

# ANNUAL TOWN REPORT



# CHELMSFORD 1985

**IN MEMORIAM**

**DANIEL F. HORGAN**  
Planning Board 1966-1971

**CLEMENT McCARTHY**  
Town Counsel 1971-1976

**HAROLD J. PEARSON**  
Planning Board 1952-1962

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
**Town of Chelmsford**



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

**1985**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Incorporated .....	May, 1655
Type of Government .....	Town Meeting
Location .....	Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Lowell and Tyngsboro on the North, Billerica on the East, Carlisle on the South, and Westford on the West. It is 24 miles from Boston, 40 miles from Worcester, and 225 miles from New York City.
County .....	Middlesex
Land Area: .....	22.54 Square Miles
Population 1985: .....	31,569
Assessed Valuation 1985 .....	\$843,374,753.00 (Real Estate) \$27,781,500.00 (Personal Property)
Tax Rate: .....	\$21.50
United States Senators in Congress:	
5th Congressional District .....	Chester G. Atkins, Concord
State Senator .....	Carol C. Amick, Bedford
Representative in General Court:	
16th Middlesex District .....	Bruce N. Freeman, Chelmsford
Accounting Department .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Assessors Office .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday Evenings ..... 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Except June, July & August)
Board of Health .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Highway Department	
Office .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Garage .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Public Libraries	
Adams Library .....	Monday ..... 1:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Tuesday - Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday ..... 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sunday ..... 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Children's House .....	Monday and Wednesday ..... 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday ..... 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday ..... 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
McKay Library .....	Monday - Thursday ..... 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Friday - Closed Saturday ..... 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
School Superintendent .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Selectmen's Office .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Town Clerk .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday Evenings ..... 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Except June, July & August)
Tax Collector & Treasurer .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday Evenings ..... 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Except June, July & August)
Veterans' Agent .....	Monday thru Friday ..... 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## MEETINGS

Annual Election	First Saturday in April	12 Precincts
Annual Town Meeting	Last Monday in April	McCarthy Jr. High
Selectmen	7:00 p.m.-every other Monday	Town Offices
School Committee	7:30 p.m.-every other Tuesday	Parker School
Planning Board	7:30 p.m.-2nd & 4th Wed. of month	Town Offices
Appeals Board	7:30 p.m.-4th Thursday of month	Town Offices
Conservation Commission	8:00 p.m.-1st & 3rd Tues. of month	Town Offices
Board of Health	7:30 p.m.-2nd & 4th Mon. of month	Town Offices
Housing Authority	7:30 p.m.-1st Tuesday of month	10 Wilson Street

## ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

### Moderator

Dennis E. McHugh  
(Term Expires 1987)

### Town Clerk

Mary E. St.Hilaire  
(Term Expires 1987)

### School Committee

Carl A. Olsson ..... Term Expires 1986  
James Brough ..... Term Expires 1986  
Carol C. Cleven ..... Term Expires 1987  
Samuel Poulten ..... Term Expires 1987  
Nicholas G. Gavriel..... Term Expires 1988

### Sewer Commissioners

John P. Emerson, Jr. .... Term Expires 1986  
Jean R. Organ ..... Term Expires 1987  
Barry B. Balan ..... Term Expires 1988

### Library Trustees

Janet B. Hendl ..... Term Expires 1986  
Brenda M. McDermott..... Term Expires 1986  
Elizabeth A. McCarthy..... Term Expires 1987  
D. Lorraine Lambert..... Term Expires 1987  
Mark W. Gauthier..... Term Expires 1988  
Susan G. Cantin ..... Term Expires 1988

### Constable

William E. Spence ..... Term Expires 1986

### Tree Warden

Frank Wojtas ..... Term Expires 1987

### Varney Playground Commissioners

(Elected at Town Meeting)

Norbert J. McHale ..... Term Expires 1986  
Harry J. Ayotte ..... Term Expires 1987  
Bernard Battles ..... Term Expires 1988  
Robert C. McManimon ..... Term Expired 1985

### Finance Committee

(Appointed by Moderator)

David McLachlan ..... Term Expires 1986  
George Ripsom ..... Term Expires 1986  
George A. Nelson ..... Term Expires 1987  
Dwight M. Hayward ..... Term Expires 1987  
Sheryl A. Boss ..... Term Expires 1987  
Marion E. Marshall..... Term Expires 1988  
Myra Silver ..... Term Expires 1988  
Martin Ames ..... Resigned

### Board of Selectmen

Dennis J. Ready ..... Term Expires 1986  
Paul C. Hart ..... Term Expires 1986  
Roger A. Blomgren ..... Term Expires 1987  
Bonita A. Towle..... Term Expires 1988  
John P. Emerson, Jr. .... Term Expires 1988

### Treasurer & Tax Collector

James R. Doukaszewicz ..... Term Expires 1987

### Board of Assessors

Ruth K. Delaney ..... Term Expires 1986  
Janet Lombard ..... Term Expires 1987  
James H. McBride ..... Term Expires 1988

### Cemetery Commissioners

Gerald L. Hardy ..... Term Expires 1986  
Charlotte P. DeWolfe ..... Term Expires 1987  
Everett V. Olsen..... Term Expires 1988

### Housing Authority

William P. Keohane ..... Term Expires 1986  
Claude A. Harvey ..... Term Expires 1987  
Robert L. Hughes ..... Term Expires 1988  
Pamela Turnbull ..... Term Expires 1988  
Ruth K. Delaney ..... Term Expires 1990

### Board of Health

Paul J. Canniff..... Term Expires 1986  
Peter Dulchinos ..... Term Expires 1987  
Paul E. McCarthy ..... Term Expires 1988

### Park Commissioners

Eileen Duffy ..... Term Expires 1986  
Mary P. Bennett ..... Term Expires 1987  
Robert L. Wetmore ..... Term Expires 1988

### Planning Board

John F. McCarthy ..... Term Expires 1986  
Ann McCarthy ..... Term Expires 1986  
Eugene E. Gilet ..... Term Expires 1987  
Thomas E. Firth, Jr. .... Term Expires 1987  
Charles A. Parlee ..... Term Expires 1988  
Henrick R. Johnson, Jr. .... Term Expires 1988  
Rosalind M. Boyle..... Term Expires 1988





### CHELMSFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN

On April 8, 1985, following the Town Elections, the Board of Selectmen met and elected Dennis J. Ready as Chairman and John P. Emerson, Jr. as Vice Chairman. Bonita A. Towle was elected as Clerk. The membership of the Board also includes Roger Blomgren and Paul C. Hart.

The highlights of 1985 are summarized below:

#### January, 1985:

During January 1985, work continued on the Fiscal Year 1986 Budget and Warrant for Town Meeting. Owners of the Chelmsford Mobile Home Park notified residents that they plan a change of use and/or discontinuance of the park, but no earlier than January 1, 1987 for personal and financial reasons. The Alpine Bowling Lanes announced it would be closing and probably would be purchased by Emile Dumont, owner of the nearby Heritage Inn. Selectman Blomgren began to collect signatures to put the question on the April Town Election Ballot asking voter support for formation of a Town Charter Commission. A grant of \$10,000 from the Massachusetts Historical Commission was obtained for the repainting and refurbishing of the Town Hall.

#### February, 1985

Browning Ferris Industries is proposing a waste to energy facility on Stedman Street. The Mass. Historical Commission awarded a grant to the Town for repairs to be made to the roof and porch of the Old Town Hall. Norman Thidemann, who had served as Executive Secretary to the Board for over five years, announced that he will be resigning the end of March to take the position of Town Manager in

Greenfield. Application was made for \$40,000 in federal funds (to be matched by Town funds) to study the feasibility of a hydro project using the spillway at Crystal Lake.

#### March, 1985

The Rent Control Board held its first meeting and began formulating rules and regulations governing rent control in the Mobile Home Park. The State Department of Public Works approved the Town's request for traffic improvements along Route 110 to include Fletcher Street, Route 110 at Golden Cove and Stedman Street, at the entrance to the Chelmsford Mall and at the Southbound ramp on Route 3. Residents began expressing concern about the location of a resource recovery plant on Parkhurst Road, and forwarded petitions to the Board. Charles Parlee presented a proposal for the rehabilitation of buildings in Vinal Square which will help revitalize that area of Town. A presentation was made by Mascester Company to construct a United Parcel Distribution Center on Brick Kiln Road, an estimated \$20 million facility.

#### April, 1985

Bernard F. Lynch was appointed Acting Administrative Assistant and Chairman Ready announced that the Board is actively seeking applicants for the position of Executive Secretary. The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting was posted, and included articles to rescind rent control for the Mobile Home Park and to abolish the Personnel Board and consolidate all personnel functions under the School Department Personnel Administrator. B & P Painting of Lynn was awarded the contract for the paint-

ing of the Old Town Hall in its original colors of 100 years ago. The Board participated in Student Government Day, together with the School Department and other Town departments, and the Chelmsford Lodge of Elks, sponsors of the events of the day.

#### May, 1985

The Board continued its search for an Executive Secretary. They also suspended liquor licenses at the Mai Kai and McEnaney's Market for 7-day periods for selling alcoholic beverages to minors. Assistant Dog Officer William Shedd was appointed Dog Officer to replace Neal Stanley, who resigned. The business of the Annual Town Meeting was completed after several lengthy session.

#### June, 1985

A Fuel Storage Permit was granted to the proposed UPS facility on Brick Kiln Road. The Board studied the regulations of the Rent Control Board. Interviews for the position of Executive Secretary were conducted, with Bernard Lynch and Howard Redfern, Jr. the two finalists. The Chelmsford Industrial Sewer District was formed, with individual members of property in the "Golden Triangle" area will set up the district and apply for federal and state assistance. The new district must be approved by the State Legislature. The Board announced that they are seeking candidates for the Blue Ribbon Resource Recovery Committee, which will be looking into the proposed waste to energy project. Seven Police Officers appointed by the Board graduated from the State Police Academy, including Chelmsford's first two women officers.

#### July, 1985

Howard W. Redfern, Jr. is named by the Board as their new Executive Secretary, effective July 15, 1985. The Dog Pound Committee has reviewed and revised plans submitted by the architect, and plans to go out for bid in August. A sign is posted warning that the Alpine Lanes parking lot which has been used for many years as a shortcut to Parlmont Plaza from Fletcher Street. The Blue Ribbon Resource Recovery Committee is looking into other alternatives for waste to energy projects if the Town should vote against the BFI proposal, and has set up sub-committees dealing with environmental, economic and technical issues. The Board held a ceremony renaming "Chicken Corner" in the Center "Eriksen Corner in honor of Henry Eriksen, who had been a long-time storekeeper in the front part of the Parkhurst Building. They presented a check for \$5,000 to the Friends of the Senior Center as "seed money" to help start their campaign for a new Senior Center. Chairman Ready recommended that additional proposals for the North School site might be requested in addition to that of the Housing Authority.

#### September, 1985

The Town Clerk and Board of Registrars presented a realignment of voting precinct boundaries to the

Board, which is necessary because under State law by 1988 the Town must reduce from 12 to 9 precincts. Plans for an \$8 million expansion of the Heritage Inn were presented to the Board, with the statement that despite public opposition there will be no access to or from Fletcher Street. Hurricane Gloria was the most newsworthy event during the month, causing more than \$400,000 worth of damage. There were no personal injuries reported, but many trees and power lines were downed and the Board congratulated all Town departments for their hard work and cooperation during the emergency.

#### October, 1985

The Blue Ribbon Resource Recovery Committee finally received the proposal from BFI for refusal disposal. The proposal envisions building the incinerator facilities in Lowell and using land in Chelmsford for disposing of the residue. A spectacular 4-alarm fire in a warehouse at 100 Wotton Lane, North Chelmsford caused injuries to 4 firefighters and damage to the three firms using the facilities for storage. The Board and the Blue Ribbon Committee approved the taking of the land presently used by Glenview Sand and Gravel on Stedman Street. This land-taking must be approved by Town Meeting action and would be used for dumping the ash from the incinerator in Lowell. The Committee was told by their traffic consultant that the impact of a resource recovery plant would be minimal, only 200 vehicles per day for this use compared with an estimated 17,000 vehicles if the land is used for commercial purposes and 4,000 if used for industrial.

#### November, 1985

Richard Eng, owner of the Hong & Kong Restaurant in Parlmont Plaza, told the Board he fears the loss of access for his deliverymen and customers and a loss of parking space if the plans for the expansion of the Heritage Inn are approved and the access road from Fletcher Street is closed on a permanent basis. Petitions circulated and signed by numerous townspeople were presented to the Board, and the hazards of additional traffic on Chelmsford Street were discussed.

