

Town of Rochester Annual Report



2021



Town of Rochester

Annual Town Report 2021

The 2021 Annual Report Dedication



Scott Chadwick

Scott was first and foremost what many would call a “townie,” Scott loved and appreciated the Rochester community that raised him up, so much so that he and his wife Pauline raised their own family here.

For 61 years Scott protected and served the residents of Rochester as a member of the Fire Department. Serving as a Lieutenant allowed him to mentor and teach new members. Lieutenant Chadwick could often be found manning the pump and maintaining the equipment. If you ever had the opportunity to attend the Rochester Firefighter’s Association annual Father’s Day clambake you know his smiling face was a staple.

In addition, to his time served on the Rochester Fire Department Scott served in a full-time and part-time capacity for the Rochester Highway Department for 20 years. As an extremely dedicated employee who loved what he did, Scott was often found plowing and sanding the roads during inclement weather or mowing and sweeping the roads in the warmer weather to help keep Rochester beautiful.

Scott will always be remembered for his work ethic, witty sense of humor and dedication to the town he loved. His presence is missed, but his contribution will always be felt.

**Town of Rochester
Plymouth County**

The Town of Rochester was founded in 1679 and incorporated on June 4, 1686. At that time the areas now known as Marion, Mattapoisett and West Wareham were all part of Rochester. These towns were subsequently separated from Rochester and by 1857 Rochester stood alone, having had the foresight to reserve rights on the seashores of the other towns.

Rochester is located in southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lakeville and Middleboro on the north, Wareham and Marion on the east, Mattapoisett on the south and Acushnet and Freetown on the west. Rochester is about 19 miles northeast of New Bedford; 50 miles south of Boston; 49 miles east of Providence, Rhode Island; and 227 miles from New York City.

Year incorporated as a town: 1686

Total area square miles: 39

Land area square miles: 36.39

Miles of accepted roads: 67.88

(Does not include State Highway Routes 28, 195, 495)

Population: 5,698 (according to the Federal Census)

Legislators:

U.S. Senator	Elizabeth Warren
U.S. Senator	Edward Markey
U.S. Congressman	William Keating
State Senator	Michael Rodrigues
State Representative	William M. Straus

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates:

Snipatuit Pond, Marion, Assawompsett Pond, New Bedford North

Regional Planning Agency:

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

Metropolitan Statistical Area: New Bedford

BOARD AND COMMITTEE SCHEDULES

Select Board

Office Hours Monday- 8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Friday- 8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Meetings First and Third Monday at 6:00 P.M.

Tax Collector

Monday Evenings 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Town Treasurer

Monday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
Friday 8:30 A.M – 1 P.M.

Town Clerk

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. – Noon
Monday evenings 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Assessor's Office – Board of Assessors

Monday- 8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Friday- 8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Meetings Every Monday Evening at 5:00 P.M.

Board of Health – 37 Marion Road

Meetings First and Third Wednesday of Each Month as Needed
at 4:00 P.M.

Building Commissioner – 37 Marion Road

Monday- 8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Friday- 8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Conservation Commission – 37 Marion Road

Monday- 8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Friday- 8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Meets First and Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 P.M.

Council on Aging – 67 Dexter Lane

Monday - Friday 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Meets the First Wednesday of
Each Month at 9:00 A.M.

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee
Meets Third Wednesday Every Other Month at 7:30 P.M. at
Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School

Old Rochester Regional District School Committee
Meets the Second Wednesday of Each Month 6:30 P.M. at
Old Rochester Regional High School

Rochester Memorial School Committee
Meets the First Thursday of Each Month, 6:30 P.M. at the Town Hall

Park Commission
Meets as Needed

Planning Board
Meets the Second and Fourth Tuesday of Each Month 7:00 P.M.

Soil Conservation Board
Meets the Third Wednesday of Each Month as Needed at 7:00 P.M.

Personnel Board
Meets as Needed

Historic District Commission
Meets the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

Historical Commission
Meets the First Monday of Each Month 7:00 P.M.

Water Commission
Meets the Second Wednesday of each month

Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library Board of Trustees
Meets the Second Thursday of Each Month at 6:30 P.M.
at the Plumb Library
Library hours: Monday 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Thursday 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
Friday 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
Saturday 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Veteran's District Office (Mattapoisett Town Hall)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

DIRECTORY OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

MODERATOR	TERM EXPIRES
David Arancio	2024
SELECT BOARD	
Bradford N. Morse	2022
Greenwood Hartley III	2023
Paul Ciaburri	2024
TOWN CLERK	
Paul Dawson	2023
TAX COLLECTOR	
Beatrice Renauld	2023
HIGHWAY SURVEYOR	
Jeffrey Eldridge	2022
TREE WARDEN	
Jeffrey Eldridge	2024
CONSTABLES	
David L. Hughes	2022
Mark Slabodnick	2022
HERRING INSPECTOR	
William D. Watling, Jr.	2023
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Glenn Lawrence	2022
W. David Souza	2023
Sarah Tisdale Eby	2024
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	
Diana Knapp	2022
Debra Lally	2023
Jana Cavanaugh	2024
PLANNING BOARD	
Arnold Johnson	2022
Bendrix Bailey	2022
John DeMaggio	2022
Christopher Silveira	2023
Michael C. Murphy	2023

Marc Rousseau Jr.	2024
Lee Carr	2024

PLUMB LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Dennis Desrosiers	2022
Kimberly Burt	2022
Rhonda Reints	2023
Kathryn Besch	2023
Shauna Makuch	2024
Kelly Medeiros	2024

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Lori Souza	2022
David Shaw	2023
Molly Ross	2024

PARK COMMISSION

David Hughes	2022
David Sylvia	2023
Kenneth Ross	2024

WATER COMMISSION

Richard Charon	2022
Frederick Underhill	2023
David Hughes	2024

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sharon Hartley	2022
Anne Fernandes	2023
Katherine Duggan	2023
Robin Rounseville	2024
Jason Chisholm	2024

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE**

Joseph Pires	2023
Matthew Monteiro	2024

DIRECTORY OF APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Suzanne Szyndlar 2023

TOWN COUNSEL

Blair S. Bailey 2023

TOWN PLANNER

Steven Starrett 2023

ACCOUNTANT

Suzanne Szyndlar 2023

Kathleen McHenry, Assistant 2022

TOWN TREASURER

Cynthia L. Mello 2022

POLICE CHIEF

Robert Small 2024

FIRE CHIEF

Scott Weigel 2022

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Gail Roberts Indefinite Term

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Peter Armanetti 2022

David Arancio 2022

James Austin 2023

Kristian Stoltenberg 2024

Anthony Ruocco 2024

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

James Buckles 2022

Robert C. Francis, Local Inspector 2022

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Lawrence Ferreira 2022

Stephen McGraw, Assistant 2022

GAS INSPECTOR

Stephen McGraw 2022
Lawrence Ferreira, Assistant 2022

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Jack Savastano 2022

OLD COLONY VOCATIONAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

David L. Hughes 2022
Sharon Cruz 2023
Shirley Bourque 2024

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Christopher Gerrior 2022
Daniel Gagne 2023
Kevin Thompson 2023
Margot Payne 2023
Matthew Bache 2024
Marie-Elena Bourque 2024
Bendrix Bailey 2024
Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Jeffrey Costa, Associate 2022
Donald Spirlet, Associate 2022
Kirby Gilmore 2022
Davis L. Sullivan 2023
Thomas Flynn 2024
David Arancio 2025
Richard Cutler 2026

SOIL BOARD

Albert Weigel, Alternate 2022
Bruce Taylor, Board of Selectmen Representative 2022
Richard J. Charon, At-Large Member 2022
David True, Board of Health Representative 2023
John Dvorski, Conservation Commission Representative 2023
Gary Florindo, Planning Board Representative 2023

COUNCIL ON AGING

Marjorie O' Brien 2022
Pauline Munroe 2022
Mary Bessey 2022
Greenwood Hartley 2022
Andrew Revell 2023

Michael Cambra	2023
Marjorie Barrows	2024
Patricia E. Ryan	2024
Susan Norton	2024

WIRING INSPECTOR

Kevin Rittenhouse	2022
George Randall, Assistant	2022

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Timothy Bates	2022
Carol Higgins	2022
Susan LaFleur	2023
Connie Eshbach	2024

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Matthew Monteiro	2022
Stephanie Carr	2022
Ginette Castro	2022
Sara Johnston	2023
Theodore Brillon	2024
Susan Flemming	2024

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

William Chamberlain	2022
Ominique Garner	2022
Daniel Hartley	2023
Steven Harding	2023
Bradford Correia	2024
Travis Lalli	2024

PERSONNEL BOARD

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Susan Kowalski	2022
Kimberly Amato	2022
Randall Elgin	2023
Katherine Duggan	2023
Jordan Pouliot-Latham	2024
Michael Kovacevich	2024

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Anne Estabrook	2022
Rebekah Tomlinson, Assistant	2022

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Anne Estabrook 2022
Rebekah Tomlinson 2022

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DIRECTOR

Paul Ciaburri Indefinite

FOREST WARDEN

Scott Weigel 2022

DEPUTY FOREST WARDEN

Ward A. Benner 2022
Albert Weigel 2022

GREEN WAYS COMMITTEE

Susan B. Teal
Douglas W. Ellis
Bunny Mogilnicki
Laurene A. Gerrior
James Holden
Amy Johnson
Stephen Pena

OPEN SPACE ACTION COMMITTEE – INDEFINITE TERMS

Laurell J. Farinon
John Teal
Ginette Castro
Rosemary Smith
Michael Oleksak
Halima Tiffany
Susan Teal

ROCHESTER HOUSING PARTNERSHIP – INDEFINITE TERMS

Roland Grenier, Sr.
Jean Rose
Amy Johnson
James Buckles (Building Comm. Rep.)
Arnold Johnson (Planning Bd. Rep.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

Jeffrey Eldridge 2022

VETERANS SERVICES DIRECTOR
Christopher Gerrior 2022

VETERAN GRAVES SUPERVISOR
David Watling 2022

JOINT TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
Jeffrey Eldridge 2022

**MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY
PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Richard Charon 2022
Sandra Keese 2023
Merilee Kelly 2024

TRI-TOWN RIVER COMMISSION
David Watling 2023
Bradford Morse, Selectmen's Representative 2023

**PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION COMMITTEE –
INDEFINITE TERMS**
Paul Ciaburri
Jeffrey G. Eldridge
Scott Weigel
Paul H. Magee

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
Jeffrey G. Eldridge 2024
Merilee Kelly 2024
Richard Charon 2024

**ROCHESTER REPRESENTATIVE TO MARION WATER
COMMITTEE**
Frederick W. Underhill

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR
Dale Barrows 2022

SEMASS CERTIFIED WEIGHERS
Karyn Franks 2022
Emmanuel Santiago Gonzalez 2022
Joanne Brunette 2022
Deborah Irving 2022
Cindi Duggan 2022
Jason Monast 2022

Report of the
SELECT BOARD

The Select Board is pleased to submit our 2021 Annual Town Report. The pandemic continued this year. In mid-summer the numbers of infections, hospitalizations and fatalities across the country were decreasing. However, by fall a new variant of COVID was quickly moving across the country and we found ourselves thrust back into a full defensive mode. We continued ZOOM Select Board meetings into the late fall. Mask mandates remained in place at our public schools and several vaccine clinics were organized and held at the Fire Station. The regular duties and responsibilities of the Select Board continued throughout. The key happenings including staff changes, financial strategies, and decisions for the year are summarized in the annual report.

In February the Select Board voted unanimously to renew Police Chief Robert Small's contract for another three-year term (effective July 1, 2021).

In April Town Planner Steve Starrett and Conservation Agent Laurell Farinon announced they would be retiring. The Select Board, working with the Conservation Commission and Planning Board Chairs, met and discussed the importance of both of these positions. Together, we determined it was crucial to the continued success of guiding Rochester into the future, to upgrade the Planner position to fulltime. We increased the salary appropriately and advertised both jobs immediately. Although it took some time, both positions were filled with highly qualified individuals: Nancy Durfee as Planner and Merilee Kelly as Conservation Agent.

Long time Veteran's Agent Barry Denham retired in May. Rochester resident and retired Navy Veteran Chris Gerrior was selected as the new agent. Our Council on Aging Director resigned early in 2020. After a search and interview process by the COA, the position was filled by Eric Poulin. He began his tenure on July 1st. In June Town Treasurer Cynthia Mello announced she would be retiring. The hiring process was initiated and, in August, Kory Lydon was hired.

In November Library Director Gail Roberts announced her retirement. The Library Board of Directors began the process of hiring a new Director for the Joseph H. Plumb Memorial Library.

2020 ended with an act of generosity by the Town of Rochester. At the

December 29, 2021 Select Board meeting, Fire Chief Scott Weigel requested that the Board declare our retired 1998 pumper/tanker as surplus property. His request was initiated by the dire needs of Fulton Fire and Rescue in Kentucky. Their entire fire station, containing all of their vehicles had been destroyed by recent tornados. The Board unreservedly voted to support his request. Soon thereafter, the vehicle was delivered to a thankful Fulton County.

The Annual Town Meeting was held on May 24th and the Annual Town Election took place on May 26th.

At the Town Meeting \$88,660 was approved to upgrade equipment for the Highway Department, \$66,530 for Memorial School Equipment, and \$46,000 for the Council on Aging. In addition, voters placed \$700,000 into Stabilization Funds for future capital needs. Voters also approved appropriations of \$22,887,448 for the annual budget. This was the final Town Meeting for Moderator Kirby Gilmore who, after many years of service, retired.

At the October 18th Special Town Meeting our new Town Moderator, David Arancio, led discussions that resulted in several decisions. We voted to change the title, Board of Selectmen to Select Board, to amend and restate the Agreement that created and manages the Old Rochester Regional School District, and we created a Capital Fund for the District. In addition, voters added \$200,000 to the Road Improvement Stabilization Fund and \$300,00 to the General Stabilization Fund.

In September we were notified of our 2nd installment of the Green Communities Grant was approved, \$172,115. Most of this money will go to Memorial School and Town Hall for lighting improvements and increased weatherization projects.

In 2020 the Select Board had reached agreement with the Town of Marion that allowed residents to use the Marion's Benson Brook Transfer Station. The newly renovated station opened in February and many residents began taking advantage of the opportunity. Residents can contact the Town Hall to purchase a privilege sticker.

Other significant events in 2021 included the following actions. The Select Board signed a Lease Agreement for a solar array to be mounted above the parking lot at Memorial School. The Municipal Aggregation Agreement moved very close to approval. It had been

stalled at the state review level to due COVID. When implemented in 2022, all the residents of Rochester will be eligible for reduced electrical rates.

Throughout the year, Selectman Morse and Water Commission Chair Fred Underhill negotiated with the Wareham Water Department to increase our annual allotment for future needs in the area of the industrial/commercial zone. As a result, our water allotment was increased from 55,000 gpd to 100,000 gpd. We now have an adequate reserve for the future.

The year was highlighted by many resignations and retirements in key positions. The Select Board, working closely with Department Heads and Chairs of affected Boards, Town Counsel and the Town Administrator, searched to find good candidates and offered fair and competitive salaries to ensure Rochester has the best people we can find working for all of us.

Our current Town Administrator announced that she would not be asking for a contract renewal. The Select Board, after serious deliberation, asked her to continue on staff as Rochester's first Finance Director, the details to be established in 2022. The Select Board hired a professional search firm to lead our efforts in securing a highly qualified candidate to become our next Town Administrator. Interviews and the decision on whom to hire will be made in early 2022.

The Board wishes to extend our appreciation to all the selfless first responders who for a second year, during the continuing pandemic, continued to faithfully serve the Town of Rochester. We extend our gratitude to our elected and appointed officials, town employees and volunteers who continue to make Rochester a wonderful place to live, work, raise our children and retire, and to you, the townspeople of Rochester, who participate, vote, pay taxes, and care about our Town.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brad Morse, Chair
Greenwood Hartley III, Vice Chair
Paul Ciaburri, Clerk
Suzanne Szyndlar, Town Administrator
Amanda Baptiste, Administrative Assistant
Jenn Allain, Clerical Assistant

Report of the
BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) valuation of Real and Personal Property was again completed in-house by office staff and the Board of Assessors. The Assessing Department completed our yearly data collection on properties having building permits, new construction, real estate sales and also a random selection of properties as part of our regular inspection program.

Our department is responsible for the fair and equitable valuation of more than one billion dollars of real estate and personal property.

The Department of Revenue (DOR) reviewed our analysis and modifications and approved the values, the appraisal methodology and the calculations supporting the tax rate. Our single tax rate of \$12.74 per thousand dollars of valuation was certified by the DOR on November 3, 2021.

The Board extends its gratitude to all departments and their employees for their efforts in helping us to be the 36th community, out of 351 cities and towns, to set their tax rate.

The recapitulation of the Town’s assessments and levies includes the following information:

<u>Class of Property</u>	<u>Valuation by Class</u>	<u>Percent of Total Levy</u>	<u>Levy by Class</u>
Residential	\$1,030,661,154	86.73	\$13,130,623.10
Commercial	37,714,816	3.17	480,486.76
Industrial	61,812,533	5.20	787,491.67
Personal	58,225,500	4.90	741,792.87
TOTALS	\$1,188,414,003	100.00	\$15,140,394.40

The summary of fund sources and taxation for FY 2022:

Funds from estimated receipts and other sources	\$9,478,276.00
Funds to be raised by tax levy	<u>15,140,394.40</u>
TOTAL FUNDS SOURCES	\$24,618,670.40

The office continues the use of the Vision mass-appraisal software system, a valuation system that assists the Board in its assessment

practices and data quality. On-line public internet access to the database and assessors' maps continues on the Town's website. The assessment administration and procedures manual is updated as needed. Sold properties and new construction inspections were conducted. Commercial and industrial properties, automobile excise and personal property accounts were also reviewed. All assessment and certification activities continue to be completed in-house by the assessing department personnel.

The Board expresses its appreciation for the continued dedicated and exemplary service provided to the townspeople and the assessors by Debra Lalli, Assessment Administrator and by Margaret Gonneville, Assessing Clerk. After 33 years of service to the Town, Principal Assessor Charles Shea retired on June 30, 2021. The Board wishes to extend its sincere thanks and gratitude for his knowledge and dedication. He will be missed. Karen Trudeau was hired as Principal Assessor in February 2021. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position and we welcome her to Rochester.

The Board continues to work with other Town boards and departments on assessment related topics. They also continue to participate in the Massachusetts Association of Assessing Officers and the Plymouth County Assessors' Association as well as to attend educational courses, in-services, conferences, etc. sponsored by these organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Jana Cavanaugh, Chairwoman

Diana Knapp, MAA

Debra Lalli, MAA

Report of the
TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Town Accountant's office is committed to maintaining the key financial records of the Town of Rochester. These records verify that the town's monies are collected and disbursed in accordance with the municipality's financial policies and the Massachusetts General Laws.

The financial statements submitted for fiscal year 2021 are:

- General Fund Balance Sheet
- Special Revenue Funds Balance Sheet
- Capital Projects, Agency Funds, Trust Funds and General LT Obligations Balance Sheet
- Combined Balance Sheet – All Fund Types
- General Fund Expenditures
- General Fund Revenues

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Szyndlar, CGA
Town Accountant

Kathleen McHenry
Assistant Town Accountant

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

ASSETS:

Petty Cash	900.00
General Cash	3,193,513.27
Receivables:	
Personal Property	
Levy of 2015	267.61
Levy of 2016	690.70
Levy of 2017	1,065.70
Levy of 2018	1,327.17
Levy of 2019	1,420.74
Levy of 2020	2,400.79
Levy of 2021	2,044.94
Real Estate	
Levy of 2021	66,354.20
Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions	(143,210.23)
Tax Liens (Titles)	108,103.06
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 2015	2,166.04
Levy of 2016	4,525.59
Levy of 2017	3,528.32
Levy of 2018	2,283.18
Levy of 2019	4,417.40
Levy of 2020	16,796.17
Levy of 2021	135,602.72
Departmental	
Veterans Benefits	25,872.00
Ambulance Services	387,040.42
Tax Possessions (Foreclosures)	37,199.76

TOTAL ASSETS \$3,854,309.55

LIABILITIES:

Accrued Payrolls Payable	431,355.00
Deferred Revenue:	
Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes	(67,638.38)
Tax Liens (Titles)	108,103.06
Tax Possessions (Foreclosures)	37,199.76
Motor Vehicle Excise	169,319.42
Departmental - Veterans Benefits	25,872.00
Departmental - Ambulance Services	387,040.42
Prepaid Taxes	2,209.70

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$1,093,460.98

FUND EQUITY:

Fund Balance Reserved for:	
Prior Year Encumbrances	211,971.72
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	550,000.00
Carryovers - Continuing Appropriations	416,252.46
Future Excludable Debt	8,535.16
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,574,089.23
Appropriation Deficits	0.00
Unprovided for Abatements & Exemptions	0.00

TOTAL FUND EQUITY \$2,760,848.57

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY \$3,854,309.55

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SPECIAL REVENUE BALANCE SHEET
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

	SCHOOL LUNCH CHAPTER 90	HIGHWAY	TOWN SPEC REV	SCHOOL SPEC REV	RECEIPTS RESERVED	REVOLVING	TOTAL
ASSETS:							
Cash	(15,907.02)		219,026.61	138,946.65	73,716.72	236,626.05	652,409.01
Receivable - Highway Chapter 90		651,570.04					651,570.04
Title V Betterments Receivable						17,350.71	17,350.71
TOTAL ASSETS	(\$15,907.02)	\$651,570.04	\$219,026.61	\$138,946.65	\$73,716.72	\$253,976.76	\$1,321,329.76
LIABILITIES:							
Deferred Revenue		651,570.04				17,350.71	668,920.75
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$651,570.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,350.71	\$668,920.75
FUND EQUITY:							
Fund Balance Reserved for:							
Subsequent Year's Expenditures					16,000.00		16,000.00
Appropriation					57,716.72		57,716.72
Fund Balance Designated for:							
Federal Grants			(10,092.34)	27,109.98			17,017.64
State Grants			3,625.31	99,977.49			103,602.80
Other Purposes	(15,907.02)		225,493.64	11,859.18		236,626.05	458,071.85
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	(\$15,907.02)	\$0.00	\$219,026.61	\$138,946.65	\$73,716.72	\$236,626.05	\$652,409.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	(\$15,907.02)	\$651,570.04	\$219,026.61	\$138,946.65	\$73,716.72	\$253,976.76	\$1,321,329.76

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CAPITAL PROJECTS, AGENCY FUNDS, TRUST FUNDS AND GLTOAG
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS	AGENCY FUNDS	GENERAL LT OBLIGATIONS
ASSETS:				
Cash	\$2,126.77	\$3,283,823.07	\$27,789.28	
Amounts to be provided for:				
Payment of Bonds				\$7,305,000.00
Compensated Absences				\$380,820.00
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	\$2,126.77	\$3,283,823.07	\$27,789.28	\$7,685,820.00
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LIABILITIES:				
Bond Anticipation Note	\$592,000.00			
Payroll Withholdings				
Compensated Absences				\$380,820.00
Bonds Payable (Inside):				
Hiller Land Acquisition \$1.75 mil - Exempt				\$255,000.00
Town Hall Renovation \$250K				\$146,000.00
Library Renovation \$25K				\$12,000.00
Police Station Roof \$40K				\$24,000.00
COA Roof \$40K				\$24,000.00

	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS	AGENCY FUNDS	GENERAL LT OBLIGATIONS
	Fire Station Renovation \$25K			\$12,000.00
	Highway Mower \$100K			\$20,000.00
	Fuel System \$125K			\$72,000.00
	Highway 1 Ton Truck with Plow \$55K			\$10,000.00
	Highway 1 Ton Dump Truck \$60K			\$12,000.00
	Fire Radio System \$17K			\$2,000.00
	Fire Chief Vehicle \$40K			\$8,000.00
	Fire Engine Upgrade \$120K			\$24,000.00
	Ambulance \$225K			\$44,000.00
	Bonds Payable (Outside):			
	RMS Renovation \$2,188 mil - Exempt			\$1,280,000.00
	Police Station \$710K Exempt			\$70,000.00
	Police Station \$275 K Non-Exempt			\$30,000.00
	Highway Barn \$305K			\$30,000.00
	RMS Addition/Renovation \$9.5 mil - Exempt			\$5,089,000.00
	School Feasibility \$153,519 - Exempt			\$81,000.00
	Water Equipment \$100K			\$60,000.00
	Tailings		\$6,078.15	
	Refunds - Other Agency		\$0.00	
	Planning Board Escrows		\$36,604.80	
	Conservation Commission Escrows		\$0.00	

	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TRUST FUNDS	AGENCY FUNDS	GENERAL LT OBLIGATIONS
Capital Improvements Fund		\$202,112.57		
Conservation Commission Fund		\$6,104.38		
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	(\$589,873.23)	\$3,283,823.07	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$2,126.77	\$3,283,823.07	\$27,789.28	\$7,685,820.00

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	AGENCY & TRUST OBLIGATIONS	GENERAL LT	TOTAL MEMO ONLY
ASSETS:						
Cash	\$3,194,413.27	\$652,409.01	\$2,126.77	\$3,311,612.35		\$7,160,561.40
Receivables:						
Real Estate Taxes	\$66,354.20					\$66,354.20
Personal Property Taxes	\$9,217.65					\$9,217.65
Allowance for Abatements	(\$143,210.23)					(\$143,210.23)
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$169,319.42					\$169,319.42
Tax Liens	\$108,103.06					\$108,103.06
Departmental Receivables	\$412,912.42					\$412,912.42
Tax Possessions (Foreclosures)	\$37,199.76					\$37,199.76
Other Receivables		\$668,920.75				\$668,920.75
Amts to be provided for Retire of L-T Debt					\$7,305,000.00	\$7,305,000.00
Amts to be provided for Compensated Absences					\$380,820.00	\$380,820.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,854,309.55	\$1,321,329.76	\$2,126.77	\$3,311,612.35	\$7,685,820.00	\$16,175,198.43

