Aging is an organization providing services and programs designed to improve the quality of life for Town of Chelmsford residents who are 60 years of age or older. The following outline briefly describes the available programs which offered services for elderly residents in 1975. Further information relative to these programs may be obtained at the Council's office which is located upstairs in the Center Town Hall. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Elderly Hot Lunch Program offers a nutritious luncheon one day a week for the cost of 50¢ per meal. The luncheon is held each Thursday, (excluding school vacation weeks) beginning at 12:30 in the McFarlin School Cafeteria on Billerica Road. Menus for the upcoming month are published in the Chelmsford NewsWeekly. Over 4,000 meals were served in 1975.

Through volunteer efforts, it is possible to have these meals delivered to persons who are unable to come to the school. Cost of meals delivered to homes is 50¢, payable upon delivery. Since deliveries are made exclusively through volunteer efforts, the service is limited. However, anyone wishing to have a meal delivered should contact the COA office to see if arrangements can be made. In addition to the delivery of regular weekly meals, volunteers delivered 61 Easter dinners and 120 Christmas dinners to shut-ins in 1975.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Council on Aging operates a 12 passenger van which provides free round trip transportation within the Greater Chelmsford area. Transportation is available for almost any need you may have, although appointments for medical reasons are given priority. In 1975, the COA van served 4,607 elderly residents, traveling 25,196 miles.

Reservations for this service should be made at least one day in advance, although last minute medical appointments are handled on the same day whenever possible. To insure you get the exact time requested, however, we recommend calling as soon as the date and time for your appointment is known.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE

Through cooperative efforts with Merrimack Valley Home Care Center, Inc. and the Lowell Visiting Nurse Association, the Council has made available regular health clinics. The town nurse conducts the clinics which offer services such as: blood pressure and cardiac status check-ups and assistance with medication regimes and diets. The clinics are conducted every Tuesday at different sites in Town. Home visits can be made if necessary. During 1975, 427 persons were seen by the nurse at the clinics. Moreover, 222 home visits were made.

In addition, special focus clinics are planned and provided during the year, including an influenza immunization clinic. This year, 191 elderly residents received flu immunization. Dates and times for these special clinics are announced in the Chelmsford NewsWeekly. There are no charges for the clinics.

HOME CARE

Home Care services are available through the COA for elders whose problems of health and mobility are such that independent living cannot be accomplished without assistance. The Chelmsford Council on Aging is a sponsoring member of Merrimack Valley Home Care Center, Inc., entitling Chelmsford elders to home care services. These services include homemaker service (light housekeeping, laundry, cooking, shopping) and chore service (minor home repairs, heavy cleaning) as well as assistance with housing and legal problems. Mrs. Mary Barron, Senior Aide, is available

to make home visits and referrals relative to home care needs. 1975 statistics record 871 hours spent on homemaker service and 271 hours spent on chore service for Chelmsford residents. Cost of the services vary with personal financial situations.

RECREATION

The Council on Aging, together with the Senior Citizens, Inc., have made available two types of recreational programs: regularly scheduled events (held at the Elks Hall, Littleton Road) and a full schedule of excursions, ranging from half-day trips to the theatre to day-long scenic trips, all the way up to seven-day ocean cruises.

The excursions are available to Senior Citizen Club members only. There is no set schedule for these trips, of course, but usually three or four trips are scheduled ahead of time, giving sufficient notice to anyone interested in making reservations. Announcements are published in the Chelmsford NewsWeekly. Since most trips are sold out quickly, the Council suggests you make reservations as soon as possible. Reservations must be made with the program chairman of the Senior Citizens Club, Inc. Contact the Council's office for specific information.

The second variety of recreational programming is in the area of regularly scheduled events arranged by the Senior Citizens Club. A drop-in center is available every Tuesday at the Elks Hall on Littleton Road, offering activities such as bingo, cards, dancing, etc. Parties at the hall are planned regularly throughout the year.

An arts and crafts class is held each Monday morning from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon at the Unitarian Church in Chelmsford Center. A variety of projects is undertaken, insuring an interesting and rewarding program of activities. A Fall Fair and Fourth of July Fair are held each year, where items which have been handmade are put up for sale. In addition this year, a Christmas Party for the Chelmsford Head Start Class was sponsored where handmade hats and mittens were given to the children.

COMPANIONSHIP SERVICES

For elders living alone or in a nursing home, simple loneliness can sometimes be as difficult to bear as is physical illness. Many requests for friendly visitor-volunteers were received this year through the COA office. The Council is constantly looking for volunteers who would be interested in providing companionship for others.

To learn more about this particular area of service, or if you wish to be a volunteer, please call the Council's office.

SNOW SHOVELING

In 1975, Snow Shoveling Services for the elderly were made available. This service is also a volunteer service which is provided by local youth organizations. In most cases help is almost immediate.

DISCOUNTS

A number of businesses offer discounts to elderly residents, but identification is necessary. An identification card may be obtained at the Town Clerk's

office in the Town Hall. This card provides proof of age and residency and is free of charge. In addition, a list of stores which participate in the discount program is available, however, a periodic check with us as to its current status is recommended. Transportation discounts are available to elderly residents including discounts on Boston commuter busses, MBTA and other communities' transit programs.

INFORMATION, REFERRAL, PERSONAL AFFAIRS ASSISTANCE

Information on services and programs of other agencies available in the area is provided through the Chelmsford Council on Aging. Other personal problems (housing, income, family, nursing homes, Social Security, etc.) are handled by members of the staff. Home visits can be made if you cannot leave your home.

In addition to working toward the successful operation of these programs, the Council attempted, in 1975, to acquire a permanent facility suitable for use as a drop-in-center. The search for a drop-in-center stemmed from an awareness of the increasing size of the Town's elderly population and its needs. The availability of a facility where elderly programs could be consolidated would result in a more comprehensive, efficient network of rendering services. As a result, a Community Development Block Grant application for funding to renovate the Old South Row School House was filed, but denied. However, efforts will continue in the coming year to acquire such a centralized facility for the elderly.

Respectfully submitted,

Gula Boyce, Chairman

Louise Bishop, Vice-Chairman
Kathleen Robinson, Secretary
Joan Arcand, Treasurer
Christine Ahern
Charlotte Bovill

William Clarke
Clarence Dane
Lillian Gould
Mary McAuliffe
Edna Nelson

HOME RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chelmsford Home Rule Advisory Committee is appointed by the Chelmsford Board of Selectmen for the following purposes:

1. Report on pending legislation that would have an effect upon the Town.
2. Suggest language for response by the Selectmen to pending legislation.
3. Distribute pertinent bills to Town bodies.
4. Suggest legislation to be filed on behalf of the Selectmen.
5. Inform Town boards of enacted legislation that affects them.
6. Advise Selectmen on Town policies and bylaws, recommending changes where appropriate.
7. Conduct special studies at the request or approval of the Selectmen.

Responding to the objectives as set down above, the HRAC has been active in the following areas during the past year:

- Reached goal of having the Town Bylaws updated to a current level, and printed in an easier to use manner.

- Have submitted two articles for the Annual Town Meeting. One concerned with Conflict of Interest, the other on Referendum Processes.

- Reviewing the possibility of being able to have a Recall Procedure passed and written into the Bylaws.

- Saw the enactment of the law changing the Planning Board term of office from a five (5) to a three (3) year term.

- Updated and are having printed a new edition of the Appointed Committee Handbook.

- Looking into and advising the Selectmen of the possibility of dissolving the Town Forest Committee.

- Will print a Citizens Guidebook. Written to help Chelmsford citizens understand and better use their Town government more efficiently.

- Study the Initiative Petition Process. Reported to the Selectmen that this process did not need change. As written it allows any ten registered voters to put articles and questions on their town warrant.

- Research and advise Selectmen on the legal possibility of changing or using Sinking Fund money elsewhere.

- Report on grouping articles at Town Meeting. It was suggested that this not be incorporated into our Town Meeting. Reasons being Town Meeting procedures would not be improved from what is now in use.

- Study the possibility of the Town's use of voting machines in all elections.

In closing I would like to thank all Boards and Committees in Chelmsford for their help and support received in the past year. I also want to thank the other members of this committee for their dedicated work in helping this committee reach its goals.

Carol Stark
Robert Stallard
John MacPhee

Gerald Silver
Mort Farber
Jean-Paul Gravell

Respectfully submitted,

Denis Valdinocci, Chairman

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Donald H. Caless
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Ina B. Greenblatt, Chairperson
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Dorothy A. Stumpf
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The Environmental Advisory Council has had a busy year monitoring and keeping abreast of current information from groups such as:

Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project
Mass. DPW Experimental Program for Snow & Ice Control

Northern Middlesex Area Commission
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
State Representative Lois Pines Office - Bottle Bill
Massachusetts Audubon Society
128 West Refuse Recovery Council
Local Departments & Boards

Studies have been done for the Chelmsford Board of Health regarding mosquito problems in the Town and this resulted in submission of an article for the Town Warrant with unanimous agreement of both groups.