#### December, 1985

Executive Secretary Howard Redfern and three members of the Resource Recovery Committee took a brief trip to Dusseldorf, Germany to inspect a resource recovery facility in operation. They reported that they found the facility to be acceptable, and the committee will now ask BFI to state its intentions as to the siting of its proposed refuse plant and the accompanying landfill and what the economic benefits would be to the Town. The Southwell Field Working Committee continued its plans for renovating the North Chelmsford site into a recreational facility for the Townspeople under a \$400,000 federal grant, and announced that they would be going out for bid in the early Spring of 1986. The Holiday Decorations

Committee continued their fine tradition of decorating the center of Town and the Town Common in keeping with the season.

The Board of Selectmen continued their active role in the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the Middlesex County Selectmen's Association, the Northern Middlesex Area Commission, the Middlesex County Advisory Board and the Massachusetts Municipal Association. Individual Selectmen also served as liaisons between the Board of Selectmen and various town and regional boards and commissions during the year.

Due to the fact that national and state legislative decisions have a great impact on Town affairs, the Board of Selectmen maintained constant contact with Congressman Atkins' office as well as with Senator Carol Amick and State Representative Bruce Freeman. The Selectmen wish to express their gratitude to Congressman Atkins, Senator Amick and Representative Freeman for their help and cooperation during the past year.

In closing, the Selectmen, on behalf of the citizens of Chelmsford wish to express their sincere gratitude to the various Town boards and committees for their accomplishments during the past year. It should be remembered that these boards and committees are composed of unpaid volunteers who take many long hours out of their free time to work on issues and projects that benefit the Town of Chelmsford. The Board would also like to recognize our competent and dedicated office staff of Mrs. Judith Carter, Mrs. Evelyn Newman, who left the office the first of October to work with the Sewer Commission, and Mrs. Beth Gibbs, who joined the staff in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis J. Ready, Chairman  
John P. Emerson, Jr., Vice  
Chairman  
Bonita A. Towle, Clerk  
Roger A. Blomgren  
Paul C. Hart

Howard W. Redfern, Jr.  
Executive Secretary



**TOWN CLERK**

Mary E. St.Hilaire, Town Clerk  
Elizabeth L. Delaney, Assistant Town Clerk

<u>Sporting Licenses</u>	<u>Dog Licenses</u>	<u>Kennel Licenses</u>	<u>Recorded Mortgages Etc.</u>
1224	2948	11	753
<u>Births inc.</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Intentions</u>
324	243	289	287

## WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

APRIL 6, 1985 and APRIL 29, 1985

MIDDLESEX, SS.

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

GREETING:

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

- Precinct 1. The New Town Office Building Gymnasium
- Precinct 2. North Congregational Church Hall
- Precinct 3. Parker School Band Room
- Precinct 4. East Chelmsford School
- Precinct 5. Byam School Cafeterium
- Precinct 6. Westland School Cafeteria
- Precinct 7. North Congregational Church Hall
- Precinct 8. McCarthy Junior High School, Small Gymnasium
- Precinct 9. South Row School Auditorium
- Precinct 10. South Row School Auditorium
- Precinct 11. Westlands School Cafeteria
- Precinct 12. McCarthy Junior High School, Small Gymnasium

On Saturday, the sixth (6th) day of April, 1985, being the first Saturday in said month, at 8:00 A.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their vote for the following officers:

Two Selectmen for three years

One Assessor for three years

One Member of Board of Health for three years

One Member of School Committee for three years

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years

One Member of Housing Authority for five years

Two Public Library Trustees for three years

One Park Commissioner for three years

Three Planning Board Members for three years

One Sewer Commissioner for three years

and to vote on the following question:

THIS QUESTION IS NON-BINDING

Should the Board of Selectmen vote to establish different percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by different use classifications of real property as set forth in General Law Chapter 59 Section 2A

The polls will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; and to meet in the McCarthy Junior High School Gymnasium on Monday, the twenty-ninth (29th) day of April, 1985, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following Articles, Viz:

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

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law to be effective July 1, 1985 as follows:

1. Under Section 6, "Classification of Present Town Employees", amend Subsection (E)—"Wage and Salary Schedule" by deleting the existing schedule and substituting the following:

### E. WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE JULY 1, 1985—JUNE 30, 1986

Grade Level	Salary Range
1A	11,490-14,305
1B	12,988-16,170
1C	14,486-18,035
1D	17,483-21,766
2	21,979-27,364
3	29,473-36,694
4	33,970-42,293
5	38,467-47,891

2. Under Section 6 subtitled **Classification of Present Town Employees**, delete Subsection D. and substitute the following in its place:

(D) The wage and salary schedule shall be maintained by the following criteria:

- I. There shall be eight salary grade levels designated 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- II. The minimum salary for each salary grade shall be determined by the Personnel Board.
- III. The maximum salary for each salary grade will be 1.245 times the minimum salary for that grade.
- IV. There are 11 steps in each salary grade. Each incremental step is 2.45% of the minimum salary for that grade.

V. The wage and salary schedule will be stated in annual dollars.

VI. Hourly rates for those jobs that are paid on an hourly basis will be the annual salary divided by 2088 (52.2 weeks times 40 hours) for jobs designated "Mechanical and Construction, Conservation and Cemeteries, Custodian and Health" and will be the annual salary divided by 1957.5 (52.2 weeks x 37.5) for jobs designated Administrative and Clerical.

3. Under Section 8 subtitled **Increases Within Grade Levels and Promotions**, delete paragraph (B) and substitute the following in its place:

(B) Any employee who is at step I or above may be advanced to a higher step on the first day of the fiscal year. Such increases are to be based on the employee's job performance and development during the previous year. Performance evaluations for all employees must be submitted to the Personnel Board by the first day in May. Increases greater than one step must be presented in person by the employee's Department Head or equivalent to the Personnel Board. Employees who are at the maximum of their salary grade may also be eligible for a one step merit increase upon approval of the Personnel Board.

4. Under Section 16 subtitled **Sick Leave**, delete paragraph (C) and substitute the following in its place:

(C) Accrued sick leave will be paid at the time of retirement, or at death to the employee's surviving spouse, or, if none, to the Representative of the employee's Estate, to the maximum extent of 120 days.

5. Under Section 26 subtitled **Bereavement and Funeral Leave**, delete paragraph (A) and substitute the following in its place:

(A) All full time permanent employees covered by this plan shall be entitled to leave without loss of pay not to exceed (3) days in the event of the death of the employee's spouse, children, parents, grandparents, mother-in-law, father-in-law, siblings, and grandchildren;

or act in relation thereto.

Personnel Board

ARTICLE 2A. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law by further amending Section 24, **Job Titles and Standard Rates for Wages and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law**, to conform to rates of pay negotiated by the Town with certain labor organizations, pursuant to General Law Chapter

150E, and to reflect current salaries and grade levels under the Personnel By-Law as follows:

	7/85 - 8/86 Proposed Level	Proposed Salary
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL</b>		
1. Executive Secretary .....	4	
2. Town Accountant .....	3	
3. Veteran's Agent .....	2	
4. Town Aide .....	2	
5. Assistant to Assessors .....	1D	
6. Assistant Town Clerk .....	1D	
7. Assistant Treasurer .....	1D	
8. Clerk, Senior .....	1C	
9. Clerk, Junior .....	1A	
10. Clerk, Part-Time .....	1A	
11. Town Counsel .....		\$500 P.A.
12. Board of Reg., Three Members .....		360 P.A.
13. Assistant Town Accountant .....	1D	
<b>CONSERVATION, PARKS AND CEMETERY</b>		
1. Cemetery Superintendent .....	2	
2. Supt. of Inspect & Pest Control .....	-	1,250 P.A.
3. Landscaper—Park .....	1A	
4. Laborer—Park .....	1A	
5. Unskilled Laborer .....	#2, #4	
6. Skilled Forest Workman—Conservation .....	1A	
7. Equipment Operator .....	1C	
8. Park Superintendent .....	2	
<b>CUSTODIAL</b>		
1. Custodian .....	1B	
<b>LIBRARY</b>		
1. Library Director .....	3	
2. Library Department Head .....	1D	
3. Library Specialist .....	1C	
4. Library Assistant .....	1B	
5. Library Clerk .....	1A	
6. Maintenance Assistant .....	1B	
7. Page .....	#2, #4	
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		
1. Highway Superintendent .....	3	
2. Highway Foreman .....	2	
<b>TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>		
1. Fire Department .....	#2, #5	
2. Deputy Fire Chief .....	#2	
3. Captain .....	#2	
4. Mechanic (Fire and Police) .....	#2	
<b>TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>		
1. Police Chief .....	5	
2. Deputy Chief .....	4	
3. Captain .....	3	
<b>RECREATION</b>		
1. Director/Youth Center Coordinator .....	2	
2. Clerk, Part-Time .....	1A	
3. Waterfront Director .....	1A	
4. Swimming Instructor .....	1A	
5. Lifeguard .....	1A	
6. Playground Supervisor .....	1B	
7. Recreation Specialist .....	1A	
8. Recreation Leader .....	1A	
9. Youth Center Supervisor .....	1C	
10. Youth Center Leaders .....	1A	
<b>OTHER POSITIONS</b>		
1. Building Inspector .....	3	
2. Electric Inspector .....	2	
3. Local Inspector .....	2	
4. Gas Inspector .....	#2	\$6,000 P.A.
5. Dog Officer .....	1C	
6. Assistant Dog Officer .....	1A	
7. Van Driver .....	1B	
8. Sealer of Weights & Measures .....	#2	\$2,000 P.A.
9. Animal Inspector .....	#2	\$1,000 P.A.
10. Clock Winder .....	#2	\$ 200 P.A.
11. Town Engineer .....	3	



**FOOTNOTES**

#1— Represented by Collective Bargaining

#2— Not in "Job Rating Plan"

#4— Federal Minimum Hour Wage

#5— Salary will be 200% of the highest paid Union Firefighters established by State Law;

or act in relation thereto.

Personnel Board

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the fiscal period from July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986; or act in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1985; in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17; or act in relation thereto.

Town Treasurer

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

Town Treasurer

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to pay an additional or subsidiary rate in addition to the payment of fifty percent of a premium for contributory group life, hospital and surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance for employees retired from the service of the Town, and their dependents, in the same proportion as the Town pays said additional or subsidiary rates for active Town employees; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6; or act in relation thereto.

Finance Committee

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Act adopted as a By-Law of the Town of Chelmsford at a Special Town Meeting held on January 9, 1984; or act in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the site of the Dog Pound established by Article 1 of the May 16, 1983 Special Town Meeting, from the Police Station located on North Road, to such other site located on Town owned property as determined by the Board of Selectmen; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer and appropriate from available funds, transfer and appropriate from the stabilization fund, transfer and appropriate from revenue sharing funds, and/or borrow a certain sum of money for capital improvements throughout the Town and Capital Improvements for the School Department as recommended at Town Meeting by the Capital Planning Committee; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purpose of implementing a Traffic Control Division within the Police Department; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to publish an additional Town History covering the years 1915 through 1975; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws Article VII miscellaneous by deleting Section 3 Auctions—Sales in its entirety and substitute the following:

**Section 3 Auctions—Sales**

All auctions and sales in public buildings in the Town of Chelmsford are hereby prohibited except for the purpose of Town business or such other business as may be deemed proper or necessary by the Committee, Board, or Officer having charge of said public building:

or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws Article VI Police Regulations Section 16 by deleting Section 16. Solicitors in its entirety and substituting the following:



**Section 16. Solicitors**

No person, corporation or other organization shall solicit orders or subscriptions for goods or services, or sell goods or services door to door, in the Town without first having registered with the Police Department. There shall be no door to door solicitation or selling before 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon or after 6:00 o'clock in the evening;

or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel, Wage, and Salary Administration By-law Section 3, **Personnel Board** by deleting said Section 3 in its entirety and substituting the following:

**3. Personnel Board**

This plan shall be administered by the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Personnel, who shall hereafter be known as the Personnel Administrator. All references to the Personnel Board in these by-laws shall hereafter mean the Personnel Administrator, and the Personnel Administrator shall have all the rights, titles, and obligations granted to the Personnel Board as governed therein;

or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right, title, and interest, if any held by the town, in a certain parcel of land on Wightman Street, shown as Lot 14, Blk 10 on Assessors' Plat 19 and being the premises taken by the Town of Chelmsford by an instrument of taking, dated May 3, 1979 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2364, Page 152, containing approximately 5,000 square feet, more or less, of land; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right, title, and interest, if any, held by the Town in a certain parcel of land located at 283 Riverneck Road and being the premises taken by the Town of Chelmsford by an instrument of taking, dated July 29, 1977 and recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2260, Page 274, containing approximately 24,675 square feet of land, more or less; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 18. to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right, title, and interest, if

any, held by the Town in a certain parcel of land located on Billerica Road, shown as Lots 39A and 42B, Blk 36 on Assessors' Plat 129 and more particularly described in a certificate of title recorded in the Land Court, Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Certificate of Title number 6668, Book 36, Page 141; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right, title, and interest, if any, held by the Town in a certain parcel of land located at 9 Alcorn Road, and being the premises taken by the Town of Chelmsford by an instrument of taking dated May 3, 1979 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2364, Page 135, containing approximately 1.3 acres of land, more or less; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey all right, title, and interest, if any, in a certain parcel of land located at 7 Fourth Avenue, and being the premises taken by the Town of Chelmsford by an instrument of taking, dated December 27, 1973 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, in Book 2096, Page 686, and shown on Assessors Map 66 as Lot 68, containing approximately 3,240 square feet of land more or less; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, the property located on Fletcher Street, in the Town of Chelmsford, and further described as Parcel A and Parcel B as follows:

**PARCEL A**

A certain parcel of land located on the southerly side of Fletcher Street on the westerly side of Chelmsford Street, Town of Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and shown as Parcel A on a certain plan entitled "Highway Taking Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Massachusetts", Scale 1"=10', March 19, 1985 by SEA Consultants, Inc. bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the westerly corner of the lot at the intersection of lot line and Fletcher Street running along the lot line south 14 -54 '00" west seven (7') feet;

**Thence** north 75 -06 '00" east approximately one hundred eight (108') feet;

**Thence** southerly along a curve of thirteen (13') foot radius approximately twenty-eight (28') feet to the intersection of Chelmsford Street;

Thence north 46 -44'00" east along Chelmsford Street approximately nine (9') feet;

Thence north 28 -07'11" west twenty-four and 27/100 (24.27') feet to the intersection with Fletcher Street;

Thence south 75 -06'00" west along Fletcher Street approximately one hundred eight (108') feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 800 square feet.