LIABILITIES:			
Bond Anticipation Note		\$1,420.25	\$1,420.25
Payroll Withholdings			\$431,355.00
Accrued Salaries Payable	\$431,355.00		\$28,578.73
Other Liabilities	\$2,209.70	\$26,369.03	\$1,328,817.03
Deferred Revenue	\$659,896.28	\$668,920.75	
Accrued Compensated Absences			\$380,820.00
Bond Anticipation Notes		\$592,200.00	\$592,200.00
Bonds Payable			\$7,305,000.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,093,460.98	\$668,920.75	\$27,789.28
			\$7,685,820.00
			\$10,068,191.01
FUNDEQUITY:			
Fund Balances:			
Reserved	\$1,186,759.34	\$223,733.30	(\$590,073.23)
Designated		\$428,675.71	\$3,283,823.07
Unreserved			\$0.00
Undesignated	\$1,574,089.23		\$1,574,089.23
TOTAL FUNDEQUITY	\$2,760,848.57	\$652,409.01	(\$590,073.23)
			\$3,283,823.07
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDEQUITY	\$3,854,309.55	\$1,321,329.76	\$2,126.77
			\$3,311,612.35
			\$7,685,820.00
			\$16,175,198.43

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES
FY21 BUDGET VS. ACTUAL**

ACCOUNT	ORIGINAL BUDGET	(+) C/O & ENCUMB 6/30/2020	SPECIAL ARTICLES TRANSFERS	(-) C/O & ENCUMB 6/30/2021	FINAL BUDGET	YTD TOTAL EXPENDITURES	UNENCUMBERED UNEXPENDED
<u>General Government</u>							
<i>Operating budget</i>							
Town Meeting	684.00				684.00	89.24	594.76
Moderator	300.00				300.00	150.00	150.00
Selectmen	14,766.00				14,766.00	14,766.00	-
Finance Committee	300.00				300.00	-	300.00
Reserve Fund	70,000.00		(35,617.95)		34,382.05	-	34,382.05
Capital Planning Committee	300.00				300.00	-	300.00
Accounting	127,015.00			256.49	126,758.51	125,251.54	1,506.97
Info. Systems	103,450.00		2,302.94	168.75	105,584.19	105,391.94	192.25
Assessors	219,567.00	10.75	7,546.82	1,136.00	233,988.57	230,251.23	3,737.34
Treasurer	123,256.00			24.00	123,232.00	118,304.07	4,927.93
Collector	43,397.00				43,397.00	42,525.75	871.25
Legal Counsel	100,673.00	3,750.00			104,423.00	102,068.52	2,354.48
Personnel Board	200.00				200.00	-	200.00
Town Clerk	42,495.00			531.13	41,963.87	40,652.26	1,311.61

Elections	11,625.00		2,969.25	14,594.25	14,591.10	3.15
Registrar	7,175.00	1,808.09		8,983.09	8,034.56	948.53
Conservation Commission	112,891.00			112,865.74	107,866.36	4,999.38
Planning Board	75,679.00	801.75		76,480.75	69,008.17	7,472.58
Appeals Board	300.00			300.00	277.00	23.00
Soil Board	100.00			100.00	-	100.00
Public Building & Property Maint.	397,485.00	8,616.41	16,595.00	385,299.71	378,560.08	6,739.63
Town Hall Annex	46,400.00	195.96	-	32,170.96	29,125.01	3,045.95

Total General Government **1,498,058.00** **15,182.96** **8,000.00** **(6,203.94)** **53,963.33** **1,461,073.69** **1,386,912.83** **74,160.86**

Public Safety

Police	1,388,310.00	9,122.00		3,127.72	1,394,304.28	1,375,243.83	19,060.45
Fire	326,640.00	964.08		913.97	326,690.11	320,801.20	5,888.91
Emergency Medical Technicians	526,421.00	2,205.03		651.34	527,974.69	502,600.88	25,373.81
Building Inspection	128,115.00	578.48		434.39	128,259.09	125,788.51	2,470.58
Gas Inspection	8,400.00		24.00		8,424.00	8,024.00	400.00
Plumbing Inspections	7,000.00				7,000.00	4,080.00	2,920.00
Electrical Inspections	15,915.00				15,915.00	13,621.88	2,293.12
Gasoline Account	71,400.00				71,400.00	57,204.70	14,195.30

Emergency Management	1,465.00			1,465.00	1,453.95	11.05	
Animal Control	12,275.00			12,275.00	7,970.74	4,304.26	
Forestry	26,158.00	5,200.00		11,075.00	16,446.87	3,836.13	
Constable	522.00			522.00	-	522.00	
Communication Center	175,000.00	-	-	-	175,000.00	-	
Total Public Safety	2,687,621.00	18,069.59	-	24.00	2,689,512.17	2,608,236.56	81,275.61
<u>Education</u>							
Rochester Memorial School	6,309,641.00	625,144.00		483,521.00	6,451,264.00	6,450,286.11	977.89
ORR 7-12 Transportation	285,070.00			285,070.00	267,413.03	17,656.97	
Bristol County Agricultural Assessment	300,190.00			300,190.00	290,952.34	9,237.66	
Old Rochester Regional Assessment	4,892,197.00			4,892,197.00	4,892,197.00	-	
Old Colony Reg. Voc. Tech. Assessment	1,236,792.00	-	-	-	1,236,792.00	1,233,871.00	2,921.00
Total Education	13,023,890.00	625,144.00	-	-	483,521.00	13,165,513.00	30,793.52

<u>Public Works</u>									
Highway Surveyor	85,500.00					85,500.00	85,499.99		0.01
Highway Department	557,921.00	60,540.63			50,331.06	568,130.57	480,749.05		87,381.52
Snow & Ice Removal	105,000.00			19,022.95		124,022.95	124,022.95		-
Waste Collection & Disposal	321,678.00					321,678.00	321,677.76		0.24
Sanitary Landfill	8,000.00					8,000.00	5,750.00		2,250.00
Water Department	1,000.00					1,000.00	100.00		900.00
Cemetery	8,650.00	2,510.00		244.00	1,744.00	9,660.00	9,660.00		-
Total Public Works	1,087,749.00	63,050.63	-	19,266.95	52,075.06	1,117,991.52	1,027,459.75		90,531.77

Human & Health

<u>Services</u>									
Board of Health	79,131.00	40.00			187.89	78,983.11	74,104.97		4,878.14
Regional Health District	15,599.00					15,599.00	15,598.50		0.50
Inspector of Animals	1,725.00					1,725.00	-		1,725.00
Council on Aging	261,729.00	57.90			15,751.43	246,035.47	174,090.44		71,945.03
Veterans Services	82,259.00	18,171.00		-	18,885.00	81,545.00	50,027.32		31,517.68
Total Human Services	440,443.00	18,268.90	-	-	34,824.32	423,887.58	313,821.23		110,066.35

<u>Culture and Recreation</u>							
Library	232,930.00			232,930.00	229,903.31		3,026.69
Park Department	16,600.00	60.99		14,531.65	13,788.69		742.96
Herring Inspector	1,114.00			1,114.00	814.00		300.00
Historical Commission	500.00			500.00	500.00		-
Celebrations/Town Events	2,200.00			2,200.00	1,051.21		1,148.79
Rochester Historic District Comm.	200.00	-	-	200.00	-		200.00

Total Culture and Recreation **253,544.00** **60.99** **-** **-** **2,129.34** **251,475.65** **246,057.21** **5,418.44**

<u>Debt Services</u>							
Long Term Debt Principal	890,000.00			890,000.00	890,000.00		-
Long Term Debt Interest	284,903.00			284,903.00	284,902.50		0.50
Short Term Notes	73,800.00			73,800.00	73,800.00		-
Short Term Interest	18,705.00	-	-	18,705.00	14,761.43		3,943.57
Total Debt Services	1,267,408.00	-	-	1,267,408.00	1,263,463.93		3,944.07

<u>State & County Assessments</u>						
Other						
Intergovernmental	2,417.00	-	0.55	-	2,417.55	2,417.55
Assess						
Total State & County Assessments	2,417.00	-	0.55	-	2,417.55	2,417.55
<u>Fixed Costs & Other Requirements</u>						
Employee Group Insurances	1,026,986.00		(23,763.96)		1,003,222.04	980,008.72
Retirement	846,103.00				846,103.00	846,103.00
Unemployment Compensation	15,000.00			611.25	14,388.75	7,101.35
Medicare/Medicaid/SPED Reimb.	115,517.00				118,709.37	118,709.37
Accumulated Sick leave	5,000.00				10,726.23	10,726.23
Town Insurances	252,500.00				254,257.80	254,257.80
Total Fixed Costs & Other Requirements	2,261,106.00	-	-(13,087.56)	611.25	2,247,407.19	2,216,906.47
Total General Fund	22,522,236.00	739,777.07	8,000.00	0.00	22,626,686.35	22,199,995.01
						426,691.34

**TOWN OF ROCHESTER
GENERAL FUND REVENUES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

TAXES:

Real Estate	13,780,161	
Personal Property	747,408	
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,066,919	
Penalties and Interest	36,963	\$15,631,451

IN LIEU OF TAXES:

SEMASS	3,881,874	
City of New Bedford	120,771	\$4,002,645

OTHER CHARGES FOR SERVICES:

Zero Waste	12,981	
Ambulance	260,384	\$273,365

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE:

Assessors	1,508	
Treasurer	1,064	
Tax Collector	125	
Conservation Commission	310	
Planning Board	4,940	
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,612	
Police	18,356	
Fire	0	
Board of Health	14,943	
Tax Title Costs	216	
Municipal Liens	17,800	
Town Clerk	1,379	
Solicitor Fingerprint Fee	0	\$63,253

LICENSES:

Liquor License	3,225	
Town Clerk	280	
Police Department	6,775	
Board of Health	8,078	
Cable TV Franchise Fee	5,754	\$24,112

PERMITS:

Board of Selectmen	1,503	
Fire Department	9,120	
Building Inspector	165,413	
Plumbing	9,070	
Gas	9,861	
Wiring	30,658	
Board of Health	12,342	
Soil Conservation Board	200	
Town Clerk	10	\$238,177

FINES:

TNC Rideshare	58	
4th District Court Fines	173	
Motor Vehicle Fines	7,034	
Civil Disposition	1,100	\$8,365

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

Earnings on Investments	2,439	
Out of District Transportation	3,689	
Prior & Current Year Refunds	1,251	
Workmen's Compensation Claims	6,683	
Recurring - Future Generation Wind Credits	21,751	
Recurring - ORR Grades 7-12 School	265,890	
Transportation Reimb		
Recurring - Sped Medicare	22,764	\$324,467

STATE & COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

State Owned Land	77,649	
Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surviving Spouse	6,024	
Chapter 70	2,059,819	
Charter School Tuition Reimbursement	0	
Homeless Transportation	1,924	
Veterans' Benefits	35,721	
Unrestricted Aid	451,008	\$2,632,145

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES		\$23,197,979
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***Report of the
TOWN TREASURER (As of June 30th, 2021)***

Beginning Cash Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$ 6,497,301.77
Cash Receipts 7/1/2020-6/30/2021	28,132,155.68
Warrants Paid 7/1/2020-6/30/2021	(27,469,796.05)
Total Ending Cash balance on hand 6/30/2021	\$ 7,159,661.40
Petty Cash/Accountant	900.00
Total Cash Proof to Accountant	\$7,160,561.40
<u>General Funds</u>	3,701,967.83

Agency Account: - RMS Student Activity 5,862.39

Escrow:

- Appeals Board 0.00
- Conservation 7,318.24
- Board of Health 9,930.21
- Planning Board 26,266.85

Surety:

- Conservation 0.00
- Planning Board 36,604.80

Special Revenue Fund Balances:

Cultural Council	550.87
Education Fund	613.38
Parks & Recreation	48,861.26
Scholarship Fund	186.87
Septic Repayment/Betterment	37,675.63

Stabilization

- General 1,945,997.42
- Public Safety 211,497.37
- School Assessment 259,202.85
- SPED 52,049.26
- Road Improvement 203,639.60
- Capital Improvement 202,112.57

Conservation Commission 6,104.38

<u>Trust Fund Balances:</u>	<u>Non-Expendable</u>	<u>Expendable</u>
<i>School Funds:</i>		
Dr. Caleb Briggs	4,000.00	10,096.28
Thomas Ellis	4,440.26	11,984.06
Brendan M. McGee Music Scholarship	0.00	14,448.09

<u>Trust Fund Balances continued: Non-Expendable</u>		<u>Expendable</u>
<i>Library Funds:</i>		
Judah Hathaway	1,500.00	5,239.48
Elizabeth G. Leonard	1,500.00	5,375.11
Elizabeth G. & Charles F. Leonard	1,500.00	1,672.62
Clarence W. Maxim	1,336.33	4,870.25
John S. Ryder	2,722.63	4,336.82
Sophonria G. Sherman	1,300.00	3,939.89
Annie R. Thorpe	1,500.00	4,806.13
<i>Miscellaneous Trusts:</i>		
Law Enforcement Trust	0.00	4,285.15
Clarence W. Maxim - Red Cross	2,495.84	14,923.52
Clarence W. Maxim - School Athletics	2,495.84	2,522.99
Clarence W. Maxim - Boy Scouts	1,247.93	1,319.83
Marcus & Rebecca Officer Maxim Memorial Lot	0.00	7,372.39
Samuel Sprague – Worthy Poor Legacy	500.00	12,341.27
<i>Cemetery Perpetual Care:</i>		
Ashley Cemetery	200.00	84.87
Center Cemetery	3,650.00	1,461.79
Hillside Cemetery	12,771.70	2,817.28
North Rochester Cemetery	18,970.00	17,281.19
Sherman Cemetery	16,900.00	9,422.68
Union Cemetery	7,495.37	2,926.40
<u>Woodside Cemetery</u>	<u>1,311.94</u>	<u>537.92</u>
Total Trusts	87,837.84	144,066.01
OPEB Trust		171,315.77
Total Cash		\$7,159,661.40
<u>Total Long Term Debt Principal Outstanding June 30, 2021</u>		<u>\$7,305,000.00</u>

Schedule of Long-Term Debt and Interest Outstanding:

Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#1 04/15/2004	Land Acquisition-Cons	4.20	10/15/2021	5,950.00	
			04/15/2022	5,950.00	85,000.00
			10/15/2022	4,037.50	
			04/15/2023	4,037.50	85,000.00
			10/15/2023	2,018.75	
			<u>04/15/2024</u>	<u>2,018.75</u>	<u>85,000.00</u>
Total Land Acquisition-Conservation				24,012.50	255,000.00

Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#2 10/30/2009	Police & Hwy Bldgs	3.01	<u>9/01/2021</u>	<u>3,250.00</u>	<u>130,000.00</u>
Total Police & Highway Buildings				3,250.00	130,000.00

Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#3 1/15/2011	School Project/Fire Trk	3.64	07/15/2021	100,193.75	
			01/15/2022	100,193.75	500,000.00
			07/15/2022	91,443.75	
			01/15/2023	91,443.75	515,000.00
			07/15/2023	82,431.25	
			01/15/2024	82,431.25	535,000.00
			07/15/2024	72,400.00	
			01/15/2025	72,400.00	555,000.00
			07/15/2025	61,300.00	
			01/15/2026	61,300.00	570,000.00
			07/15/2026	49,900.00	
			01/15/2027	49,900.00	590,000.00
			07/15/2027	38,100.00	
			01/15/2028	38,100.00	615,000.00
			07/15/2028	25,800.00	
			01/15/2029	25,800.00	635,000.00
			07/15/2029	13,100.00	
			<u>01/15/2030</u>	<u>13,100.00</u>	<u>655,000.00</u>
Total School Project/Fire Truck				\$1,069,337.50	5,170,000.00

Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#4 1/1/2013	Multi Purpose Twn/Sch	2.00	07/01/2021	19,525.00	
			01/01/2022	19,525.00	200,000.00
			07/01/2022	17,525.00	
			01/01/2023	17,525.00	200,000.00
			07/01/2023	15,525.00	
			01/01/2024	15,525.00	135,000.00
			07/01/2024	14,175.00	
			01/01/2025	14,175.00	135,000.00
			07/01/2025	12,825.00	
			01/01/2026	12,825.00	135,000.00
			07/01/2026	11,475.00	
			01/01/2027	11,475.00	135,000.00
			07/01/2027	10,125.00	
			01/01/2028	10,125.00	135,000.00
			07/01/2028	8,437.50	
			01/01/2029	8,437.50	135,000.00
			07/01/2029	6,750.00	
			01/01/2030	6,750.00	135,000.00
			07/01/2030	5,062.50	
			01/01/2031	5,062.50	135,000.00
			07/01/2031	3,375.00	
			01/01/2032	3,375.00	135,000.00
			07/01/2032	1,687.50	
			<u>01/01/2033</u>	<u>1,687.50</u>	<u>135,000.00</u>
Total Multi Purpose Town/School				252,975.00	1,750,000.00

*Indicates true interest cost over loan life

Total All Long Term Debt Principal \$7,305,000.00

Total Short Term Debt Principal Outstanding June 30, 2021 \$592,200.00

Schedule of Short Term Debt and Interest Outstanding:

Date of Issue	Purpose	Rate	Due Date	Interest	Principal
#1 10/23/2020	BAN-Ambulance	0.59	10/23/2021	847.24	144,000.00
#2 07/03/2020	BAN-Fire Pumper	0.95	07/02/2021	4,246.07	448,200.00
Total All Short Term Debt Principal					\$592,200.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia L. Mello, Treasurer Retired 11/1/2021

Kory A. Lydon, Treasurer Appointed 9/27/2021

2021 VITAL RECORD INFORMATION

DEATHS – 47

NAME	DATE OF DEATH
Travis W. Hannack	January 2, 2021
Frank J. Weckesser	January 8, 2021
Curtis S. Hardy, III	January 12, 2021
Kenneth J. Rea	January 15, 2021
Gordon T. Helme	January 23, 2021
Richard L. Bertrand	January 29, 2021
Maryann T. Cutler	January 30, 2021
Faye E. Silva	February 5, 2021
Christopher S. Faustino	February 8, 2021
Joanne B. Gates	February 3, 2021
Emilie S. Piper	February 15, 2021
Newell R. Harnden	February 17, 2021
Gloria J. Vincent	March 1, 2021
Lorna E. Boulanger	March 5, 2021
Dale C. Dakin	March 16, 2021
Donald J. Dubois	March 28, 2021
Manuel Del Lima, Jr.	April 1, 2021
Ann Marie Guinen	April 3, 2021
Scott A. Chadwick	April 20, 2021
Shirley T. Johnson	April 16, 2021
Francis Carey	April 21, 2021
William D. Hedlund, Jr.	April 28, 2021
George Baron	May 8, 2021
Ernest J. DeVincent	May 23, 2021
Gerald L. Hahn	June 11, 2021
Henry W. Rioux	June 11, 2021
Pauline A. Silva	June 28, 2021

Winston S. Sharples, Jr.	July 7, 2021
Rene A. Depot	July 8, 2021
Mary M. Losch	August 23, 2021
Richard A. Harding	August 25, 2021
Herbert O. Schramm, Jr.	August 27, 2021
Matthew S. Weckesser	August 26, 2021
Beau S. Blizard	August 27, 2021
James A. McGarvey	August 27, 2021
Raymond F. Morris	September 6, 2021
George F. Demers	September 8, 2021
David I. Vermilya	September 22, 2021
Thomas L. Thomas	October 26, 2021
Michael G. Roderick	November 5, 2021
Patricia Gail Tracz	November 4, 2021
Michael J. Farretta	December 1, 2021
John J. Sexton	November 17, 2021
Robert E. Chandler	December 5, 2021
Laura Rusinoski	December 19, 2021
Barbara J. Mendell	December 18, 2021
Walter Keegan	December 22, 2021

BIRTHS: 41

Males – 20

Females – 21

MARRIAGES: 22

TOWN OF ROCHESTER

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 24, 2021

Town Moderator Kirby Gilmore, having declared the presence of a quorum, called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

Kris Stoltenberg, Chairman of the Finance Committee, provided the Town Meeting with an update concerning the overall financial outlook of the Town.

Selectman Paul Ciaburri moved, and it was duly seconded, that the following be allowed to address the Annual Town Meeting:

- Blair Bailey, Town Counsel**
- Andrew Daniel, Facility Director**
- Gail Roberts, Library Director**
- Laurell Farinon, Conservation Agent**
- Robert Small, Police Chief**

Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 1: REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

Selectman Paul Ciaburri moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town accept the annual reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

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ARTICLE 2: ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES

Kris Stoltenberg, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town vote to fix the salaries of the elected officials of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2022 as provided in the recommended column of Article 2.

	Previous	Requested	Recom- mended
	FY2021	FY2021	FY2022
Moderator – Annual Town Meeting	100.00	100.00	100.00

Special Town Meeting	50.00	50.00	50.00
Board of Selectmen (3) each member	4,922.00	5,020.00	5,020.00
Board of Assessors (3) each member	6,691.00	6,825.00	6,825.00
Tax Collector	28,437.00	29,006.00	29,006.00
Town Clerk	40,000.00	40,800.00	40,800.00
Tree Warden	1,708.00	1,743.00	1,743.00
Constables (2)	12.75/hr.	13.50/hr.	13.50/hr.
Highway Surveyor	83,635.00	88,065.00	88,065.00
Board of Health Chairman	2,307.00	2,353.00	2,353.00
Board of Health (2) each member	1,926.00	1,965.00	1,965.00
Herring Inspector	489.00	499.00	499.00
Passed by Majority Voice Vote			

**ARTICLE 3: PERSONNEL BY-LAW AMENDMENT –
CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN**

Kris Stoltenberg, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved the Town vote to amend Part IV, Classification and Compensation Plan for non-unionized municipal employees, effective July 1, 2021 and that the full text of Article 3, including the Classification and Compensation Plan attached thereto, be included in the official record.

Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 4: ROCHESTER FY 2022 OPERATING BUDGET

Kris Stoltenberg, Chairman of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town vote to transfer:

\$550,000 from Free Cash

\$12,000 from Receipts reserved for appropriation - Dog Fund

\$4,000 from Receipts reserved for appropriation - Sale of Cemetery Lots

to raise \$22,321,448 and appropriate \$22,887,448

for the purposes specified in the Finance Committee recommendations printed in the warrant, as amended by prior votes; and that the complete text of Article 4 be included in the official record.

Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 4
TOWN OF ROCHESTER FY 2022 OPERATING BUDGET

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2022
	APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT	FINANCE
	APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	REQUEST	COMMITTEE
				RECOMMENDATION
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
113 Town Meeting				
4-1 Salaries/Wages	381	389	441	441
4-2 Expenses	295	295	303	303
Total Town Meeting	676	684	744	744
114 Town Moderator				
4-3 Town Moderator Salary	300	300	300	300
4-4 Expenses	0	0	0	0
Total Moderator	300	300	300	300
FY 2022 Position Breakdown:				
Moderator \$100 ATM, \$50 STM				
122 Board of Selectmen				
4-5 Selectmen's Salary	14,476	14,766	15,062	15,062
Total Selectmen	14,476	14,766	15,062	15,062
FY 2021 Position Breakdown:				
Board of Selectmen ea. Member	4,826	4,922	5,020	

131	Finance Committee					
4-6	Expenses	300	300	300	300	300
132	Reserve Fund					
4-7	Reserve Fund	50,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
	Total Finance Committee	50,300	70,300	70,300	70,300	70,300
134	Capital Planning Committee					
4-8	Expenses	300	300	300	300	300
	Total Capital Planning Committee	300	300	300	300	300
135	Town Accountant					
4-9	Town Accountant Salaries & Wages	119,364	123,265	127,872	127,872	127,872
4-10	Expenses	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750	3,750
4-11	Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Town Accountant	123,114	127,015	131,622	131,622	131,622
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:					
	Town Accountant - PT	50,069	52,573	55,202	55,202	55,202
	Assistant Town Accountant	64,706	66,001	67,321	67,321	67,321
	Longevity	3,589	3,691	4,349	4,349	4,349
	Town Accountant Certification	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

140	Information Systems					
4-12	Expenses	96,250	103,450	106,500	106,500	
4-13	Capital					
	Total Information Systems	96,250	103,450	106,500	106,500	
141	Board of Assessors					
4-14	Assessors Salaries	19,680	20,074,	21,841	21,841	
4-15	Assessors Staff Wages	172,257	179,226	171,521	171,521	
4-16	Expenses	17,843	20,267	20,685	20,685	
4-17	Capital	0	0	0	0	
	Total Board of Assessors	209,780	219,567	214,047	214,047	
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown					
	Board of Assessors (3 members each)	6,560	6,691	6,825	6,825	
	Assessors' Certification	1,312	1,339	3,666	3,666	
	Assessment Administrator	46,213	46,955	47,891	47,891	
	Principal Assessor	81,078	84,7671	73,440	73,440	
	Salary Full Time	39,395	43,564	46,453	46,453	
	Longevity	4,259	2,601	1,437	1,437	
145	Treasurer					
4-18	Treasurer's Salary & Wages	106,650	113,556	116,882	116,882	
4-19	Expenses	9,700	9,700	9,700	9,700	
4-20	Capital	0	0	0	0	

4-21	Tax Title Expense	0	0	0	0
	Total Treasurer	116,350	123,256	126,582	126,582
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:				
	Treasurer	66,089	67,411	68,760	
	Assistant Treasurer	1,680	3,600	3,600	
	Treasurer's Clerk - PT	35,842	39,442	41,354	
	Treasurer Certification	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	Longevity	2,039	2,103	2,168	
146	Tax Collector				
4-22	Tax Collector's Salary & Wages	29,389	29,947	30,516	30,516
4-23	Expenses	13,150	13,450	13,450	13,450
	Total Tax Collector	42,539	43,397	43,966	43,966
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:				
	Tax Collector	27,879	28,437	29,006	
	Additional Clerical	510	510	510	
	Collectors Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000	
151	Town Counsel				
4-24	Salaries/Wages	80,709	82,323	83,970	83,970
4-25	Expenses	18,350	18,350	18,350	18,350
	Total Town Counsel	99,059	100,673	102,320	102,320
	FY 2021 Position Breakdown:				
	Longevity	1,583	1,614	1,614	

152	Personnel Board					
4-26	Expenses	200	200	200	200	200
	Total Personnel Board	200	200	200	200	200
161	Town Clerk					
4-27	Town Clerk Salaries & Wages	38,091	40,000	40,800	40,800	40,800
4-28	Expenses	2,045	2,495	4,200	4,200	4,200
4-29	Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Town Clerk	40,136	42,495	45,000	45,000	45,000
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:					
	Town Clerk	36,981	40,000	40,800	40,800	
	Certification	1,000	0	0	0	
	Part Time Salaries	110	0	0	0	
162	Elections					
4-30	Part-Time Wages	3,560	5,500	2,927	2,927	2,927
4-31	Expenses	4,725	6,125	5,632	5,632	5,632
	Total Elections	8,285	11,625	8,559	8,559	8,559
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:					
	Election Workers	2,088	3,000	2,094	2,094	
	Detail Officers / Extended Polling Money	1,472	2,500	833	833	

163	Board of Registrars					
4-32	Part-Time Wages	3,310	3,500	3,782	3,782	3,782
4-33	Expenses	3,325	3,675	6,650	6,650	6,650
4-34	Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Board of Registrars	6,635	7,175	10,432	10,432	10,432

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Registrars	3,060	3,500	3,782
Fees	250	0	0

171	Conservation Commission					
4-35	Salaries/Wages	106,937	109,841	99,768	99,768	99,768
4-36	Expenses	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,050	3,050
4-37	Conservation Commission Fund	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Conservation Commission	109,987	112,891	102,818	102,818	102,818

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent	81,037	82,658	74,691
Board Administrator	22,658	23,877	25,077
Longevity	3,242	3,306	0

175	Planning Board					
4-38	Salaries/Wages	59,322	69,529	92,782	92,782	92,782
4-39	Expenses	5,750	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150
	Total Planning Board	65,072	75,679	98,932	98,932	98,932

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Town Planner - PT	34,012	43,000	65,000
Board Administrator	22,658	23,877	25,077
Recording Secretary - PT	2,652	2,652	2,705

176 Zoning Board of Appeals

4-40 Part Time Wages	0	0	0
4-41 Expenses	300	300	300
Total Zoning Board of Appeals	300	300	300

179 Soil Board

4-42 Expenses	100	100	100
Total Soil Board	100	100	100

192 Town Hall

4-43 Salaries/Wages	231,283	242,735	257,243
4-44 Expenses	132,050	154,750	150,150
4-45 Capital	0	0	0
Total Town Hall	363,333	397,485	407,393

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Town Administrator	81,025	85,077	89,331
Administrative Assistant	51,311	53,704	56,460
Facilities Manager	68,431	71,850	75,350
Administrative Clerk	28,895	30,402	33,422
Longevity	1,621	1,702	2,680

195	Town Hall Annex				
4-46	Expenses	45,900	46,400	46,400	46,400
	Total Town Hall Annex	45,900	46,400	46,400	46,400
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,393,092	1,498,058	1,531,877	1,531,877
	PUBLIC SAFETY:				
210	Police				
4-47	Salaries/Wages/Benefit Coverage	1,112,364	1,147,335	1,174,767	1,174,761
4-48	Expenses	193,495	200,475	201,835	201,835
4-49	Capital	46,200	40,500	53,000	53,000
	Total Police	1,352,059	1,388,310	1,429,602	1,429,602
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:				
	Police Chief	121,380	123,810	128,910	
	Sergeant	204,438	219,500	224,530	
	Full-Time Officers	477,520	481,000	491,800	
	Reserve Officers	16,176	19,479	18,891	
	Police Chief Admin. Assist.	28,674	29,141	29,729	
	Full Time Office Coverage	40,800	41,700	41,700	
	Shift Differential	10,295	15,300	16,760	
	Benefit Coverage	203,379	205,515	210,302	
	Special Custodian	1,152	1,180	1,180	
	Longevity	8,550	10,710	10,965	

220	Fire					
4-50	Salaries/Wages	152,970	165,639	168,795	168,795	
4-51	Expenses	155,782	161,001	178,312	178,312	
4-52	Capital	0	0	0	0	
	Total Fire	308,752	326,640	347,107	347,107	

FY 2022 Position Breakdown

Fire Chief / EMT Stipend	97,500	99,400
Deputy Chief, On-Call	9,252	9,437
Captain, On-Call	5,575	5,687
Lieutenant, On-Call	7,248	7,393
On-Call Firefighters Wages	38,773	39,549
Inspection Fees	5,391	5,391
Longevity	1,900	1,938

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EMT

4-53	Salaries/Wages	423,534	432,001	440,637	440,637
4-54	Expenses	76,4001	87,920	90,420	90,420
4-55	Capital	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
	Total EMT	506,434	526,421	537,557	537,557

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

On-Call Paramedics /EMT's Wages	405,302	413,408
On-Call EMT's	26,495	27,025
On-Call EMT's Court Time	204	204

241	Building Inspector						
4-56	Inspection Services	6,000	6,000	7,500	7,500		
4-57	Salaries/Wages	113,524	116,313	130,866	130,866		
4-58	Expenses	5,802	5,802	5,802	5,802		
4-59	Capital	0	0	0	0		
	Total Building Inspector	125,326	128,115	144,168	144,168		

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Inspector of Buildings Salary	47,441	48,390	49,358
Administrative Assistant	54,475	57,003	59,863
Longevity/Overtime			3,237
Inspection Fees	6,000	6,000	7,500
ZBA Administrative Assistant	13,221	10,920	18,408

242/243 Gas/Plumbing Inspector

4-60	Inspection Services	14,600	14,600	14,600	14,600		
4-61	Expenses	800	800	800	800		
	Total Gas/Plumbing Inspector	15,400	15,400	15,400	15,400		

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Inspection Fees	14,600	14,600	14,600
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245	Wiring Inspector						
4-62	Inspection Services	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
4-63	Expenses	690	915	915	915	915	915
	Total Wiring Inspector	15,690	15,915	15,915	15,915	15,915	15,915
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:						
	Inspection Fees	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
290	Gasoline Account						
4-64	Expenses	71,400	71,400	71,400	71,400	71,400	65,400
	Total Gasoline	71,400	71,400	71,400	71,400	71,400	65,400
291	Emergency Management						
4-65	Salaries/Wages	0	0	0	0	0	0
4-66	Expenses	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465
4-67	Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Emergency Management	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465
292	Animal Control						
4-68	Service Fees	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200
4-69	Expenses	2,750	3,075	3,075	3,075	3,075	3,075
	Total Animal Control	11,950	12,275	12,275	12,275	12,275	12,275
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:						
	Animal Control Officer	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200

294	Tree Warden					
4-70	Tree Warden Salary	1,674	1,708	1,743	1,743	1,743
4-71	Salaries/Wages	4,250	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4-72	Expenses	9,850	19,450	19,450	19,450	19,450
4-73	Capital	0			0	0
	Total Tree Warden	15,774	26,158	26,193	26,193	26,193
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:					
	Tree Warden	1,674	1,708	1,743	1,743	
	Detail Overtime wages	4,250	5,000	5,000	5,000	
297	Constables					
4-74	Constable Wages	375	375	300	300	300
4-75	Expenses	147	147	100	100	100
	Total Constables	522	522	400	400	400
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:					
	Constables	375	375	300	300	
299	Regional Dispatch Center					
4-76	ROCCC Assessment	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
	Total Regional Dispatch Center	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	2,599,772	2,687,621	2,770,482	2,770,482	2,770,482

EDUCATION:				
300				
4-77	Rochester Memorial School	6,266,984	6,309,641	6,477,008
	FY 2022 Breakdown:			
	RMS Operating	5,864,765	6,011,697	6,156,640
	Special Education out of District Costs	402,219	297,944	320,368
4-78	Bristol County Agricultural Assessment	202,910	300,190	321,267
4-79	Bus Transportation (ORR)	285,070	285,070	0
4-80	Old Rochester Regional Assessment	4,843,653	4,892,197	4,987,977
4-81	Old Colony Vocational Technical Assessment	1,269,385	1,236,792	1,234,433
	TOTAL EDUCATION	12,868,002	13,023,890	13,020,685
PUBLIC WORKS:				
421	Highway Surveyor			
4-82	Highway Surveyor Salary	83,635	85,500	88,065
	Total Highway Surveyor	83,635	85,500	88,065
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:			
	Highway Surveyor	83,635	85,500	88,065
422	Highway Department			
4-83	Salaries/Wages	322,417	331,821	345,914

4-84	Expenses	209,650	216,100	226,100	226,100
4-85	Capital	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Total Highway Department	542,067	557,921	582,014	582,014
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:				
	Laborers, Foreman	294,696	301,503	312,777	
	Custodian	1,000	1,000	1,200	
	Overtime wages	15,300	15,810	16,320	
	Detail	6,000	8,000	10,000	
	Longevity	5,421	5,508	5,617	
423	Snow/Ice Removal				
4-86	Salaries/Wages	15,000	19,000	20,000	20,000
4-87	Expenses	70,000	70,000	74,000	74,000
4-88	Capital	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
	Total Snow/Ice Removal	101,000	105,000	110,000	110,000
433/434	Solid Waste				
4-89	Contracted Services	354,309	321,678	331,329	331,329
4-90	Expenses	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
	Total Solid Waste	362,309	329,678	339,329	339,329
450	Water Department				
4-91	Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Total Water Department	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

491 Cemeteries					
4-92 Expenses	8,650	8,650	8,650	8,650	8,650
Total Cemeteries	8,650	8,650	8,650	8,650	8,650
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,098,661	1,087,749	1,129,058	1,129,058	1,129,058
HUMAN SERVICES:					
511 Board of Health					
4-93 Board of Health Salaries	6,040	6,159	6,283	6,283	6,283
4-94 Salaries/Wages	31,706	67,452	68,931	68,931	68,931
4-95 Expenses	6,720	5,520	7,790	7,790	7,790
4-96 Capital	0	0	0	0	0
4-97 Regional Health District	57,558	15,599	13,955	13,955	13,955
Total Board of Health	102,024	94,730	96,959	96,959	96,959
FY 2022 Position Breakdown:					
Board of Health, Chairman	2,262	2,307	2,353	2,353	
Board of Health, member ea. (2)	1,889	1,926	1,965	1,965	
Public Health Nurse	16,889	17,159	17,456	17,456	
Secretary - PT	14,817	15,058	15,355	15,355	
Health Agent	0	35,235	36,120	36,120	

519	Inspector of Animals						
4-98	Inspection Services	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
4-99	Expenses	25	25	25	25	25	25
	Total Inspector of Animals	1,525	1,725	1,725	1,725	1,725	1,725
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:						
	Inspector of Animals	1,500	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
541	Council On Aging						
4-100	Salaries/Wages	192,242	188,544	198,654	198,654	198,654	198,654
4-101	Expenses	73,735	73,185	96,045	96,045	96,045	96,045
4-102	Capital	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Council On Aging	265,977	261,729	294,699	294,699	294,699	294,699
	FY 2022 Position Breakdown:						
	Council on Aging Director	76,451	71,400	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
	Outreach Worker	36,046	37,725	39,636	39,636	39,636	39,636
	Council on Aging Van Drivers	31,438	34,722	45,674	45,674	45,674	45,674
	Council on Aging Secretary & Part Time	20,902	17,006	19,243	19,243	19,243	19,243
	Longevity	298	0	0	0	0	0
	Custodian/Special Custodian	27,107	21,691	14,101	14,101	14,101	14,101

543	Veterans Services					
4-103	Veteran's Benefits	63,900	63,900	63,900	63,900	63,900
4-104	Assessment	17,171	18,359	18,583	18,583	18,583
	Total Veterans Services	81,071	82,259	82,483	82,483	82,483
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	450,597	440,443	475,866	475,866	475,866

CULTURE & RECREATION:

610	Plumb Library					
4-105	Salaries/Wages	167,976	170,291	173,602	173,602	173,602
4-106	Expenses	60,985	62,639	62,363	62,363	62,363
4-107	Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Plumb Library	228,961	232,930	235,965	235,965	235,965

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Library Director	69,348	70,735	72,150
Library Assistant	49,243	50,034	51,033
Library Aide	40,676	41,323	42,145
Library Page	5,031	4,457	4,457
Longevity	3,678	3,742	3,817

630	Park Department					
4-108	Salaries/Wages	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
4-109	Expenses	9,120	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100
4-110	Capital	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Park Department	15,370	16,600	16,600	16,600	16,600

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Laborer - PT	6,500	6,500
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631	Herring Inspector					
4-111	Herring Inspector Salary	479	489	499	499	499
4-112	Expenses	625	625	625	625	625
	Total Herring Inspector	1,104	1,114	1,124	1,124	1,124

FY 2022 Position Breakdown:

Herring Inspector	479	489
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691	Historical Commission					
4-113	Expenses	500	500	500	500	500
	Total Historical Commission	500	500	500	500	500

692	Town Events/Celebrations					
4-114	Salaries/Wages	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
4-115	Expenses	700	700	700	700	700
	Total Town Events/Celebrations	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200

694	Rochester Historic District					
4-116	Expenses	200	200	200	200	200
	Total Rochester Historic District	200	200	200	200	200
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	248,335	253,544	256,589	256,589	256,589
	FIXED COSTS & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:					
710	Debt Service					
4-117	Principal	890,000	890,000	915,000	915,000	915,000
4-118	Long Term Interest	314,383	284,903	254,588	254,588	254,588
4-119	Short Term Notes	24,000	73,800	73,800	73,800	73,800
4-120	Short Term Interest	10,074	18,705	10,094	10,094	10,094
	Subtotal Debt Service	1,238,457	1,267,408	1,253,482	1,253,482	1,253,482
830/840	Intergovernmental Assessments					
4-121	SRPEDD/ Buzzards Bay Action Comm.	2,123	2,417	2,479	2,479	2,479
	Subtotal Int Assessments	2,123	2,417	2,479	2,479	2,479
900	Other Fixed Costs					
4-124	County Retirement Assessment	751,595	846,103	938,903	938,903	938,903
4-125	Unemployment Medicare/Medicaid/SPED	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
4-126	Reimbursement	112,921	115,517	130,476	130,476	130,476

4-127	Employee Group Insurances	1,050,358	1,026,986	1,075,551	1,075,551
4-128	Town Insurances	238,000	252,500	267,000	267,000
4-129	Accumulated Sick Leave Benefit	20,000	5,000	20,000	20,000
	Subtotal Other Fixed Costs	2,187,874	2,261,106	2,446,930	2,446,930
	TOTAL FIXED COSTS & OTHER REQUIREMENTS	3,428,454	3,530,931	3,702,891	3,702,891
	Total General Government	1,393,092	1,498,058	1,531,877	1,531,877
	Total Public Safety	2,599,772	2,687,621	2,770,482	2,770,482
	Total Education	12,868,002	13,023,890	13,020,685	13,020,685
	Total Public Works	1,098,661	1,087,749	1,129,058	1,129,058
	Total Human Services	450,597	440,443	475,866	475,866
	Total Culture & Recreation	248,335	253,544	256,589	256,589
	Total Fixed Costs & Other Requirements	3,428,454	3,530,931	3,702,891	3,702,891
	Total Operating Budget (Article 4)	22,086,913	22,522,236	22,887,448	22,887,448

ARTICLE 5: SPENDING LIMITS ON REVOLVING FUNDS

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to fix the spending limits for fiscal year 2022 beginning on July 1, 2021 for the revolving funds established in the town by-laws in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ as provided in Article 5.

Authorized Revolving Funds	FY2022 Spending Limit
Library Materials	\$10,000
Waste and Recycling Program	\$50,000
Hazardous Waste Recovery	\$10,000
Rochester Country Fair	\$40,000
Local Cultural Council	\$6,000
COA Programs and Activities	\$10,000
Flu and Medical Clinics	\$25,000
Tax Title	\$2,500
Arbor Funds	\$50,000
Total FY2022 Spending Limit	\$203,500

Motion passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 6: NATURAL RESOURCE EXPENSES

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$300 for the Natural Resource Expenses.

FUND FY 2022 NATURAL RESOURCE EXPENSES

DEPARTMENT	ITEM/PROJECT	
Selectmen	Planting of Shellfish (Marion)	\$300
	TOTAL ASSESSMENT	\$300

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 7: OPEB FUNDING

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the total sum of \$15,000 to fund the Town’s future obligations for the cost

of Other Post-Employment Benefits identified by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 75 Report.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 8: ADJUSTED ASSET LIMIT FOR CLAUSE 17s

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17E, which authorizes an annual increase in the asset (whole estate) limit for exemptions granted to senior citizens, surviving spouses and surviving minors under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D by the percentage increase in the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2021.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 9: ADJUSTED INCOME AND ASSET LIMIT FOR CLAUSE 41s

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41D, which authorizes an annual increase in the income (gross receipts) and asset (whole estate) limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C by the percentage increase in the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2021.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote.

ARTICLE 10: FLOOD PLAIN DISTRICT AMENDMENT

Prior to discussion and debate on Article 10, the Moderator called upon Arnold Johnson, Chairman of the Planning Board, who informed the Town Meeting that the Planning Board had held a Public Hearing on the content of Article 10 and that following that hearing the Planning Board voted to recommend passage of Article 10 to the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 11: Capital Plan Funding

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that move that the Town vote to transfer from Capital Improvements Fund the total sum of \$201,190 to fund the following capital expenditures:

- a) **Highway – \$40,500 to replace Dump Body 10-Wheeler**
- b) **Highway – \$29,990 to replace Dump Body 6-Wheeler**
- c) **Highway – \$18,170 for an Engineered Poured Flooring Solution for the Highway Barn**
- d) **Rochester Memorial School – \$15,480 to replace Outdated Technology Devices**
- e) **Rochester Memorial School – \$12,550 to replace Aging Alarm System**
- f) **Rochester Memorial School – \$38,500 to install Irrigation on Playing Field**
- g) **Council on Aging – \$46,000 for Air Handlers, AC Compressors and related Electrical**

Motion Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 12: SCHOOL ASSESSMENT STABILIZATION FUND

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the School Assessment Stabilization Fund.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 13: PUBLIC SAFETY STABILIZATION FUND

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$80,000 to be added to the Public Safety Stabilization Fund.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 14: STABILIZATION FUND

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$300,000 to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 15: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000 to be added to Capital Improvements Fund.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 16: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS STABILIZATION FUND

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Road Improvements Stabilization Fund.

Motion Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 17: TOWN ELECTION

Bendrix Bailey moved, and it was duly seconded, that Article 17 be amended by striking the words “one member of the Planning Board for five years” and inserting in place thereof the words “two members of the Planning Board for five years”.

Amendment approved by Majority Voice Vote

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to choose by ballot all necessary officers for the ensuing year, viz; one Moderator for three years; one member of the Board of Selectmen for three years; one member of the Board of Health for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; one member of the Cemetery Commission for three years; one Tree Warden for three years; two Library

Trustees for three years; two members of the Rochester Memorial School Committee for three years; one member of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee for three years; two members of the Planning Board for five years; one member of the Park Commission for three years; and one member of the Water Commission for three years; on Wednesday, the 26th day of May, 2021, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning in the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane, in said Rochester.

Main Motion Approved (as amended) by Majority Voice Vote.

There being no further business to come before the Town Meeting, Town Moderator Kirby Gilmore declared the Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 18, 2021

Town Moderator David Arancio, having declared the presence of a quorum, called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. in the Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA.

Selectman Bradford Morse moved, and it was duly seconded, that the following be allowed to address the Annual Town Meeting:

Blair Bailey, Town Counsel
Andrew Daniel, Facility Director
Robert Small, Police Chief
Heather Burke, Chairperson of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee.

Voted – Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 1.

Selectman Bradford Morse moved, and it was duly seconded, to amend the Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Pertaining to Dogs in Section 2 by adding the following paragraph:

Notwithstanding any provisions of this by-law to the contrary, the licensing period for all dogs shall begin on January 1st and continue through March 31st of each year. Any person licensing their dog on or after April 1 of any given year shall pay, in addition to the annual licensing fee, a late fee of \$25.00 per license. The Town Clerk shall transmit said late fee(s) to the dog fund in the same manner as all other fees.

Voted – Voice Vote

ARTICLE 2.

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the licensing and installation of a Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) system for the purpose of ongoing valuation of properties in Rochester.

Voted – Voice Vote

ARTICLE 3.

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to increase the appropriation previously voted under Article 4, line item 4-16, of the May 24, 2021 Annual Town Meeting, for Assessors’ Software and Support Services.

Voted – Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 4.

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for a Town Administrator Search Firm.

Voted – Voice Vote

ARTICLE 5.

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to supplement the appropriation previously voted under Article 4 of the November 16, 2020 Special Town Meeting for a Facilities Department Utility Truck with Plow.

Voted – Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 6.

Selectman Bradford Morse moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to change the name of the executive body of the Town of Rochester from the Board of Selectmen to the “Select Board,” and individual members, previously known as Selectmen, to “Select Board members” and further affirm that, upon the effective date of such change, the term “Board of Selectmen” shall be taken to mean “Select Board”, the term “Selectmen” shall be taken to mean “Select Board member” under any general or special law and for the purposes of all by-laws, regulations, contracts, agreements or other documents that refer to or are applicable to the Town of Rochester.

Voted – Voice Vote

ARTICLE 7.

Selectman Bradford Morse moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule Petition with the General Court for a special law authorizing the Town to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises for property located within the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District. The proposed Special Act would read as follows:

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER TO
GRANT AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK OFF THE PREMISES

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the local licensing authority of the Town of Rochester may grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, under section 15 of said chapter 138, to any establishment located within the Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District in the town of Rochester, Massachusetts. The license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license granted under this section to any other location but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

(c) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this section or any such license is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this section.

(d) All licenses granted under this section shall be issued within 1 year after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally granted within that time period may be granted to a new applicant under subsections (b) or (c) thereafter.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

And, further, that the Board may make modifications and changes which do not affect the substance of the Act.

Voted – Voice Vote

ARTICLE 8.

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to rescind the previously approved borrowing authorization for the purchase of land on Rounseville Road as approved on the June 22, 2020 Annual Town Meeting, Article 18, with the unissued amount of \$160,000.

Voted – Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 9.

Selectman Bradford Morse moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing “Agreement among the Towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District”, to amend and restate the existing regional agreement of the Old Rochester Regional School District by approving and accepting the amendment and restatement initiated and approved by a vote of the Regional School Committee and submitted to the Board of Selectmen of each member town.

Voted – Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 10.

Selectman Bradford Morse moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund by the Old Rochester Regional School District, to be known as the Regional School District Capital Fund, to pay costs of capital repairs, renovations, and improvements to the regional district school and its associated facilities, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 16G 1/2 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Voted – Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 11.

Selectman Bradford Morse moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease of real property and/or air rights for the creation of solar canopies over municipal parking lots owned by the Town at the Rochester at the Rochester Memorial School. Said project shall be subject to the procedures for site plan review before the Rochester Planning Board.

Voted – Voice Vote

ARTICLE 12.

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be added to the Road Improvements Stabilization Fund.

Voted – Voice Vote

ARTICLE 13.

Finance Committee Chair Kris Stoltenberg moved, and it was duly seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be added to the Stabilization Fund.

Voted – Unanimous Voice Vote

There being no further business to come before the Town Meeting, Town Moderator David Arancio declared the Special Town Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Report of the
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board met regularly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. throughout the year, with the exception of November and December. Due to Covid-19, the members convened in-person and via Zoom at the Old Colony Vocational Regional Technical High School. The Rochester Planning Board reviewed the following matters with the assistance of the Town Planner Steven Starrett, Board Administrator Tanya Ventura, and their predecessors' Town Planner Nancy Durfee and Board Administrator Victoria D'Antoni:

❖ Special Permits

1. Large Scale Photovoltaic Installation Special Permit and Special Permit Application for Groundwater Protection / Snipatuit Road Solar, LLC / 0 Snipatuit Road, designated at Map 46 and 47, Lots 1, 4, 9, 9A, 26, and 27.
2. Large-Scale Photovoltaic Installation Special Permit and Special Permit Application for Groundwater Protection / Cushman Road Solar, LLC / 0 Cushman Road, designated at Map 33, Lot 11.
3. A Solar Energy Facility Installation Special Permit and Special Permit Application for Groundwater Protection / Renewable Energy Development Partners, LLC / 109 Neck Road, designated at Map 40, Lot 3.

❖ Definitive Subdivisions

1. Bendrix Bailey / 0 Gerrish Road, designated at Map 43A, Lot 29B.

❖ Preliminary Subdivisions

1. Decas Cranberry Co., LLC / 0 Mary's Pond Road, designated as Map 12 Lot 7.

❖ Approval Not Required

1. William Clapp / 52 Clapp Road
2. Decas Cranberry Company / 0 Burgess Avenue
3. William and Anita Milka / 246 & 268 New Bedford Road
4. William Clapp / 52 Clapp Road
5. Robert Long / Neck Road
6. Steven Sol / 108 Burgess Avenue
7. Decas Cranberry Co., LLC / 0 Mary's Pond Road
8. William Milka / 241 New Bedford Road

- ❖ Site Plan Review
 1. Trinity Solar / 323 Rounseville Road
 2. Robert Ferreira / 92 Pine Street

- ❖ Cranberry Highway Smart Growth Overlay District
 1. Steen Realty & Development / 22 Cranberry Highway

December 14, 2021 - SRPEDD Commission Appointment 2022-2023: The Planning Board approved Town Planner Durfee to serve on the SRPEDD Commission through May 22, 2023.