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, a comprehensive study was done on the expansion of the Town recycling program with emphasis on reduction of trash volume and alternative methods of waste disposal. Meanwhile, the present recycling of paper, glass and cans was expanded and brought revenue to the Town.

Continued studies are under way in the areas of road salting, sewage disposal, waste disposal and recycling education.

The Town Purchasing Agent has been of invaluable assistance in locating and pricing equipment for our studies. The League of Women Voters ably assisted in obtaining signatures for the State Bottle Bill and has been supporting the Town's recycling efforts.

The Environmental Advisory Council again thanks those citizens who cooperated with the recycling efforts, reminds all townspeople of the mandatory paper separation ordinance, and urges their participation in the entire recycling program. Recycling not only saves resources and energy - it saves dollars.

NORTHERN MIDDLESEX AREA COMMISSION

The Northern Middlesex Area Commission is a public body created by and for the eight towns and one city that make up the greater Lowell area. The Commission consists of twenty-seven local people: one from each Planning Board; one from each Board of Selectmen; one from the Lowell City Council; and one alternate from each community designated by the Manager in Lowell and the Selectmen in the towns.

The Commission provides policy leadership to a staff of planning professionals and technicians, and meets monthly at its 144 Merrimack Street, Lowell Office. The public is always welcome to attend these meetings.

Generally, the work of the Commission can be best described in the following four categories:

1. COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLANNING

This is the essence of NMAC's statutory mandate set out in Chapter forty-B of the Massachusetts General Laws. By "comprehensive," we mean that plans are developed and designed to carry forward an agreed-to policy toward the entire complex of problems and opportunities that characterize our area. Comprehensive planning assures that a plan for one function (for example, environmental protection) will not frustrate and undermine a plan for another function, (for example, economic development) but rather support and complement it. The underlying policy is, of course, a value judgement arrived at by the Com-

mission. The Commission does not take its policy position in a vacuum. As a group, the Commissioners hear the views of the State and Federal governments and, individually, they bring forward the community point of view. Staff add data and analysis to the deliberations, which results in the Commission's expression of regional values in terms of policies, goals, and objectives. These are further defined in a land use plan which unites diverse functional plans into a single form. The Commission has available land use plans, relevant data concerning our area, and statements of policy, goals, and objectives. These are updated on a continuing basis.

2. REFINEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION

This aspect of our work and all others occur only within the context of the comprehensive planning policy discussed above. Occasionally, detailed findings from this closer examination of a particular problem result in revisions of underlying policy, but for the most part, the result is short and long range programs to give force and effect to the comprehensive policy. Thus, it is understood that NMAC's detailed plans for housing, transit improvement, water supply, highways, economic development, environmental protection, and other functional concerns, will be consistent with each other and with the comprehensive planning policy. Major work undertaken in 1975 included: a comprehensive multi-level transportation plan; a transit development program; and a water quality management plan which deals with both direct and indirect sources of pollution. Also, the Commission has pending designation of the area for Federal Economic Development District benefits.

3. PROJECT REVIEWS AND CLEARINGHOUSE RESPONSIBILITIES

To comply with Federal and State statutes, the Commission reviews, as a prerequisite for funding, most project and program applications for Federal grants and aids, as well as projects to which the Commonwealth's environmental review statute applies. In most cases, the NMAC review is advisory, but in a few, the Federal granting agency requires consistency with area-wide plans. It should be noted that this regional planning review applies to State and private applicants as well as to city and towns.

At the same time NMAC is reviewing for regional significance, the proposals are circulated to other local agencies which might be interested. Often, this is the only source of information about State and private sponsored projects that may directly affect a municipality. During 1975 over \$120 million worth of such projects were reviewed including Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funds, several Community Teamwork, Inc. programs including Headstart, housing rehabilitation and deleading funds, as well as a lengthy listing of additional programs.

4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

As a means for refining and applying plans, while providing needed services to local agencies, the Commission sets aside staff time to assist its members to advance locally initiated programs and projects. In many cases, the essential data and analysis have already been prepared in conjunction with Commission planning work, and need only to be shaped to the local need.

In a few instances, the community project requires extensive surveys and research. This more extensive commitment is made (budget permitting) only if the project will have value to the other member communities. Although NMAC has not entered into supplementary contracts with its members to provide planning services, this is a possibility, provided the services fall within NMAC overall comprehensive planning policies.

There are also frequent demands by State, Federal, and private or quasi public agencies for technical assistance. Data for potential investors in the area, reviews of State recreation plans, and population projections for health planning are examples.

During 1975, NMAC's technical assistance program focused on the new Community Development Block Grant Program replacing many of the old U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grants. In addition to general guidance in the preparation of applications and documentation, NMAC staff was directly involved in the submission of seven applications from our member communities.

Staff also responded to local requests from: the Planning Board on proposed Department of Community Affairs planning study projects; the Sewer Commission on sewer and treatment plan proposals and investigation of its outfall; the Housing Authority on a housing assistance plan and elderly housing proposals, as well as Section 8 housing assistance; the Town Planner on various requests for census and statistical data; the Historical Commission on acquisition of a portion of the Middlesex Canal; the Conservation Commission on flood insurance; and the Selectmen on traffic control and town center circulation.

5. BUDGETS AND A BALANCED PROGRAM

NMAC's ability to carry out the full range of services described above is a budgetary matter to a great extent. The Commission recognizes the importance of a balanced program. Recently, the increased Federal emphasis on water quality and transit and highway planning has resulted in substantial grants to prepare and refine functional plans in these areas of concern. It should be noted that these grants were made to NMAC because we are a comprehensive planning agency.

During 1975 over \$261,259 was expended under the following Federal grant contracts: U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development \$30,000, Mass. Department of Public Works/Federal Highway Administration \$56,000, U.S. Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, \$215,550, Mass Department of Public Works, Bureau of Solid Waste, \$6,000, Lowell Regional Transit Authority, \$14,885, Mass Department of Public Works/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, \$5,000, Council on Aging Bus, Inc., \$7,368, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, \$456,840, City Development Authority, \$12,000.

To match those grants and to provide local services \$60,000 was provided by the NMAC member communities. \$8,592.00 was Chelmsford's share.

6. PROSPECTS

The Commission believes it is of paramount importance that area-wide planning be a cooperative intermunicipal process, based upon regional values

expressed by people responsible in the ultimate to the voters of the area.

There have and will continue to be proposals to accomplish area-wide planning through sub-state or quasi-public agencies. It seems to us that this approach blurs the responsibility and makes insensitivity to local concerns more likely. The Commission argues that locally directed regional planning is protective of local prerogatives, given that there are problems and opportunities that are solvable or realizable only on an area-wide basis.

There are many critical problems begging for action in an area-wide context in our area. Our economy, solid waste, water supply, transportation, land use, and water quality are a few. The Commission will continue to advise on the appropriate actions and provide the area-wide context. However, it is our member communities which must carry out those plans, and press our State and Federal officials to help. If our member communities will strive to work together on common problems, those who look to strong mid-level government to solve area-wide problems will have little support. NMAC is always available in an advisory capacity to work with every local board and agency to expedite actions and develop programs and projects that will benefit both the community and the area.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip L. Currier, Selectman
Eugene E. Gilet, Planning Board
John Kenney, Alternate

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Chelmsford Arms, our first and only elderly housing project, has been operational since May 1, 1974. During the twenty months of tenant occupation we have had a total of seven apartment turnovers. Applications are still being accepted, processed and eligible applicants placed on our waiting lists. Our preliminary application for a second elderly housing project has been placed on file at the present time but will be reconsidered by the Department of Community Affairs when more funds are made available for financial assistance.

Remodeling of the community residence at 34 Middlesex Street in North Chelmsford has been completed. This property is leased to the Greater Lowell Association For Retarded Citizens as a community residence for retarded women and is considered by the handicapped division of the Department of Community Affairs as one of the finest of its kind under their supervision.

Authority plans to expand their participation in the "scattered site" concept for the Low Income Rental Assistance Program (Ch. 707) did not materialize. Rent subsidy funds from the Department of Community Affairs for this program were unavailable for the increase the Authority had anticipated. In order to operate within the limits of our allotted funds for this program, the Authority was compelled to decrease the number of units under lease from the nine of last year to eight units for the current fiscal year. Chelmsford did not receive a direct allotment of funds for leasing units under a similar program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD Section 8) but has been included by the Department of Community Affairs in their administration of the Section 8

program in the Northern Middlesex area. This Authority is looking forward to the possibility of direct funding for the Section 8 program in the next fiscal year.