#### PARCEL B

A certain parcel of land located on the southerly side of Fletcher Street on the westerly side of Chelmsford Street, Town of Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and shown as Parcel B on a certain plan entitled "Highway Taking Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Massachusetts", Scale 1"=10', March 19, 1985 by SEA Consultants, Inc. bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northerly corner of the lot at the intersection of the lot line and Fletcher Street and running along the lot line south 14 -54'00" west seven (7') feet;

Thence south 75 -06'00" west approximately fifty-seven (57') feet;

Thence north 43 -51'00" west approximately thirteen and 5/10 (13.5') feet to the intersection with Fletcher Street;

Thence north 75 -06'00" east along Fletcher Street approximately fifty-seven (57') feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 440 square feet;

Said parcel being further shown as Parcel A and Parcel B on a certain plan filed with the Town Engineer entitled, "Highway Taking Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Massachusetts", prepared for the Town of Chelmsford, Scale 1"=10', March 19, 1985 by SEA Consultants, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 54 Canal Street, Boston, Massachusetts for the purpose of constructing improvements and widening Fletcher Street as part of the Chelmsford Street/Fletcher Street intersection improvements; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a certain sum of money to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to determine that there exists a serious public emergency with respect to the housing of a substantial number of citizens in the Town of Chelmsford, which emergency has been created by housing demolition, conversion of apartments to condominium form of ownership deterioration of a substantial portion of the existing housing stock, insufficient new

housing construction, increased costs of construction, finance and inflation, and which has resulted in a substantial and increasing shortage of rental housing accommodations for families of low and moderate income; that unless residential rents and evictions of tenants are regulated and controlled, such emergency and the further inflationary pressures resulting therefrom will produce serious threats to the public health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Chelmsford; that such emergency should be met immediately and with due regard for the rights and responsibilities of the citizenry of the Town of Chelmsford by petitioning the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact special Legislation enabling the Town of Chelmsford to amend its code for the purpose of controlling rents and evictions in residential rental housing accommodations. Such Legislation shall read as follows:

**SECTION 1.** This By-Law shall be known and may be cited as the "CHELMSFORD RENT CONTROL ACT."

**SECTION 2. Definitions** The Town of Chelmsford may, by By-Law, control rents and evictions for housing accommodations and in furtherance thereof may adopt the following provision in whole or in part:

(A) "Rental units", any building, structure or land appurtenant thereto, or any other real or personal property rented or offered for rent for living or dwelling purposes, including houses, apartments, rooming or boarding house units, and other properties used for living or dwelling purposes, together with all services connected with the use or occupancy of such property.

(B) "Controlled rental units", all rental units except:

(1) rental units in hotels, motels, inns, tourist homes and rooming or boarding houses which are rented primarily to transient guests for a period of less than fourteen consecutive days;

(2) rental units the construction of which was completed on or after January 1, nineteen hundred and eighty-four, or which are housing units created by conversion from a non-housing to a housing use on or after said date;

(3) rental units, which a governmental unit, agency, or authority either:

(i) owns or operates; or

(ii) regulates the rents, other than units regulated (a) under the provisions of this act or (b) under the provision of Chapter seven hundred and ninety-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine and any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, or (c) under the provisions of any other general or special law authorizing municipal control of rental levels for all or certain rental units with a municipality; or



(iii) finances or subsidizes, if the imposition of rent control would result in the cancellation or withdrawal, by law, of such financing or subsidy;

(4) rental units in cooperatives;

(5) rental units in any hospital, convent, monastery, asylum, college or school dormitory operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes or any public institution operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes; or rental units in a nursing home, rest home, or charitable home for the aged, not organized or operated for profit;

(6) the rental unit or units in an owner-occupied two-family or three-family house;

(7) rental units for which the rent charges exceed limits specified by the Board of Selectmen; provided that in no event shall more than twenty-five percent of the total rental units in the Town of Chelmsford be exempted under this subsection.

(C) "Rent", the consideration including any bonus or gratuity demanded or received for or in connection with the use or occupancy of rental units.

(D) "Services", repairs, replacements, maintenance, painting, providing light, heat hot and cold water, elevator service, window shades and screens, storage, kitchen, bath and laundry facilities and privileges, janitor services, refuse removal, furnishings, and any other benefit, privilege or facility connected with the use of occupancy of any rental unit. Services to a rental unit shall include a proportionate part of services provided to common facilities of the building in which the rental unit is contained.

**SECTION 3. Chelmsford Rent Control Board:** There is hereby established a Chelmsford Rent Control Board consisting of five residents of the Town of Chelmsford to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford.

#### **SECTION 4. Duties and Powers:**

(1) The Rent Board shall set maximum rents, set minimum standards for use or occupancy of controlled rental units and evictions of tenants therefrom; may require information of owners of said controlled rental units relating to said controlled rental units under penalties of perjury.

(2) The Rent Board may make rules and regulations, sue and be sued, compel attendance of persons and the production of papers and information, and issue appropriate orders which shall be binding on both the owner of and tenants in such controlled rental units.

#### **SECTION 5. Standards for Adjusting Rents:**

(1) The Rent Board may make individual or general adjustments, either upward or downward, as may be

necessary to assure that rents for controlled rental units are established on levels which yield to owners a fair net operating income for such units.

(2) Fair net operating income shall be that income which will yield a return, after all reasonable operating expenses, on the fair market value of the property, equal to the debt service rate generally available from institutional first mortgage lenders or such other rates of return as the Rent Board, on the basis of evidence presented before it, deems more appropriate to the circumstances of the case.

(3) Fair market value shall be the assessed valuation of the property or such other valuation as the Rent Board, on the basis of evidence presented before it, deems more appropriate to the circumstances of the case.

(4) The Rent Board may establish further standards and rules consistent with the foregoing.

#### **SECTION 7. Review:**

(1) The Rent Board and its actions shall be subject to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, (Administrative Procedure Act) as if the Rent Board were an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(2) The District Court of Lowell shall have original jurisdiction, concurrently with the Superior Court, of all petitions for review brought pursuant to Section Fourteen of Chapter 30A of the General Laws.

(3) The Superior Court shall have jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of the By-Law, and may restrain by injunction violations thereof.

#### **SECTION 8. Maximum Rent:**

(1) The maximum rent of a controlled rental unit shall be the rent charged the occupant for the month six months prior to the acceptance of the Article by Town Meeting. If the controlled rental unit was unoccupied at the time but was occupied at any time prior to acceptance of this act, the maximum rent shall be the rent charged therefore for the month closest to and prior to six months prior to the acceptance of this Article by Town Meeting.

(2) If the maximum rent is not otherwise established, it shall be established by the Rent Board. Any maximum rent may be subsequently adjusted under the provisions of Sections 4 and 5.

**SECTION 9. Penalties:** Violations of this By-Law or any order of the Board shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any one offense.

**SECTION 10. Severability:** If any provisions of this By-Law shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this By-Law shall not be affected thereby; or act in relation thereto.

Petition

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map to change from Single Residence District (RA and RB) to Multiple Residence District (RM) the following land:

A parcel of land shown as parcel A on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Mass., prepared for Peter Demogenes, Inc.", dated April, 1978, by Emmons, Fleming & Bienvenu, Inc. recorded with Middlesex North Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 126, Plan 54,

Bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northerly side of Littleton Road said point being 2177.04 feet along the Easterly line of said Littleton Road from the Easterly line of Hunt Road thence running: N 16 13 '19" W, 179.77 ft and; N 35 04 '03" W, 583.55 ft by parcel 3 shown on the aforementioned plan N 61 43 '30" E, 1.53 ft and; N 00 22 '39" W, 62.43 ft and; N 27 29 '47" E, 28.01 ft and; N 50 14 '53" E, 168.75 ft and; N 51 25 '55" E, 52.00 ft and; N 57 07 '55" E, 72.22 ft and; N 82 52 '55" E, 32.16 ft and; S 54 37 '36" E, 67.00 ft and; S 28 06 '17" E, 140.32 ft and; S 30 33 '25" E, 109.54 ft and; S 18 04 '02" E, 65.97 ft and; S 21 14 '38" E, 45.23 ft and; S 15 48 '36" E, 120.84 ft and; S 19 08 '21" E, 40.84 ft and; S 38 33 '00" W, 80.45 ft and; S 34 10 '30" W, 93.28 ft and; S 26 51 '11" W, 69.48 ft and; S 42 02 '28" E, 156.45 ft and by Land of the Town of Chelmsford to said Northerly line of Littleton Road and; S 54 47 '46" W, 150.00 ft by said Northerly line of Littleton Road to the point of beginning containing 5.632 acres;

or act in relation thereto.

Petition

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following mentioned streets as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money for the purpose of reconstructing the following mentioned streets:

- (1) Sturbridge Drive
- (2) Matthew Lane
- (3) Penni Lane

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

Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Monmoth Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a certain sum of money for the purpose of reconstructing Monmoth Street, providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met; or act in relation thereto.

Petition

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Locust Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a certain sum of money for the purpose of reconstructing Locust Street, providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Wiggins Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a certain sum of money for the purpose of reconstructing Wiggins Street, providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law Article I Administration and Procedure Section 1400 Planning Board by deleting Subsection 1425 in its entirety and substituting the following:

1425—A special permit may be granted by the Planning Board upon its determination that the following minimum standards have been met or exceeds:

- a. The requirements of Section 1520—Special Permit Criteria.
- b. The applicable requirements of Section 4500—Major Business Complexes.
- c. Ingress/egress is in accordance with Section 3144—(Parking) and internal circulation is designed to control access to points of ingress/egress using smooth flow of traffic.



- d. Access from minor streets serving residential neighborhoods shall not be used unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate a need for use of such road(s).
- e. Parking areas shall be screened to minimize floodlight and headlight glare and to confine vehicles to the parking area and to restrict them from using adjacent properties. As a minimum, parking shall be designed in accordance with **Section 3100—Off-Street Parking and Loading** and **Section 3423—(Screening)**.
- f. Adequate access to each structure for fire emergency and service equipment is provided. This shall mean that where possible, no parking shall be within 35 feet of the building and the access shall be provided to all sides of the structure.
- g. Statements on the adequacy and availability of water and sanitary facilities for the proposed development, from the appropriate agency shall be submitted by the applicant.
- h. Storm drainage proposals conform to the requirements of the Chelmsford Subdivision Regulations.
- i. Major topographic changes or removal of existing trees or other important natural elements of the site will be minimized. All grading shall conform to **Section 3410—Grading**.
- j. Effective use is made of the topography, landscaping, building placement and building design to maintain to the degree feasible, the character of the neighborhood. A reasonable degree of compatibility between the proposed development and adjacent areas must be maintained. This will be done through the use of natural buffer-strips and screening; and through the location of like uses or like intensity along the boundary where other uses, particularly residential uses, exist or are permitted.
- k. Along with the site plan, the applicant shall submit a certification by a registered professional engineer that the proposal conforms to **Section 3200—Environmental Protection Standards**. In addition, the applicant shall submit an affidavit acknowledging his understanding of this standard and his or his successors continuing agreement to comply with it.
- l. The amount of parking is in conformance with **Section 3100—Off-Street Parking and Loading** and where fifty (50) or more cars are

to be located in a parking lot, raised planting strips, trees and landscape features shall be used to control traffic patterns across the paved areas.