The Board has provided oversight of several projects including the Village at Plumb Corner, Connet Woods, SEMASS, Zero Waste, Trailside, and Old Middleboro Road.

Respectfully submitted by the Rochester Planning Board and staff,

Arnold Johnson, Chairman
John DeMaggio, Vice Chairman
Bendrix Bailey, Clerk
Michael Murphy, Associate Clerk
Lee Carr, Member
Christopher Silveira, Member
Marc Rousseau, Member

Victoria D'Antoni, Board Administrator
Lori Walsh, Recording Secretary
Nancy Durfee, Town Planner

Report of the

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals held a total of fifteen meetings and received sixteen applications for public hearings in 2021 resulting in 8 Special Permits granted, 1 Amended Special Permit granted, and 6 Variances granted. There were also 2 Variances, 1 Special Permit, and 1 Amended Special Permit applications withdrawn without prejudice, and 2 Variance applications denied.

1155 Plumb Corner, LLC for property located at 0 Rounseville Road, identified on Assessor's Map 30, Lot 24, 25B, & 25C, who is seeking a Special Permit to construct a sign (8' x 4' = 32 sq. ft.) advertising a new subdivision under Chapter 22.60, Section E.3. for The Village at Plumb Corner. *Opened 12/10/20 & Granted on 1/14/21.*

1157 Katherine Hartley for property located at 0 Pine Street, identified on Assessor's Map 37, Lot 20, who is seeking a Variance for relief under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1, for approval to construct a single-family dwelling on a lot with reduced frontage of 16.64 feet rather than the required 225 feet. *Withdrawn Without Prejudice 1/28/21.*

1158 Jeremy & Kristin Saccone for property located at 111 County Road, identified on Assessor's Map 16, Lot 19, who is seeking a Special Permit for the conversion of a single family home to a multi-family home by creating a dwelling unit with <30% of primary residence floor area, per Chapter 20.40, Section F.9a; and a request of a Variance of the lot area requirement under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9a to allow the conversion to multi-family on a pre-existing, non-confirming lot containing and area of 48,350 square feet. *Granted 1/28/21.*

1159 Matthew Dessert of behalf of Kevin Bennett for property located at 9 County Road, identified on Assessor's Map 10, Lot 3C, who is seeking 2 Variances of both side setback requirements under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1. for the construction of a 10' x 12' addition with an attached deck and an ADA complaint wheelchair ramp. *Granted 1/28/21.*

#995 Amended Special Permit

ILC Development, LLC for property located at 92 Pine Street, identified on Assessor's Map 37, Lot 47, who is seeking an amendment to Special Permit Appeal #995 issued on April 28, 2011 under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., (formerly Section

VIII.D.6.) of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws for the conversion of a repair bay to offices and an addition to an existing repair bay. *Withdrawn Without Prejudice 2/22/21.*

- 1160** Katherine Hartley for property located at 0 Pine Street, identified on Assessor's Map 37, Lot 20, who is seeking 2 Variances for relief under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1, for (1) approval to construct a single-family dwelling on a lot with reduced frontage of 16.64 feet rather than the required 225 feet, and (2) seeking relief from the building rectangle plan requirement. *Denied 2/25/21.*
- 1161** Steen Realty and Development Corp. on behalf of Rochester Crossroads LLC for property located at 22 Cranberry Highway, identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lots 41.C1, 41.C3, 41.C4, who are seeking 3 Special Permits for 1 monument sign on each of the three lots, per the attached schematic, in excess of nine square feet under Chapter 22.60, Section E.3. *Granted 3/25/21.*
- 1162** Laurie Whitney-Lawrence for property located at 0 Mendell Road, identified on Assessor's Map 28, Lot 24A who is seeking a Special Permit to host private functions such as weddings, receptions, showers, memorial services, etc. on the property under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6. *Granted 5/27/21.*
- 1163** Carl & Jennifer Achorn for property located at 0 Snipatuit Road, identified on Assessor's Map 35, Lot 42F, who is seeking a Variance for relief under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1, for the construction of single-family dwelling on an undersized lot (1.35 acres). *Granted 4/22/21.*
- 1164** Jorge Rodriguez for property located at 12 Mayflower Lane, identified on Assessor's Map 21A, Lot 43, who is seeking a Special Permit for an addition for conversion to a multi-family dwelling, and a Variance of the lot size requirement under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a. of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. *Withdrawn Without Prejudice 5/27/21.*
- 1165** Jorge Rodriguez for property located at 12 Mayflower Lane, identified on Assessor's Map 21A, Lot 43, who is seeking a Special Permit for an addition for conversion to a multi-family dwelling, a Variance of the lot size requirement, and a Variance to allow an increase in the structure floor area to exceed 30%, under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a. of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. *Withdrawn Without Prejudice 6/24/21.*

- 1166** Mark and Ashley Briggs for property located at 0 New Bedford Road, identified on Assessor's Map 4, Lots 28, 28B 28C, who are seeking a Special Permit for a building to be used for the restoration, detailing, and storage of collectible cars with limited private sales within the Limited Commercial District under Section 20.40, Section F.6 of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. *Granted 8/26/21.*
- 1167** Mark Woodward, Jr. for property located at 519 County Road, identified on Assessor's Map 17, Lot 20, who is seeking a Variance for the construction of a garage exceeding 1,000 square feet under Chapter 20.40, Section E.2.(7) of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. *Granted 8/26/21.*
- #995** **Amended Special Permit**
ILC Development, LLC for property located at 92 Pine Street, identified on Assessor's Map 37, Lot 47, who is seeking an amendment to Special Permit Appeal #995 issued on April 28, 2011 under Chapter 20.40, Section F.6., (formerly Section VIII.D.6.) of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws for the conversion of a repair bay to offices and an addition to an existing repair bay. *Granted 9/9/21.*
- 1168** Ryan Correia for property located at 91 Sarah Sherman Road, identified on Assessor's Map 28, Lot 8Q, who is seeking a Special Permit to convert existing living space above garage into a multi-family dwelling under Chapter 20.40, Section F.9.a. of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. *Granted 11/18/21.*
- 1169** Molly Fournier for property located at 447 Neck Road, identified on Assessor's Map 26, Lot 10 who is seeking a Variance to the rear setback requirements of 40'; the proposed rear setback would be 22.8' under Chapter 20.40, Section D.1. to build a deck. *Granted 11/18/21.*

Respectfully submitted,

David Arancio, Chairman
 Davis Sullivan, Vice Chairman
 Richard Cutler, Member
 Kirby Gilmore, Member
 Thomas Flynn, Member
 Donald Spirlet, Associate Member
 Jeffrey Costa, Associate Member
 Patrice LaForest, Board Administrator
 Patricia Pacella, Administrative Assistant

Report of the
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND TOWN FOREST
COMMITTEE**

Members & Purpose

Rochester has a long history of preserving important ecological, agricultural, cultural and water supply related lands for future generations. The Town of Rochester established the Conservation Commission & Town Forest Committee (“Commission”) in 1963 under the Conservation Commission Act.

The Commission is responsible for protecting Rochester’s natural resources, managing the Town Forest and conservation lands, administering the Massachusetts and Town Wetland Protection statutes, and advising other municipal officials and boards on conservation and environmental matters.

The Rochester Conservation Commission office is located at the Town Hall Annex at 37 Marion Road; office hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The office can be reached by calling 508-763-5421 extension 206. The Commission holds public meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the library of the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School. All hearings are advertised in *The Wanderer* at least five (5) calendar days before the meeting.

Commission Staff

The Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent and Board Administrator work under the direction of the Conservation Commission and provide support, coordination, and professional management of the Conservation Commission in carrying out its mission to protect Rochester’s natural resources. Commission staff assists landowners, developers, applicants, engineers and the general public to provide due diligence information and professional advice on the Wetlands Protection Act and Rochester Wetlands Protection Bylaw. Commission staff assists the Commission in planning, acquisition, administration and management of municipal conservation land and conservation restrictions.

2021 was a year of great change for the Conservation Commission. In May, the Commission Chairman Michael Conway, resigned and moved out of state. Good luck, Michael, you are missed. The Commission then voted in

Christopher Gerrior to take over the Chairmanship. For some time, the Commission was down to just five members. Léna Bourque stepped

down to become an Associate Member, and Bendrix Bailey, Matthew Bache, and William Milka joined the Commission.

Both the Board Administrator and Recording Secretary moved on to other positions, making way for Victoria D’Antoni and Lori Walsh to assume those roles. In June Laurell Farinon, our longtime Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent retired and moved on to another field of occupation. We miss her and wish her well in her new endeavors. In July Merilee Kelly took over as Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent.

The Commission met remotely over Zoom due to Covid-19 until October, when we moved our meetings to Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School library with a hybrid Zoom component. Despite remote distancing challenges, the Commission and staff performed site visits and completed technical review of all applications.

2021 Wetland Protection Act and Rochester Wetlands By-law Filings

The Rochester Conservation Commission held 20 meetings in the year 2021. The following is a summary of the applications received and formal actions by the Commission in 2021.

Permits/Actions

Building Department Interdepartmental Review	101
Board of Health Percolation Review	22
Notice of Intent Applications	18
RDA Applications	7
Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD)	1
Extension of Order of Conditions	1
Certificates of Compliance	4
Emergency Certifications	1
Enforcement Orders	1

2021 Accomplishments

- Applied for and received a \$41,586 Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program Municipal Mini-grant for the Doggett Brook Farm Buffer Project to purchase Conservation restrictions to ensure Doggett Brook Farm remains in agriculture and access to the Brook is assured for the public.
- Staff served as Flood Plain Coordinator, and Rochester’s representative on the Buzzards Bay Action Committee, Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee, and the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission.

- Commission Members and Staff Conducted Field Site Visits on Weekends Throughout the Year to Review Proposed Projects and Monitor Construction Activity
- Updated MapGeo Browser – web mapping interface located on Town’s website for use by residents and staff.
- Co-ordinated update of Rochester’s GIS parcel layer for use by the Commission, all Town departments and boards, SRPEDD, and state agencies.
- Reviewed DCR Forest Cutting Plans for Rochester projects and communicated with state and local foresters on projects.
- Staff served as Rochester’s representative on Southeast Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD), as Flood Plain Coordinator, on the Buzzards Bay Action Committee, Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee, Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission, Watershed Protection Committee of The Coalition for Buzzards Bay and Massachusetts Pesticide Board.
- Updated the Board of Selectmen and town departments on proposed changes to FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Conway, Chairman
 Dan Gagne, Vice-Chairman
 Léna Bourque
 Christopher Gerrior
 Maggie Payne
 Kevin Thompson

Tanya Ventura, Board Administrator
 Marissa Perez-Dormitzer, Recording Secretary
 Laurell J. Farinon, Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent

Report of the

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

History and Purpose of MRVWSPAC

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee (MRVWSPAC) was established in 1980 by the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marion, and Rochester. The organization grew out of a concern for the aquifer underlying the Mattapoisett River watershed, from which all four towns draw water supplies. Special legislation was enacted in 1983 (Chapter 407) formalizing the Committee. The MRVWSPAC is made up of three (3) representatives from each Town for a total of 12 members. The MRVWSPAC holds public meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 3:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven Board of Public Works Office in Fairhaven. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the MRVWSPAC has been meeting remotely using Zoom since April 2020.

The MRVWSPAC welcomed Nathaniel Munafo as a new representative for the Town of Marion in 2021 following the retirement of David Willett, Wendy Graves as a new representative for the Town of Fairhaven following the retirement of Mark Rees, and Merilee Kelly as a new representative for the Town of Rochester following the retirement of Laurell Farinon. The MRVWSPAC thanks Mr. Willett, Mr. Rees, and Ms. Farinon for their valuable contributions and years of service to the MRVWSPAC.

Mattapoisett River Valley Aquifer

The Mattapoisett River and its aquifer provide fresh water for water supply, recreation, and agriculture to portions of the entirety of five communities in Bristol and Plymouth Counties in Massachusetts. In 2021, the aquifer supplied approximately 1.78 million gallons per day for Mattapoisett River Valley Water District residential and commercial water supply customers in the Towns of Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Marion, and Rochester.

Summary of 2021 MRVWSPAC Accomplishments

- Monitored stream flow and water levels at numerous locations in the vicinity of the Mattapoisett River. Maintained a database of critical water level data.
- Funded Annual Mattapoisett River Hydrologic Monitoring Report.
- Purchased a Hach specific conductivity meter to be utilized by the Snow's Pond Association to monitor water quality at Snow's Pond. Coordinated training by a Hach representative for Snow's Pond Association members on use of the meter.
- The Committee learned that MassDEP has cataloged all ponds in southeastern Massachusetts and identified various invasive species. MassDEP has identified two invasive species in Snipatuit Pond.

- Purchased the following new monitoring well electronic equipment to replace malfunctioning devices, which reached the end of their useful life.
 - Four (4) water level transducers (Leveloggers).
 - DataGrabber device for downloading water level data.
 - Miscellaneous adapters.
 - Flow monitoring computer, battery, and probe.
- Environmental review of projects in the Mattapoissett River Valley:
 - Reviewed plans for the following projects within the watershed and sent comment letters to the Rochester Planning Board:
 1. ANR Application – 246 and 248 New Bedford Road, Rochester
 2. ANR Application – Burgess Avenue, Rochester Map 27, Lot 2
 3. Form C Subdivision off Gerrish Road – Longbow Lane, Rochester
 4. Canal Canopy & Dual Use Agriculture/Solar Project – 109 Neck Road, Rochester

The MRVWSPAC wishes to recognize the members of its consulting team for their excellent work and contributions in 2021:

Tata & Howard, *Engineering Consultant*

Blair Bailey, Esq., *MRVWSPAC Counsel*

David Watling, *Mattapoissett River Valley field monitoring & data collection*

Meagan McCarthy, *Data reduction and graphing*

Nettles Design, *MRVWSPAC website management*

Respectfully submitted,

Fairhaven Committee Members

Vincent Furtado, Chairman

Jeffrey Furtado, Treasurer

Wendy Graves

Mattapoissett Committee Members

Daniel Chase

William Nicholson

Henri Renault, Vice Chairman

Marion Committee Members

Meghan Davis, Clerk

Nathaniel Munafò

Randy Parker

Rochester Committee Members

Rick Charon

Sandy Keese

Merilee Kelly

Report of the

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

The Mattapoisett River Valley Water District (District) was formed in 2004 to construct and operate the six million gallon per day (mgd) Mattapoisett River Valley Water Treatment Facility (MRVWTF). The District is comprised of the Towns of Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. The treatment facility, located in Mattapoisett, began operations in 2008.

The MRVWTF treats raw water from eight municipal water supply wells owned and operated by the District Towns. The sources include three Mattapoisett wells, one Marion well, and four Fairhaven wells, which are located in Mattapoisett and Rochester. Treatment at the facility includes oxidation with ozone followed by membrane ultrafiltration with Koch membrane filters for the removal of iron and manganese. The finished water is treated to adjust the pH for corrosion control.

2021 represented the fourteenth year of operation of the MRVWTF. The plant processed 651 million gallons of water (finished water) during the 2021 calendar year. The FY22 operating budget for the plant is \$2,697,700, which represents an increase of approximately 14.7% over FY21. The major expenses include power, labor, and chemicals to maintain and operate the MRVWTF, and equipment replacement identified in the Capital Improvement Plan. The District continues to benefit from the solar power Net Metering agreement with ECA Solar, LLC. The District saved approximately \$35,800 in electrical costs in 2021 through this agreement. The decrease in electrical cost savings in 2021 compared to the 2020 electrical cost savings was attributed to one solar array being offline for approximately one month. The District does not pay any capital or operating costs for the power generation and the facilities are located on commercial buildings in Walpole, MA. In June, the District solicited and received bids for FY22 supply of chemicals, liquid oxygen, and propane at the MRVWTF.

The MRVWTF operated well throughout the year. Operators replaced several valves and stainless steel gaskets on the ultrafiltration stages throughout the year. Repairs to the loft compressor were required numerous times through 2021. In June, there were issues with ozone equipment failures, which were addressed by the District's vendor, Fin-Tek. In 2021, two of the Mattapoisett high lift pumps and one of the Fairhaven high lift pumps failed and had to be replaced. From October 26th – October 30th, the plant operated on backup power due to a widespread power outage.

The District completed a Filter Replacement Evaluation Study in April

2021. The study evaluated options and capital and operational costs for implementation of in-kind replacement of the ultrafiltration membranes or replacement with newer and more advanced technology membranes. The District decided to proceed with the newer and more advanced technology membranes, which is the Koch Separation Solutions (KSS) PURON® MP ultrafiltration system. In the Fall, the District began a preliminary design for replacement of the membranes, which is scheduled for completion in early 2022. The final design phase for replacement of the membrane filtration infrastructure is scheduled for 2022.

With the assistance of and equipment provided by KSS, the District conducted an on-site pilot test of the KSS PURON® MP ultrafiltration system from May 10, 2021 through June 15, 2021. The pilot test was successful leading to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) approval of the pilot test report on September 15, 2021.

All District Towns were under a boil water order issued by the MassDEP beginning on October 6, 2021 due to the presence of total coliform and E. coli in routine water quality samples in all Towns. The District immediately began chlorination at the MRVWTF in an effort to disinfect the water distribution system throughout all Towns. Following several days of water quality sampling, chlorine residual testing, water main flushing, and coordination with the MassDEP, the boil water order was lifted in Mattapoisett on October 15, 2021, in Marion and Rochester on October 19, 2021, and in Fairhaven October 23, 2021. The District continued chlorination at the MRVWTF for the remainder of 2021 per MassDEP order.

In accordance with America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA), the District completed a Risk and Resilience Assessment (RRA) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Update in 2021. AWIA Section 2013 requires communities with drinking water systems serving more than 3,300 people to develop or update RRAs and ERPs, which must address specific components and meet established deadlines to certify completion of the RRA and ERP with the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as outlined in the AWIA. The deadline dates to certify the RRA and ERP with the EPA were June 30, 2021 and December 31, 2021, respectively. The District certified its RRA and ERP with the EPA prior to the respective deadline dates.

Quarterly meetings, including representatives from Fairhaven, Marion, and Mattapoisett, began in August 2021 to discuss raw water pumping totals from the various water supply sources and additional costs incurred

by Fairhaven and Marion due to accepting more finished water from the MRVWTF than raw water pumped from its water supply sources that feed the MRVWTF. Discussions during these meetings also included possible ways to offset the additional costs incurred by Fairhaven and Marion.

The addition of a new District representatives from each of the four member Towns was required in 2021 due to the retirement of Mr. Mark Rees (Fairhaven), Mr. David Willett (Marion), Mr. Paul Silva (Mattapoissett), and Ms. Laurell Farinon (Rochester). Ms. Wendy Graves, Fairhaven Interim Town Administrator, was appointed to represent the Town of Fairhaven and also named District Treasurer. Mr. Nathaniel Munafo, Marion DPW Director, was appointed to represent the Town of Marion. Mr. Michael Lorencio, Mattapoissett Town Administrator, was appointed to represent the Town of Mattapoissett. Ms. Merilee Kelly, Rochester Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent, was appointed to represent the Town of Rochester. Ms. Meghan Davis, Marion Engineering Manager, resigned as District Treasurer. Ms. Davis was later named District Clerk upon the retirement of Ms. Farinon. The District sincerely thanks Mr. Mark Rees, Mr. David Willett, Mr. Paul Silva, and Ms. Laurell Farinon for their years of service and outstanding contributions to the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission

Town of Fairhaven

Vincent Furtado, Chairman
Jeffrey Furtado
Wendy Graves, Treasurer

Town of Mattapoissett

Michael Lorencio
William Nicholson
Henri Renaud, Vice Chairman

Town of Marion

Meghan Davis, Clerk
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Randy Parker

Town of Rochester

Rick Charon
Sandy Keese
Merilee Kelly

*Report of the***BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

The Building Department issued the following permits from the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021:

Type	Number	Value	Fee
Accessory Structures	12	\$498,766	\$1,315
Additions	11	\$7,571,860	\$12,681
Additions for Conversion to Multi-Family Dwellings	2	\$450,000	\$2,253
Alterations	28	\$795,282	\$6,582
Change of Use & Alterations	1	\$20,000	\$175
Clubhouse for Development	2	\$906,900	\$3,834
Commercial Addition & Alteration	1	\$56,000	\$990
Decks / Porches	16	\$118,500	\$2,449
Demolition	3	\$19,312	\$435
Home Improvements	93	\$1,372,202	\$11,854
Foundations	10	\$150,500	\$2,300
Major Farm Structures	3	\$535,694	\$7,716
Mechanical	28	\$615,900	\$3,280
New Dwellings	43	\$10,818,168	\$81,971
Pellet & Wood Stoves/ Inserts/Liners/Chimneys/ Fireplaces	20	\$92,212	\$1,835
Pools & Spas	27	\$475,596	\$2,685
Signs	1	\$1,000	\$125
Solar – Ground-Mounted	6	\$8,359,515	\$232,709
Solar – Roof-Mounted	45	\$1,294,861	\$12,010
Temporary Tents	7	\$17,310	\$150
Temporary Trailers	1	\$20,000	\$170
Weatherization	26	\$111,299	\$1,660
Wireless Tower Alterations	4	\$110,000	\$1,010
Totals	390	\$34,406,377	\$392,442

The Building Department also issues all electrical, gas, and plumbing permits. The number of permits issued and fees collected were as follows:

Permit Type	Number	Fee Collected
Electrical	247	\$70,086
Gas	153	\$9,670
Plumbing	97	\$11,995
Totals	497	\$91,751

(The issuance of Oil Burner Permits was taken over by the Fire Dept. on 7/13/20)

The Building Department office hours are Monday 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Building Commissioner and Administrative Assistants conduct file research on a regular basis regarding requests from residents, attorneys and / or real estate brokers. The public and contractors are assisted daily with zoning inquiries, complaints, and building code and proposed construction questions.

In addition to calls by the Fire Department to assess fire and flood damages, The Building Commissioner conducted 470 site inspections.

The Building Commissioner continues to attend hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, is a member of the Zoning By-Law Review Committee, and attends monthly seminars for continuing education credits. The Administrative Assistants also aid the Zoning Board of Appeals and their applicant’s and representatives.

Respectfully submitted:

James W. Buckles, Building Commissioner
 Patrice LaForest, Administrative Assistant
 Patricia Pacella, Administrative Assistant

Report of the
POLICE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to submit the annual reporting statistics of the Rochester Police Department. 2021 continued to challenge us. Covid-19 continued to be a concern and will continue to require diligence.

Police Reform has gone into effect and has created several new processes and training guidelines.

Despite many changes and challenges, our officers have adapted continued to perform professionally.

Full Time Personnel & Appointment Date

Chief Robert F. Small Jr.	1998
Sergeant Shaun C. Peterson	2010
Sergeant Nathan A. Valente	2014
Sergeant Alyson M. Rego	2017
Detective Donald D. Kemmett	1998
Officer Sean J. Crook	2001
Officer Robert P. Nordahl	2009
Officer Jason D. Denham	2014
Officer Brendan M. Emberg	2017
Officer Brian D. Delmonte	2021
Officer Austin R. Alves	2021

Administrative

Clerk Patricia Knight
Admin. Assistant Suzanne Maksy

Part Time Personnel

Officer Bryan Burger	2016
Officer Scott Smith	2016
Officer Elijah Vicente-Roberts	2020
Officer Emmanuel Matias	2020
Officer Robert Orr	2020
Officer James Hightower	2021

Reserve Officers

Ret. Sgt. William Chamberlain
Officer Stephan Reimer
Officer George Buler
Officer Lenard Mota

Police Matrons

Patricia Knight
Kelly Massey

Animal Control

Anne Estabrook

<u>Firearms Permits Issued</u>	224
License to carry a firearm	215
Firearms Identification Card	9

Fees Collected

Firearms licenses	\$21,000.00
Report/misc. fees	\$10,338.01
Grants	\$42,712.50
Gifts/Donations	\$100.00
Detail fees	\$106,098.00
Court fees	\$6,010.42
Civil marijuana fees	\$2,600.00

2021 Arrests

In-custody	64
Summons	113
Protective Custody	2

<u>Criminal Offenses</u>	559
Robbery	3
Rape	6
Indecent A&B	0
Pornography	1
Weapons Violations	89
Domestic A&B	14
Assaults	19
Aggravated Battery	1
Intimidation of a Witness	9

Operating Under the Influence	23
Disorderly Conduct	12
Liquor law violations	15
Trespassing	7
Narcotics violations	15
Burglary/B&E	6
Theft from a building	1
M/V thefts	1
Theft from a M/V	2
Larceny	13
Shoplifting	1
Vandalism/Destruction	12
Counterfeiting/forgery	5
Larceny false pretense	14
I.D theft	4
All other offenses	57
Traffic/By-law offenses	246
M/V citations	495
M/V crashes	122
Crash w/ injury	27
Fatalities	1
Overdoses	8
O.D fatalities	2

As always, we have continued to receive tremendous support from the Town. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Small Jr.
Chief of Police

Report of the
FIRE DEPARTMENT

It is with great pride and honor that the officers and members of the Rochester Fire Department present this Calendar Year-2021 Annual Report. The information contained in this report serves as testament to the professionalism and dedication of our Firefighters and EMT'S. We are thankful for the tremendous support received from our residents, Town leaders, and the other departments we have worked alongside during the reporting period. Our value to the community is measured directly by the services we provide. We pride ourselves on delivering the highest quality services to those who live, work, and visit our community.

In 2021, The Rochester Fire Department responded to 976 calls for service. Of those, 367 were Fire Department responses while 609 were EMS responses.