Our gratitude goes to the people of the Town and the Town Officials for their continued support and interest in our work. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Building of Chelmsford Arms at 1 Smith Street and all meetings are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Claude A. Harvey, Chairman
Robert Hughes
Richard L. Monahan
Ruth K. Delaney
Robert W. Boyd

FLOOD PREVENTION STUDY COMMITTEE

The Flood Prevention Study Committee was active in several areas during 1975. Information concerning drainage and flooding problems was gathered and organized. A survey of Town departments and agencies provided information relative to the Town's ability to cope with these problems. State and Federal agencies contributed information on available financial and technical assistance for examining the problems in detail as well as taking corrective measures. A written report to the selectmen containing the Committee's findings and recommendations is planned.

During the past year, the Committee responded to a number of specific inquiries concerning poor drainage and flood hazards. A response was made to the Planning Board concerning the effect on drainage and flooding of new zoning changes contained in the proposed Master Plan. The Committee participated in the meeting sponsored by the selectmen which brought together Town boards and committees to discuss a proposed community-wide drainage study.

The impact of the HUD Flood Insurance Program became more evident during 1975. A number of inquiries concerning the program and its impact on property transactions were attended to by the Committee. The interim HUD Flood Hazard Map was examined and corrected. These corrections were submitted to HUD in the fall of 1975. A revised map is expected to be available by the spring of 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold S. Costa, Chairman
John E. McCormack
James K. Rogers

SEWER COMMISSION

The Sewer Commission has been in a "hold" state regarding recommendations to the Town of a sewer program. The original Camp Dresser and McGee (CDM) design presented to the Town in 1972, has for all intents and purposes, been rejected by the U.S. Government, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Water Pollution Control, has essentially acquiesced to EPA demands, notwithstanding their earlier approval and sanctioning of the CDM design. The basis for EPA rejection was the enforcement of the

general requirement to incorporate all of Greater Lowell into a regional program. The specific problem with Chelmsford's CDM design pertained to the sewage treatment plant outfall pipe. Treatment effluent from this pipe is feared to concentrate contamination in the Merrimack River in close proximity to the Lowell water intake and other areas along the river shore designated as potential recreational areas. EPA and the State are now intending that the planned results of an Area-wide Wastewater Management Study to be conducted by the Northern Middlesex Area Commission (NMAC) form the basis for a regional system.

Town problems associated with water pollution and with septic system problems have not gone away. Witness to the recent septic pumper discharge dilemma attests to the surging need for a permanent solution to this aspect of Chelmsford's pollution problem. Rescuing the pumpers, by permitting them to continue dumping their discharge into a manhole discharging directly into the Merrimack River, may make the "problem go away" but certainly perpetuates a detestable condition.

Every stream in Town is polluted to unhealthy levels. With the growth experienced in the Town, septic system problems are continuing to plague residents. Septic systems moreover contribute significantly to stream pollution, a fact established by water quality standard measurements along the streams conducted in 1974.

Businesses in the Town are clamoring for a permanent solution to waste discharge. Capital outlays required to individually rectify problems represents a debilitating investment by the businesses faced with immediate problems and State orders to correct. Further growth in the Town, as projected in the new Town Master Plan, promoting apartments, new business and industry, is predicated on availability of appropriate liquid pollution control measures.

Recent reports during 1975 by the Conservation Commission and the Flood Plain Study Committee serve to further indicate the acute septic system problems. Much of the presently inhabited land in Chelmsford is not suitable for proper septic system operation. Much of the land available for further development is also not suited for septic systems. Permitted to grow, unchecked, water quality levels in the Town will continue to deteriorate. Our Board of Health is taking aggressive action with regard to enforcement of stringent ordinances covering new system implementations and repairs to older faulty systems. The problem however still continues to worsen despite these efforts.

It is recommended that the Town decide on a policy for pollution control. What should be done in the near term and what are the long term corrective steps, are questions needing answers. What priorities and what methods of financing should be adopted for pursuing a cost effective program? Who shall be mandated with the action to abate pollution and spearhead a positive action program?

The specific work of the Sewer Commission during 1975 dealt with important sewer implementation program issues for Chelmsford. Following the recommendations of the Chelmsford Liquid Waste Committee Study Report, prepared by the firm of Parsons, Brinkerhoff, Quade and Douglas, the Sewer Commission initiated further study of the problem of providing a sewer system exclusively for Chelmsford

Center, the most troublesome area in the Town. In addition, the Sewer Commission, working in cooperation with NMAC helped review program plans for the EPA financed, Sec. 208, Area Wastewater Study to be conducted by NMAC. Further details of these activities are given below.

A contract was awarded to Lawler, Matusky and Skelly engineers in June 1975 in the amount of \$13,000 (1974 funds) for the purpose of studying the feasibility of providing sewer service exclusively for the Chelmsford Center area. This area was chosen as it constitutes a major cause of concern within the Town. It became quite evident in the early stages of this study, that solving the Chelmsford Center area problem exclusively would not be economically viable as chances of Federal funding would be very slight. Therefore, the study was expanded to include consideration of the sewerage requirements of the River Meadow Brook and other drainage areas to determine their impact upon any proposal for the Chelmsford Center area. This study concluded:

1. That the more densely populated the area served, the lower the cost per dwelling;
2. If a sewerage system were properly designed to take into consideration future users, the yearly cost per dwelling would actually go down;
3. North Chelmsford may not be the proper location for a sewage treatment plant because of (a) proximity of the outfall to the City of Lowell's drinking water intake; and (b) prohibitive cost of mains and pumping stations that would have to be designed and constructed for greater quantities of sewage from all points located south of the treatment plant.

The EPA in 1975 funded an Area Wide Wastewater Management program under Section 208 of The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. The program, encompassing the Greater Lowell Region is managed under the direction of NMAC. The Sewer Commission has been requested, and has consented, to serve as technical advisors to NMAC on this study. The results of this study will have a far reaching impact on Chelmsford in that it will mandate a regional sewer system to which any proposed Chelmsford system must conform. Schedules, finances, designs, discharges and regional interfaces are among the more important issues under consideration.

One of the first items of consideration under the NMAC Section 208 study was the No. Chelmsford Sewage Treatment Plant outfall location. Earlier designs proposed by Camp Dresser and McGee were rejected by EPA since it was feared that Chelmsford's treatment outfall was to close to the City of Lowell water intake system. At the 1975 Town Meeting, the Sewer Commission requested \$10,000 (which was appropriated) for alternative designs regarding location of the outfall pipe. After meetings with NMAC it was agreed that this outfall study would be included as part of the NMAC Section 208 regional study and would be funded by EPA at a direct savings of \$10,000 to the Town. Work is just beginning with a consulting firm contracted by NMAC. The Sewer Commission is serving as a technical monitor on this contract.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Gutwein
Chairman

WATER DISTRICT CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE

Based on the findings of the "Report to the Water District Consolidation Committee" submitted in February 1975 by the engineering firm of Weston & Sampson, our committee presented its unanimous recommendation in favor of consolidation at Chelmsford's May 1975 town meeting. In support of our recommendation, we noted the following advantages of a consolidated system over Chelmsford's present four-district structure:

1. The opportunity for comprehensive town-wide planning of water system developments.
2. Lower overall water rates for the townspeople as a whole.
3. A probable savings in yearly operating and maintenance costs and in improvements costs in the foreseeable future.
4. Lower interest rates under a consolidated system.
5. An increased potential for obtaining federal grant money for system improvements.
6. A more equitable supplying of water to all parts of the town.
7. The opportunity to become part of a regional water supply system in the future.

The Water District Consolidation Committee submitted four articles which were passed at the time our recommendation was presented. These articles authorized the Committee to obtain legal and financial advice regarding the best method of establishing a municipal water system and to draft proposed legislation consolidating the water districts. Pursuant to these objectives, we have secured the firm of Palmer & Dodge as special counsel to the WDCC, and plan to submit proposed consolidation legislation for approval at the May 1976 town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Anne Kelch, Chairman

Committee members:

Jo Anne Kelch, James McKeown -- Center District
Michael Divine, Ronald Pare -- East District
George Abely, Ira Parks -- North District
David McCarthy, Tom Montedorisio -- South District
William Murphy -- Selectmen's Representative

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

John C. Alden-chairman-January to September
Audrey A. Carragher-chairman-October to December
Richard O. Lahue, Sr. J. Perry Richardson
George A. Parkhurst Robert C. Spaulding
Bertha E. Trubey, Clerk

Under the authority of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, this Commission is responsible "for the preservation, promotion, and development of the historical assets" of Chelmsford.

Inventorying, which includes research, field survey, processing of materials and microfilming, has been continuing on historic areas, buildings, structures, sites and objects for the Massachusetts Historical Commission and for future listing in the National Register of Landmarks. Mrs. Jane Drury and her committee have completed fifty-three such reports and many others are in stages of completion.

This year with the owner's permission, the Commission installed plaques on 103 houses and buildings which are over 100 years old. These state the original owner and the approximate date of construction.