- m. Pedestrian circulation is provided for within the development and there is a rational linkage of the system within the development to existing or potential circulation outside.
- n. That all other requirements of this By-Law applicable to the site plan have been satisfied.

To the extent permitted by law, the effective date of this amendment shall be the date of approval of the amendment to the By-Laws by the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as required by Chapter 40 Section 32; or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law Article II. District Regulations Section 2500 Intensity of Use Regulation, by deleting Subsection 2550 in its entirety and substituting the following:

**2550—Erection of More Than One Principal Building on a Lot**

No more than one principal residential building shall be permitted on a lot except in the case of motels, hotels, mobile home parks and multi-family structures which shall be reviewed by the Planning Board in accordance with **Section 1420—Site Plan Review**. In any commercial or industrial district, more than one principal building or structure may be erected or moved onto a lot provided that area, frontage, lot coverage and yard requirements can be met as though each structure were located on an individual lot, and provided that the plans therefore are reviewed by the Planning Board in accordance with Section 1420; or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law Article III General Regulations, Section 2100 **Off Street Parking and Loading** Subsection 3120 **Number of Spaces** by deleting the first paragraph in its entirety and substituting the following:

**3120—Number of Spaces** For the purpose of computing the parking requirements of difference uses, the number of spaces required shall be the largest whole number obtained after increasing all fractions upwards to one. Employees shall include the larger number of owners, managers, full and part-time workers, and volunteers that may be normally expected on the premises during any single shift or portion thereof. The number of seats in benches, pews, or other continuous seating arrangements shall be

calculated at twenty inches for each seat. Parking spaces including isles shall be no less than 350 square feet per vehicle with a minimum width of 8.5 feet and a minimum length of 18 feet. The following minimum parking requirements shall apply to uses as listed below:

or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning by-Law Article II District Regulations, Section 2300 Use Regulation Schedule—Residential Uses to read as follows:

“Conversion of Dwellings”  
(see Section 2560)

RA	RB	RC	RM	CA	CB	CC	CD	IA	IS	RMH	CX
O	O	P	P	O	P	O	P	P	O	O	O

or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws Article VI Police Regulations by deleting Section 20 Prohibition on Unauthorized Parking in Designated Handicapped Parking Spaces in Private or Public Ways in its entirety and substitute the following:

**Section 20. Prohibition on Unauthorized Parking in Designated Handicapped Spaces in Private or Public Ways.**

1. It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle in a parking space reserved and designated for use by vehicles of handicapped persons, whether located on public or private ways or properties, unless authorized to do so by the terms of this by-law or the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
2. A fine of \$15.00 shall be imposed for the unauthorized parking of a motor vehicle in a space reserved and designated for use by vehicles of handicapped persons, pursuant to the authority of Chapter 90, Section 20C of the Massachusetts General Laws.
3. The Police Department and all members thereof assigned to traffic duty, are hereby authorized to remove and tow away, or have removed and towed away by commercial towing services, at the sole expense of the owner of said motor vehicle, any motor vehicle left unattended or parked in a parking space reserved and designated for use by a vehicle of a handicapped person, unless said vehicle shall be designated as a vehicle of a handicapped person. Motor vehicles so towed away shall be stored in a safe place and restored to the owner or operator thereof upon payment by the owner or operator of the expenses incurred in said removal and storage.

4. (a) The person or body that has lawful control of a public or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings, or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees shall reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by section two of chapter ninety, according to the following formula;

If the number of parking spaces in any such area is more than fifteen but not more than twenty-five, one parking space; more than twenty-five but not more than forty, five percent of such spaces but not less than two; more than forty but not more than one hundred, four percent of such spaces but not less than three; more than one hundred but not more than two hundred, three percent of such spaces but not less than four; more than two hundred but not more than five hundred, two percent of such spaces but not less than six; more than five hundred but not more than one thousand, one and one-half percent of such spaces but not less than ten; more than one thousand but not more than two thousand, one percent of such spaces but not less than fifteen; more than two thousand but less than five thousand, three-fourths of one percent of such spaces but not less than twenty; and more than five thousand, one-half of one percent of such spaces but not less than thirty.

(b) Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of paragraph (a) shall be identified by the use of above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words “Handicapped Parking; Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner’s Expense”; shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway; shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person; and shall be twelve feet wide or two eight-foot wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them.

5. Violation of this By-Law shall be punishable as provided in General By-Law, Article I.
6. In the absence of the operator of any motor vehicle violating any provisions of the By-Law, it shall be deemed that the registered owner of such vehicle was the operator.
7. Any motor vehicle bearing a handicapped parking permit or motor vehicle registration plate designating the vehicle as one used by a handicapped person shall be authorized to park in a



designated handicapped parking space. The Chief of Police, his designee, or the Town Clerk may issue a temporary handicapped Parking Permit to any person upon application with supporting medical affidavit signed by a licensed physician designating the applicant as physically handicapped. Said temporary permit shall be issued with an expiration date not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of issue and shall be displayed in front right windshield of any vehicle parked in a designated handicapped parking space.

8. The unauthorized use of a temporary permit shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00.
9. Each day that any violation continues shall constitute a separate offense;

of act in relation thereto.

#### Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and accompanying Zoning Map referred to therein to change from Adult Entertainment District (CX) to Multiple Residence District (RM) the following described parcels:

#### PARCEL ONE

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows:

Starting at a point located 35± west of the culvert in Scotty Hollow Brook; Northerly through land of the Town of Chelmsford 390± feet; Southwesterly of land of the H.E. Fletcher Company, 210± feet; Southerly by land of Hicks, 305± feet; Northeasterly by land of Hicks, 175± feet; Containing, according to said plan, approximately 1.33± acres of land.

#### PARCEL TWO

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 660± feet southwest of the southwest corner of the Town Salt Shed Building; Southeasterly by land of G. Abrahamson, 200± feet; Northeasterly by land of Smith, 30± feet; Northwest-erly by land of Sugden, 45± feet; Northerly by land of Sugden, 80± feet; Northeasterly by land of Sugden,

110± feet; Westerly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 175± feet. Containing, according to said plan, approximately 0.33± acres of land.

Said Plan being filed with the Town Engineer and Planning Board; or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and accompanying Zoning Map referred to therein to change from Adult Entertainment District (CX) to General Residence District (RC) the following parcel:

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1986, being described as follows:

Starting at a point located 160± feet north of the northwest corner of the Town Salt Shed Building; Northwesterly by land of the Lowell Sportsmen's Club, 725± feet; Southwesterly by land of the H.E. Fletcher Company, 445± feet; Southeasterly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 510± feet; Northeasterly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 305± feet; Containing according to said plan, approximately 4.94± acres of land.

Said plan being filed with the Town Engineer; or act in relation thereto.

Planning Board

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right, title, and interest, if any, held by the Town in three (3) parcels being a portion of land at the property now or formerly known as the Swain Road Landfill and more particularly described as follows:

#### PARCEL ONE

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass", scale 1 inch=100 feet; dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 160± feet north of the northwest corner of the Town Salt Shed Building; Northwesterly by land of the Lowell Sportsmen's Club, 725± feet; Southwesterly by land of the H.E. Fletcher Company, 445± feet; Southeasterly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 510± feet; Northeasterly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 305± feet; Containing according to said plan, approximately 4.94± acres of land.

### PARCEL TWO

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 35±feet west of the culvert in Scotty Hollow Brook; Northerly through land of the Town of Chelmsford 390±feet; Southwest-erly by land of the H.E. Fletcher Company, 210±feet; Southerly by land of Hicks, 305±feet; Northeasterly by land of Hicks, 175±feet; Containing, according to said plan, approximately 1.33±acres of land.

### PARCEL THREE

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass", scale 1 inch=100 feet; dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 660±feet southwest of the southwest corner of the Town Salt Shed Building; Southeasterly by land of G. Abrahamson, 200±feet; Northeasterly by land of Smith, 30±feet; North- westerly by land of Sugden, 45±feet; Northerly by land of Sugden, 80±feet; Northeasterly by land of Sugden, 110±feet; Westerly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 175±feet. Containing, according to said plan, approximately 0.33±acres of land.

Said Plan being filed with the Town Engineer and Plan- ing Board; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple, by pur- chase, by eminent domain or otherwise the following two parcels located at the property now or formerly known as the Swain Road Landfill and more particularly described as follows:

### PARCEL ONE

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massa- chusetts, situated approximately 1,800 feet in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 70±feet east of the culvert in Scotty Hollow Brook; Southeasterly through land of Hicks, 110±feet; Northeasterly through land of Hicks and Leedburg, 390±feet;

Northeasterly through land of F. Abrahamson & G. Abrahamson, 200±feet; Northwesterly by land of the Town of Chelmsford, 70±feet; Southwesterly by land of the Town of Chelmsford, by three courses, 320±feet, 170±feet and 80±feet; Westerly by land of the Town of Chelmsford, 55±feet. Containing, ac- cording to said plan, approximately 1.30±acres of land.

### PARCEL TWO

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massa- chusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a utility pole along the west side of Swain Road located 100±feet north of the Town Landfill Old Access Road; Westerly through land of the Lowell Sportsmens Club, 620±feet; Northerly through land of the Lowell Sportsmens Club, 245±feet; Westerly through land of the Lowell Sport- smens Club, 275±feet; Southeasterly by land of the Town of Chelmsford, 505±feet; Easterly by land of Sugden, 105±feet; Northeasterly by land of Sugden, 230±feet; Southeasterly by land of Sugden, 330±feet; Southeasterly by land of Sugden, 115±feet; Northerly by Swain Road by three courses, 140±feet; 65±feet, 100±feet. Containing, according to said plan, approximately 4.55±acres of land.

Said plan being on file with the Town Engineer and Plan- ning Board and, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a cer- tain sum of money to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land for paying any damages which may be awarded as the result of any such taking or purchase; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple by pur- chase by eminent domain, or otherwise, the property with the buildings thereon beginning at the most northwesterly corner of the parcel at the intersection of the lot line and the Lowell-Chelmsford boundary line, running along said lot line south 02 10' 00" east two hundred thirty-three and 97/100 (233.96') feet;

Thence north 75 06' 16" east one hundred fifty and 63/100 (150.63') feet;

Thence south 12 58' 35" east seven hundred seven- teen and 78/100 (717.78') feet;

Thence south 73 17' 25" west twenty and 04/100 (20.04') feet;

Thence south 52 23' 46" east six hundred thirty-one and 55/100 (631.55') feet;



**Thence** south 34 39 ' 24 " east ninety-six and 94/100 (96.94 ' ) feet;

**Thence** northeasterly along the boundary of U.S. Route 3 having a radius of 4,750 feet and length of 1,435± feet to the intersection with the westerly boundary of Steadman Street;

**Thence** northwesterly along the westerly boundary of Steadman Street approximately six hundred thirty-six (636 ' ±) feet to the Lowell-Chelmsford boundary;

**Thence** north 77 13 ' 56 " west approximately one thousand nine hundred (1,900 ' ±) feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 40.5 acres.

**Thence** north 75 06 ' 16 " east one hundred fifty and 63/100 (150.63 ' ) feet;

**Thence** south 12 58 ' 35 " east seven hundred seven-teen and 78/100 (717.78 ' ) feet;

**Thence** south 73 17 ' 25 " west twenty and 04/100 (20.04 ' ) feet;

**Thence** south 52 23 ' 46 " east six hundred thirty-one and 55/100 (631.55 ' ) feet;

**Thence** south 34 39 ' 24 " east ninety-six and 94/100 (96.94 ' ) feet;

**Thence** northeasterly along the boundary of U.S. Route 3, having a radius of 4,750 feet and a length of 1,435±feet to the intersection with the westerly boundary of Steadman Street;

**Thence** northwesterly along the westerly boundary of Steadman Street approximately six hundred thirty-six (636 ' ±) feet to the Lowell-Chelmsford boundary;

**Thence** north 77 13 ' 56 " west approximately one thousand nine hundred (1,900 ' ±) feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 40.5 acres, and further shown as parcel A on a certain plan on file with the Town Clerk, the Town Engineers and the Planning Board, entitled "Resource Recovery Facility Taking, Chelmsford, Massachusetts", scale 1"=100 ' March 20, 1985, by James E. Pearson, P.E., Chelmsford Town Engineer, for the purpose of constructing a resource recovery facility;

or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to engage engineers, appraisers, attorneys and other necessary consultants for the purpose of preparing all documentation required for the design, and implementation of a resource recovery facility and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all contracts and agreements, including intermunicipal agreements and agreements with private industry, for the purpose of construction, leasing and/or implementation of said resource recovery facility and to act with the authority granted pursuant to Chapter 40D of the General Laws if deemed in the best interest of the Town, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements, and further to see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer of available funds or borrow a certain amount of money to defray all necessary costs, fees, and expenses; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Chelmsford, and the Zoning Map referred to therein, to change from Limited Industrial District (IA) to Special Industrial District (IS) the following described portion of land in Chelmsford beginning at the most northwesterly corner of the parcel at the intersection of the lot line and the Lowell-Chelmsford boundary line, running along said lot line south 02 10 ' 00 " east two hundred thirty-three and 97/100 (233.97 ' ) feet;

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen for consideration to be determined to convey all right, title, and interest, if any held by the Town, in a parcel of land known as the North School and containing approximately 16.5 acres of land, more or less, and being a portion of property taken by the Town of Chelmsford by order of taking dated January 17, 1951, recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1161, Page 258, for the exclusive and specific use of Elderly Housing; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Assessors to issue a certain amount of money from Free Cash in the Treasury for the reduction of the tax rate; or act in relation thereto.