In 2021, the Rochester Fire Department was awarded an \$11,000 grant from the Department of Fire Services for the purpose of replacing 10 air bottles for our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. The department has once again applied for the Assistant to Firefighter Grant. This will be our third attempt for funding for the replacement of the departments breathing apparatus. The grants dollar amount was \$260,000.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Scott Weigel

Report of the
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In 2021, the Highway Department continued to work hard to provide the residents of Rochester with the best service possible by providing snow and ice removal, mowing, sweeping, tree maintenance, park maintenance, and maintaining and replacing damaged pavement of the Town's 72 miles of roadway.

The Department spent most of the spring cleaning up tree debris from winter and wind storms. We spent the summer changing numerous catch basins and drainage pipes. COVID-19 made it very challenging year, as we worked to keep employees safe while still providing a high level of service.

I would also like to express my appreciation to all town boards, departments, and employees for their continuous support and especially to the employees of the highway department for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to the Town of Rochester.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Eldridge
Highway Surveyor

Report of the

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

The COVID 19 Pandemic continued to be the main focus for 2021. Our Town Nurse Connie Dolan, RN, Health Agent Karen Walega and Fire Chief Scott Weigel did a wonderful job coordinating vaccine clinics at the Rochester Fire Station on Harley Road. We also tested our drive-thru dispensing plan with a flu shot clinic at the Rochester Highway Department on Ryder Road. Other than a couple of minor problems, which have been corrected, the drive-thru clinic went very well, thanks to all the volunteers, health department and Highway Surveyor, Jeffrey Eldridge.

We received an Emergency Management Performance Grant for \$2,700 which was used to purchase a cargo trailer which will be used to store pandemic and shelter supplies. Again, as always, many thanks to Fire Chief Scott Weigel, Highway Surveyor Jeffrey Eldridge, Police Chief Robert Small, all the members of Fire, Highway and Police Departments. Town Administrator Suzanne Szyndlar, Administrative Assistant Amanda Baptiste, Clerical Assistant Jenn Allain, Town Nurse Connie Dolan, Health Agent Karen Walega, COA Director Eric Poulin and all the volunteers at the Senior Center and the board of Selectman for all their assistance, dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Ciaburri, Director

Emergency Management Roster:

Director	Paul Ciaburri
Deputy Director	Scott Weigel
Deputy Director (HAZMAT)	Jeffrey Eldridge
Deputy Director (Shelter Manager)	Michael Amato
Communication Officer	Tracy Eldridge

Report of the

MARION/ROCHESTER HEALTH DIRECTOR

As I write this Town Report for the Board of Health the Covid-19 pandemic that was declared back in January of 2019 is going into its second year. Covid-19 is transmitted through respiratory droplets. In order to stop the spread of Covid-19 in the community residents were asked to wear a mask, wash your hands, keep a six-foot distance between people that are not in your household. If you felt sick residents were required should stay home and get tested. If they were positive for Covid-19 they had to Isolate and Quarantine so as not to spread the virus to others that you come in contact with.

Three vaccines were developed by the Federal Government, and distributed across the country, and in our town. Moderna, Pfizer, and J&J vaccines. In order to administer vaccinations across the country it was phased in according to age and occupation. Adult vaccines were distributed first, followed by children age 10 to 17 years old. Booster were administered 6 months after the second dose of Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, and 1 dose of J&J vaccinations. The reason for the boosters was they discovered that the immunity for the first round of shots diminished.

We would like to acknowledge SouthCoast Health and Brewster Ambulance who administered Covid-19 vaccine to our residents.

I would like to thank Marsha Hartley, Studio 105 for allowing us to use her facility at the Plumb Corner Mall for vaccine distribution, and Chief Scott Weigel for the use of the Fire Station as a vaccination clinic site.

Thank you for your service!

The Department of Public Health urges individuals that have not been vaccinated to get vaccinated. Those that are eligible for boosters get boosted. Persons are urged to wear a mask when they go out in public. Social distancing and frequent hand washing is still highly recommended. Rochester Board of Health Members are Chairman W. David Souza, Member Glenn Lawrence, and newly elected to the Board is Sarah Eby, MHA, BSN, RN.

Lori Walsh, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health does a wonderful job of taking care of our administrative needs, and reminding our members about our meetings, updating our books, keeping track of payroll. Her meeting minutes are very clear and concise. She also assists us in updating our town website, updating our Facebook Page, and is very savvy with the computer. We could not do all of this without her. She is quite an asset to our office and the Town of Rochester. Thank you, Lori!

Karen A. Walega is the Health Director for the Town of Rochester. I work part-time for the Board of Health, Previously I worked for the Town of

Rochester under the Marion Rochester Regional Health District. I enjoy working in Rochester for the Board of Health.

I would like to thank Dale Barrows for serving on the Board of Health, and Regional Health District for well over 20 years. He recently retired as Health Agent from the Town of Mattapoisett. He was well versed in public health matters, and used to be the negotiator for our solid waste contracts, landfill matters, and emergency preparedness.

Connie Dolan, RN is the Public Health Nurse for the Town of Rochester. I would like to thank her for her professional expertise as we manage our way through this pandemic. Connie has been an invaluable asset to the town, its residents, and to Rochester Memorial School and Old Colony Vocational School. She also was instrumental in setting up Covid-19 vaccine and booster clinics for adults and youngsters with Brewster Ambulance. In addition, she is always available if residents have any health concerns or question.

A drive through Flu clinic was held at our Drive Thru Emergency Dispensing Site at the Highway Barn. This was a valuable tool in learning what we needed to upgrade our facility. A big thanks to our Emergency Management Team that met with state representatives, submitted an application to the state, and got approval for the site in just two days! An awesome accomplishment for the Town of Rochester working with State Agencies. Bryan Campbell, Region5C Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition Planner was also instrumental in facilitating the speedy application process.

Robert Ethier, is our Health Inspector for restaurant inspections. We thank him for his efforts to assist us especially during this pandemic.

Paul Moore took on the position of assisting us with transporting our beach sampling. He does an awesome job, and we look forward to helping us again next year.

Inspections and Permits for 2021

139	Building Permit Reviews
24	Percolation tests
22	Swimming Pool Permits
50	Septic Permits
60	Title V Inspection Reports
30	Well Permits
82	Septic Construction Inspections
19	Food Service Permits
9	Retail Permits
4	Tobacco Permits

Report of the
COUNCIL ON AGING

2021 was both a challenging and exciting year for our Senior Center. January through May the center was still working with a number of restrictions that the state government had put into place as a result of the pandemic. We had limited programming onsite and continued with “Coffee and Conversation,” which had replaced our daily breakfast program. Some light at the end of the tunnel came in late May when the state lifted a number of restrictions. Additional help arrived on June 1st when a new Director, Eric Poulin, started at the center.

By the end of June, we had resumed our successful daily morning breakfast program. By summertime, we were also offering lunch onsite 5 days a week and back to holding our annual picnic. We also put into place a full slate of programs and activities. The new exercise classes, card games, additional bingos and other social activities were very well-received. Our daily number of attendees not only returned to pre-pandemic levels, but also exceeded in many instances.

Our success continued into the fall with a very well-attended Thanksgiving luncheon. As we got into December and winter, the Board of Directors started to watch the evolving covid situation with concern. While we had to cap the number of attendees at our holiday and New Year’s parties, those in attendance still had a great deal of fun. The band at our New Year’s event was particularly well-received. On December 30, based on advice from town health department employees, our Board decided that the senior center would close in January.

While we don’t know what the future/2022 will hold, we remain grateful for a productive 2021. The buildout of our new equipment garage continues, plans for a building expansion were started, we installed a new phone system and new emergency lighting in the building. We also improved our landscaping and updated a number of rooms inside our center including our bathrooms which are now fully automatic and touchless. We will face any future challenges with optimism. We shall overcome, as we did once before, and come back better and stronger as we continue to provide important transportation and other services to our beloved seniors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rochester Council on Aging Board of Directors

Report of the
CEMETERY COMMISSION

The cemeteries that are under the control of the Cemetery Commissioners are:

Ashley Cemetery located on North Avenue
Hillside Cemetery located off High Street
North Rochester Cemetery located on North Avenue
Sherman Cemetery located on Pine Street
Union Cemetery located on Walnut Plain Road
Woodside Cemetery located on County Road
Old Parish Cemetery located on Braley Hill Road

As part of our continuing efforts to provide perpetual care, brush was removed and trees trimmed at all cemeteries. The Highway Department was extremely helpful in chipping and removing the debris that had been cleared. The Commission will continue these efforts as weather allows.

The Cemetery fees are as follows:

Single grave site	\$ 150.00
Perpetual Care (single)	\$ 200.00
Total fee to open and to close a single grave	\$ 550.00
Fee to inter cremations	\$ 125.00
Fee to install a monument footing	\$ 250.00
Fee to install foot stone	\$ 150.00
Fee to set a military monument	\$ 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Lori Souza
David Shaw
Molly Ross

Report of the

ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Rochester Historic District Commission has the duty of safeguarding the character of Rochester's town center.

Historic District Commissions do not prevent changes from occurring but encourage new construction that is compatible with the surrounding architecture and the nature of the town center.

A building permit cannot be issued until the Commission grants a certificate for any exterior work. Applications for certificates are available at the Building Department, and we work with the applicants to simplify the process.

An historic district creates a continuing sense of the past by maintaining the integrity of setting, feeling, and association with Rochester's long and rich history.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Monteiro - Chair/Clerk

Theodore Brillon

Stephanie Carr

Susan Fleming

Sara Johnston

Ginette Castro - alternate

The Rochester Historic District Commission meets
every second Wednesday of the month in the
Town Hall Conference Room at 7:00 P.M.

Report of the
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

In the spring of 2021, the Rochester Historical Commission was able to resume monthly in- person meetings in the conference room at the Council on Aging on Dexter Rd. While still unable to do the annual visit to Rochester Memorial 3rd graders, we did provide each student with a Rochester coloring book.

Throughout the year we forwarded to the appropriate town offices letters from the Massachusetts Historical Commission concerning a variety of development projects in the town's archaeology sensitive areas.

Perhaps our biggest project was presenting the Rochester Historical Commission Historic Plaque Program to the public. The commission had already donated a plaque to the East Rochester Congregational Church in 2020. In 2021, two more plaques were donated for public buildings; the Town Hall and the Rochester Women's Club. The plaque project was made available to town homeowners. The steps for purchasing a plaque were published in the Wanderer and put on the town website.

Another item that was discussed was the lack of a memorial to honor those who fought in the Revolutionary war. Work on this will continue into 2022. Lastly, some members made a visit to the vault in Town Hall to investigate the historic items stored there. A task that was made more difficult due to difficulty of access.

As always, the Rochester Historical Commission strove to live up to its mission of preserving and protecting the historic and prehistoric resources of Rochester for future generations. A mission made even more important with the many building and solar projects proposed for the town.

Report of the
JOSEPH H. PLUMB MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Board of Library Trustees and Library Director

Library Statistics

	2021	2020
Items borrowed from the Library	25,774	18,179
Downloads from Overdrive	7543	4072
Total items in library's collection	82,727 (includes electronic and nonprint items)	20,400
Patrons registered	118	56
Children's programs	93	162
Attendance	1494	1716
Adult/Teen Programs	37	39
Attendance	202	231

Trustees

Name	Position	End of term
Rhonda Reints	Chair	2023
Dennis Desrosiers	Vice-Chair	2022
Shauna Makuch	Secretary	2024
Kathy Besch	Treasurer	2023
Kelley Medeiros		2024
Kimberly Burt		2022

Staff

Name	Title	Date of Hire
Gail Roberts	Library Director	Nov. 2006
Jen Frasier	Library Assistant II for Technical Services	June 1998
Lisa Fuller	Library Assistant for Youth Services	April 2008
Samantha Winters	Page	July 2019- June 2020
Bridget Farias	Page	July, 2020

Programs

- ◆ Adult programs: In the first part of the year, all programs were on Zoom. The Knitting Group met weekly, and the Plumb Library Book Group met every six weeks starting in April. In summer, both groups met outside. The COA Book Group started meeting again in October.
- ◆ Children's programs: Lisa Fuller (Children's Librarian) ran several successful virtual story times, as well as three book groups for Teens, Tweens, and Younger Children. During the April school vacation, she held several programs outside on the library grounds. Interest in the virtual programs started to wane in the Spring and were stopped in favor of programs outside. Since our meeting room was unfinished, the Congregational Church allowed us to hold library programs in their Fellowship Room. Several pickup craft kits were created in the early spring, and for Earth Day. There was a great Halloween concert with Toe Jam Puppet Band, with a Halloween Green Screen picture opportunity.
- ◆ The 2021 Summer Reading program theme was "Tails and Tales". Lisa tapped local community groups such as 4-H and the Girls Scouts plus local volunteers to create an exciting program mostly based outside, with some drop-in programs taking place inside the library. Popular programs included: the Toe-Jam Puppet Band kickoff program; visit Hodge Podge; the closing program at Captain Bonneys; Family yoga with Yogi Lisa; and visit from the farm animals. Support for the summer program came from The Friends of Plumb Library; the Rochester Cultural Council; the Rochester Lions Club; the Rochester Women's Club; the Rochester Firefighter's Association; the Rochester Land Trust; Captain Bonney's Ice Cream; Brook Realty; Friends' Marketplace; Lloyd's Market; RMS teachers Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Alves, Mrs. Sollauer, and Mrs. Weigel; Girl Scout Troop 62150; Jr. Friends of the Library; Rochester Tails N' Trails 4-H Club especially Mrs. Weigel, Mrs. Bertrand; Ms. Elsie and Blanka: Liz, Peter and Andrew Voci: Cervelli's; Rochester Fire Department; Rochester Police Department; Rochester Memorial School; First Congregational Church of Rochester and several families who donated prizes!
- ◆ The Library Director continued on the Board of SAILS, as well as on their Overdrive Committee, and the Privacy Audit Task Force. In November, she announced her pending retirement which will take place on June 30, 2022.

Services

- ◆ Jen Frasier became a Notary Public so that we can offer Notary services by appointment.

- ◆ We created the 5-Year-Plan, which was accepted by the MA Board of Library Commissioners.
- ◆ Starting in April, “Grab-n-Go” bins were set up in the gazebo, offering free books to all ages. This service lasted until the end of October.
- ◆ Appointments ended in May, 2021. Curbside pickup is always available on request.
- ◆ Online services: all online services were continued and were popular. We received notification that Overdrive will now be known as Libby, starting February, 2022.
- ◆ The Plumb Library renewed the Zoom account. It remains available to any community group that wants to meet but can’t afford a Zoom account. Please call the library to arrange your meeting.
- ◆ Library of Things: the telescope, snowshoes, MOBY kits, and wifi hotspots are all available to check out.
- ◆ We’d like to thank the Library Staff for their hard work, patience, and innovation during this trying time.

Building Improvements

Facilities Manager Andrew Daniel oversees all buildings and grounds projects. The Basement Project continued. An air recycler was installed in November, and the bathroom was completed. New timers for the outside lights were installed. We would like to thank Andrew and his crew for his work on the library and for plowing the snow and clearing the steps and ramp, and the Highway Department for their care of the grounds. Hathaway’s Lawn and Gardens maintain the gardens around the gazebo, in the outside reading/picnic area, the garden in the front of the library, and the one at the Main Entrance. Their work is sponsored by gift donations.

Volunteers

The Library supports and encourages the use of volunteers to complement the work done by regular library staff members.

Volunteers include: Mackin Family; Junior Friends; The Brook Realty, Captain Bonney’s, Hair and Body Solution, several RMS teachers, Rochester Lions Club, donations to Summer Program.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Plumb Library is a non-profit organization made up of local citizens who are avid library supporters. They sponsor library events, fund library programs, and raise money for improved library services through book sales and membership drives. The Friends Board consists of: Janet Laine, Bev Passantino, Shauna Makuch, and Halima Tiffany. Leith Patnaude, a longtime board member, left in October to move to Florida.

For fundraisers, the Friends did two small book sales in the Fall, as well as a clothing drive. They sold Dinner for Two books, and held a successful “Pick-a-Prize” fundraiser in December.

The Junior Friends continues to do good work. They have helped the Rochester Congregational Church with their shoebox mission project, and created centerpieces for the COA’s Veteran’s Day luncheon. They held two popular bake sales in the Fall, coinciding with the Friends book sales.

The Trustees and staff are deeply indebted to these groups for their continued hard work and dedication, and thank them for helping to improve library services. We also would like to thank everyone who has donated time, money, materials, and supplies to the library in the past year. Your generosity makes a real difference in the quality of our service to you.

We invite the citizens of Rochester to take advantage of the many services, programs, and resources the library has to offer. We hope to see you in the coming year along with our regular library users. As always, we welcome your comments, questions, and suggestions. The Plumb Library’s webpage is <http://www.plumblibrary.com> and we are on Facebook, Goodreads, and Ravelry.

Finally, this is my last Annual Report as Library Director. I’d like to thank the Town government for supporting this little library every year; the staff of the Library for their continued energy, imagination, cooperation, and flexibility; the Board of Trustees for their support and advice; my colleagues in SAILS and in the Tri-Town area for support, camaraderie, and their cooperation with combined programs; the Friends and Junior Friends for making the library programs so great; and the people of Rochester for their friendliness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Roberts, Library Director
Rhonda Reints, Trustee Chair
Dennis Desrosiers, Vice-Chair
Shauna Makuch, Secretary
Kathy Besch, Treasurer
Kelley Medeiros
Kimberly Burt

Report of the
CULTURAL COUNCIL

ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The Rochester Cultural Council (RCC) provides public funding for the arts, humanities, and sciences through the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC). Each year more than 5,000 cultural programs state-wide are funded with grant money provided by the MCC. These programs include school field trips, after-school programs, concerts, festivals, dance, music, theater, lectures, and more. Projects take place in community centers, schools, libraries, parks, elder care facilities and wherever else communities come together. All Massachusetts based non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply for MCC grants.

The MCC utilizes a network of 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs). The RCC is one of these 329 LCCs. Funding annually made available by the MCC is managed by the RCC. The RCC is composed of municipally appointed volunteers, who are responsible for deciding how to award money granted to them by the MCC, and ensure follow through of projects that are funded.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

The 2021 Rochester Cultural Council consisted of 6 volunteers appointed by the Rochester Board of Selectmen. Each board member serves up to 6 years of consecutive service. The 2021 board members were:

<u>Member</u>	<u>End of Term</u>
Susan Kowalski, Chair	03/18/22
Randall Elgin, Treasurer	04/24/23
Kimberly Amato, Secretary	06/13/22
Katherine Duggan, Member	06/24/23
Jordan Pouliot, Member	04/30/24
Michael Kovacevick, Member	08/21/24

These members met several times during the year to complete required obligations, as well as to develop new and improved methods for providing cultural experiences to the community.

MANAGING COVID-19 - LINGERING EFFECTS OF 2020

The previous year, 2020, was especially challenging for many of our grantees due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Based on guidance from the MCC, all funded programs needing to be postponed were done so without penalty to the grantees. The programs that had requested to be rescheduled have been completed, with the exception of those listed on #5.

The 2021 programs:

1. Susan Audette (RMS), The Ukulele Project
2. New Bedford JazzFest, 9th Annual New Bedford JazzFest
3. Friends of Old Rochester Drama, “A Bushel and A Peck” of Dancers
4. Onset Bay Association, Chalk-Full-O-Fun Street Painting Festival
5. 2020 Mayflower Camerata & Chamber Orchestra, (Postponed to Oct 2022) and 2021 Beethoven @ 250 and Two Area Performances of his Fifth Symphony (Postponed to Nov 2022)
6. Seaglass Theater Company, Whaling Women
7. Soule Homestead Education Center, Soule Homestead Education Center

THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL

The major function of the Council is to solicit and financially support cultural events for the residents of Rochester. Between September 1 and November 1 of 2020, The Council received 17 proposals and accepted 8 of them for projects to take place between January 1 and December 31 of 2021. Applications were submitted via the MCC website at: <https://massculturalcouncil.org>.

On January 27, 2021 the Council conducted a voting meeting to approve or disapprove grant requests. (Normally this meeting would have been held in December of 2020, but was delayed due to Covid-19.) The grant recipients for 2021 are listed in a separate section below.

Denied applicants were informed first (via email), as they are eligible for a 15 calendar day reconsideration period. Once the reconsideration period expired, approval letters were emailed.

The Council utilizes the Direct Payment Method offered by the MCC for the benefit of our grantees. The Direct Payment Method allows our grantees to receive the award money up front (typically in February, however in 2021 it was April, again pandemic delays) and requires each grantee to provide a Final Report upon completion of their project.

In addition to the grant review process, the council performed the following:

1. In July we conducted a survey to gain insight into the town’s wishes for programming from the Council. We reached out online, by QR code and paper ballots located at the Rochester Memorial Library and Rochester Senior Center. We received 48 responses which were compiled and displayed on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/rochestermculturalcouncil>.

The Key Takeaways from the survey were that Rochester residents want:

Better publicity and communication about events

More community engagement

More workshops

Identification of local artists and musicians

Enhanced programming for both the schools and COA

More, more, more . . . of everything!

2. In August, utilizing the results of the survey described above, we produced and distributed press releases to promote the RCC as a funding opportunity. These were published in the Wanderer and Sippican Weekly News.
3. The council expanded outreach by speaking to coordinators at the Rochester Senior Center, Grange, Historical Society and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical HS and by targeting the Rochester Memorial School faculty with our advertising prior to the application period (starting September 1).
4. We met in August to complete administrative tasks and to publish council priorities online prior to the beginning of the grant cycle on September 1.
5. On December 8, 2021 we held an open voting meeting to award money to applicants for events that will take place in 2022.

COUNCIL FUNDING PRIORITIES

The RCC and all applicants looking for funding must follow state mandated criteria as outlined on the website: <https://massculturalcouncil.org>. The RCC also establishes local priorities for Rochester. The RCC funding priorities are:

1. Projects that are free to participants or available at a reduced rate.
2. Projects or events that will directly benefit Rochester residents by being held in the town. Other events must be hosted in surrounding towns which are easily accessible to Rochester residents.
3. Program eligibility: Applicants may apply for grants for programs that take place in the 2022 calendar year, Jan 1 – Dec 31, 2022.

GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

In 2021 the RCC awarded \$3,665 to 8 Grantees, which the Council felt best met all MCC and RCC eligibility requirements. The projects were as follows:

1. Old Colony Historical Society, Passport to History 2021

2. Buzzards Bay Coalition, Discover Buzzards Bay: Rochester
3. Mayflower Camerata & Chamber Orchestra, A Baroque Christmas: Cantatas & Concertos from 18c. Europe
4. Vincent Lovegrove, “Hodge Podge Hide & Seek”
5. MUSIC Dance.edu, Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise for Seniors!
6. Tri-County Music Association, Chamber Music Concert for Seniors
7. Rochester Historical Society, Curator’s Show, Treasures from the Past: Part 2
8. Sippican Choral Society, Keeping Music Alive

COVID-19 IMPACT ON THE ARTS AND CULTURE

While 2021 did show considerable ‘return to normal’, these times remain difficult for the arts. A few of our grantees still struggle to execute their projects due to fluctuating pandemic restrictions - particularly concert performances like theater and music, for which the gathering of an audience is an important part of the experience. We have been impressed by the adaptability of many projects - some rapidly relocated to outdoor or online venues, applications made in 2020 for the 2021 calendar year were planned for the outdoors or other Covid-accomodating environments, and the use of online platforms in general. However, life, especially in the performing arts, remains hard - just ask the New Bedford Symphony, which at the time of this report has just postponed indefinitely the scheduled subscription concert (January 2022), due to the omicron variant. The RCC will continue to follow the guidance of the MCC and be as accommodating to the groups we support as possible.

The Rochester Cultural Council is dedicated to providing Rochester residents with as many diversified cultural programs as possible. We welcome suggestions and appreciate public discussions which will increase community awareness of the grant program. We also hope to further increase community engagement and outreach about the events we sponsor. We welcome any resident of Rochester to join the council and help us bring as much culture as possible to Rochester. You will find us at rochesterculturalcouncil@gmail.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall Elgin
 Kim Amato
 Kate Duggan
 Sue Kowalski
 Michael Kovacecick
 Jordan Pouliot

Report of the

OLD ROCHESTER COMMUNITY TELEVISION

2021 found Old Rochester Community Television continuing to adapt as the COVID 19 pandemic continued into its second year. Throughout all of the challenges ORCTV remained committed to serving the Town of Rochester and its residents. In spite of the obstacles that the staff and membership faced during 2021 they still managed to produce an incredible amount of programming, rivaling what was created during our most productive year 2019, before the onset of the pandemic.

This past year found ORCTV filming and cable casting over 110 town government meetings in Rochester including each meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission, The ORR District and Joint School Committees, The Tri-Town Board of Selectmen and The Rochester School Committee, as well as special forums and events of interest to the residents of Rochester and regional school committee meetings. ORCTV the 2021 Annual Spring and Fall Town Meetings. At the request of the Town of Rochester the station purchased new equipment to help improve the quality of remote ZOOM meeting broadcasts.

ORCTV continued to partner with Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School on the school's video production classes and club. ORCTV has continued to work with the school's Co-op jobs program bringing in a student from Old Colony to work as an intern at the station giving the student work place experience in the video production field. The station also filmed a number of events at the Rochester Memorial School including plays, concerts and the 6th grade Graduation Ceremony. During the 2020/21 school year the staff of ORCTV worked with over 300 students and school district staff members in video production training classes and workshops at the elementary and Junior High School levels. ORCTV staff have also been working on a weekly basis over the past four years, one on one, with special needs students at Old Rochester Regional high School, teaching the students video production and editing.