The Commission, working in cooperation with the Historical Society and the Bicentennial Commission, held a dedication ceremony for the Byam Match Factory Historical Marker. A group of interested individuals and organizations donated this granite monument and landscaping was completed by the Four Seasons Garden Club. This marks the site near which the first Lucifer match factory in the United States was located just off Robin Hill Road in the South Section of Chelmsford.

The Commission proposed that the name of Lt. Col. Moses Parker, a Chelmsford participant in the Battle of Bunker Hill, be considered for the Junior High School-West and actively worked for its final acceptance. A dedication ceremony for the official naming of the school was held in cooperation with the Bicentennial Commission, the Historical Society, the "Old Chelmsford" Garrison House Assoc., the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen and the Chelmsford School Committee.

Assistance and information were given by the Commission during the establishment of the Center Historic District. Continuing concern has been expressed about the protection and preservation of the Forefather's Cemetery which is within this area.

At the conclusion of the Bicentennial year, the Commission is prepared to take over the maintenance and control of the 1802 Brick School House and the 1832 Middlesex Canal Toll House. Being actively involved in the school house restoration, the Commission was most pleased to accept on loan from Mrs. Margaret Mills assorted school house furnishings. Pamphlets, guides, maps and brochures were prepared by the Commission which are available at the Toll House Information Center which has been moved to the Town Hall lawn.

This year the Commission has sponsored a town meeting article requesting that three additional roads be designated as "scenic roads."

Plans are being made for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the town clock in the spring.

The Commission urges those concerned to give serious consideration to all alternatives before destroying any historically important building or site.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Carragher, chairman

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Stephen Wojcik, Chairman
Robert LaPorte, Jr., Vice Chairman

Richard Lahue
Paul Canniff
John Richardson

Alternates
Charles Watt
J. Harold Davis

The Chelmsford Historic District Commission was enacted by the 1975 Town Meeting and its members appointed. The Commission has been meeting twice a month since September. It has established rules of procedure as the state guidelines indicate. One hearing for a Certificate of Appropriateness has been held and denied.

It is the intention of the Board to study further areas in town that may be included within other Historic Districts as well as considering expansion of the existing district. Areas of Town to be considered include, areas of Turnpike Road and Golden Cove Road, South Chelmsford Common Area, and the Mills located in North Chelmsford.

The purpose of the Board has been and will be:

1. To preserve and protect the distinctive characteristics of buildings and places significant in the history of the Commonwealth and its Towns.
2. To improve and maintain the settings of those buildings and places in the District.
3. To encourage new designs compatible with existing buildings in the District.

The Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank Town boards and employees for their cooperation.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS COMMISSION

George Adams Parkhurst, Chairman
Hedwig H. Zabierek, Clerk

John C. Alden
Audrey A. Carragher
Mary J. Guaraldi
Walter R. Hedlund
Vincent J. R. Kehoe

Richard O. Lahue
Janet Lombard
Charles J. Marderosian
Anna F. Normand
John Perry Richardson

Leading up to the Bicentennial Year of 1976, Chelmsford's Bicentennial Commission sanctioned many Bicentennial activities of local groups during 1975. In addition, the Commission sponsored, or co-sponsored, several other projects. In the following list, the co-sponsoring organizations are shown in parentheses.

Colonial Ball, February 22, 1975
Restoration of the 1802 Schoolhouse
Relocation of the Middlesex Canal Toll House to serve as an information center
Publication of a Map and Description of Points of Historical Interest
Bicentennial Banquet, April 22, 1975
Renaming of the West Junior High School in honor of Lt. Col. Moses Parker
Publication of a Walking Tour Guide to Chelmsford's Historic District
Hike to Concord Bridge, April 19, 1975 (Historic Trail Committee)

Dedication of a Marker at the Site of the Byam Lucifer Match Factory (Historical Commission and Chelmsford Historical Society)

Military Review of the 10th Regiment of Foot, April 20, 1975 (American Contingent of the 10th Regiment of Foot)

Liberty Tree Planting, April 20, 1975 (Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen)

Liberty Tree Lantern Ceremony, April 20, 1975 (Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen)

Two Colonial Church Services, April 20, 1975 (Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen and First Parish Church)

Installation of Signs marking Historic Buildings (Historical Commission)

The Bicentennial Celebration in Chelmsford will reach a climax during the Independence Day weekend in 1976. Plans are being made for a gala celebration at that time under the direction of the Chelmsford Colonial Minutemen.

Local organizations that wish to be a part of the Bicentennial should contact the Commission for official sanction.

U.N. DAY COMMITTEE

The following is a brief report of Chelmsford's activities celebrating the 30th birthday of the United Nations.

America's Bicentennial Commemoration has three major themes - Heritage '76, Festival USA, and Horizons '76.

The first theme, Heritage '76, was related to Chelmsford's observance of United Nations Day on October 24. Heritage '76 recalls the ethnic origins and diversity of America and the fact that our way of life owes much to other peoples of the world. It provides a unique opportunity to strengthen ties with other peoples of the world and thus contribute to international mutual understanding.

A special Heritage '76/UN Day menu was served in the school cafeterias. Displays were planned for each school library.

In their classrooms children related to the Heritage '76/UN Day in a number of ways. Sets of large study prints in color were also used in primary grades. Another meaningful approach employed was to tie the celebration to UNICEF. UNICEF's concern and work throughout the world is devoted exclusively with the needs and problems of the world's children. UNICEF is an aspect of the United Nations that our children can readily identify with. Arrangements were made with the UNICEF Center of Massachusetts to have films available dealing with UNICEF's work in Somalia, India, or Dahomey.

Chelmsford residents participated in UN Day activities sponsored by UNA/USA and the World Affairs Council of Boston.

A more comprehensive program is planned for UN Day in 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles L. Mitsakos
UN Day Chairperson

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

During 1975 as in recent years, the highlight of the local Town Celebrations, focused on the Fourth of July Celebration. The Chelmsford Minutemen Coordinating Committee, must once again be complimented on their excellent planning and administration of the 1975 Celebration, the Band Concert, Country Fair on the Town Common and the Grand Parade on the 4th which was attended by several thousands of Greater Lowell and Chelmsford residents. To the Chelmsford Art Society for the Art Festival, many thanks. The Commission also must compliment personnel of the Police, Fire, Public Works and Park Departments for their splendid cooperation to this committee, also special thanks to the Chelmsford Auxiliary Police Unit.

Preparations for the upcoming Bicentennial programs are taking shape, as the committee is coordinating its plans with the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Celebrations Commission for the upcoming activities.

Walter R. Hedlund, Chairman
Raymond Day
James K. Gifford
Richard O. Lahue, Sr.

BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Robert J. Noble, Chairman
Michael J. Devine Edward H. Hilliard
Mary E. St. Hilaire, Ex-Officio

Voting Strength as of December 31, 1975

Prec.	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.	Amer.	Total
1	366	385	671		1,422
2	199	429	469		1,097
3	242	585	802		1,629
4	114	385	213		712
5	281	401	882		1,564
6	276	486	544		1,306
7	240	359	507		1,106
8	282	289	560		1,131
9	123	354	513		990
10	237	497	956		1,690
11	276	432	420	1	1,129
12	203	437	816		1,456
Town					
Totals	2,839	5,039	7,353	1	15,232

PURCHASING AGENT

The past year was both productive and satisfying from a procurement standpoint. With approval by the Board of Selectmen and the cooperation of all Town departments, a general trend towards centralized purchasing procedures began to take shape. System procedures of purchase requisitions, purchase orders and purchase order log were implemented. The ensuing purchase actions report is submitted in concise form.

Completed Purchase Order Actions	235
Total Purchase Dollar Value	\$327,836.42
Non-Expendable Equipment & Supplies	\$225,813.37
(Non-Expendable = recovery dollar factor items)	

All procurement needs referred to the Purchasing Agent were processed in accordance with existing Town bylaws and State statutes. Procurement services, information and assistance were rendered various Town commissions and study committees as pertains their actual needs or budget planning. While not reflected in the dollar figures mentioned in this report, the Purchasing Agent was directly involved in such annual requirements as highway materials, fuel requirements, service contracts, work order repairs and general maintenance needs. Analysis studies in the areas of voting machines, gasoline storage, traffic signs, sidewalks, landscaping, plowing & snow operations and solid waste disposal constituted further involvement by the Purchasing Agent. Procurement action on road salt needs for Towns of Chelmsford, Dracut, Westford, Methuen, North Andover and cities of Lowell and Haverhill was prepared by the Chelmsford Purchasing Agent on a cooperative purchase proposal basis. Subsequent bid action resulted in an estimated six thousand (\$6000.00) dollar savings to our Town.