Finance Committee

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings at the time and place of said meeting.

Given unto our hands this 28th day of March, A.D. 1985.

Bonita A. Towle, Chairman  
Dennis J. Ready  
Paul C. Hart  
John P. Emerson, Jr.  
Roger Blomgren

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS. March 28, 1985

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: The New Town Office Building Gym; North Congregational Church Hall; Parker School Band Room; East Chelmsford School; Byam School Cafetorium; Westlands School Cafeteria; North Congregational Church Hall; McCarthy Junior High School, Small Gymnasium; South Row School Auditorium; South Row School Auditorium; Westlands School Cafeteria; McCarthy Junior High School, Small Gymnasium; seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

William E. Spence  
Constable of Chelmsford

A True Copy Attest,  
William E. Spence, Constable of Chelmsford

**WARRANT FOR  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**April 29, 1985**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS.

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

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in the McCarthy Junior High School Gymnasium on Monday evening, the twenty-ninth day of April 1985, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., then and there to act upon the following Articles, Viz:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to the appropriate salary line items to fund approved wage and salary increases in the following departmental accounts:

Accounting Department  
Assessors Department  
Board of Appeals  
Cemetery Department  
Conservation Commission  
Inspection Department  
Planning Board  
Public Buildings Department  
Registrars Department  
Town Clerk Department  
Treasurer/Collector Department  
Veterans Benefits Department

and any other departmental budget recommended by the Board of Selectmen at Town Meeting; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to engage engineers, appraisers, attorneys and other necessary consultants for the purpose of preparing all documentation required for the design, and implementation of a resource recovery facility and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all contracts and agreements, including inter-municipal agreements and agreements with private industry, for the purpose of construction, leasing and/or implementation of said resource recovery facility and to act with the authority granted pursuant to Chapter 40D of the General Laws if deemed in the best interest of the Town, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements, and further to see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer of available funds or borrow a certain amount of money to defray all necessary costs, fees, and expenses; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings at the time and place of said meeting.

Given unto our hands this 8th day of April, A.D. 1985.

Bonita A. Towle, Chairman  
Dennis J. Ready, Vice Chairman  
John P. Emerson, Jr., Clerk  
Roger A. Blomgren, Member  
Paul C. Hart, Member

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX, SS. April 12, 1985

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: The New Town Office Building Gym; North Congregational Church Hall; Parker School Band Room; East Chelmsford School; Byam School Cafetorium; Westlands School Cafeteria; North Congregational Church Hall;

McCarthy Junior High School, Small Gymnasium; South Row School Auditorium; South Row School Auditorium; Westlands School Cafeteria; McCarthy Junior High School, Small Gymnasium; seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

William E. Spence  
Constable of Chelmsford

A True Copy Attest,  
William E. Spence, Constable of Chelmsford



## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION April 6, 1985

\*indicates candidate for re-election

	Pct 1	Pct 2	Pct 3	Pct 4	Pct 5	Pct 6	Pct 7	Pct 8	Pct 9	Pct 10	Pct 11	Pct 12	Total
<b>SELECTMAN 3 yrs. (2)</b>													
John P. Emerson, Jr.*	100	52	100	41	77	79	52	64	49	65	66	70	815
Bonita A. Towle*	82	48	86	58	83	81	45	67	44	63	64	59	780
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	60	40	64	29	50	74	35	63	55	84	42	53	649
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>2244</b>
<b>ASSESSOR 3 yrs.</b>													
James H. McBride*	93	52	100	49	82	87	46	63	51	62	61	73	819
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	28	18	25	15	23	30	20	34	23	44	25	18	303
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1122</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER 4 yrs.</b>													
Paul F. McCarthy*	99	58	100	50	82	88	56	72	51	65	66	69	856
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	22	12	25	14	23	29	10	25	23	41	20	22	266
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1122</b>
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER 3 yrs.</b>													
Nicholas Gavriel*	92	46	85	46	70	85	34	53	48	62	60	61	742
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Blanks	29	24	40	18	35	32	32	43	26	44	26	29	378
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1122</b>
<b>CEMETERY COMMISSIONER 3 yrs.</b>													
Everett V. Olsen*	91	57	96	53	82	91	59	68	52	65	69	68	851
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	30	13	29	11	23	26	7	29	22	41	17	23	271
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1122</b>
<b>HOUSING AUTHORITY 5 yrs.</b>													
Ruth K. Delaney*	92	62	104	51	84	96	52	69	53	71	72	69	875
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	29	8	21	13	21	21	14	28	21	35	14	22	247
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1122</b>
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 yrs. (2)</b>													
Mark W. Gauthier	94	45	91	44	69	77	46	58	45	59	60	62	750
Susan G. Cantin	82	48	102	49	76	75	46	67	49	70	66	62	792
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	66	47	57	35	65	82	40	69	54	83	46	58	702
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>2244</b>
<b>PARK COMMISSIONER 3 yrs.</b>													
Robert L. Wetmore*	89	55	91	45	78	86	53	71	47	66	68	66	815
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	32	15	34	19	27	31	13	26	27	40	18	25	307
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1122</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD 3 yrs. (3)</b>													
Charles A. Parlee*	93	49	91	43	84	77	46	55	42	63	56	67	766
Roselind M. Boyle*	76	43	89	42	78	69	42	58	40	62	51	58	708
Henrick R. Johnson, Jr.*	74	41	86	42	73	74	46	55	43	62	56	59	711
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	120	77	109	65	80	131	64	123	97	131	95	89	1181
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>3366</b>
<b>SEWER COMMISSIONER 3 yrs.</b>													
Stephen M. Curran	51	35	54	19	56	48	35	38	12	50	32	42	472
Barry B. Balan	65	31	69	40	45	66	29	58	61	50	52	45	611
All Others	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	5	4	2	5	4	3	2	1	1	6	2	4	39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1122</b>
<b>QUESTION</b>													
Yes	69	41	78	39	60	75	37	52	37	70	52	60	680
No	33	13	22	17	24	21	22	22	20	17	20	23	254
Blanks	19	16	25	8	21	21	7	23	17	19	14	8	198
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1122</b>



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 29, 1985

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by the Moderator Dennis McHugh who recognized the presence of a quorum, at the McCarthy Junior High Gym.

Selectman Ready moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and the posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously. Selectman Ready then moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously.

George Ripsom, Chairman of the Finance Committee moved to recess the Annual Town Meeting at 7:43 PM, in order to conduct a Public Budget Hearing of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. Motion carried, unanimously.

George Ripsom discussed the Federal Revenue Sharing. The sum of \$700,000.00 will be available for use in fiscal year 1985-1986, and will be allocated as follows: Fire Department Salaries \$300,000.00, Police Department Salaries \$300,000.00. The Highway Department Expenses will be \$100,000.00. These amounts will be reflected in the department's budgets. The sum of \$700,000.00 represents approximately 80¢ on the tax rate. The Moderator asked for any discussion or questions, hearing none George Ripsom moved to have the Town Meeting Body accept for approval the Federal Revenue Sharing Funds amounts as presented. Motion carried, unanimously.

The Moderator reconvened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:50 PM.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the reports of Town Officers and Committees be heard.

Selectman Ready moved to hear nominations from the floor for the Varney Playground Commission. Motion Carried. Selectman Ready moved to nominate Bernard Battles for a three year term. The Moderator asked for any more nominations from the floor, hearing none, the Moderator declared that nominations were closed. The Moderator than asked for a voice vote on Bernard Battles as commissioner for three years. It was so voted.

The Moderator then explained the procedure of the Town Meeting rules of order. If a voter/or official wanted to amend an article then they must do so in writing with the Town Clerk. Then the voter/official could explain to the Town Meeting Body the purpose of their amendment. Voice votes would be taken, and if necessary, hand counts would be taken, if passed then another vote would be required on the article as amended. He asked for co-operation from the Town Meeting Body and the Officials to keep the length of debate at a minimum. He then explained the procedure required for moving the question which is to stop debate.

UNDER ARTICLE 2 Chairman of the Personnel Board, Alan Murphy explained the article. The Board had done surveys with surrounding area town's like Chelmsford, and decided to drop the fifteen steps and twenty grade levels on the present salary schedule to eight grade levels and eleven steps. The town employee's left under the Personnel Board's jurisdiction did not have any salaries which fell into a lot of the grades and steps of the original schedule due to this fact the board at this time felt the need was there to update the schedule. George Ripsom of the Finance Committee moved to accept all of article two but wanted to amend the article to reflect the original schedule of fifteen steps and twenty grade levels. Alan Murphy spoke against the motion. A voice vote was taken, motion defeated. A voice vote was taken on article two motion carried. The article reads as follows:

Chairman of the Personnel Board, Alan Murphy, moved that the Town vote to amend the Personnel Wages and Salary By-Law to be effective July 1, 1985, as follows:

1. Under Section 6, "Classification of Present Town Employees", amend Subsection (E)—"Wage and Salary Schedule" by deleting the existing schedule and substituting the following:

### E. WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE JULY 1, 1985-JUNE 30, 1986

Grade Level	Salary Range
1A	\$11,490-14,305
1B	12,988-16,170
1C	14,486-18,035
1D	17,483-21,766
2	21,979-27,364
3	29,473-36,694
4	33,970-42,293
5	38,467-47,891

2. Under Section 6 subtitled **Classification of Present Town Employees**, delete Subsection D. and substitute the following in its place:

(D) The wage and salary schedule shall be maintained by the following criteria:

- I. There shall be eight salary grade levels designated 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2, 3, 4, 5.
- II. The minimum salary for each salary grade shall be determined by the Personnel Board.
- III. The maximum salary for each salary grade will be 1,245 times the minimum salary for that grade.
- IV. There are 11 steps in each salary grade. Each incremental step is 2.45% of the minimum salary for that grade.

V. The wage and salary schedule will be stated in annual dollars.

VI. Hourly rates for those jobs that are paid on an hourly basis will be the annual salary dividend by 2,088 (52.2 weeks times 40 hours) for jobs designated "Mechanical and Construction, Conservation and Cemeteries, Custodian and Health" and will be the annual salary dividend by 1957.5 (52.2 weeks x 37.5) for jobs designated Administrative and Clerical.

3. Under Section 8 subtitled **Increases Within Grade Levels and Promotions**, delete paragraph (B) and substitute the following in its place:

(B) Any employee who is at step 1 or above may be advanced to a higher step on the first day of the fiscal year. Such increases are to be based on the employee's job performance and development during the previous year. Performance evaluations for all employees must be submitted to the Personnel Board by the first day in May. Increases greater than one step must be presented in person by the employee's Department Head or equivalent to the Personnel Board. Employees who are at the maximum of their salary grade may also be eligible for a one step merit increase upon approval of the Personnel Board.

4. Under Section 16 subtitled **Sick Leave**, delete paragraph (C) and substitute the following in its place:

(C) Accrued sick leave will be paid at the time of retirement, or at death to the employee's surviving spouse, or, if none, to the Representative of the employee's Estate, to the maximum extent of 120 days.

5. Under Section 26 subtitled **Bereavement and Funeral Leave**, delete paragraph (A) and substitute the following in its place:

(A) All full time permanent employees covered by this plan shall be entitled to leave without loss of pay not to exceed (3) days in the event of the death of the employee's spouse, children, parents, grandparents, mother-in-law, father-in-law, siblings, and grandchildren.

Selectmanm Ready moved at this time to recess the Annual Town Meeting in order to proceed with the Special Town Meeting which was posted to begin at 8:00 PM. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 29, 1985

The Special Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, there were 441 voters present at the McCarthy Junior High Gym.