The ORCTV/ORRHS video production program is now entering its seventh year. The weekly 30 minute news magazine "Bulldog Weekly" highlights student activities at the high school and features segments from Principal Mike Devoll and Athletic Director Bill Tilden. The show is entirely written, filmed and edited by ORRHS video production students. The students and staff also worked with the school district to bring local viewers a number of virtual concerts, award ceremonies, holiday events and school assemblies throughout the year. In early 2021 when winter sports were taking place with either limited or no in house

audiences, the Old Rochester Athletic Department asked if ORCTV would be able to live broadcast games for students, friends and families over our online platforms and our cable channel. The practice was so successful that it continued throughout the year as ORCTV broadcast ORRHS regular season and playoff games live from as far away as Fall River, Bridgewater and the Cape helping to bring the games into the homes of for local residents. In many cases parents would watch the games live on their phones from the parking lots of the arenas and gyms while their children played inside. In addition to working with the ORRHS athletic department the staff and students also recorded and livestreamed many other school events such as plays, lectures, concerts, the annual promenade and pep rallies. Both the ORR and Old Colony Commencement ceremonies were broadcast live as were those of the local elementary schools and the Junior High School.

During 2021 ORCTV continued our work with local groups and government agencies. ORCTV carried the weekly sermons of the First Congregational Church of Rochester, which we have since 2006. ORCTV provided coverage of events for The Rochester Historical Society, the Council on Aging, the Plumb Library, The Tri-County Symphonic Band and Town Hall sponsored ceremonies. Shows produced by Rochester resident member producers included regular contributions from Linda Mederios with her program ‘What’s Linda Cooking?’, Kendall Smiley’s program “The Collective Chat” and Jeannine Hunt’s “The Jeannine Hunt Experience”. Our staff has also been working over the past several years with the Rochester based animal shelter It’s All About the Animals creating features to help them find permanent homes for the pets that they look after.

In 2022 we hope to add an internet based radio platform to the station’s channels as a means to further our offerings to the local community. This service will allow residents to create podcasts, hear local meetings, concerts, school events, talk shows and more on their phones, computers and other smart devices.

It is our hope that in the coming months area residents will come back to the studio to create programs as the pandemic subsides. The Old Rochester Regional High School building was not open to the public for much of 2020 and 2021. During that time ORCTV helped to record programs in our members’ homes and at other remote locations as a means of continuing both long running productions and in creating new content. As part of both our Educational TV program and our mission to serve our station members, the station’s staff taught virtual editing classes and ran workshops to teach Tri-Town residents how to use Zoom and other online platforms to record meetings, shows and create virtual events for broadcast content.

Through our channels, our social media and our online video on demand platforms these vital productions reached an average of over 10,000 or more people per week. As we have said many times, Old Rochester Community TV takes the community portion of our name very seriously as it is the story of the community that we are here to help residents tell through the lens and vision of our member producers who have been creating amazing content for nearly 16 years.

During 2021 ORCTV cable-casted 8,300 hours of programming on our public channel, 6,400 hours of programming on our educational channel and approximately 6550 hours of programming on Rochester's government channel. ORCTV is proud to serve this community as your access media center and we look forward to our continued service to the town of Rochester in the years to come.

Report of the

HERRING INSPECTOR

The 2021 Mattapoisett River herring count was 1,886, which was a significant decrease from the 16,049 the previous year. The counting conditions were good and the count appears to be accurate for the Mattapoisett River. According to the Division of Marine Fisheries' biologist Brad Chase, many of the other area herring rivers also had low counts.

The herring count in the Sippican River at Leonard's Pond fish ladder was 57 this year and most likely the fish counted were not herring. Last year 875 herring were counted there.

Due to Covid-19, Alewives Anonymous did not clear the Sippican River in the fall. Alewife's hopes to be able to clear portions of it next fall.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Watling Jr.

Report of the
VETERANS AGENT

The Tri-Town Veterans Services Office serves the Towns of Rochester, Mattapoisett and Marion. It is located at the Mattapoisett Town Hall at 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA. The Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. The telephone number is (508) 758-4100, Ext. 7. The Veterans Service Office assists Veterans and their families as defined by Chapter 115 Massachusetts General Laws. Chapter 115 is a needs-based program available to Veterans and Widows/Widowers who meet Department of Veterans Services (DVS) income limits. Our office continues to serve Veterans and their families on an individual basis to see that they receive assistance when needed. In many cases, we partner with multiple organizations to ensure the need is met.

In May, long-time Veterans Services Officer Barry Denham retired. Christopher Gerrior, a Navy Veteran and resident of Rochester was hired.

2021 also marked the 2nd year of Covid-19 pandemic-related challenges. This office continued to utilize the post office and phone more than in previous years to conduct business that was traditionally conducted in person at the Town Hall. Weekly meetings with MA Department of Veterans Services leadership as well as other VSOs were conducted via video chat.

In 2021 the office processed numerous claims for federal benefits, including VA pensions, VA Compensation, Requests for proof of military service (DD-214), VA Aid and Attendance, annuity claims, and arranging honor guards for funerals. In October, new statewide software was brought online, and the Administrative Assistant attended trainings for Massachusetts Chapter 115 benefits and Federal VA benefits.

Other notable accomplishments of the office include matching a donated Great Dane service dog to a local Veteran. Delivering Thanksgiving meals to local Veterans.

In cooperation with the Florence Eastman American Legion Post 280, our office arranged and participated in the ceremonies for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

If you are a Veteran, a Veteran's widow or widower or know one who may be in need of financial or medical assistance please have them reach out to the office to see if they qualify for assistance.

Sincerely,

Christopher Gerrior, Veterans Agent
Jo-Ann O'Malley, Administrative Assistant
Veterans Services Office
Towns of Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Marion

Report of the

**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING & ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SRPEDD)**

The Town of Rochester is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Originally founded in 1956, SRPEDD (pronounced “sir-ped”), is one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) across the state and one of approximately 550 across the country.

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities. SRPEDD also functions as the region’s staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO) and the regional Economic Development District (EDD) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).

Please visit the SRPEDD’s website at www.srpedd.org to review Highlighted Projects (www.srpedd.org/highlights), including our Regional Data Center, Drone Program, and various municipal projects. Our website also includes departmental web pages, a calendar of events, and recent news.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or project ideas.

Local citizens representing Rochester in SRPEDD activities:

Greenwood Hartley III SPREDD Commission Representative
Jeffrey Eldridge on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG).

Report of the
ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sharon Hartley, Chairperson	Term Expires 2022
Anne Fernandes, Vice Chairperson	Term Expires 2023
Katherine Duggan	Term Expires 2023
Jason Chisholm	Term Expires 2022
Robin Rounseville	Term Expires 2024

ORR SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Rochester Representatives)

Matthew Monteiro	Term Expires 2024
Joseph Pires	Term Expires 2023
Jason Chisholm	Term Expires 2022

Please check the school district website at www.oldrochester.org for meeting schedule.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Michael S. Nelson, M.Ed.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION**

Jannell Pearson Campbell, Ed.D.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF FINANCE &
OPERATIONS**

Howard Barber, CPA, MCPPO

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

Craig J. Davidson, M.Ed.

DISTRICT FACILITIES DIRECTOR

Eugene Jones, B.A.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL, Derek Medeiros

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, Charles West

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN, Dr. Mendes & Dr. Reynolds

SCHOOL NURSE, Ellen Murphy

ORR JR. HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL, Silas Coellner

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, Kelly Chouinard

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN, Dr. Mendes & Dr. Reynolds

SCHOOL NURSE, Linda Deveau

ORR HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL, Michael C. Devoll

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, Vanessa Harvey

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN, Dr. Mendes & Dr. Reynolds

SCHOOL NURSE, Nicole Sadeck

Introduction

Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts School Superintendency Union #55 serve the towns of Marion, Mattapoissett, and Rochester. The educators and staff in the three communities and four districts continue to work collaboratively to develop and deliver high quality education for our students that prepare them for an ever changing society and workforce. Thank you to our three communities who provide financial stability that allow our educators the resources to offer the latest curricula and programs which help our children to compete and excel in all facets of their education. Our school buildings continue to be invested in and maintained to create a safe and welcoming environment for our students and staff.

As you read this report you will see examples of our students' achievements, staffing and program changes, as well as signs of the structural improvements that have taken place in our buildings to upgrade learning spaces, technology infrastructure and safety.

The 2020-2021 school year took immense planning to prepare for the ongoing navigation of the COVID-19 pandemic. After March 13, 2020 the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year was conducted remotely. Students at all grade levels accessed their education remotely through synchronous and asynchronous teaching and learning opportunities. During the summer of 2020 – our schools began to offer both in-person instruction for students who required extended year services, while continuing to offer remote learning flexibility. When preparing for the 2020-2021 school year the school-system prepared for three learning model scenarios – which our schools could pivot between as needed. These learning models included full remote learning for all students, hybrid learning, and full in-person learning. Each learning model plan was designed in alignment with the most current Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidance and requirements. Ultimately, our district began the 2020-2021 school year operating a hybrid learning model. Families and students were also offered the opportunity to learn remotely based on their preference and individual circumstances.

Our hybrid learning model offered students the opportunity to learn in-person two days a week and remotely three days a week. Class sizes when learning in-person were approximately half the size of a typical classroom. This design allowed for social distancing when in-person and for other COVID-19 mitigation strategies to be implemented. As the school year progressed the school-system continued to explore and examine the feasibility of increasing in-person learning. Starting with our youngest learners, our schools began to increase the amount of in-

person learning in February of 2021 and gradually returned all students to full time in-person learning during the spring of the 2020-2021 school year.

The unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on our school community certainly presented challenges that could not be ignored. Our typical model of teaching and learning was forced to evolve on short notice. Nevertheless, our students, families, and staff members showed resolve of a strong school-system and school community. Through flexible problem solving and a willingness to go above and beyond – our students continued to access their education opportunities with fidelity and meaningfulness. Throughout the school year our schools remained anchored to our schools’ mission which is to inspire all students to think, to learn, and to care.

Strategic Plan

Vision 2023 was created in the Spring of 2018 by a steering committee with the help of focus groups from all three towns. The steering committee narrowed the scope of the work to three priority areas; social and emotional learning, global awareness, and 21st century skill development.

THEORY OF ACTION

IF WE...

provide all students with life and career skills, learning and innovation skills, and technology skills, by integrating these skills into a rigorous and relevant curriculum,

AND

develop and consistently utilize evidence-based approaches and strategies that foster the social and emotional well-being of students to promote their success,

AND

create a school district environment that broadens our students’ leadership skills, understanding and appreciation of multiculturalism, diversity, and global awareness by building relationships to establish a broader worldwide network, inspire all students to think, to learn, and to care.

THEN WE WILL...

have provided our Tri-Town students with 21st-century academic skills, strengthened their social and emotional competencies and prepared them to be engaged global citizens.

Strategic Plan - Year Three

During the 2020-2021 school year educators worked to complete the goals identified in the third year of the five-year strategic plan. The Vision 2023 strategic plan overarching goals focus on meeting the needs of all students, community relationships, technology, and organizational structure. This year's professional development centered around our commitment to Vision 2023. The focus areas were:

- 21st Century Learning
- Social Emotional Learning Professional Development
- Global Citizenship Professional Development
- Technology & Remote Learning (Technical and Pedagogy)
- Cultural Proficiency & Anti-Racism Training
- Grade Level and Department Curriculum Development
- Transition Planning Meetings to Support Student Development

Year three goals of Vision 2023 were the focus throughout this year of professional development. Our school-system partnered with professional development experts to support adult learning in our schools. First, we welcomed Dr. Christopher Clinton who is affiliated with UMASS Dartmouth to focus on best practices as related to remote learning. Next, Mr. Mirko Chardin, a school leader in the Cambridge School District, led our faculty through a professional development opportunity titled "Beyond Access with SEL." Supporting our ongoing commitment to cultural proficiency and equity work – Dr. Kalise Wornum presented to our staff members on how best to support all learners in our classrooms and beyond. Focusing on "Deeper Learning" – Mr. Chris Bronke presented best practices to ensure meaningful and memorable learning for our students. Furthermore, Mr. Eugene Hamilton presented to both staff members and students on the topic of "Creating an Equitable School District for All Students." Lastly, our school-system partnered with Dr. Kris Taylor from Teachers21 to discuss how best to establish non-negotiables to foster inclusivity and acceptance in our schools. These opportunities bolstered our professional development plan for the 2020-2021 school year as these experts were able to lead conversations related to best practice and help design action plans for progress.

School Leadership

During the 2020-2021 school year Mr. Michael S. Nelson officially became the Superintendent of Schools as of July 1, 2020 – replacing outgoing Superintendent of School Dr. Douglas R. White who retired at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. In addition, the administrator team within the Central Office welcomed new faces to our school-system.

First, Dr. Jannell Pearson-Campbell was hired as the schools' Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning. Dr. Pearson-Campbell came to us with a variety of experiences within the public school sector including both urban and rural educational experience both as a teacher and administrator. Furthermore, Dr. Pearson-Campbell's credentials included experience supporting students with disabilities who require special education services.

The school-systems Business Office also welcomed a new leader, Mr. Howard G. Barber who accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations. Mr. Barber joined our school-system with more than a decade of experience as a school business manager and vast school operations knowledge.

Also joining the school-system and Central Office team to lead the Student Services Office is Mr. Craig J. Davidson. Mr. Davidson accepted the position of Director of Student Services. Before joining our schools – Mr. Davidson spent ten years as a special education teacher and then moved into a Director of Student Services position as a school leader. His background has prepared him to lead our special education and student services departments within our schools with a focus on inclusion and equity.

At the school building level – our administration teams remained relatively constant. The Mattapoisett School District, Old Rochester School District, and Rochester School District welcomed back both their principal and assistant principal for another school year. In the Marion School District – Mr. Sean Persico accepted the assistant principal position at Sippican School within the Marion School District. Furthermore, Mr. Eugene Jones (Director of Facilities), Mrs. Jill Henesey (Director of Food Service), and Mrs. Doreen Lopes (Early Childhood Education Coordinator) continued to serve our schools in their capacities.

School Buildings

All Schools

The COVID-19 pandemic brought about many challenges within each school building. HVAC and air quality inspections, tests and evaluations were conducted by independent, outside contractors to ensure a safe educational environment in accordance with prescribed ASHRAE Standards. Air purifiers were also added to classrooms in all of our schools. All of our buildings are still being cleaned and disinfected every school day and also static sanitized each evening. This continues to provide a safe and germ-free environment for learning to take place. All school playgrounds have reopened per DESE and CDC recommendations and guidance.

CARES funds were used to purchase “mask break” tents, providing a safe, outdoor area for students and staff to access fresh air in all weather conditions.

We continue to solicit funding for Capital Improvements in all four districts. This past year three of the four districts received capital funding for improvements. We are grateful to the Towns for their commitment to education and the upkeep of our schools.

All mandated yearly inspections and tests have been completed in all buildings.

Rochester Memorial School

We completed crack, seal, sealcoating and striping of all the parking lots and roadways at Rochester Memorial School. This will extend the life of the facility asphalt and provide fresh markings for safe traffic control.

The Building Management System’s (BMS) main controller (brain) which controls all the buildings HVAC systems needed to be replaced. The new controller allowed for more control and better monitoring of the HVAC system. This ensures we are providing the healthiest and most comfortable learning environment for students and staff.

Irrigation was installed in the main field as part of the Capital Improvement approved by the Town.

“Hands-Free” water bottle filling stations were added inside the school to provide a safe source of filtered fresh water for our students and staff at Rochester Memorial School.

Routine maintenance is conducted on all facility machinery and equipment to ensure proper operation and reliability.

Old Rochester Regional High School/Junior High School

First responders from Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester conducted “Med Flight” training on the football field at ORR. ORR is a designated “Landing Zone” in the case of an area emergency.

We successfully installed a new Early Childhood playground at the High School. The new playground provides an up-to-date, safe and age-appropriate play area for our young students.

With the assistance of the SRPEDD Building Capture Project grant we successfully completed 3D images of the ORR entire campus. The virtual 3D images are an extremely helpful tool for first responders allowing

them to easily identify areas of the facility and to have direct access to those areas.

Sippican Elementary School

An emergency access road has been added to the rear of Sippican School to provide an alternate, safe access for first responders. This will allow access to the school from another direction and provide a secondary emergency egress route from the school.

Both the front playground and the early childhood playground were resurfaced. The playgrounds now meet new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) code regarding wheelchair access for our students and the community in general.

The aging snow removal tractor was replaced ensuring our ability to assist the Town of Marion with safely clearing the Sippican School grounds during snow/ice removal operations.

We continue the VCT flooring replacement project; one classroom and the grade 1 hallway have been completed. This is part of our Capital Improvements (funded by the Town).

Center School

The non-commercial lawn tractor was phase-replaced with an efficient Zero-Turn tractor at Center School.

Routine maintenance is conducted on all facility machinery and equipment to ensure proper operation and reliability.

Old Hammondtown School

The aging septic assist system needed to have two motors replaced, along with floats and a controller. The new system will automatically assign a lead and lag pump to prevent any backup inside the building.

During a roof inspection several rips in the rubber membrane roof were found. The rips were repaired immediately to prevent any damage to the interior.

We phase-replaced our grounds support tractor.

Routine maintenance is conducted on all facility machinery and equipment to ensure proper operation and reliability.

Student Services and Special Education

Students who receive special education services in the Tri-Town range in age from 3 to 21. Our integrated preschool program, Project GROW, provides services for any preschoolers who are eligible for special education. Some preschoolers, who are eligible for special education services, receive therapies on an appointment basis based on individual needs.

Students in our elementary schools range from those who may have very mild learning or language disabilities or a developmental delay to students who have more significant disabilities (autism, multiple disabilities, etc.). School-based TEAMS consider the impact of the student’s disability on their education in determining the types of services or programming the student needs. Some students with complex disabilities affecting all areas of their lives may require services after school or during summer vacation. As students become older, school-based TEAMS work with adult agencies to begin the transition process for students who are entitled to support services.

During 2021 and as compared with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts - the Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Old Rochester Regional School Districts educated 91.7% of their students who receive special education services within a full inclusion service delivery model, as compared with a state average of approximately 62%. The benefits of education within our neighborhood schools include: higher expectations for students with disabilities; improved instruction (because of the need for teachers to teach to individual children regardless of their achievement levels); and a richer school environment because of the diversity of our classrooms. The average percentage of students with disabilities (SWDs) is 16.0%, which is 2.9% less than the state average of 18.9%. A particular point of pride continues to be how few of our students are educated in schools outside of their communities. Specifically, only .65% of students with disabilities are educated in schools or programs not in the Tri-Town. This data is evidence of the strong commitment to an inclusive school and town(s) environment.

There is variability in the percent of students with disabilities among our school districts – as outlined in the table below:

District	%SWD
Marion	19.0%
Mattapoisett	15.6%
Rochester	17.8%
ORR	14.4%
System-Wide	16.0%
State-Wide	18.9%

Regarding the professional development of staff members within our schools, our traditional Responsive Classroom Elementary Course in 2021 was postponed due to restrictions. The course was rescheduled for 2022 and will include new staff from both school years. Responsive Classroom is a student-centered, social and emotional learning approach to teaching and discipline. It consists of a set of research, and evidence-based practices designed to create safe, joyful, and engaging classrooms and school communities for both students and teachers. Furthermore, Responsive Classroom is an evidence-based approach to teaching and discipline that focuses on engaging academics, positive community, effective management, and developmental awareness. Moreover, the Office of Student Services offered additional trainings in the areas of Social Emotional Learning Strategies (SEL), Individual Education Program (IEP) development, adult agency support for students with disabilities (MRC), confidentiality, student records, and crisis prevention and intervention (CPI), Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Non-Negotiables, and Master Teacher Online Courses for Paraprofessional staff.

The high school athletics program continued with their Unified Sports/Special Olympics affiliation. Special Olympics is dedicated to promoting social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences. Unified Sports joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. It was inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. The Bulldogs have embraced this philosophy and participated in their second season of basketball. The team continues to increase in numbers and had 14 members participate in the winter season. After being canceled during the 2020 spring season, our 2021 Unified Track made an emphatic comeback and hosted several track meets on campus.

Our youngest learners continued to receive high level preschool services in an integrated classroom model that reflects our schools' philosophy regarding inclusion and best practices. The Early Education Coordinator worked with both school personnel and community partners to offer in-person and virtual playgroups for our youngest learners. Our staff participated in a professional development - Building Equitable Support for Children with Disabilities - and qualified for a grant opportunity to support instruction focusing on equitable supports and anti-bias practices. Each of our preschools received materials and resources to use with our youngest learners.

The Office of Student Services worked alongside our Anti-Racism Subcommittee to survey students (grades six through our high school transition program) in the areas of equity and inclusion using the Panorama platform. 979 students district-wide participated in this survey that provided results in three focus areas - cultural awareness and

action, diversity and inclusion, and sense of belonging. The District also provided community wide events for students and families focusing on equity and inclusion. Our first speaker, Ms. Christina Brown (TNTP), presented on identity and a sense of belonging. Our second speaker, Author Sarah Fiarman, led a community discussion on unconscious racial bias in schools.

In 2021, the Office of Student Services also participated in the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Tiered Focused Monitoring Audit. Our District conducted a self-assessment of our special education and civil rights offices, protocols and procedures. This review process emphasizes procedures for following state and federal regulations for students with disabilities. Particularly, the DESE reviewed our procedures and documentation and will conduct their on-site visit during the 2022 school year.

In 2021 - our staff, students, and families continued to face challenges never imaginable in the educational world. Our special educators, service providers, para-professionals and staff worked diligently with our families on providing services remotely and in-person. We continue to be blessed with the most dedicated staff in the field of education.

Finances

Federal and state grants continue to offset staffing in all four school districts, as well as provide staff development for targeted student needs including social/emotional learning, language-based learning disabilities, and students with significant and complex needs. Grants also offset a percentage of preschool programming. Finally, the continued investment in providing special education services within the neighborhood schools enriches the quality of teaching available to all students, improves the school culture and ultimately results in students with disabilities and their families maintaining a higher level of independence.

The School Budgets

The table below displays the trends in the budgets of the Tri-Town district in the last three years.

The per pupil cost for education in the schools of the Old Rochester Regional and Massachusetts School Superintendency Union #55 is compared to each other as well as to the Massachusetts state average:

	<u>FY'18</u>	<u>FY'19</u>	<u>FY'20</u>
Marion	\$16,298	\$16,112	\$17,017
Mattapoissett	\$19,746	\$20,549	\$20,891
Rochester	\$14,633	\$14,580	\$14,805
Old Rochester	\$15,405	\$16,508	\$17,110
State Average	\$16,506	\$17,150	\$17,575

The source of support for public education programs in the Old Rochester Regional School District/Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 includes funding sources described in the tables below:

Local Tax Assessments: Local School Budgets: (Grades K-6 Elementary School Program)

	<u>FY'19</u>	<u>FY'20</u>	<u>FY'21</u>
Marion	\$6,056,909	\$6,165,701	\$6,301,167
Mattapoisett	\$6,994,224	\$7,185,583	\$7,357,475
Rochester	\$6,256,108	\$6,424,585	\$6,609,831

Old Rochester Regional School District (Grades 7-12 Program)

	<u>FY'19</u>	
	<i>Operational</i>	<i>Capital</i>
Marion's share	\$4,336,188	\$244,953
Mattapoisett's share	\$5,462,462	\$310,793
Rochester's share	\$4,493,007	\$281,671

	<u>FY'20</u>	
	<i>Operational</i>	<i>Capital</i>
Marion's share	\$4,540,902	\$221,749
Mattapoisett's share	\$5,706,582	\$305,713
Rochester's share	\$4,566,742	\$276,910

	<u>FY'21</u>	
	<i>Operational</i>	<i>Capital</i>
Marion's share	\$4,743,800	\$212,223
Mattapoisett's share	\$5,885,034	\$292,716
Rochester's share	\$4,627,733	\$264,464

State Aid (Towns (K-6) & ORR District (7-12))

	<u>FY'19</u>	<u>FY'20</u>	<u>FY'21</u>
Marion	\$846,844	\$860,344	\$860,344
Mattapoisett	\$826,405	\$839,485	\$839,485
Rochester	\$1,855,232	\$2,057,549	\$2,057,549
Old Rochester	\$3,010,154	\$3,043,394	\$3,043,394

Federal and State Entitlements:

	<u>FY'19</u>	<u>FY'20</u>	<u>FY'21</u>
	\$969,299	\$896,276	\$1,410,874

Competitive State Grants

	<u>FY'19</u>	<u>FY'20</u>	<u>FY'21</u>
	\$33,810	\$76,977	\$47,689

Private Grants

	<u>FY'19</u>	<u>FY'20</u>	<u>FY'21</u>
	\$3,414	\$9,675	

Included in the FY'21 Federal and State Entitlement Grants are specific one time grants which may not be available next fiscal year. The ESSER I grant(s) for \$118,523, State Coronavirus Prevention Fund(s) for \$98,500, Summer Vacation Learning Grants(s) for \$48,000 and Remote Learning Technology Grant(s) for \$172,596 are included in the \$1,410,884 total. Below is a description about each of these grants.

ESSER Grant I -The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief I (ESSER I) Fund, authorized under section 18003 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), provides districts with emergency relief funds to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools. Districts must provide equitable services to students and teachers in non-public schools as required under the CARES Act.

State Coronavirus Prevention Fund - In January 2021, the legislature authorized one-time funding to school districts for additional assistance to support coronavirus prevention efforts and to maintain and increase educational quality during the pandemic. The budget provides for each district to receive funding equal to the sum of \$25 multiplied by their FY2021 foundation enrollment plus \$75 multiplied by their low-income enrollment. Eligible uses for the funds include, but are not limited to, personal protective equipment, hygienic supplies, costs associated with socially distanced onsite learning, remote learning, or hybrid approaches as determined by the district.

Summer Vacation Learning Grant -The purpose of this new competitive federally funded grant is to support local school districts, charter, and career vocational technical education school's efforts to develop, expand, or enhance high quality, in-person, virtual, or hybrid (combination of in-person and virtual) summer (summer 2020) and/or school vacation learning programs during the 2020-2021 school year. Grant funds may also be used to support the development and implementation of school year weekend learning programs to be implemented during the academic year.