While this report indicates an improved purchasing trend, Town governments are faced with the need to provide even more and better services to an ever-changing population. Different life styles and attitudes result in different demands to be satisfied. The challenge of advanced technology and the need for increased economy require that public purchasing officials continuously update their technical knowledge and purchasing techniques. One of the unique features of centralized public purchasing in Town government is the complete openness of its operations which distinguishes it from private purchasing. Openness of public records not only acts as a control in the system but fosters confidence in government itself.

In an effort to meet the immediate need for centralized procurement policies and procedures, the Purchasing Agent has prepared and submitted a comprehensive Purchasing Manual for consideration and adoption by the Town of Chelmsford. This purchasing manual provides the soundest structure for an effective centralized purchasing program. The magnitude of public purchasing expenditures brings into focus the principle of accountability. The manual encompasses law, regulation, policy and practice. Based on sound principles it is needed to give a proper accounting for purchasing activities.

The Purchasing Agent attended meetings with Purchasing Officials and Business Managers from other Cities and Towns to keep abreast of the problems or improvements taking place in other communities.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Alexion, Purchasing Agent

TOWN PLANNER

The position of Town Planner was established by the Board of Selectmen in September 1974 and is funded through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act. The basic function of this position is to assist in providing sound comprehensive planning for the present and future development of the Town of Chelmsford.

During 1975, major emphasis was directed toward the area of Federal and State "Grant-in-aid" programs and several attempts were made to secure a portion of these funds for various town projects.

Application was made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funds to rehabilitate a town-owned structure for use as a Senior Citizen Drop-in Center. Unfortunately, due to factors beyond the control of local government, the application request was denied.

This office is in the process of refileing to HUD for funds to accomplish other sorely needed projects and is determined to make all efforts to effect change in the rather unjust distribution policies promulgated by many Federal Agencies.

Major accomplishments this year included the development of a long range plan for improved pedestrian facilities throughout the town which rated 24 streets as to their relative need for sidewalks over the next 20 years.

A detailed plan for the construction of a walkway system in the vicinity of the high school was also developed and presented to the Board of Selectmen and School Department during November of this year for their approval.

The Middlesex County Engineering Department has completed the final design work for the first phase of the Town's three year sidewalk construction plan. This work, performed by the County will save the Town approximately \$10,000 in engineering and design fees for the first phase alone. The first year plan will be presented in the form of an article for the 1976 Annual Town Meeting.

A close working relationship has been maintained between this office and various Federal, State and Local agencies such as the Office of State Planning, Department of Community Affairs and the Northern Middlesex Area Commission. In addition, close contact with all local Boards, Committees and Commissions within the town has avoided much duplication of effort and has promoted a general spirit of cooperation in many areas of common concern.

1976 will see a continued effort by this office to secure additional Federal or State revenues for the Town in order to accomplish such projects as the revitalization of the Central Square Business District, Drainage improvements and other Community Development projects deemed necessary to improve as well as maintain the quality of life in Chelmsford.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Flynn, Town Planner

CAPITAL PLANNING AND BUDGETING COMMITTEE

Eugene J. Doody, Chairman
John J. Balco
Arnaud R. Blackadar (to 12/75)
Ernest F. Day (Effective 12/75)
Edward G. Krasnecki
Donald McGillivray
S. Ira Parks
Thomas E. Firth

The Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee is charged with the responsibility of studying capital improvement needs of the Town and reporting its findings to the Town suggesting priorities and recommending budgeting methods. The Committee is comprised of seven members including the Town Accountant, a representative from the Finance Committee, a representative from the Planning Board, and four public members.

During 1975 the Committee completed a survey of all major town departments to review and anticipate Capital needs for the Town of Chelmsford through 1985. The Committee also developed a Schedule of Capital Commitments for the Town for the twenty-year period ending 1995.

During 1976 the Committee will review with appropriate Committees and Agencies capital expenditures to be requested at Town Meetings. The Committee also intends to review the Town's Bond Rating and examine methods with appropriate governmental agencies for improving this Rating. Alternative methods of financing proposals for 1976 Capital Expenditures will be reviewed to maximize use of fund sources and to minimize the impact of Chelmsford's tax rate.

For the Committee,

Eugene J. Doody

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Members: James A. Sullivan, chairman; Robert Sexton, vice-chairman; Harry McKeon, financial secretary; Carol Cleven, School Committee representative; Anthony DeProffo; Richard Miller; Carol DeCarolis; Paul Krenitsky; Louis Murray.

The committee met every other week throughout the year at the new Chelmsford High School.

The main items for consideration were the satisfactory completion of punch list items, the installation of the remaining moveable equipment and the construction of a storage building.

For a considerable part of the year the committee, represented by Atty. James Cassidy, was in litigation with the General Contractor, E. C. Blanchard Company, over the proper completion of punch list items and the quality of some work done during the construction phase. The litigation was settled out of court in August with the S.B.C. retaining enough money to complete the building properly and the General Contractor agreeing to accept partial payment and leave the job. At this time the S.B.C. proceeded to complete and correct work on the building on an emergency basis with Thomas Carroll, clerk of the works, supervising progress. During the following

months almost all punch list items were finished and many nagging problems were solved. Except for very few items, which are presently unobtainable, all moveable equipment is in place and is functioning properly. The tennis courts were opened to the public in September.

Construction of a steel building next to the tennis courts was started in late fall. This building will be used to store large maintenance equipment and also some athletic equipment.

The committee is pleased that the school is being used for many community events and hopes that the public and the school children will be on the alert for vandals who are damaging this fine building at an alarming rate.

Plans for the coming year include installation of additional fencing at the playing fields, installation of sidewalks along Graniteville Road, solution of the problem at the school pond, and a permanent solution to the freezing problem at the sewage treatment plant.

The building committee plans to start work with the School Committee soon so that when work is finally completed and the school is turned over to the school committee the transition will proceed smoothly. With few major items left to be completed, the building committee feels confident that the total projected cost of \$9,750,000. for all construction and equipment will not be exceeded. It is with pride the committee points out that this is well under the original projected cost of \$10,200,000.

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN TREASURER

Philip J. Mc Cormack
Town Treasurer -
Tax Collector

Florence M. Romsay
Asst. Treasurer

Balance Dec. 31, 1974	\$ 5,438,305.68
Receipts to June 30, 1975	23,454,132.11
	<u>\$ 28,892,437.79</u>
Paid out on Warrants	24,795,445.20
Balance June 30, 1975	<u>\$ 4,096,992.59</u>

TAX COLLECTOR

June 30, 1975

Levy of 1971:

Personal Property	\$ 198.75
Excise	20,146.86
Real Estate	0

Levy of 1972

Personal Property	\$ 1,069.20
Excise	37,900.91
Real Estate	0

Levy of 1973

Personal Property	\$ 11,551.10
Excise	64,622.41
Real Estate	18,767.02

Levy of 1974

Personal Property	\$ 3,159.28
Excise	134,830.98
Real Estate	22,362.46
Farm Animal	122.75

Levy of 1975

Personal Property	\$ 13,576.82
Excise	200,033.86
Real Estate	193,393.24

Total 1975 \$721,735.64

INSURANCE SINKING FUND COMMISSION

Year Jan. 1st 1975 - Dec. 31, 1975

	12/31/74	Interest	Cert. Int.	Bond Int.	Transfer	Withdrawal	12/31/75
Central Svgs 147159	\$ 3,531.36	\$ 228.57	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,759.93
Central Svgs 174894	22,444.81	1,321.45			4,863.63	35.00	28,594.89
Central Svgs 700148	20,000.00		1,470.85				20,000.00
Charlestown Svgs.	3,000.00		230.28				3,000.00
10M Pub Serv. N H	10,312.50			612.50			10,312.50
10M N W Bell Tel	9,787.50			625.00			9,787.50
10M Hartford Elec.	9,950.00			650.00			9,950.00
10M Mich Bell Tel	9,987.50			637.50			9,987.50
10M So Calif Edison	9,987.50			637.50			9,987.50
	<u>\$99,001.17</u>	<u>\$1,550.02</u>	<u>\$1,701.13</u>	<u>\$3,162.50</u>	<u>\$4,863.63</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>\$105,379.82</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Insurance Sinking Fund Commissioners

Eustace B. Fiske
Kenton P. Wells
Francis J. Goode



TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Ernest F. Day
Appointed September 8, 1975

Arnaud R. Blackadar
Retired October 31, 1975



Enclosed herewith, you will find a Balance Sheet and Statement of Disbursements and Receipts for our fiscal year ending June 30, 1975.

During this past year, the Accounting Office has experienced a marked increase in the volume of transactions that flow through this office. This has required additional effort on the part of our capable staff not only to maintain accurate accounting records but to see that all adhere to Town Bylaws and State Statutes.