Selectman Ready moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and the posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously. Selectman Ready then moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 Selectmen Ready explained that these figures presented before the Town Meeting body were as a result of the Town Hall union negotiations contract. The Employee's had been without a contract since July 1, 1984 and recommended passage. The Finance Committee recommended the article. James Doukaszewicz Treasurer/Tax Collector spoke in favor. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously. The Article reads as follows:

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Dennis Ready, moved that the Town vote to transfer from the Reserve Fund the sum of twenty-nine thousand eight hundred twenty-one (\$29,821.00), to be transferred to the following salary and expense line items in the indicated specific amounts to fund approved wage and salary increases and expense allocations in the following departmental accounts:

Accounting Department:	
Line Item #1.—Salaries	\$ 1,890
Board of Appeals:	
Line Item #6.—Expense	874
Assessors Department:	
Line Item #7.—Salaries	2,971
Cemetery Department:	
Line Item #11.—Salaries	3,211
Conservation Commission:	
Line Item #17.—Expense	1,311
Inspection Department:	
Line Item #48.—Salaries	2,200
Planning Board:	
Line Item #65.—Expense	1,907
Public Buildings Department:	
Line Item #73.—Salaries	2,969
Registrars Department:	
Line Item #80.—Salaries	1,881
Town Clerk Department:	
Line Item #94.—Salaries	3,296



Town Treasurer/Collector Department:  
Line Item #97.—Salaries 6,300

Veterans Benefits Department:  
Line Item #106.—Salaries 1,011  
\$29,821

UNDER ARTICLE 2 Selectman Ready explained the purpose of this article. Due to the need of questions that needed answers and the question of legal rights, the Board of Selectmen felt that the Town should be made aware of everything possible before any decisions are made. After a lengthy discussion, Leo Paradis moved to amend the article, he felt that the present wording was too involved, if basically all the Board was trying to do was to hire people for obtaining information. He felt that certain words made it sound like a permanent contract. His wording was submitted as an amendment. The Moderator asked for further discussion, hearing none he asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, motion carried. He then asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended, motion carried, the article reads as follows:

Selectman Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to engage engineers, appraisers, attorneys and other necessary consultants for the purpose of preparing all documentation required for the design of a resource recovery facility, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements, and further I move that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the amount of twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$25,000.00) to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses.

The Moderator reconvened the Annual Town Meeting at 8:30 PM.

UNDER ARTICLE 2A. Chairman of the Personnel Board, Alan Murphy explained that this article reflects the new step scale on Town Employee's as per article 2. George Ripsom moved that the Gas Inspector under "other positions" be amended to read the salary of \$7,000.00 p.a. instead of the figure \$6,000.00. The Moderator asked for any discussion, hearing none asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, motion carried. He then asked for a voice vote on the article as amended, motion carried, unanimously. The article reads as follows:

Chairman of the Personnel Board, Alan Murphy, moved that the Town vote to amend the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law by further amended Section 24, Job Titles and Standard rates for wages and salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salaries of the Personnel Wage and Salary By-Law, to conform to rates of pay negotiated by the Town with certain labor organizations, pursuant to General Law Chapter 150E, and to reflect current salaries and grade levels under the Personnel By-law as follows:

	7/85 - 8/86 Proposed Level	Proposed Salary
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL</b>		
1. Executive Secretary .....	4	
2. Town Accountant .....	3	

3. Veteran's Agent .....	2	
4. Town Aide .....	2	
5. Assistant to Assessors .....	ID	
6. Assistant Town Clerk .....	ID	
7. Assistant Treasurer .....	ID	
8. Clerk, Senior .....	1C	
9. Clerk, Junior .....	1A	
10. Clerk, Part-Time .....	1A	
11. Town Counsel .....		\$500 P.A.
12. Board of Reg., Three Members .....		360 P.A.
13. Assistant Town Accountant .....	ID	

**CONSERVATION, PARKS AND CEMETERY**

1. Cemetery Superintendent .....	2	
2. Supt. of Inspect & Pest Control .....	—	1,250 P.A.
3. Landscaper—Park .....	1A	
4. Laborer—Park .....	1A	
5. Unskilled Laborer .....	#2, #4	
6. Skilled Forest Workman—Conservation .....	1A	
7. Equipment Operator .....	1C	
8. Park Superintendent .....	2	

**CUSTODIAL**

1. Custodian .....	1B	
--------------------	----	--

**LIBRARY**

1. Library Director .....	3	
2. Library Department Head .....	ID	
3. Library Specialist .....	1C	
4. Library Assistant .....	1B	
5. Library Clerk .....	1A	
6. Maintenance Assistant .....	1B	
7. Page .....	#2, #4	

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

1. Highway Superintendent .....	3	
2. Highway Foreman .....	2	

**TOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1. Fire Department .....	#2, #5	
2. Deputy Fire Chief .....	#2	
3. Captain .....	#2	
4. Mechanic (Fire and Police) .....	#2	

**TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

1. Police Chief .....	5	
2. Deputy Chief .....	4	
3. Captain .....	3	

**RECREATION**

1. Director/Youth Center Coordinator .....	2	
2. Clerk, Part-Time .....	1A	
3. Waterfront Director .....	1A	
4. Swimming Instructor .....	1A	
5. Lifeguard .....	1A	
6. Playground Supervisor .....	1B	
7. Recreation Specialist .....	1A	
8. Recreation Leader .....	1A	
9. Youth Center Supervisor .....	1C	
10. Youth Center Leaders .....	1A	

**OTHER POSITIONS**

1. Building Inspector .....	3	
2. Electric Inspector .....	2	
3. Local Inspector .....	2	
4. Gas Inspector .....	#2	\$7,000 P.A.
5. Dog Officer .....	1C	
6. Assistant Dog Officer .....	1A	
7. Van Driver .....	1B	
8. Sealer of Weights & Measures .....	#2	\$2,000 P.A.
9. Animal Inspector .....	#2	\$1,000 P.A.
10. Clock Winder .....	#2	\$ 200 P.A.
11. Town Engineer .....	3	

**FOOTNOTES**

- #1— Represented by Collective Bargaining
- #2— Not in "Job Rating Plan"
- #4— Federal Minimum Hour Wage
- #5— Salary will be 200% of the highest paid Union Firefighters established by State Law;

Selectman Ready made a motion to take article six out of order. This article pertains to the retired Town



Employee's health insurance premiums. The Finance Committee supported the motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 6 Selectman Ready moved that the Town vote to pay an additional or subsidiary rate in addition to the payment of fifty percent of premium for contributory group life, hospital and surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance for employees retired from the service of the Town, and their dependents, in the same proportion as the Town pays said additional or subsidiary rates for active Town employees.

Selectman Ready explained that presently the Town pays 60% of the Town Employee's insurance, 50% of the retired Town Employee's insurance. The Board felt that all the employee's should receive the same paid benefit's of 60% regardless if they are retired or not. The Finance Committee was not in favor of the article. They felt that the retired employee's should not benefit from what the regular employee's receive through union negotiations, etc. Selectman Ready disagreed with this theory. Many of the retired employee's gave twenty or more years of service to the Town, and he felt that this was a small token of appreciation that they deserved to receive, they made the Town what it is today. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion, motion carried. George Ripsom questioned the voice vote, the following tellers came forward, and a hand count was taken:

Edward Marshall	William Drury	Richard Burt
Bonnie Farragut	Carl Olsson	Robert Charpentier
Margaret Johnson	Roger Schneider	John Warren
Leslie Koresky	Karen Wharton	John Upshur

Result of the hand count: Yes 200 No 105 motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 3 Finance Committee Chairman, George Ripsom discussed the contents of the budget with the Town Meeting Body. The Moderator explained that he would be reading the fiscal year 1986 budget request column in the warrant book. These figures would at times be different from the Finance Committee's recommendation figures, at which time the Finance Committee would make a recommendation to amend. The Moderator then read the Accounting Department through the Assessors' Department, asking for discussion after each one. Under the Assessors' budget Alan Murphy of the Personnel Board stated that his board did make a salary survey of the elected officials salaries, and made their recommendation to the Finance Committee. Mr. Murphy asked to hear the Finance Committee's recommendation at this time on the elected officials salaries, which included the Assessors' Tax Collector/Treasurer, and Town Clerk. Mr. Ripsom explained that the Finance Committee did not agree with the elected officials salaries recommendation by the Personnel Board, and wanted the three elected officials to receive over the next three years a lock step increase which would be given to the "position" not the official. This would be the base increase, not including the cost of living and at the end of the three years be on an equal pay scale. He then recommended the Assessor's salaries line item 7 be \$113,720.00

for a total budget figure of \$176,921. James Doukszewicz, Treasurer/Tax Collector spoke against the motion to amend. Mr. Doukszewicz felt that rather than wait and discuss the salary question on his budget, he would do so now. He did his own salary survey and found that the Personnel Board's survey did not reflect the most current rate of pay for officials in the surrounding Towns. His was done two weeks ago. He submitted rates to the Finance Committee when he presented his budget. He couldn't understand why the Finance Committee would not accept the Personnel Board's recommendation for the elected officials, but went the other way from what the Personnel Board recommended for the Executive Secretary's salary by giving the position \$6,000. more a year. At this time this position is unfilled and the Finance Committee doesn't even know when it will be filled. When it comes to his budget the Treasurer said he would at that time amend his budget to read what he originally requested. Pennryn Fitts of the Personnel Board stated that the Personnel Board agreed with the Finance Committee to equalize the pays of the elected officials, and felt that the Treasurer's budget should be voted on prior to any of the other elected officials budget. He then asked for the Finance Committee to withdraw their motion on the Assessor's budget. After that, Mr. Fitts would move to hear the Treasurer's budget. George Ripsom tabled his motion at the present time. Pennryn Fitts moved to take the Treasurer's budget out of order, motion defeated by voice vote. The Moderator questioned the vote and asked for a show of hands, motion carried. James Doukszewicz, Treasurer/Tax Collector then presented his budget which included the total salaries line item 107 as \$143,417.00 for a total budget figure of \$169,143. He felt that the Finance Committee last year asked the Personnel Board for a recommendation of his salary for this year, and chose to ignore it. Mr. Doukszewicz himself gave the Finance Committee his survey and again they failed to go by it. He felt that they should conduct their own or choose to use the Personnel Board's for everyone, not just a chosen few. He asked the Town Meeting Body to vote his budget with his recommendation of figures, because his budget reflected the most up to date surveys of salary figure. The Board of Selectmen supported the Treasurer because the Finance Committee did state last year at Town Meeting that they would go by the Personnel Board's recommendation for this year. After more lengthy discussion the Finance Committee moved to amend the budget to read: \$141,277.00 under salaries for a total of \$167,003.00. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, which left the chair in doubt he then asked for a show of hands, motion defeated. He asked for further discussion, hearing none he returned to the Assessor's budget. At this time he explained that the final vote will be taken at the end of the entire budget. The procedure which is being followed is opening the floor up for discussion on the individual recommended figures of the budget. The vote at the end of article three will include all the figures recommended and amended.

The Moderator returned to the Assessor's Department and the Finance Committee's motion for the budget to read \$176,921, this figure reflects the salary figure of \$113,720.00 Chairman of the Board of Assessors' Janet Lombard, spoke

against the change in the salary figure. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, which left the chair in doubt, he then asked for a show of hands, still in doubt, he asked the tellers to come forward and conducted a hand count. The result of the hand count: Yes 102 No 167, motion defeated to amend.

The Moderator then read the Cemetery Department through the Constable's budget reading the recommended figure. Under the Council on Aging/Town Aide budget Selectman Ready moved to amend the expenses line item 22. from 24,190. to 29,190. an increase of \$5,000. for a total of \$78,393. Selectman Ready asked the Town Aide Kathleen Robinson to speak to the Town Meeting Body about the increase. Due to the fact that Mrs. Robinson was not a resident/registered voter in Chelmsford, the Moderator had to ask permission from the Town Meeting Body for Mrs. Robinson to speak. Motion carried, by voice vote. Mrs. Robinson explained that this money was for a fund raising campaign. Which will be appropriated to the Friends of the Senior Center, a private non-profit group which will appeal to the community privately to raise money for the different activities of the Senior center. Respite Care program etc. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, motion carried.

The Moderator than read from the Debt and Interest through the Fire Department's Budget. Under the Health Department, George Ripsom moved to amend the budget to read a total of \$104,143. Which reflects the salaries line item 36 to read \$91,902. He then discussed why the salary figure should be \$91,092. He felt that the employees were receiving a 2½ % increase plus the 5% cost of living within this new figure. Paul McCarthy, a member of the Board of Health, spoke against the motion to amend. He stated that the Finance Committee was in fact decreasing the Ass't. Director's salary not increasing it. He felt that the Ass't. Director was in fact doing a tremendous job and should be paid accordingly. Because the clerical staff is not part of the union within the Town Hall, the Board was requesting the same amount that the union positions were receiving. The Board of Selectmen asked the Town Meeting Body to defeat the motion to amend. Norman LeBrecque spoke in favor of the motion to amend. After a lengthy discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried to amend. Hearing no need for further discussion the Moderator went onto the Highway Department. The Finance Committee asked to table this budget momentarily while figures were gathered for discussion. During this time, Selectman Ready moved to reconsider the Health Department, because of the fact that the Ass't. Director's salary as amended was in fact decreased, he felt that more discussion under the salaries line item 36 should take place. The Finance Committee felt rather than reinstate the whole salary figure, just the Ass't. Director's salary should be considered. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to reconsider, which left the chair in doubt, he then asked for a show of hands, still in doubt, he called the tellers forward and requested a hand count. When the Moderator went to announce the figures of Yes 153 No 91, motion carried to reconsider the Health Department Budget, he announced a ten minute recess while the technician tried to

repair the P.A. System. The Meeting recessed at 10:20 PM. The Moderator reconvened the meeting at 10:30 PM. the P.A. system was still not working, the Moderator attempted to continue the meeting, but the Town Meeting Body could not hear him. A motion was made by Norman LaBrecque to adjourn the meeting until Monday, May 6th, at 7:30 PM same location. Voice vote was taken by the Moderator, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Dennis McHugh,  
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire,  
Town Clerk



## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 6, 1985

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by the Moderator Dennis McHugh, at the McCarthy Junior High School Gym. There were 382 voters present.