Remote Learning Technology -The purpose of this competitive Remote Learning Technology Essentials Program is to provide supplemental funds to support Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in addressing remaining remote learning technology needs and to ensure that every student has adequate access to technology for use in remote learning environments during the 2020-21 school year. Funds under this program, in addition to those made available under other federal grant programs, may be used to support technology needs addressed following the March 13, 2020 COVID-19 emergency.

Enrollment

The October 1st enrollment totals in the Old Rochester Regional/Massachusetts School Superintendency Union #55 Districts are showing a fluctuation from year to year. It is important to note that the enrollment numbers reported in 2020 were reported during the COVID-19 pandemic and there were 92 additional K-12 students who were being homeschooled. As a reference in the previous year we had 24 K-12 students reported as homeschooled.

October 1 – Preschool through Grade 6

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Sippican School	433	392	400
Center School	244	224	235
Old Hammondtown	190	170	187
Rochester Memorial	504	472	511
ORR JHS	415	399	388
ORR SHS	662	636	600

Although a high percentage of the elementary school students K-6 are enrolled in the Tri-Town Public Schools there is some movement to independent and parochial schools from grade seven and a more significant movement to independent, parochial, and vocational schools, after the eighth grade. The following chart captures trends in student transfers. The largest transfer trend is seen from Grade 8 to Grade 9 where some of our students opt to go into Vocational High Schools, such as Upper Cape Cod Technical High School, Old Colony Regional High School and Bristol County Agricultural High School.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Grade 6	203	177	208
Grade 7	213	192	183
Grade 8	202	207	205
Grade 9	156	136	135
Grade 12	162	166	170
Graduating Class*	177	185	188

* Graduating class figures are as of June 2021; other figures are as of October 1, 2021.

GRADE	NON-RESIDENT			MR.	MT.	RCH.	TOTAL
	NON TUITION						
ELEMENTARY:	MR	MT	RCH				
PROJECT GROW				17	25	25	67
K	2	2	2	48	55	54	157
1	1			49	49	63	161
2		1		53	46	62	161
3	2	1	1	63	61	69	193
4	1			52	63	89	204
5			1	54	64	65	183
6			1	64	60	84	208
SUB-TOTALS	6	4	5	400	423	511	1334
JUNIOR HIGH:*				MR.	MT.	RCH.	TOTAL
7				58	57	68	183
8				60	72	73	205
SUB-TOTALS				118	129	141	388
SENIOR HIGH:*				MR.	MT.	RCH.	TOTAL
9				48	56	31	135
10				39	50	49	138
11				50	54	50	154
12				50	61	59	170
SP				0	2	1	3
SUB-TOTALS				187	223	190	600
SUB-TOTALS 7-12				305	352	331	988
Charter School Students (FY22 Reporting)				3	1	4	8
FY 22 School Choice (sending)				5	3	4	12
SUB-TOTALS 7-12				313	356	339	1008
GRAND TOTAL				705	775	842	2322
UPPER CAPE COD:							TOTAL
9				9			9
10				7			7
11				1			1
12				3			3
TOTAL				20	0	0	20

OLD COLONY:		MR.	MT.	RCH.	TOTAL
9			8	39	47
10			12	16	28
11			12	20	32
12			12	18	30
TOTAL			44	93	137
BRISTOL COUNTY AGGIE:		MR.	MT.	RCH.	TOTAL
9			1	2	3
10				2	2
11			1	1	2
12		1	1	6	8
TOTAL		1	3	11	15

*not including school choice

SP= Special Program (18-22 years of age)

JUNIOR HIGH:	OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL
7	10
8	12
SUB TOTAL	22
SENIOR HIGH:	
9	16
10	14
11	21
12	25
SP(18-22)	1
SUB TOTAL	77
GRAND TOTAL	99

The following students from Rochester graduated in 2021.

Leon Hunter Aanensen
Benjamin James Austin
Marisa Lee Braga
Skylar Grace Cardwell
Emma Minisce Carroll
Alyssa Marie Clancy
Tessa Elizabeth DeMaggio
Mariana Gisela Ditata

Carly Michelle Drew
Madisyn Riley Dumond
Lindsay Blake Durgin
Edward Joseph Espejo
Cailyn Theresa Flannery
Austin Childs Fleming
Abigail Christine Forcier
Rachel Marjorie Foye
Colby Ryan Graham
Samuel Timothy Guillotte
Lauren Calloway Hartley
Mitchell Patrick Higgins
Lindsay Rae Holick
Faith Michelle Humphrey
Jacob Thomas Jensen
Chloe Mabel Killion
Colin Michael Kulak
Sierra Rose Lanzoni
Olivia Grace LaPierre
Isabella Marie LaPointe
Griffin Barrett Lawrence
Colin David Mackin
Eva Angeline Riscad McCann
Marco Anthony Musto
Christian George Noble Shriver
Brian Edward Palker
Logan Marie Place
Emma Kat Schwabe
Teagan Ann Shay
Evan Thomas Smith
Paige Elizabeth Sommers
Sophia Cristina Sousa
Cameron Joseph Spencer
Anthony Collin Steele
Bailey Van Tieu
Jessica Victoria Vance
Reily Elizabeth Veilleux
Sophie Elizabeth Vigeant
Tyler Cole Wadman
Samantha Marie Winters
Alison Leigh Wright
Lucy Xin-ru Zhang
Paige Leona Zutaut

The following students graduated in 2021 as part of the School Choice Program.

Novalye Marie Arruda	Acushnet
Kent David Aspden	Acushnet
Maya Grace Blouin	Acushnet
Brianna Lynn Machado	Acushnet
Alexia Donna Blais	East Freetown
Baylen Robert Andrews Brunelle	Fairhaven
Margaret Kelley Carroll	Fairhaven
Jacob Henry Cuocu	Fairhaven
Griffin David Henriques	Fairhaven
Kailee Anne Rodrigues	Fairhaven
Elijah Carl Silva	Fairhaven
Jaclyn Noelle Stadelman	Fairhaven
Andrew James Tripanier	Fairhaven
Shelby Ann Carmichael	Middleboro
Taylor Morgan Amaral	New Bedford
Alexis Megan Bourassa	New Bedford
Jordan Torres Duarte	New Bedford
Madisyn Rylee Leavitt	New Bedford
Lindsey Elizabeth O'Donnell	New Bedford
Curtis James Briggi	Wareham
Erin Elizabeth Davis	Wareham
Michael Francis Parker	Wareham
Emma Rose Waratuke	Wareham
Stephen Joseph Arne	West Wareham
Amanda Rose Wheeler	West Wareham

Union Agreements

During the 2020-2021 school year three agreements were negotiated and settled. The Marion Teachers Association and the Marion Support Staff Associations agreed upon multi-year contracts with the Marion School Committee. In addition, the Mattapoisett Teacher Association negotiated and settled a one-year contract with the Mattapoisett School Committee. A one-year agreement was agreed upon by both parties in light of the COVID-19 scenario and impact on financial forecasting. In 2021 – negotiations with the Rochester Teacher Association and Rochester Support Staff Associations commenced.

2020/2021 Academic Performance

Old Rochester Regional School District Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55 navigated through the challenges of

the COVID-19 pandemic that greatly impacted school communities nationwide. The Pandemic led to various types of learning models during the 2020/2021 school year: hybrid-in, hybrid-out, remote learning and the eventual return of all students to in-person learning. In the spring of 2021, the MCAS Assessment was taken by students; it was a shortened and modified version of the exam. Students testing locations varied; some took the test remotely while others took it in-person. The Next Generation MCAS was administered to all students on a Chromebook. Data from the exam is used to inform instructional approaches and interventional strategies to support learning for all of our students. We continue to focus on fostering a sense of belonging and partnership among students and families, continuously monitoring students' understanding, and ensuring strong grade-appropriate instruction with just-in-time scaffolds when needed. We are very fortunate to have dedicated teachers, families and stakeholders that provide our students with what is needed to achieve their greatest potential.

The Next Generation MCAS exam is scored as follows: students who performed at or above the score of 500 earn the "Meets Expectations" or "Exceeds Expectations" designation. Scores between 470 and 499 earn the "Partially Meeting Expectations" designation. Scores between 440 and 469 are given to students who are not demonstrating that they know the standards in a given subject area. They receive a "Not Meeting Expectations" designation. Our goal is to help every student Meet or Exceed the Expectations.

Once again in 20/21 the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) incorporated accountability indicators which provided information about school performance and student opportunities beyond test scores. There are also normative and criterion-referenced components such as attendance in the accountability percentiles and progress toward set targets. DESE is focused on raising the performance of each school's lowest performing students in addition to the performance of the school as a whole. They also have accountability categories that define the progress that schools are making and the type of support they may receive from the Department. Districts are classified based on district-level data, not based on the performance of a district's lowest performing school.

On the following pages you will find each school's MCAS performance data summary.

Rochester Memorial School Performance

Rochester Memorial School is made up of pre-k through grade 6 students. Students at Rochester Memorial School in grades 3 through 6 achieved an average standard score above the aforementioned 500 threshold consisting of 503.0 for grade 3, 502.6 for grade 4, 500.2 for grade 5 and

501.1 for grade 6 in English Language Arts.

Average math scores for Rochester Memorial School students were 494.8 for grade 3, 495.5 for grade 4, 501.0 for grade 5 and 500.6 for grade 6.

On the grade 5 science assessment, students averaged a score of 507.8 versus the State average of 494.3

The following tables describe the performance by grade at Rochester Memorial School.

Rochester Memorial School MCAS Performance Grades 3 and 4					
Grade/Subject		Gr. 3 ELA	Gr. 3 Math	Gr. 4 ELA	Gr. 4 Math
Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	District	57	39	62	46
	State	51	33	49	33
Exceeding Expectations	District	8	6	3	3
	State	9	5	6	4
Meeting Expectations	District	49	32	58	43
	State	41	28	43	29
Partially Meeting Expectations	District	39	52	35	46
	State	39	40	38	43
Not Meeting Expectations	District	4	9	3	8
	State	10	26	13	24
No. of Students Included		77	77	65	65
Average Scaled Score		503.0	494.8	502.6	495.5
Average SGP		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Included in Avg. SGP.		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Rochester Memorial School MCAS Performance Grades 5 and 6 Grades 3 through 6 Combined								
Grade/Subject		Gr. 5 ELA	Gr. 5 Math	Gr. 5 Science	Gr. 6 ELA	Gr. 6 Math	Gr. 3-6 ELA	Gr. 3-6 Math
Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	District	53	46	61	55	47	56	44
	State	47	33	42	47	33	46	33
Exceeding Expectations	District	10	5	16	14	5	9	5
	State	8	4	7	12	5	8	5
Meeting Expectations	District	43	41	46	41	42	47	39
	State	39	29	36	35	29	38	29
Partially Meeting Expectations	District	40	51	36	30	47	36	49
	State	41	47	39	31	44	38	45
Not Meeting Expectations	District	7	4	2	15	6	8	7
	State	12	20	19	22	23	16	22
No. of Students Included		83	83	83	66	66	293	293
Average Scaled Score		500.2	501.0	507.8	501.1	500.6	501.4	497.8
Average SGP		39.4	53.0	N/A	42.1	46.8	40.3	49.6
Included in Avg. SGP.		77	77	N/A	64	64	143	143

Sippican School Performance

Sippican School serves students pre-k through grade 6. Students at Sippican School in grades 3 through 6 achieved an average standard score close to or above the aforementioned 500 threshold consisting of 502.1 for grade 3, 499.7 for grade 4, 501.7 for grade 5 and 505.6 for grade 6 in English Language Arts.

Average math scores for Sippican School students were 487.0 for grade 3, 495.0 for grade 4, 499.0 for grade 5 and 503.5 for grade 6.

On the grade 5 science assessment, students averaged a score of 502.8 versus the State average of 494.3

The following tables describe the performance by grade at Sippican School.

Sippican School MCAS Performance Grades 3 and 4					
Grade/Subject		Gr. 3 ELA	Gr. 3 Math	Gr. 4 ELA	Gr. 4 Math
Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	District	57	25	52	48
	State	51	33	49	33
Exceeding Expectations	District	13	4	4	4
	State	9	5	6	4
Meeting Expectations	District	45	21	48	44
	State	41	28	43	29
Partially Meeting Expectations	District	36	57	38	31
	State	39	40	38	43
Not Meeting Expectations	District	7	18	10	21
	State	10	26	13	24
No. of Students Included		56	56	52	52
Average Scaled Score		502.1	487.0	499.7	495.0
Average SGP		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Included in Avg. SGP.		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<p style="text-align: center;">Sippican School MCAS Performance Grades 5 and 6 Grades 3 through 6 Combined</p>								
Grade/Subject		Gr. 5 ELA	Gr. 5 Math	Gr. 5 Science	Gr. 6 ELA	Gr. 6 Math	Gr. 3-6 ELA	Gr. 3-6 Math
Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	District	56	48	57	62	53	57	44
	State	47	33	42	47	33	46	33
Exceeding Expectations	District	10	5	14	12	8	10	5
	State	8	4	7	12	5	8	5
Meeting Expectations	District	46	43	43	50	45	47	39
	State	39	29	36	35	29	38	29
Partially Meeting Expectations	District	41	46	30	35	40	38	44
	State	41	47	39	31	44	38	45
Not Meeting Expectations	District	3	6	13	3	7	6	13
	State	12	20	19	22	23	16	22
No. of Students Included		63	63	63	60	60	231	231
Average Scaled Score		501.7	499.0	502.8	505.6	503.5	502.4	496.4
Average SGP		29.9	36.0	N/A	38.3	41.0	34.0	38.5
Included in Avg. SGP.		60	59	N/A	57	57	117	116

Mattapoissett Schools Performance

Center School serves students pre-k through grade 3. Old Hammondtown School serves students grades 4 through 6. Mattapoissett students continue to perform at a high level in all subjects.

In English Language Arts:

- 72% of grade three students met or exceeded expectations versus 51 % for the State.
- 66% of grade four students met or exceeded expectations versus 49% for the State.
- 73% of grade five students met or exceeded expectations versus 47% for the State.
- 77% of grade six students met or exceeded expectations versus 47% for the State.

In Mathematics:

- 39% of grade three students met or exceeded expectations versus 33% for the State.
- 55% of grade four students met or exceeded expectations versus 33% for the State.
- 75% of grade five students met or exceeded expectations versus 33% for the State.
- 55% of grade six students met or exceeded expectations versus 33% for the State.

In Science:

- 77% of grade five students met or exceeded expectations versus 42% for the State.

The following tables describe the performance by grade at Center School and Old Hammondtown School.

Mattapoissett MCAS Performance Grades 3 and 4					
Grade/Subject		Gr. 3 ELA	Gr. 3 Math	Gr. 4 ELA	Gr. 4 Math
Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	District	72	39	66	55
	State	51	33	49	33
Exceeding Expectations	District	9	7	3	3
	State	9	5	6	4
Meeting Expectations	District	63	31	62	52
	State	41	28	43	29
Partially Meeting Expectations	District	28	57	26	36
	State	39	40	38	43
Not Meeting Expectations	District	0	4	9	9
	State	10	26	13	24
No. of Students Included		54	54	58	58
Average Scaled Score		509.4	495.2	502.5	500.1
Average SGP		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Included in Avg. SGP.		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Mattapoisett MCAS Performance Grades 5 and 6 Grades 3 through 6 Combined								
Grade/Subject		Gr. 5 ELA	Gr. 5 Math	Gr. 5 Science	Gr. 6 ELA	Gr. 6 Math	Gr. 3-6 ELA	Gr. 3-6 Math
Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	District	73	75	77	77	55	72	56
	State	47	33	42	47	33	46	33
Exceeding Expectations	District	13	12	12	28	6	13	7
	State	8	4	7	12	5	8	5
Meeting Expectations	District	60	63	65	49	49	59	49
	State	39	29	36	35	29	38	29
Partially Meeting Expectations	District	27	25	23	15	42	24	40
	State	41	47	39	31	44	38	45
Not Meeting Expectations	District	0	0	0	8	4	4	4
	State	12	20	19	22	23	16	22
No. of Students Included		60	60	60	53	53	225	225
Average Scaled Score		510.3	508.8	511.9	516.6	500.5	509.6	501.3
Average SGP		43.1	57.6	N/A	65.0	38.9	53.4	48.9
Included in Avg. SGP.		57	57	N/A	51	50	108	107

Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Performance

Old Rochester Regional Junior High School serves students in grades 7 and 8 from Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. 7th grade students scored 4% above the state average for meeting or exceeding expectations in English Language Arts and 8th grade students are 8% above the state average in the category for meeting or exceeding expectations in English Language Arts.

Grade 7 students' math scores were 3% lower than the State average for meeting and exceeding expectations and the grade 8 students' math scores were 6% higher than the State average for meeting and exceeding expectations.

In science, grade 8 students are 14% above the State average for meeting or exceeding expectations.

The following table describes the performance by grade at Old Rochester Regional Junior High School.

Old Rochester Regional Junior High School MCAS Performance Grades 7 and 8									
Grade/Subject		Gr. 7 ELA	Gr. 7 Math	Gr. 8 ELA	Gr. 8 Math	Gr. 8 Science	Gr. 7-8 ELA	Gr. 7-8 Math	Gr. 7-8 Science
Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	District	47	32	49	38	55	48	35	55
	State	43	35	41	32	41	46	33	42
Exceeding Expectations	District	9	4	10	2	12	10	3	12
	State	6	6	6	4	8	8	5	7
Meeting Expectations	District	38	28	39	35	43	39	32	43
	State	37	29	34	28	33	38	29	34
Partially Meeting Expectations	District	39	59	44	53	41	41	56	41
	State	37	47	41	46	43	38	45	41
Not Meeting Expectations	District	14	9	7	10	4	10	9	4
	State	20	18	18	21	16	16	22	17
No. of Students Included		205	205	209	209	184	414	414	184
Average Scaled Score		498.3	493.4	502.7	494.6	504.6	500.5	494.0	504.6
Average SGP		35.3	24.7	33.4	17.9	N/A	34.3	21.1	N/A
Included in Avg. SGP.		182	182	199	198	N/A	381	380	N/A

Old Rochester Regional High School Performance

Old Rochester Regional High School serves students in grades 9 through 12 from the towns of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. Grade 10 students outperformed the state average in English Language Arts by 18% for meeting or exceeding expectations and outperformed the state average in math by 17% for meeting or exceeding expectations. The grade 10 science MCAS exam was not given in 2021 due to Covid-19.

The following table describes the grade 10 performance at Old Rochester Regional High School.

Old Rochester Regional High School Grade 10 MCAS Performance			
Grade/Subject		Grade 10 ELA	Grade 10 Math
Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	District	82	69
	State	64	52
Exceeding Expectations	District	24	14
	State	19	11
Meeting Expectations	District	58	55
	State	45	41
Partially Meeting Expectations	District	16	28
	State	27	36
Not Meeting Expectations	District	2	3
	State	9	12
No. of Students Included		164	164
Average Scaled Score		517.4	509.4
Average SGP		53.5	42.6
Included in Avg. SGP.		157	158

Old Rochester Regional SAT Performance

In 20/21, due to the Pandemic, many colleges and universities removed the SAT requirement as part of their admission process. With this in mind, fewer students chose to participate in the SAT's than in previous years. Fifty-eight students from the Class of 2021 participated in the SAT examination. The Mean Score for Evidence-Based Reading and Writing was 586. In Math, the mean score was 595.

Advanced Placement Coursework

Two hundred twenty-four students took advantage of a variety of Advancement Placements courses offered at the Old Rochester Regional High School in the 2020-2021 academic year. These 224 students took a total of 422 AP exams, meaning many took multiple AP courses at the same time. Many students chose to get a leg up on college level coursework while still in high school. AP exams are developed by the College Board. With a scoring system of 1 through 5 on the exam, if a student earns a 3, 4, or 5, many higher education institutions offer college credit. Students enter college with credits already earned, placing them

ahead in their degree aspirations. We are proud that many students take multiple AP courses and exams while at the Old Rochester Regional High School.

With AP Scholar awards, the AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college level achievement through their performance on AP exams. The AP scholar designation is granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams. Old Rochester Regional High School had an impressive 28 students who earned this distinction. We are very proud of the robust participation of our students in Advanced Placement courses. Below is a table of the AP Awards received.

ORR Students	AP Award	AP Criteria
28 Students	AP Scholar	Granted to students who receives scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
16 Students	AP Scholar with Honor	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams
27 Students	AP Scholar with Distinction	Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams
5 Students	AP Capstone with Diploma	Granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research and on 4 additional AP Exams of their choosing.
4 Students	AP Seminar and Research Certificate	Granted to students who earn scores of 3 or higher in both AP Seminar and AP Research.

College and University Admissions

Old Rochester Regional School District students attained admissions at a variety of public and private institutions of higher education. The largest portion of Old Rochester Regional High School’s class of 2021 students, 13 students, chose University of Massachusetts, Amherst as their school of choice. Many chose the economically advantageous opportunities

within close proximity to the Tri-Town: 14 students chose Bristol Community College, 8 students chose Bridgewater State University and 9 students chose University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Three students chose University of Massachusetts, Boston, 6 students chose Massachusetts Maritime Academy, 6 students chose the University of New Hampshire, and 5 chose Emmanuel College, respectively.

Other students chose to enroll in state institutions of higher learning in other states or in private colleges. Below is a listing of these institutions:

American University	Anna Maria College	Assumption University	Blue Hill Helicopter Flight School
Boston College	Brandeis University	Bridgewater State University	Bristol Community College
Bryant University	Cape Cod Community College	Carnegie Mellon University	Champlain College
Colby-Sawyer College	Connecticut College	Dartmouth College	Dean College
Duke University	Elon University	Fairfield University	Fairleigh Dickinson University-Fordham
Framingham State University	Franklin Pierce University	Haverford College	High Point University
Husson University	Johnson & Wales University	Lasell University	Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University	MA College of Art & Design	Ma College of Pharmacy & HS	MASS Maritime Academy
Merrimack College	Moorpark College	Mount Holyoke College	Nichols College
Northeastern University	Plymouth State University	Queens University	Regis College
Ringling College of Art and Design	Rochester Institute of Technology	Roger Williams University	Sacred Heart University
Salem State University	Salve Regina University	Simmons University	Southern New Hampshire University

Spa Tech Institute	Stonehill College	Suffolk University	SUNY College of Environmental Science
Temple University	The University of Alabama	Tufts University	Tulane University
UMASS Amherst	UMASS Boston	UMASS Dartmouth	UMASS Lowell
Union College	Universal Technical Institute	University of Arizona	University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut	University of Maine Orono	University of New Hampshire	University of New Haven
University of Rhode Island	University of South Carolina	University of Southern Maine	University of St. Andrews
University of Tampa	University of Vermont	Wentworth Institute of Technology	Westfield State University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute			

The graduating Class of 2021 also had students who chose to serve in the Army and in the Navy. We are proud of those individuals and thank each of them for their service.

Conclusion

In conclusion, our schools continued to make progress with the Vision 2023 Strategic Plan and meet outcomes articulated within the third year of the plan. The focus continued on 21st Century Learning by developing project-based learning understanding and implementation. Furthermore, our educators continued to focus on the importance of learning opportunities including creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking components. We continued to recognize and value social emotional learning in our schools by endorsing the Responsive Classroom approach, teaching explicit social emotional skills, and ensuring safety in our classrooms and schools. Lastly, our school community embraced the ideology of global citizenship by creating opportunities for both students and educators to acknowledge not only the classroom environment, but beyond.

During the 2020-2021 school year the COVID-19 pandemic certainly shaped logistical planning and required safety mitigation factors that had to be implemented for both the safety of those in our schools and our

communities in general. Yet – our schools continued to offer a high level of educational services to all students. Our staff members went far beyond their typical responsibilities to meet each family and student where they were at – to the best of their abilities. The ongoing support from the town stakeholders, our families, and STUDENTS allows our school-system to navigate any challenge and remain focused on our main priority – teaching and learning.

School Committee

During the 2020-2021 school year we had five (5) School Committee members conclude their service, we extend our sincere gratitude for their willingness to offer their time and commitment to our schools and our students.

The following school committee members completed terms in 2021:

- Cary Humphrey, ORR School Committee, Rochester
- Shannon Finning, Mattapoisett School Committee
- Carole Clifford, Mattapoisett School Committee
- Jonathan Dickerson, Marion School Committee
- Tina Rood, Rochester School Committee

We also welcomed four (4) new members, we thank them for joining our school community. The stakes involved in school committee decision-making are quite high and we look forward to working collaboratively with them throughout their term. Ms. Carole Clifford from Mattapoisett ended her term in 2021 and was then appointed to a one- year term when Dr. Shannon Finning resigned from her seat on July 13, 2021.

The following school committee members began terms in 2021:

- Matthew Monteiro, ORR School Committee, Rochester
- Tiffini Reedy, Mattapoisett School Committee
- Christine Marcolini, Marion School Committee
- Jason Chisholm, Rochester School Committee
- Carole Clifford, Mattapoisett School Committee

The following school committee members were re-elected in 2021:

- James Muse, Mattapoisett School Committee
- April Rios, Marion School Committee
- Robin Rounseville, Rochester School Committee
- Michelle Smith, Marion School Committee

Principal's Annual Report
Old Rochester Regional Junior High School
2020-2021 School Year
Silas Coellner, Principal
Kelly Chouinard, Asst. Principal

The 2020/2021 school year was like none other in the history of the school. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic a day in the life of an ORRJHS student was radically different. The entire structure of the school day and learning model was changed to fall within the safety guidelines provided by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Schools (DESE).

The JHS implemented a hybrid model. Students attended school every other day in person Tuesday through Friday. All students attended school virtually on Mondays. When a student was not in person, they worked on asynchronous lessons and checked in each period with their teachers virtually. The students had four longer classes each day instead of the normal 7 periods per day at school. Advisory was held every morning to support students' social connections and academic outlook for the day of learning. Students were grouped into pods and assigned classrooms to minimize movement and the number of student to student interactions at school. Social distancing was implemented at 6ft in every classroom. A portion of our high needs students attended school in person every day. Approximately 15% of our students participated in school fully remote.