The Office of Town Accountant during the period of this report was held by Mr. Arnaud R. Blackadar, who has retired as of October 31, 1975. Mr. Blackadar held this position for many years. The Town has lost a very capable and dedicated servant. We all wish him well upon his retirement.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest F. Day
Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 1975

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
CASH - GENERAL:	\$3,846,227.16	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS-Agency Accounts	\$ 186,990.45
Non-Revenue	124,176.14	TREASURER:	
Non-Revenue Invested	38,817.84	Uncashed Checks	2,555.78
Revenue Sharing	87,771.75	Over & Short Acct.	12,389.87
	\$4,096,992.89		14,945.65
PETTY CASH	275.00	SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		Conservation Funds	1,692.08
Taxes-Pers. Prop. 1971	198.75	Cemetery Funds	3,293.73
Taxes-Pers. Prop. 1972	1,069.20	Road Machinery Fund	2,841.60
Taxes-Pers. Prop. 1973	11,551.10	McFarlin Bequest	22.60
Taxes-Pers. Prop. 1974	3,159.28	Parks for Children	15.04
Taxes-Pers. Prop. 1975	13,576.82		7,865.05
	29,555.15	STATE AID TO:	
Taxes-Real Estate 1973	18,767.02	Libraries	12,574.50
Taxes-Real Estate 1974	22,362.46	Transportation-Sec.20	84,512.00
Taxes-Real Estate 1975	193,393.24	transportation Chap.825	11,929.31
	234,522.72	Chapter 90	25,155.75
Taxes-Motor Vehicle 1971	20,146.86	Chapter 90 - County	1,998.67
Taxes-Motor Vehicle 1972	37,900.91		136,170.23
Taxes-Motor Vehicle 1973	64,622.41	REVOLVING ACCOUNTS:	
Taxes-Motor Vehicle 1974	134,830.98	School Lunch	8,274.21
Taxes-Motor Vehicle 1975	200,033.86	Athletics	2,122.67
	457,535.02	Public Law 874	428,754.24
Farm Animal Excise	122.75	Title II	105.58
Taxes Under Suspension	9,172.72	Educ. Collaborative Fund	19,129.90
Tax Titles	32,429.39	Title III	19,283.39
Tax Possessions	679.72	Educational Center	134,524.24
	33,109.11	Federal Revenue Sharing	87,771.75
DEPARTMENTAL:			699,965.98
Public Bldgs.	752.50	NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS:	
Cemetery	(29.00)	Sale Cemetery Lots	7,462.50
Cemetery P. C	2,770.00	Bequests to Perpetual Care	12,215.00
Highway	185.00	Interest P / C Funds	2,815.30
Police-Extra Duty	7,843.61	Registry Fees	50.00
	11,522.11	Sale of Dogs - County	84.00
AID TO HIGHWAYS:		Dog License Fees	1,193.65
State & City Aid Reserve	27,154.42	Tax Title Fees	81.00
CRYSTAL LAKE RECONSTRUCTION	6,780.81	Cash Performance Bonds	2,630.00
UNDERESTIMATED-MOSQUITO		Historic Commission	185.00
CONTROL	3,836.59	Sale of Town Property	3,999.87
UNDERESTIMATED-COUNTY			30,716.32
HOSPITAL	.01	OVERLAY:	
LOANS AUTHORIZED-Sewer Plans	125,000.00	Surplus Revenue	1,907.28
Sewer Construction	1,280,000.00	1969	40.80
1972 High School	1,240,000.00	1971	3,433.86
	2,645,000.00	1972	14,971.83
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,555,579.30	1973-74	39,254.02
		1975	72,402.20
			132,009.99
		EXCESS ASSESSMENTS:	
		County Tax	67,912.46
		State Parks	1,302.59
		Pollution Control	259.95
			69,475.00
		APPROPRIATION BALANCE FORWARD	479,011.17
		SPECIAL PROJECT BALANCES FORWARD	352,981.00
		REVENUE RESERVES UNTIL COLLECTED:	
		Petty Cash	275.00
		Taxes Under Suspension	9,172.72
		Tax Titles & Possessions	33,109.11
		Motor Vehicle Excise	457,535.02
		Farm Animal Excise	122.75
		Accounts Receivable	11,551.11
			511,765.71
		SURPLUS REVENUE ENCUMBERED - 1976	899,979.00
		LOANS AUTHORIZED & UNISSUED	2,645,000.00
		NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS	
		1972 High School	80,782.93
		Byam School	1,281.03
		Misc. Completed Balances	80,930.02
			162,993.98
		SURPLUS REVENUE	1,225,709.77
		TOTAL RESERVES & LIABILITIES	\$7,555,579.30

DEBT. STATEMENT

Bond Issue	Interest Rate	Outstanding 6-30-74	Payment 1975	Outstanding 6-30-75	Principal Due 1976	Interest Due 1976
High School Issue 1.	3.50%	\$ 150,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,500
High School Issue 2.	3.20%	340,000	85,000	255,000	85,000	8,160
South Row School	3.50%	345,000	45,000	300,000	45,000	9,450
Junior High School	3.25%	1,075,000	110,000	965,000	110,000	31,363
Westlands-Harrington School	4.30%	2,140,000	160,000	1,980,000	160,000	85,140
Byam School	6.00%	1,655,000	105,000	1,550,000	105,000	89,850
1972 High School	4.40%	7,650,000	850,000	6,800,000	850,000	280,500
Highway Garage	3.40%	5,000	5,000			
Total		13,360,000	1,410,000	11,950,000	1,405,000	507,963

TRUST & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

	Balances 6-30-74	New Funds & Income	Withdrawals	Balances 6-30-75
Custody of Library Trustees:				
Joseph Warren	\$ 1,039.37	55.92		1,095.29
Adams Emerson	131.21	7.05		138.26
Serlina G. Richardson	350.35	18.84		369.19
George Fund	1,794.56	96.51		1,891.07
Aaron George (Cemetery)	1,533.05	82.50		1,615.55
Amos F. Adams	18,100.57	917.82		19,018.39
Albert H. Davis	643.00	35.13		678.13
Thomas P. Procter	6,877.56	355.39		7,232.95
Nathan B. Edwards	823.21	1,367.81	1,507.00	684.02
Victor E. Edwards	1,945.50	106.34		2,051.84
Frederick B. Edwards	10,880.33	549.26	723.06	10,706.53
Flint Fund	3,110.23	167.29		3,277.52
Clement Fund	12,965.58	901.98		13,867.56
Frances Clark	953.33	52.09		1,005.42
Gertrude Wright	539.80	27.32		567.12
George W. Barris	1,496.64	1,251.27	920.00	1,827.91
Custody of Town Treasurer				
Stabilization Fund	85,927.40	23,977.95	32,116.46	77,788.89
Conservation Fund	58,995.12	58,485.85		117,480.97
Adams Emerson	488.01	26.23		514.24
Barris Varney Playground	1,217.34	318.42		1,535.76
Barris Memorial	3,420.55	174.98		3,595.53
Barris Fency Fund	122.04	6.24		128.28
Cemetery Perpetual Care	200,430.30	12,261.07	10,000.00	202,691.37
Veterans Emergency Fund	6,277.62	93.12		6,370.74
Custody of Selectmen				
Emma Gay Varney Playground	372.72	18.67		391.39
Custody of Sinking Fund Comm. Totals	\$ 95,923.28	5,794.56		101,717.84
\$	516,358.67	107,149.61	45,266.52	578,241.76