The Moderator took a moment to speak about Clement McCarthy, former Town Counsel, who had passed away on Saturday, May 4th. Clem had attended numerous Town Meetings both as the Town Counsel and as a private citizen. And many times presented his opinions. The Moderator asked the Town Meeting Body to at some time during the meeting take a moment and think about Clem McCarthy.

George Ripsom of the Finance Committee then explained about the remaining budget articles. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee agreed upon the figures which were going to be presented at this meeting, along with the Town Accountant.

The Moderator then reviewed the last motion of the April 29th meeting. The motion was made to reconsider the Board of Health Budget and carried by a voice vote, Yes 153 No 91. He then explained that we were going through article three line by line the final vote will be taken at the end of the article, but discussions will be heard if necessary at each line item.

UNDER ARTICLE 3 con't. Board of Health Budget discussion. Selectman Ready asked the Town Meeting Body to support the figure of \$97,448 under line item 36 salaries. Peter Dulchinos, member of the Board of Health, spoke about the staff and explained the individual positions, and said that it would not be fair to give a raise to one particular individual and not to all of the personnel. Discussion took place, George Ripsom moved to amend the figure of \$91,092. to \$93,213, which would reflect a 5% increase for cost of living plus the 2½% merit raise. This is based on the raises approved for those employees under the Personnel Board. Paul McCarthy, member of the Board of Health, spoke against this motion. After more discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion by George Ripsom to amend the amendment to read \$93,213. Motion carried. Selectman Blomgren spoke against the figure of \$93,213. and asked the Town Meeting Body to defeat this motion and to go with the figure of \$111,499., and made a motion to move the question, to stop debate. The Moderator attempted a voice vote, which requires an unanimous vote, or a ⅔'s hand count. The chair had to conduct a hand count the following tellers came forward:

John Warren	Edward Marshall
Jane Drury	Walter Mellen
Ruth Delaney	Margaret Johnson
Steve Jones	John Hibbard

hand count result: Yes 271 no 23 ⅔'s required which would be 196, motion carried.

The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend with a figure of \$93,213. Motion defeated. The Moderator was questioned about the vote, he asked for a show of hands, motion defeated. The Board of Health's total budget is \$111,499.

The Moderator read the Highway Department's figures. The Finance Committee moved to amend the figures in all the line items: Line Item 40 Salaries from \$550,041 to \$498,614, Line Item 41 Expenses from \$324,494 to \$424,494, and Snow and Ice from \$320,000 to \$270,000 minus the \$100,000 from revenue sharing for a total net budget of \$1,093,108. The Selectmen agreed with the amendment, and a voice vote was taken, motion carried, unanimously.

The Moderator read the Historical Budget and then the Hydrant Service where a discussion took place. Thomas Firth moved to amend the budget to read line 45 North from \$12,250 to \$19,300 and line 46 East from \$3,500 to \$7,000 for a total budget of \$78,350. Leslie Adams spoke about the North's Hydrant Service. The Finance Committee was in favor of the East's figure, but not the North's. Spotwood Bowers moved to amend the amendment to read \$7,000. for East and \$12,250. for North. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion defeated. The Moderator then asked for a voice vote on the figures of \$19,300 and \$7,000. which left the chair in doubt, he asked for a show of hands, motion carried.

The Moderator read the Insect Pest budget through to the Library Department where discussion took place. Myra Silver of the Finance Committee moved to amend Line item 58. Salaries from \$321,422 to \$330,702. This is a result of the Personnel Board's salary chart change voted under article 2A. This change would reflect a total budget of \$467,260. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

The Moderator read his budget through the Police Department's budget, where discussion took place: Cheryl Boss, of the Finance Committee, moved that the Salaries figures line item 70 be changed from \$1,947,067 to \$1,944,183. which will give a net budget of \$1,847,852. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

The Moderator read from the Public Buildings budget through the School Department budget, where a discussion took place. George Ripsom of the Finance Committee moved to amend the Net Cost of this department's budget from \$17,886,684. to \$17,806,363. this is due to the reimbursement funds of the Capital Improvement. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

Selectman Ready moved to return to the Insurance Department budget, as the passage of Article 6 increased the budget by \$11,000., which must be added to the line item of Chapter 32B figure for a total of \$973,918, which will give a total budget figure of \$1,374,578. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.



The Moderator read from the Sewer Commission through the Veteran's Benefits Department where a discussion took place. Selectman Ready moved that the Salaries line item 116 be amended from \$41,465 to \$42,154. This is to reflect an increase for the Ass't. Veteran's Agent, which will give a total budget figure of \$99,505. Norman LaBrecque questioned this position, he said it is not listed under the Personnel Board's listing under Article 2A. George Ripsom explained that this was as a result of the Town Hall Union contract negotiations. And that it is a union position not Personnel Board's. Sandar Kilburn, Town Hall union negotiator, explained that this in fact was not a union position. The person was a union member prior to the changing of the title. Alan Murphy of the Personnel Board explained that the Personnel Board has not yet seen a job description of the position, monies could be voted, however, the Personnel Board must approve the position before any monies can be released. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, motion carried.

The Moderator read the Waste Collection's budget. Under the Unclassified Department, a number of motions were made to amend. Selectman Ready moved to amend Line item 121 Ambulance Service from \$0.00 to read \$1.00, voice vote taken, motion carried unanimously. Norman LaBrecque moved to amend line item 122 Cable TV Committee from \$3,100 to \$2,500, after much discussion the Moderator asked for a voice vote. Motion defeated. George Ripsom moved that the line item 124 be amended from \$950,000 to \$937,000. Voice vote taken, motion carried to amend the County Retirement Assessment, unanimously. Under line item 125, Cultural Council, Marion Gould moved that the figure be amended from \$1,00 to \$100.00. A voice vote was taken motion carried. Under line item 136 Retirement Reserve Fund the Finance Committee moved to amend the figure from \$50,000. to \$0.00. This is a cushion for future Town Employees who may retire. However, if the amount is not there the County will assess an amount the following year. A voice vote was taken which left the Chair in doubt, the Moderator asked for a show of hand, still in doubt the tellers came forward and a hand count was taken Yes 115 No. 144, motion defeated. The Moderator read the rest of the line items and George Ripsom moved to reconsider line item 136, Retirement Reserve Fund. The Town cannot afford at this time to have this money set aside. After much discussion, a voice vote was taken, motion to amend the line item from \$50,000. to \$0.00 carried. The Moderator then read the total unclassified budget figure of \$1,080,691. The Moderator then read the motion, asked for a voice vote motion carried, under article three and reads as follows:

James Doukzewicz, Tax Collector/Treasurer, moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,303,784.00 to defray Town Charges for the fiscal period from July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986.

Department Line Items	Approved Appropriations
<b>ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT</b>	
1. Salaries	\$84,717
2. Expenses	1,900
3. Outlay	600
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTING DEPT.</b>	<b>87,217</b>
<b>ANIMAL INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT</b>	
4. Inspectors Salary	1,000
5. Expense	400
<b>TOTAL ANIMAL INSPECTOR'S DEPT.</b>	<b>1,400</b>
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>	
6. Expenses	5,200
<b>ASSESSORS DEPARTMENT</b>	
7. Salaries	121,000
8. Expenses	42,800
9. Outlay	1
10. Legal Services	5,000
11. Revaluation Update	15,400
<b>TOTAL ASSESSORS DEPT.</b>	<b>184,201</b>

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

12. Salaries	112,429
13. Expenses	21,763
14. Out of State	500
15. Outlay	550
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY DEPT.</b>	<b>135,242</b>
TRANSFER FROM P/C INTEREST	15,000
<b>NET COST CEMETERY DEPT.</b>	<b>120,242</b>

**CIVILIAN DEFENSE**

16. Expenses	2,040
17. Outlay	1,026
<b>TOTAL CIVILIAN DEFENSE</b>	<b>3,066</b>

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

18. Salaries	5,050
19. Expenses	6,210
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>	<b>11,260</b>

**CONSTABLE**

20. Salary	150
------------	-----

**COUNCIL ON AGING/TOWN AIDE**

21. Salaries	49,203
22. Expenses	29,190
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING/TOWN AIDE</b>	<b>78,393</b>

**DEBT AND INTEREST:****PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS:**

Westland and Harrington Elem. Schools	155,000
Byam Elem. School	100,000
School Building Capital Impro. #5	715,000
School Computer Purchase #2	133,965
23. Total Principal	1,103,965

**INTEREST PAYMENTS:**

Anticipation of rev. and other temp. loans	200,000
Westland and Harrington Elem. Schools	16,340
Byam Elem. School	27,000
School Building Capital Improv. #5	49,650
School Computer Purchase	7,436
24. Total Interest	300,336
<b>TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST</b>	<b>1,404,301</b>

**DOG OFFICER**

25. Salaries	24,176
26. Expenses	2,000
27. Pound Rental	6,000
28. Care of Live Animals	1,200
<b>TOTAL DOG OFFICER DEPT.</b>	<b>33,376</b>

**EDWARD'S MEMORIAL BEACH**

29. Expenses	1,000
--------------	-------

**ELECTIONS**

30. Wages and Expenses	14,275
------------------------	--------

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

31. Expenses	1,500
--------------	-------

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

32. Salaries	1,966,057
33. Expenses	102,518
34. Out of State	1
35. Outlay	7,685
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPT.</b>	<b>2,076,261</b>
APPROPRIATION FROM REVENUE SHARING FOR SALARIES	300,000
<b>NET COST FIRE DEPT.</b>	<b>1,776,261</b>

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

36. Salaries	97,448
37. Expenses	14,050
38. Out of State	0
39. Outlay	1
<b>TOTAL HEALTH DEPT.</b>	<b>111,499</b>

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

40. Salaries	498,614
41. Expenses	424,494
42. Snow and Ice	270,000
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT.</b>	<b>1,193,108</b>
APPROPRIATION FROM REVENUE SHARING FOR STREET RESURFACING	100,000
<b>NET COST HIGHWAY DEPT.</b>	<b>1,093,108</b>

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

43. Expenses	1,000
--------------	-------

**HYDRANT SERVICE**

44. Center	52,050
45. North	19,300
46. East	7,000
47. South	0
<b>TOTAL HYDRANT SERVICE</b>	<b>78,350</b>

**INSECT PEST CONTROL**

48. Superintendent's Salary	1,200
49. Expenses	10,800
<b>TOTAL INSECT PEST CONTROL</b>	<b>12,050</b>

**INSPECTION DEPARTMENT**

50. Salaries	126,692
51. Expenses	15,502
52. Out of State	500
53. Outlay	1
<b>TOTAL INSPECTION DEPT.</b>	<b>142,695</b>

**INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**

Property Liability & All Types	400,660
Chapter 32B	973,918
54. Total Insurance Department	1,374,578

**LAW DEPARTMENT**

55. Town Counsel	500
56. Legal Services	40,000
57. Misc. Expense—Assoc. Dues	750
<b>TOTAL LAW DEPT.</b>	<b>41,250</b>

**LIBRARY DEPARTMENT**

58. Salaries	330,702
59. Expenses	63,905
60. Books & Periodicals	84,040
61. Outlay	4,200
TOTAL LIBRARY DEPT.	482,847
LESS STATE AID	15,587
NET COST LIBRARY DEPT.	467,260

**MODERATOR**

62. Salary	300
------------	-----

**NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

63. Assessment	536,337
----------------	---------

**PARK DEPARTMENT**

64. Salaries	33,553
65. Expenses	6,446
66. Outlay	1
TOTAL PARK DEPT.	40,000

**PERSONNEL BOARD**

67. Expenses	650
--------------	-----

**PLANNING BOARD**

68. Expenses	16,250
69. Outlay	1
TOTAL PLANNING BOARD	16,251

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

70. Salaries	1,944,183
71. Expenses	199,148
72. Chiefs Out of State	1,050
73. Outlay	1
74. Auxiliary—Expense	3,070
75. Auxiliary—Outlay	400
TOTAL POLICE DEPT.	2,147,852
APPROPRIATION FROM REVENUE SHARING FOR SALARIES	300,000
NET COST POLICE DEPT.	1,847,852