On April 1st, 2021 we held a virtual parent informational night to include a time for Q & A. This was done in preparation for our transition to full in person. On April 27th, 2021 ORRJHS returned to full in person learning.

The Junior High experienced several personnel changes in the past year.

The following new staff were added to the Junior High:

Colleen Morehouse - ELA Teacher
Rubab Rashid - Special Education Teacher
Joanna Buckley - Special Education Teacher
Kevin Thompson - Paraprofessional
Dionne Cozier - Paraprofessional
Morgan Matthews - Paraprofessional
Kathrynne Perrill - Receptionist

The following staff retired/resigned from the Jr. High School:

Kathy Bobrowiecki - Paraprofessional
Patricia Costa - Receptionist

The following staff members were reassigned:

Diane Setera - Paraprofessional from the high school to the junior high school

Colleen Morehouse - ELA Intervention Teacher to Remote ELA and Social Studies Teacher

Thomas Cooney - Math Intervention Teacher to Remote Math and Science Teacher

Carol Herrmann - Librarian/Media Specialist to Digital Literacy Teacher

Curriculum and Instruction:

- 10 days of professional development for staff to prepare for hybrid instruction during a pandemic.
- The social studies department continued to develop and refine curriculum aligned with the 2018 History & Social Studies Curriculum Frameworks.
- MASSCUE Virtual Conference
- Community Conversation with Sarah Fiarman - WHO ME, RACIST? - Unconscious Bias
- Staff professional development: Creating an Equitable School District for All Students & Keynote Eugene Hamilton Cultural Proficiency: Is This Place Safe?
- Diversity Equity and Inclusion Non-Negotiables with D. Kris Taylor of Teachers21
- Implemented Aimsweb+ benchmark assessments (Fall, Winter, Spring) in reading and mathematics.
- Schoolwide implementation of Zoom, Google Classroom, EdPuzzle, PearDeck & Screencastify
- Daily Responsive Advisory Meetings through implementation of the “The Responsive Advisory Meeting Book”. Supporting instructional materials provided daily to staff in a virtual friendly format. Students were surveyed for feedback in May of 2021.

Virtual Afterschool Activities:

Old Rochester Regional Junior High School offered Jazz Band, GSA Club and DECA (with the HS).

Virtual School Wide Assemblies:

DRUG STORY THEATER - October 30th - Drug Story Theater made a video of their middle school show “The Price You Pay; Second Chances”. The show taught the students how the developing brain is more easily addicted to drugs than a full grown brain.

SOCIAL MEDIA - April 12th 10:15 am-11:15 am - Mr. Eugene Hamilton presented an interactive workshop to help students identify positive, appropriate and helpful uses for social media platforms

(TikTok; Instagram; Facebook, Twitter, etc.) in the school environment and beyond.

INTERNET SAFETY - April 26th 10:15 am-11:15 am - Mr. Eugene Hamilton presented an interactive workshop to help students avoid individuals and groups that seek to derail them. The presentation helped students identify warning signs of inappropriate activity and equipped them with tools for alerting adults and authority figures when they feel unsafe and/or threatened.

PREPARING TO PIVOT - April 14th - Principal Coellner provided detailed information regarding the transition to full in person learning on April 27th.

Community Service:

During 2020/2021 our students were involved in the following projects:

- CRADLES TO CRAYONS - PROJECT 351 CLOTHING DRIVE
- GSA Club students distributed Pride Pins to interested students in June
- Provided six Tri-Town families with food baskets and gift cards during the holiday season

Grade 7 Orientation/Opening Day:

5/17/2021 Virtual parent night for incoming 6th grade students

School Council:

The Old Rochester Regional Junior High School's School Council met once a month virtually from September 2020 through June, 2021. The School Council reviewed the FY 20-21 budget and received updates on the budget process as well as worked on the Two-year School Improvement Plan for 2022/2023.

Staff Accomplishment(s):

Nichole Charbonneau, Grade 8 English Teacher (Orange Team), was selected to serve on the state level Bias & Sensitivity Assessment Development Committee for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)

Old Rochester Regional Junior High to Senior High Transition:

The 8th grade guidance counselor created a "My Career Notebook" for students and guided them through a career exploration and introduction to the vocational schools.

On June 9th, ORRHS hosted a "Step Up Day" for the 8th graders.

Vocational School Visits:

Due to COVID-19 the receiving vocational schools created promotional videos and interactive maps. They also provided virtual meet and greets and small group in person tours.

Grade 6 to 7 Student Transition:

On May 19, 2021, a Parent Night was held virtually followed by a Q&A.

As mentioned, an orientation half-day was held at the end of August, 2021 to familiarize incoming Grade 7 students and remote students with the school prior to their first day.

Initiatives:

- Inaugural year of the Life Skills Program which consisted of a severe needs certified special education teacher and three paraprofessionals.
- Weekly voluntary staff meetings
- Maintained our summer reading program where students in grades 7 & 8 were allowed to choose a minimum of one book from a selection of fiction and non-fiction titles. A book discussion was held on their selected title in September.
- With the Mattapoisett Police and School Resource Officer, Matt McGraw, we trained our staff and students in the A.L.I.C.E. program (enhanced lockdown for school intruder emergencies).
- Implemented the “Responsive Advisory Meeting Book” and conducted a hybrid Advisory every day of the week.
- 1:1 Chromebooks
- Conducted the National Spelling Bee virtually.
- Conducted Panorama Cultural Proficiency Survey for students and staff.
- Administration active participation in the ORR Anti-Racism Subcommittee
- Ms. Samantha Enos led the Annual Scholastic Book Fair during the month of November.
- Daily Morning announcements live on YouTube with Principal Coellner.
- A Christmas Carol - virtual field trip to Trinity Rep Company
- Virtual Walking tour of Berlin supporting the 7th grade ELA curriculum

Respectfully Submitted,
Silas D. Coellner, Principal

**Principal's Annual Report
Old Rochester Regional High School
2021**

**Michael Devoll – Principal
Vanessa Harvey– Assistant Principal**

Our Towns

Our school serves three southeastern Massachusetts towns: Mattapoisett; Marion; and, Rochester. All three towns have maintained their individual charm through careful and thoughtful community planning. Marion and Mattapoisett are quaint, close-knit seaside communities. Rochester has a more rural landscape surrounded by scenic farms, cranberry bogs, pine forests and fresh water ponds. Residents are proud of their school systems and have been very supportive in passing legislation to ensure its continued success.

Our School

The 2020-2021 school year featured a student body made up of 715 students, including 72 students attending Old Rochester Regional High School through the School Choice Program. Our student body resides in the communities of the Tri-Town: Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester. Through the School Choice Program, the school was able to welcome residents of the following communities to our school: Acushnet, Fairhaven, Lakeville, Middleboro, New Bedford, and Wareham. In 2021, ORRHS graduated a class of 189 seniors. ORRHS offers a comprehensive curriculum with a wide selection of Honors and Advanced Placement courses. During the 2020-2021 school year, 224 ORRHS students took 422 Advanced Placement tests with 71% of students receiving a qualifying score of 3 or better. In 2021, approximately 94% of ORR graduates continued their education at two or four-year colleges.

Our Faculty

Of the 61 faculty members at ORRHS, 78% have their Master's degree and 3% have their Doctoral degree. The school has a 14.5 to 1 student to teacher ratio.

Accreditation

Principal of Old Rochester Regional High School in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, Michael Devoll was pleased to report that the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, voted for continued accreditation for Old Rochester Regional High School at their April 2019 meeting. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, founded in 1885, is the oldest accrediting agency in the country and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable agency

to award accreditation to New England Schools. The Association is a voluntary accrediting agency of more than 2000 public and independent schools, colleges and universities, and vocational, technical, and career institutions. Of these, approximately 630 high schools, middle/high schools and PreK-12 schools have been accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Schools.

Mock Trial

The Mock Trial club participated in a virtual tournament in January and February while competing in turn as both the prosecution and defense in a simulated criminal case involving a manslaughter charge associated with the operation of a self-driving vehicle. It was a fascinating case and an interesting adaptation of standard Mock Trial procedures, as students had to learn to conduct themselves in a virtual courtroom setting on top of their usual responsibilities. Seniors Daphne Poirier and Maya Blouin continued as student leaders of the club, which also welcomed a number of new underclassmen members this year.

National Honor Society

During the 2020-2021 school year, the National Honor Society was busy serving their peers, school, and community through many initiatives and activities. In the fall of 2020, we expanded our tutoring program to include the junior high school and all of the elementary schools in the district. Students also reached out to local nursing homes during the holidays to send support to senior citizens. In order to foster community and positivity, they started positivity campaigns throughout the district. Our members also created educational and craft packets, complete with activities for elementary students to complete over vacations. Throughout the year, students also supported and promoted the Book Dash campaign begun by our librarian, Allison Barker, to ensure access to books during the pandemic. They continued to work with our school psychologist, Phil Alessi, to promote positive mental health through Zoom events. To promote activities, members started an Instagram page and maintained our Facebook page. They planned an outdoor induction for new members and a recognition ceremony for current members to close out the school year.

Debate Team

The Old Rochester Regional High School Debate Team had a successful year in 2020-21 within the Eastern Massachusetts Debate League (EMDL). The COVID pandemic caused two major changes to debate. First all debates took place virtually and second, the size the team nearly doubled as many students seized the opportunity to take part in a virtual school activity. This season the debaters argued the following resolution Resolved: The United States federal government should enact

substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing. Strong debate performances were made by seniors Emma Vivino, Bess Pierre, Payton Lord, Katelyn Luong, and Serena O'Connell. The Old Rochester Regional Varsity Debate Team was the 3rd highest ranked four-person team in the league and Junior was the highest ranked varsity affirmative speaker in the Eastern Massachusetts Debate League. Juniors Mackenzie Wilson, Sophia Martins, Max Vivino and Sam Harris also had strong seasons. In 2021-22 the Debate Team is arguing the following resolution: Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.

Class of 2021

In the 2020-2021 school year, the Class of 2021 made an active effort to continue fundraising in anticipation of future senior events. They held dine-out nights in addition to other fundraising efforts in anticipation of the Senior Prom. The class organized a Senior Sunrise event at Silvershell Beach to kick off the new school year. In the spring, the class was able to hold their annual Ned's Point day where families donated lunch, drinks, and snacks for the class to enjoy. The class was also able to create the aerial class number photo on the football field in the spring. Finally, the class of 2021 was able to put together a beautiful outdoor Senior Prom at Shining Tides to which almost 150 of our seniors attended. The class of 2021 had a very successful senior year!

Class of 2022

The COVID pandemic kept the class of 2022 from holding many activities in the spring of 2021. As the COVID restrictions eased over the summer, the class was able to start planning for an exciting Senior year. They kicked off their Senior year by holding their semi-formal dance in late August. They were then able to hold the traditional class field trip to Ned's Point in October. The class has been able to host 2 successful fundraisers in the fall of 2021. Once again, they held a Trunk-or-Treat on campus for the children of the Tri-Town. They also held a Spike Ball tournament at the high school. The advisors and officers continue to plan other traditional senior activities such as the senior superlatives, the senior breakfast, and the prom. At this time the class has plans to hold the prom in Newport, RI on May 31st.

Class of 2023

The Class of 2023 plugged along since fall and successfully raised money through the following fundraisers: 3 v 3 Basketball Competition, Gift Wrapping, 3 Point Basketball Competition. The class is in the process of planning their Junior Prom. They are holding it on campus in May, as well as having it locally catered.

American Field Service

The American Field Service (better known as the AFS Club) empowers students to become globally engaged citizens by delivering meaningful intercultural experiences that provide the knowledge and skill needed to help create a more just and peaceful world. AFS is open to all students who enjoy traveling and meeting new people. 2020-2021 was a tough year for the social club. The club was unable to travel to Waterford Union High School in Wisconsin for the annual short-term domestic exchange or to New York City. The club did have the Halloween pumpkin carving contest, but no International Dinner. AFS is looking forward to continuing cultural exchanges again.

Community Services Learning

The 2020-21 school year began with excitement to be meeting in person again and the club continued to welcome new members with excitement, energy, and commitment to give back to our Tri-Town community. CSL offers yearly volunteer opportunities and even enjoys adding new ones so students can participate on their own. The club meets once a week after school. The CSL co-advisors, Karen Browning and Andrea Moniz help to advise students as they take on student leadership roles on various community service projects that are new and on-going projects. Once again, this year, under the leadership of our students, the CSL Club collected 644 pairs of socks for their “SOCKTOBER” event in October. It was another huge success and the socks were donated to The Women’s Center in New Bedford. As October came to a close, the CSL Club turned its focus to our December group event in collaboration with Toys for Tots called “Stuff a Cruiser”. This year CSL was able to collect even more toys for local children than in previous years! The club appreciated the generosity of Tri-Town residents for making this the most successful year yet! They would like to especially recognize Turks Restaurant for making such a large donation of toys for the event! Among these group volunteer activities, CSL has had several individual volunteer opportunities brought to the group by students and led by students, such as volunteering on weekends at Damien’s Pantry. The CSL Club also has been informed of opportunities brought from the community, such as with the Mattapoissett Land Trust and Sippican Land Trust properties and at the Mattapoissett Library. This year the CSL Club has made a wonderful connection with VASE from Sippican School in Marion. Students have volunteered in various events and opportunities with the students. Some of them included the Holiday Shop event and the After Class Enrichment (ACE) Homework Help. Another awesome community connection the CSL Club has made is with the Tri-Town Anti-Racism group helping with positive messages and bulletin boards at Sippican. Our students made a poster for the custodial staff to show our appreciation for all that they do both inside and outside of our buildings. The club will plan a beach clean-up in the spring and we will cap off our

successful year in May of 2022, where the club will honor students who have submitted their community service hours that have earned them the “President’s Volunteer Service Award”, an award where students earn either a gold, silver, or bronze medal depending on the number of their volunteer hours along with a signed letter from the President of the United States thanking them for their community service.

Unified Athletics

The ORR Unified Basketball completed their third season with 5 wins and 2 close losses. The ORR Unified Basketball team featured a total of 19 partners and athletes with diverse abilities. The team was excited to welcome their fans back this year, providing them with show stopping performances on the court! Over the past several years, the teammates have developed a strong bond with one another. It will be hard to say goodbye to the 8 seniors who helped to build the foundation for ORR Unified Basketball. The ORR Unified Basketball team epitomizes diversity, inclusion, grit, and teamwork. Each Unified player contributes their indelible mark on the court and demonstrates to the ORR school and local community what it means to be “unified.”

Art Students

Despite the limitations due to Covid the ORRHS art students still managed to connect to our world and community through the visual arts. Students in the art department had their art on display throughout the tri town and beyond. Twelve students submitted AP art and Design portfolios and all received a passing score or higher. Five students received a score of 5. Students entered local and regional art shows and earned recognition. Taylor Green received a Silver Key for her multimedia painting “Schooled”. Margaret Berry received Honorable Mention for her photograph “Veiled Love”. Autumn Tilley won first place in the Emerging Young Artist contest sponsored by College of Visual & Performing Arts at UMass Dartmouth. The Marion Arts Center hosted a show of local high school artists. ORRHS had over twenty pieces on display with artwork by Christopher Knight winning Best in Show. Students in the Visual Design class collaborated with the Mattapoisett Land Trust to create illustrations for the “story walk” at Grace’s Pond. They also were one of 250 students chosen nationally to participate in Vans Custom Culture design contest. Students worked collaboratively to come up with a design that symbolizes the theme “Head in the Clouds”. They then created the design on the Vans slip on shoes that were sent to the school. Art students in Art 1 collaborated with Ms. Wickman’s Monsters Murder and Madness class to create visual representations of the literary monsters they created based on modern day fears. Students used the intaglio printing method to create their visual representations in the form of a print.

Music Department

During the 2020-2021 school year, many of the annual music events occurred virtually. The Music Department had one student accepted to the Southeast District Junior Music Festival, two students accepted to the Southeast District Senior Music Festival, and two accepted to the All-State Music Festival. All of the festivals rehearsed virtually, then the students participated in creating videos of their group performances. In school, all of the music ensembles focused their attention on creating audio and video recordings of their performances. Recording individually was a new experience for most of the students, and was an incredible learning experience for everyone involved. In the end, each ensemble created between 2-5 audio recordings, and at least one full length video. Many of these videos were posted online for the public to watch, with two shown live at the December 2021 Winter Concert.

Gender-Sexuality Alliance

The ORRHS GSA had a very successful year advocating for education and policy change in the school district to create a more inclusive community. Over the course of three presentations, the GSA leadership, Parker Simpson and Alia Cusolito, provided staff training on LGBTQ+ issues. The topics included basic education on LGBT terms and identities, respecting trans students and their needs, and creating and integrating LGBTQ-inclusive curriculum. In April, the GSA hosted the GLSEN Day of Silence and curated a bulletin board outside of the nurses' office on LGBTQ+ Mental Health and how students are affected by current events. In May, the GSA gave a presentation to the ORR Policy Subcommittee on changes the district can make to be more inclusive in the handbook and in our school's policies and procedures. During Pride Month, the GSA partnered with the Mattapoisett Museum for an education series on the museum's Instagram. These posts covered topics such as Boston Marriages, Local Historical Queer Authors and Literature, the history of GSAs, and the Stonewall Riots. In addition, our members were also involved with other groups including TriTown Against Racism (TTAR), the ORR Antiracism Subcommittee, Massachusetts Commission for LGBTQ Youth, and GLSEN MA Shine Team.

Student Newspaper

The Paw Prints student newspaper continued its work through the use of remote meetings throughout the school year. Ultimately, the staff were able to produce both online content and a couple of print issues later in the year as we adjusted to safety and sanitation protocols. While this was a challenging year logistically, the club was able to establish an incredibly devoted leadership team who put together a strong apparatus for a return to in-person meetings in 2021-2022.

Sci-Fi Club

The Sci-Fi club existed remotely during the 2021-2022 school year. While the group missed some of the face-to-face interactions, they were able to track down and make use of fun online resources. The club even conducted a zoom-based roleplaying campaign as part of a campaign to meet and play games together safely. The club walked out of the year with a team of student leaders who were eager to hit the ground running in the 2021-2022 school year.

Student Council

The 2020-2021 school year was a year unlike any other in the history of Old Rochester. Despite this most challenging and unique school year, Student Council (STUCO) remained actively involved in promoting positive school spirit and supporting students and activities within the school. STUCO started the school year by organizing and running secure online elections for the new freshmen class. STUCO once again collaborated with The Boosters Club and helped fund another hydration station which was installed in the gym. STUCO also purchased a new, customized bulldog flag, a Massachusetts flag, and an American flag to be flown on the flagpole at the front of the school. In October, STUCO hosted a remote/hybrid “Spirit Week” with a friendly cohort competition of themed dress-up days. In December, STUCO held its first ever virtual Club Hub to highlight our many clubs and activities. As we pivoted to full, in-person learning in April, STUCO hosted a second spirit week with fun themed dress-up days to help ease students’ transitions back into school. In the spring, STUCO once again made a contribution to the Garden Club to help support and maintain the gardens and plantings on the school campus. In May, STUCO E-Board, senators and class officers wrote “Thank You” emails to staff in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week. The year culminated with STUCO presenting four deserving seniors from the Class of 2021 with \$500 “Unsung Hero” scholarships. All in all, Student Council carried on despite the challenging circumstances and was there to help and support the school community, no matter what learning model we were in.

Math Team

The ORR mathematics team competed in virtual meets via zoom for the duration of the 20-21 season. The league felt that interested students would benefit from the challenging mathematics offered through the meet opportunities and all interested schools were invited to attend all four meets and the traditional playoff meet. No awards were given for high scoring teams and individuals but students participated for “the love of the game.” Students competed at home via zoom with their own teammates and coach at each of the schools participating. ORR’s own Sakurako Huynh-Aoyama participated from across the globe, in Japan,

at every meet!! Dedicated math team members attended every meet that they could. The year's seniors include Evan Smith, Emma Williamson, Daphne Poirier, Rebecca Milde and Jonathan Pereira,

Once again, the Old Rochester Regional High School proved to be first-class and continued the school's history of excellence. Students and staff congratulated Sheilah Sullivan and Jim Morton on their retirements after long and storied careers at Old Rochester.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Devoll
Principal

Annual Report of the Rochester Memorial School Principal

January 2022

The community's support of our school has always been immense and we are reminded of this as we arrive to such a state-of-the-art facility and grounds on a daily basis. With this continued support, we are pleased to see our student enrollment figures increasing each year. This school year are current student enrollment grades PK-6 is approximately 515 students.

As we continue to operate and manage school under the health and safety protocols established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education & Department of Public Health due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we are pleased to be able offer full in person instruction for all of our students/families this school year. Due to our outstanding facilities, we are able to accommodate all of our classroom spaces with 3 feet of distancing between student desks as well maintaining 6 feet of distancing in our cafeteria per the safety guidance set forth by the DESE. This has allowed us to shift our focus back to teaching and learning using data to inform our instruction in order to meet the needs all of our students'.

We would like to introduce our community to the new staff members joining us here at Rochester Memorial for the 2021-2022 school year. We welcome aboard two new general educators with Ms. Paige Teves joining our grade 6 team and Mr. Michael Forns joining our grade 3 team. Additionally, we are pleased to include an Academic Interventionist position this year with Mrs. Lisa Mazzucca filling that role.

In ensuring that we utilize best practice in our classrooms as well as across the building that connect to our school improvement and district strategic plans, we have implemented the following school wide goals:

- Rochester Memorial students will continue to engage in instructional practices that include Global Citizenship, 21st Century Skills and Project Based Learning.
- Rochester Memorial prioritized and utilized the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Acceleration Roadmap this year to ensure our focus remained on teaching & learning. Learning Acceleration is when all students receive consistent access to appropriate grade-level work. The three main pillars of learning acceleration are: Sense of Belonging, Monitoring Students' Understanding and Ensuring Strong Grade-Appropriate Instruction.
- While continuing to focus on the health and safety of our school community (during COVID 19), Rochester Memorial will ensure the social and emotional well-being of students by collecting and

analyzing attendance data, as well as implementing/exposing students to sound SEL practices that will foster a student sense of belonging since returning to full in person instruction.

As we look to the future here at RMS we keep in mind our mission to inspire all children to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care. As a school community we focus daily on our school rules; take CARE of yourself, take CARE of others and take CARE of our school environment. These rules allow us to fulfill the great expectations that we all have come to expect from the Rochester Memorial School.

Sincerely,

Derek J. Medeiros
Principal

Report of the
ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The year 2021 was a year of continued efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on the education of students at Rochester Memorial School (RMS). School and community leaders, teachers, and staff worked together to ensure a safe school environment and to provide the highest quality of education for our students.

In January, the school committee reviewed and approved an action plan for K-2 students to return to a full, in-person learning model on February 2, 2021. On April 5th, students in grades 3-6 were able to return to full, in-person learning. Throughout the rest of the year, students and staff members maintained social distancing and vigilant health and safety practices at RMS.

2021 Rochester School Committee members included Sharon Hartley, Chairperson, Anne Fernandes, Vice Chairperson, Tina Rood, Robin Rounseville, and Kate Duggan. On July 19th, after Tina Rood ended her time on the Committee, Jason Chisholm was appointed to fill the rest of Tina's term.

During the year, the Rochester School Committee recognized and honored the achievements of the following individuals:

- RMS student, Kelcey Robertson, who was honored by the New York Times as one of eighteen kids who "Make the World a Better Place." Kelcey set up a produce stand at his home, sold vegetables and used the profits to purchase and donate books that celebrate diversity to our school.
- Retiring teachers, Karen DellaCioppa, and Karen Lefebvre, and Secretary, Donna Abaray, for their many years of service to the school.
- Brian Ouellette, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, on his retirement after 38 years of work and service to RMS.
- School Committee member, Tina Rood, for 15 years of leadership and service to the Town of Rochester as a member of the Rochester School Committee.

In September we welcomed two new teachers to the school, Mr. Michael Forns and Ms. Paige Teves, and three new staff members, Alison Guard, Principal's Secretary, Janet Lepage, Lunch Aide, and Lee Sims, Lunch Aide.

During the year we gratefully accepted the following generous donations to our school:

- Bird Flight Patterns and Music Video from the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra;

- \$400.00 from Mr. and Mrs. O’Connell to purchase additional materials for the Outdoor Classroom;
- A Garden Bench from the Special Education Secretaries in memory of Mrs. Jacqueline Beckford;
- A saxophone, Bass Clarinet, Boomwackers, Tambourines, Drums, Cymbals, Castanets, and Rhythm Sticks to the RMS music program from the Brendan McGee Music Scholarship Fund; and
- A children’s book, Monty and Rose Nest at Montrose, from the Burke family.

The School Committee also took the following specific actions:

- Approved the FY22 School Budget of \$6,798,275
- Voted not to participate in the School Choice Program for 2021-22 school year
- Approved leases to Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative and Countryside Child Care for the 21-22 school year
- Approved the RMS School Improvement Plan
- Received a report regarding work that will be done at RMS through the Green Communities Grant including air sealing, lighting and energy upgrades, and automatic sensors and lighting.
- Approved a Solar Contract with Solect Energy.

In closing, we are proud and very grateful for the extraordinary efforts of school leaders and staff, the caring spirit of RMS students and their families, and the significant support of the townspeople of Rochester.

Sharon Hartley, Chairperson
 Anne Fernandes, Vice Chairperson
 Jason Chisholm
 Katherine Duggan
 Robin Rounseville

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Emergency Only 911

Police/Fire/Ambulance

Town Hall	508-763-3871
Police Department	781-934-1111
Fire Department	508-763-2611
Board of Assessors	508-763-5250
Town Hall Annex	508-763-5421
Highway Department	508-763-1991
Council on Aging	508-763-8723
Plumb Library	508-763-8600

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