DISBURSEMENTS		1973-74	1975	Public Health		1973-74	1975
General Government:				Salaries & Expenses	\$	47,968.79	33,252.91
Moderator	\$	375.00	300.00	Sewer Commission			
Selectmen		47,682.13	47,767.72	Expense		1,300.22	513.22
Accounting		44,858.43	35,116.71	Engineering Service		18,165.70	
Treasurer & Collector		130,499.00	83,565.03	Total Sewer Commission		19,465.92	513.22
Assessors		78,295.35	57,980.61	Highway Department			
Town Clerk		43,111.21	38,348.11	Salaries		362,632.41	269,945.49
Public Buildings		27,598.87	35,815.78	Utilities		30,546.57	29,590.92
Law		27,258.01	17,434.58	Street Signs		3,181.67	2,769.86
Elections		16,523.46	13,599.42	Materials		62,634.61	70,512.96
Registrars		15,931.11	11,151.50	Misc. Equipment		2,136.09	1,449.01
Finance Committee		164.00	1,413.58	Machinery Hire		1,476.00	768.00
Planning Board		16,646.87	13,887.28	Waste Collection		398,367.63	321,544.24
Board of Appeals		4,751.50	3,010.96	Machinery Repairs		29,972.07	21,476.26
Persannel Board		385.68	359.55	Snow & Ice		168,218.71	144,425.79
Development & Indust.				Construction		35,930.01	39,653.01
Comm.		52.35		Chapter 90 Maintenance & Construction		27,884.21	74,720.68
Town Forest		67.15	40.00	Sidewalks		34.00	18,547.78
Conservation Comm.		7,562.34	12,786.77	Equipment Purchases		54,440.10	35,801.00
Historical Commission		263.37	747.53	Maint. of Garage & Radio		2,234.13	905.73
Constable		120.00	144.00	Outlays-Radio		902.16	942.24
Home Rule Advisory Committee		579.02	209.53	Clean Up Program		14,310.08	9,739.93
Council on Aging		9,779.47	11,864.83	Engineer Fees		6,480.00	4,440.00
Council on Aging Van Purchase			5,150.00	Total Highway Department		1,201,380.45	1,047,232.90
Bus Subsidy		29,999.88	25,554.90	Street Lighting		73,143.63	54,929.33
Purchase Land-Tr. Dump & Conservation		22,000.00	50,000.00	Veterans Benefits:			
Youth Center		12,726.00	15,667.68	Salaries & Expenses		8,247.95	9,695.03
Total General Government		537,230.29	481,916.07	Cash & Material Grants		122,187.20	117,400.80
Public Safety				Total Veterans Benefits Department		130,435.15	127,095.83
Police Department				Schools:			
Salaries		949,260.08	765,857.05	School Committee		21,162.73	21,241.94
Expense & Outlay		81,140.80	70,615.69	Supt. Office		275,404.63	195,027.46
Purchase Cruisers		15,966.00	22,942.00	Supervision		280,771.72	171,338.48
Total Police Department		1,046,366.88	859,414.74	Principals		631,878.30	587,211.16
Fire Department				Teachers		8,726,801.35	6,596,361.32
Salaries		975,361.65	808,629.99	Textbooks		141,733.03	121,851.64
Expense & Outlays		53,102.38	45,663.37	Library		188,905.98	213,228.28
Purchase Land				Audio Visuals		162,947.82	122,547.46
East Station		20,000.00		Guidance		400,459.22	268,737.82
Purchase Chiefs Sedan		2,849.00		Psychological Service		15,712.50	16,358.50
Total Fire Department		1,051,313.03	854,293.36	School Attendance		19,162.71	14,707.60
Miscellaneous Protection				Health Service		99,128.44	72,225.26
Hydrant Service		73,650.00	50,860.00	Transportation		1,394,707.01	743,413.55
Tree Warden		5,596.80	10,237.55	Food Service		66,913.83	27,007.81
Building Inspector		5,569.23	18,513.56	Athletic Program		102,299.07	72,613.34
Wiring Inspector		4,668.00	2,968.00	Student Activities		38,820.46	36,076.27
Gas Inspector		2,796.00	1,920.00	Driver Education		2,161.50	3,060.00
Dog Officer		10,196.86	12,806.44	Health Education		62,133.58	38,742.60
Animal Inspector		1,575.00	1,050.00	Custodial		590,436.13	525,556.53
Sealer of Weights & Measures		1,550.00	2,077.65	Utilities		426,607.67	474,310.33
Civilian Defense		7,188.97	6,481.95	Maintenance of Grounds		20,952.66	17,533.27
Police Outside Detail			75,226.75	Maintenance of Buildings		139,799.74	35,860.19
Total Misc. Protection		112,790.86	182,141.90	Maintenance of Equipment		42,473.33	34,311.44
				Adult Education		15,681.21	12,910.31
				Civic Activities		16,790.17	19,942.63
				Program w/ o Schools		13,581.80	9,617.10
				Work Study Programs		22,555.15	15,616.52
				Moving			12,979.35
				Total School Department		13,919,981.74	10,480,388.16

	1973-74	1975		1973-74	1975
School Revolving Funds:			Land Purchase-Warren	\$	15,000.00
Cafeteria	\$ 840,146.12	568,530.11	Tennis Courts-So. Row		27,000.00
Athletic	15,478.65	26,899.74	Water District		
Public Law 89-10-111	230,655.67	108,432.78	Consolidation Comm.		11,484.62
M.E.C. Fund	311,329.65	306,005.95	School Traffic Signals		37,309.00
Title II	14,372.89	11,970.22	Police Mutual Aid		300.00
Total Revolving Funds	<u>1,411,982.98</u>	<u>1,021,838.80</u>	Total Unclassified	<u>355,075.79</u>	<u>272,473.28</u>
Regional Vocational School	<u>630,749.00</u>	<u>472,869.00</u>	Cemeteries:		
School Building Committee	<u>1,250.14</u>	<u>972.85</u>	Salaries	58,351.76	40,355.04
Libraries:			Interments	5,700.00	4,325.24
Salaries	146,194.09	114,430.30	Labor for Lot Owners	1,473.96	644.40
Repairs & Maintenance	1,987.13	4,534.86	Repairs, Expense		
Fuel, Light & Water	7,706.69	8,148.57	& Outlays	12,003.18	9,656.58
Books & Periodicals	43,417.33	31,399.83	Hot Top Roads	4,696.75	6,950.00
Other Expense	9,177.57	7,086.40	Restore Old Cemeteries	1,218.76	644.40
Outlays	5,368.41	1,739.88	Beautification		7,103.39
Special Account		9,220.00		<u>83,444.41</u>	<u>69,679.05</u>
Library Addition		76,630.00	Non-Revenue Accounts:		
Total Libraries	<u>213,851.22</u>	<u>253,189.84</u>	State & County Share		
Recreation:			Fees & Licenses	12,583.75	10,090.02
Parks	22,126.42	25,026.67	Payroll Deductions	4,107,881.06	3,110,459.93
Varney Playground	14,661.89	10,116.29	Retirement-Pension Exp.	264,764.00	240,250.61
Recreation Commission	112,577.72	91,153.33	State & County Assessment	437,340.74	807,648.29
Edwards Beach		499.57	Cemetery Care Bequests		
Park Dept-New Building		24,993.30	& Interest	23,994.96	12,056.56
Total Recreation	<u>149,366.03</u>	<u>151,789.16</u>	Tax Levy Refunds	153,345.57	86,822.08
Insurance:			Performance Bonds	11,490.00	2,710.00
Property & Liability	202,882.50	124,246.04	Trust Funds Invested	53,250.00	20,250.00
Group Insurance	199,947.35	139,237.29	Fram Misc. Trust Account	14,715.17	5,315.12
Total Insurance	<u>402,829.85</u>	<u>263,483.33</u>	Total Non Revenue Accounts	<u>5,079,365.25</u>	<u>4,295,602.61</u>
Unclassified			Interest:		
Memorial Day	2,698.92	1,500.00	Interest-Anticipation		
Town Clock	318.18	222.53	of Revenue	108,459.69	
Ambulance Service	12,333.31	9,000.00	Interest-Banded Debt.	962,314.25	568,332.50
Town & Finance Reports	14,223.55	6,327.32	Interest-Anticipation of		
Unpaid Bills-Previous			Bond		11,603.45
Years	12,512.31		Total Interest	<u>1,070,773.94</u>	<u>579,935.95</u>
Regional Drug Program	28,290.00	18,860.00	Anticipation of Revenue Loans	5,000,000.00	
Celebrations Committee	4,826.47	2,993.22	Maturing Debt.	1,865,000.00	1,410,000.00
Crystal Lake Engineering	37,763.46	42,905.81	Total Debt.	<u>6,865,000.00</u>	<u>1,410,000.00</u>
Mental Health Program	7,826.23	5,217.00	School Construction	6,022,682.18	1,800,423.95
Rev. War Bi-Cent. Comm.	442.25	8,061.64	Total Disbursements	40,426,447.53	24,713,436.24
Liquid Waste Disposal	64,283.75	3,519.54	Cash Balance on Hand	5,348,827.86	4,096,992.89
Charter Commission	2,049.22		TOTAL	<u>45,775,275.39</u>	<u>28,810,429.13</u>
Police Station Addition	108,960.01	42,251.45			
North Chelmsford Water					
Main	25,000.00				
Site Work-Roberts					
Playground	23,748.13	6,732.72			
Re-Construct Crooked					
Spring Dam	900.00	17,100.00			
Master Plan Revision	8,900.00				
C. A. T. V. Committee		149.31			
Fire Station Bldg. Comm.		1,432.00			
Update Town History		800.00			
Merrimack Valley Home					
Center		1,800.00			
New Library Committee		1,874.65			
Central Square-Eng. Fees		10,632.47			

RECEIPTS

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General Revenue:		
Personal Property Taxes	\$ 591,609.49	360,251.04
Real Estate Taxes	15,823,239.52	9,619,652.79
Form Animal Excise	875.28	76.50
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	1,513,325.52	1,387,977.23
Tax Title Redemptions	35,668.00	14,721.11
Total Taxes	<u>17,964,717.81</u>	<u>11,382,678.67</u>

PL 74-056 Handicapped Decennial Census	\$ 1,000.00	7,585.25
Housing Authority Reimbursement	1,271.75	
EEA Reimbursement (Adm)	10,324.27	76.69
Conservation Grant		11,000.00
Total Grants & Gifts from State	<u>2,926,237.11</u>	<u>2,818,779.22</u>

From State:

Tax Apportionment Basis	9,873.40	8,269.00
Corporation Tax	33,580.16	37,309.00
School-Ch 69-70	3,436,515.91	3,172,934.94
Transportation Aid Ch 1140	305,366.00	221,790.62
Total Taxes from State	<u>3,785,335.47</u>	<u>3,440,303.56</u>

Departmental Receipts

Selectmen	7.00	700.55
Treasurer & Collector	10,300.00	2,788.65
Town Clerk	1,237.95	382.10
Assessors	117.00	
Police Department	7,044.03	9,694.02
Public Buildings	4,903.31	1,752.50
Highway	23,804.37	39,057.65
Dog Officer	563.00	366.00
Tree Warden-Fees	1,552.50	
Fire Department		19.50

Court Fines	6,760.61	2,852.05
Permits, Fees & Licenses	60,659.25	54,756.80
Alcoholic Licenses	17,286.00	18,143.26
Total Fines & Permits	<u>84,705.86</u>	<u>75,752.11</u>

School

Lunch-Cafeteria Cash from Sales	566,697.87	430,800.39
Tuition-Rents & Misc. Receipts	38,194.34	28,955.21
Athletic Program	17,101.47	15,106.89

Grants & Gifts:

County Dog Licenses	9,044.96	5,704.05
Chapter 90 Highway Funds	8,913.93	9,434.99
Total Grants & Gifts From County	<u>17,958.89</u>	<u>15,139.04</u>

Library:

Fines	8,633.84	4,416.03
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Cemetery:

Sales of Lots and Graves	6,640.00	5,150.00
Interments, Labor, Material & Use of Equipment	15,158.48	12,315.00
Total Department Receipts	<u>701,955.16</u>	<u>551,504.49</u>

Federal Government

Under Public Law 874	246,337.83	133,873.00
Under Public Law 89-864 Title 111	274,100.00	137,651.98
M.E.C. Revolving Fund	324,613.04	259,909.49
Under Public Law 89-10 Title 11	13,447.37	21,160.52
Total Grants & Gifts From Federal Government	<u>858,498.24</u>	<u>552,594.99</u>

Municipal Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans Anticipation of Revenue From Taxes	5,000,000.00	
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State

Reimbursement, Construction Furnishing & Equipping New Schools	1,134,283.10	1,117,244.05
Chapter 90 Highway Funds	28,248.22	27,608.04
Aid to Industrial Schools	8,830.00	2,860.00
Tuition and Transportation State Wards	13,024.24	12,078.00
School Aid to Transportation	1,136,820.03	1,164,531.44
School Cafeteria Reimbursement from State	249,257.30	144,696.07
Aid to Public Libraries	23,574.00	11,787.00
High Way Fund Ch 81	144,174.16	71,317.79
Lottery Distribution	142,462.79	211,023.26
Veterans Benefits	25,382.00	44,556.88

Interest and Demands:

Taxes	43,272.01	17,536.90
Deposits	701,173.80	247,907.02
Total from Loans & Interest	<u>5,744,445.81</u>	<u>265,443.92</u>
Miscellaneous Receipts: Refunds	53,245.62	14,344.24
	<u>29,459.17</u>	<u>20,176.97</u>

Deductions and Agency Accounts withheld from Town Employees		
Federal Taxes	2,260,779.91	1,708,529.76
State Taxes	635,004.23	503,079.51
County Retirement	211,025.89	168,019.93
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		
P.I.C.	210,013.52	165,115.79
Group Life Insurance	9,722.91	6,993.79
Teachers Retirement	475,176.50	342,105.87
Tox Sheltered Annuity	149,259.32	94,276.57
Washington National Insurance	22,079.02	14,502.67
Teachers Association Dues	52,101.70	45,536.20
School Custodian Dues	3,735.00	2,948.00
Highway Department Dues	4,059.00	2,650.00
Firefighters Dues	2,937.55	2,420.00
Savings Bonds	19,158.66	5,850.78
Police Department Dues	3,875.88	3,366.92
Fire Department Credit Union	72,536.50	69,207.00
United Fund	1,470.12	1,628.26
School Credit Union	20,468.50	53,957.00
Tailings	1,337.64	12,063.28
Cemetery-Perpetual Core Interest	1,650.00	5,871.86
Cemetery-Perpetual Care Bequests	13,814.64	10,000.00
Dog Licenses for County	12,798.90	8,493.10
State Share-Sunday Entertainment Licenses	850.00	800.00
Barris Cemetery Fund	1,250.00	1,000.00
Conservation Fund	520.00	865.00
Douglas Cemetery Fund	3,398.61	2,985.16
Registration Fee for State	697.00	123.00
Library Trust Funds	3,940.33	2,480.00
Barris Vorney Play- ground Fund	250.00	250.00
Cash in lieu of Bonds	9,150.00	500.00
Chelms credit Union		88,842.42
Police Outside Details		73,172.62
Total Deduction and Agency Accounts	<u>4,203,061.39</u>	<u>3,397,634.49</u>
Total Receipts	36,369,620.53	22,534,351.70
Cash on Hand July 1st	<u>8,834,541.61</u>	<u>5,438,305.68</u>
Total Receipts and Cash on Hand as of July 1	<u>45,204,162.14</u>	<u>27,972,657.38</u>
Non Revenue Account		
Loans in Anticipation of Bond Issue		500,000.00
Total Receipts		<u>500,000.00</u>
Revenue Sharing Receipts	537,849.00	329,802.00
Interest Added	<u>33,264.25</u>	<u>7,969.75</u>
	571,113.25	337,771.75

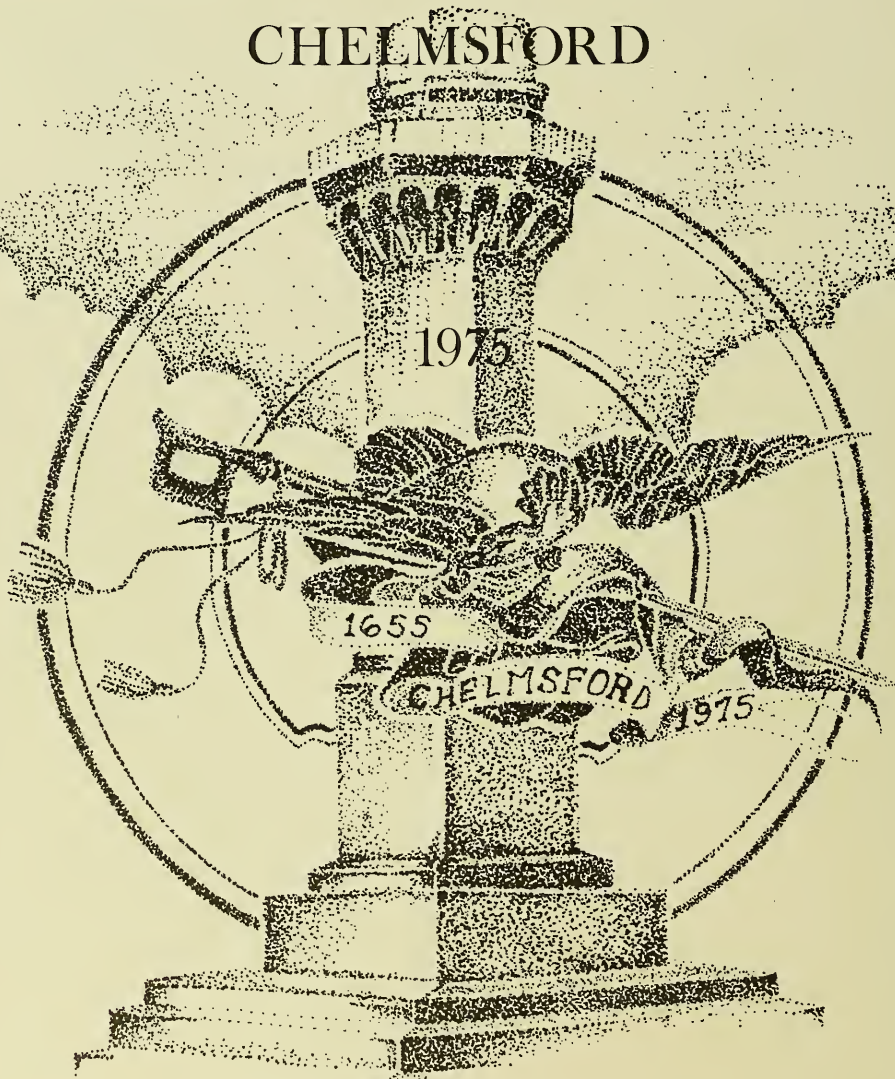
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