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT**

76. Salaries	40,851
77. Expenses	58,930
78. Supervision Fee	6,000
79. Outlay	2,000
TOTAL PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPT.	107,781

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

80. Salaries	25,107
81. Expenses	16,780
82. Outlay	0
TOTAL RECREATION COMMISSION	41,887

**REGISTRARS DEPARTMENT**

83. Salaries	20,685
84. Expense	7,991
85. Outlay	1
TOTAL REGISTRARS DEPT.	28,677

**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

86. Total School Department	17,896,684
Minus Tuitions	5,000
Minus Community Education	5,000
	17,886,684
Minus Reimbursement Funds Received from School Building Capital Improvements Reserved for Appropriation	80,321
NET COST SCHOOL DEPT.	17,806,363

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES**

87. Salary	2,000
88. Expenses	300
TOTAL SEALER DEPT.	2,300

**SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT**

89. Salaries	86,404
90. Expenses	14,800
91. Outlay	1,500
92. Out of State	500
TOTAL SELECTMEN'S DEPT.	103,204

**SEWER COMMISSION**

93. Salaries	27,500
94. Expenses	15,000
95. Professional Fees	10,000
96. Outlay	1
97. Out of State	3,500
TOTAL SEWER COMMISSION	56,001

**STREET LIGHTING**

98. Expense	160,000
-------------	---------

**TOWN CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

99. Expenses	500
--------------	-----

**TOWN CLERK DEPARTMENT**

100. Salaries	86,555
101. Expenses	5,635
102. Outlay	600
TOTAL TOWN CLERK DEPT.	92,790

**TOWN ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

103. Salaries	51,702
104. Expenses	5,590
105. Outlay	1
106. Out of State	1
TOTAL ENGINEERING DEPT.	57,294

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR DEPARTMENT**

107. Salaries	143,417
108. Expenses	25,725
109. Outlay	1
TOTAL TREASURER/COLLECTOR DEPT.	169,143

**TREE WARDEN DEPARTMENT**

110. Salaries	1,000
111. Expenses	13,875
112. Outlay	1
TOTAL TREE WARDEN DEPT.	14,876



**VARNEY PLAYGROUND**

113. Labor—Part Time	3,000
114. Expenses	1,999
115. Outlay	1
<b>TOTAL VARNEY PLAYGROUND</b>	<b>5,000</b>

**VETERAN'S BENEFITS DEPARTMENT**

116. Salaries	42,154
117. Expenses	4,150
118. Outlay	200
119. Cash and Material Grants	53,000
<b>TOTAL VETERAN'S BENEFITS DEPT.</b>	<b>99,504</b>

**WASTE COLLECTION**

120. Expense	992,652
--------------	---------

**UNCLASSIFIED DEPARTMENT**

121. Ambulance Service	1
122. Cable TV Commission	3,100
123. Clerk of Committees	1
124. County Retirement Assessment	937,070
125. Cultural Council	100
126. Elder Serv. of Merrimack Valley	1,800
127. Historic District Commission	1,000
128. Lowell Mental Health	8,695
129. Medical Bills Retired Police & Fire Chapter 41 Section 100B	5,000
130. Memorial Day Expense	1,000
131. Mobile Home Rent Control Board	500
132. Mosquito Control	10,000
133. NMAC Assessment	8,422
134. Police Mutual Aid—LEAA	2,000
135. Preliminary Project Studies	1
136. Retirement Reserve Fund	0
137. Town Clock Expense	600
138. Town & Fin. Com. Reports	5,500
139. Unemployment Benefits Due State	90,000
140. Veterans Pension Claims	6,000
<b>TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED DEPT.</b>	<b>1,080,790</b>

Total Article 3. (Gross) 31,114,692

Less: Transfer from Available Funds

Federal Revenue Sharing	700,000
State Aid to Libraries	15,587
Cemetery P/C Interest	15,000
Reimbursement Funds Reserved for Appropriation-School Capital Bldg. Improvements	80,321
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>810,908</b>

**TOTAL RAISE AND APPROPRIATE** \$30,303,784

UNDER ARTICLE 4 James Doukszewicz, Tax Collector/Treasurer, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1985; in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

The Finance Committee recommended the article, motion carried unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 5 James Doukszewicz, Tax Collector/Treasurer, moved that the Town vote to request the Department of Revenue, Division of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to make an audit of all accounts in all departments in the Town of Chelmsford.

The Finance Committee recommended the article, motion carried, unanimously.

Article 6 was voted at April 29th meeting.

UNDER ARTICLE 7 George Ripsom of the Finance Committee, moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) to be used as a Reserve Fund at the discretion of the Finance Committee, as provided in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 6.

The Finance Committee supported the article, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 8 Anthony Cali moved that the Town vote to petition the General Court in conformity with section 8, article 89 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to rescind the special legislation providing for a Mobile Home Park Rent Control By-law.

The Finance Committee was against the article and ask the Town Meeting Body to defeat it. Bernard Ready, Chairman of the Rent Control Board, urged the Body to vote against the article, and moved the question to stop debate. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the article, motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 9 Selectman Dennis Ready, moved that the Town vote to transfer the site of the Dog Pound established by Article 1 of the May 16, 1983 Special Town Meeting, from the Police Station located on North Road, to property owned by the Town of Chelmsford located off North Road, at the McCarthy Junior High School.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee both supported the article. Selectman Emerson, member of the Dog Pound Committee spoke in favor. Linda Allen Chairman of the Committee asked the Town Meeting Body for their support. Donald Fraser of the 255 North Road Condominiums, which are located across the street from the proposed location, spoke against the location. After a lengthy discussion Donald Gray moved the question to stop debate, motion carried, unanimously. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the article, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 10 Selectman Dennis Ready moved to amend the article. Line Item 6, Traffic & Safety Comm. Engrng. Fire Sta. Traffic lights from \$15,000 to \$35,000. The Finance Committee was in favor of the amendment. James Doukszewicz a member of the Capital Planning Committee spoke about the article. A lengthy discussion

took place. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Motion carried.

Carl Olsson, Chairman of the School Committee moved that Line item 11 School Building Capital Improvements reflect a total bottom line figure, not individual figures for the improvements of sublines A through G.

The Finance Committee was not in favor of the motion. The Committee did not want to give just a bottom line for the School Committee to work with. They felt that the control should be there. Carl Olsson explained that when the School Committee goes out for bids on these projects and if the figures come in higher than the money listed on a certain line item and lower on the next, the extra money cannot be put toward the higher required figure to complete the project. As a result the committee is locked into these figures, and if the bids reflect higher amounts than allocated, then priorities will have to be set up on what projects will be done. A lengthy discussion followed. Selectman Ready asked for Town Counsel's opinion on the motion. James Harrington, Town Counsel explained that the total figure for the School Department would be able to be expended only on the capital expenditures as listed under line item 11 A,B,C,D,E,F,G., but the line items which reads beside each particular capital expenditure could be changed by the School Department. After more lengthy discussion, in which numerous amount of voters spoke against and in favor of the motion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend. Motion defeated.

George Ripsom moved that the School Building Capital Improvement Line A Roof ext. over art room & terrace be amended from \$90,000 to \$0. and that line G. High Schl. repair/replace intercom system telephone system be amended from \$100,000. to \$0. After lengthy discussion took place the Finance Committee moved to withdraw their motion to amend. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to withdraw, motion carried, unanimously. Frederick Reid moved the question to stop debate. The Moderator asked if there was a need for further debate, hearing none he asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended. Motion carried, unanimously. The article reads as follows:

Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred sixty-four thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars (\$464,832.00) to transfer and appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of two hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred and nine dollars (\$285,609.00) and to borrow the sum of one million eighty thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,080,-300.00) for the following capital improvements throughout the Town and Capital Improvements for the School Department:

ITEM	COST	FUNDING SOURCE
1. Landfill Closure	\$150,000.	Raise & Appropriate
2. Fire-Ladder Truck	210,000.	Stabilization Fund Tfr.
3. Police-Cruisers (5)	60,000.	Stabilization Fund Tfr.
4. Fire-Service Truck, 4 w.d. P-up	15,609.	Stabilization Fund Tfr.

5. Police-Roof total cost equals \$30,000. (total cost \$15,000. in present budgets)	15,000.	Raise & Appropriate
6. Traffic & Safety-Comm.-Engnrg. Fire Station Traffic Lights	35,000.	Raise & Appropriate
7. Highway-Bituminous	100,000.	Raise & Appropriate
8. Police-Mobile Radios	6,000	Raise & Appropriate
9. Library-Architect Fees (Hdcp.- Regs.)	5,000.	Raise & Appropriate
10. Highway-Diesel Dump Truck (2) Loader (1)	153,832.	Raise & Appropriate
11. School Bldg. Capital Improvements:		
A. High Schl. Roof-Completion	389,500.	
Roof ext. over art room & terrace	90,000.	
B. McCarthy-Complete roof rehab. & Re-coat roofs	74,800.	
C. So. Row-Roof rehab.	232,000.	
D. Westlands, Harrington, Parker, Byam-asbestos removal and re-insulation	139,000.	
E. Harrington-repair cracked walls & tile bases	7,000.	
F. McCarthy-Auditorium wiring & control board repairs	35,000.	
G. High Schl.-repair/replace intercom. system-telephone system	100,000.	Borrow-2 yrs notes
Schl. (sub-tot)	\$1,080,300.	
<b>CAPITAL EXPENSE TOTAL</b>		
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>\$1,830,741</b>	

Selectman Dennis Ready, moved that the Town Meeting adjourn until Monday, May 13th, 7:30 PM at the McCarthy Jr. High School Gym. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM.

Dennis McHugh  
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire  
Town Clerk

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 13th, 1985

The Adjourned Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by the Moderator Dennis McHugh, at the McCarthy Junior High School Gym. There were 195 voters present.

UNDER ARTICLE 11 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) for the purpose of implementing a Traffic Control Division within the Police Department.

Selectman Ready spoke about the article. The Finance Committee does not recommend the article. Voice vote taken, motion defeated.



UNDER ARTICLE 12 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to publish an additional Town History covering the years 1915 through 1975,

The Finance Committee does not recommend the article. Voice vote taken, motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 13 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws Article VII miscellaneous by deleting Section 3 Auctions—Sales in its entirety and substitute the following:

#### Section 3 Auctions—Sales

All auctions and sales in public buildings in the Town of Chelmsford are hereby prohibited except for the purpose of town business or such other business as may be deemed proper or necessary by the Committee, Board, or Officer having charge of said public building;

The Finance Committee recommends the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 14 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws Article VI Police Regulations Section 16 by deleting Section 16. Solicitors in its entirety and substituting the following:

#### Section 16. Solicitors

No person, corporation or other organization shall solicit orders or subscriptions for goods or services, or sell goods or services door to door, in the Town without first having registered with the Police Department. There shall be no door to door solicitation or selling before 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon or after 6:00 in the evening.

The Finance Committee recommends the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 15 Selectman Dennis Ready moved to withdraw this article.

The Finance Committee recommends the withdrawal, Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 16,17,18,&19 The same action and vote took place on each of these articles. The Selectmen ask for permission to sell to interested parties certain pieces of land. Once the interested party explains why he/she want to purchase the land in question, then the Finance Committee recommends on the motion. On these particular articles the interested parties were not present, therefore the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee did not recommend any of the articles. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on each, motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 16 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right, title, and interest, if any held by the Town, in a certain parcel of land on Wightman Street, shown as Lot 14, Blk 10 Assessors' Plat 19 and being the premises taken

by the Town of Chelmsford by an instrument of taking, dated May 3, 1979 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2364, Page 152, containing approximately 5,000 square feet, more or less, of land. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 17 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right, title and interest, if any, held by the Town in a certain parcel of land located at 283 Riverneck Road and being the premises taken by the Town of Chelmsford by an instrument of taking, dated July 29, 1977 and recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2260, Page 274, containing approximately 24,675 s.f. of land more or less. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 18 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right, title, and interest, if any, held by the Town in a certain parcel of land located on Billerica Road, shown as lots 39A and 42B, Blk 36 on Assessors' Plat 129 and more particularly described in a certificate of title recorded in the land court, Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, certificate of Title number 6668, Book 36, page 141. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 19 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey and transfer all right and title, and interest, if any, held by the Town in a certain parcel of land located at 9 Alcorn Road, and being the premises taken by the Town of Chelmsford by an instrument of taking dated May 3, 1979 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2364, Page 135, containing approximately 1.3 acres of land more or less. Motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 20 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined, to convey all right, title and interest, if any, in a certain parcel of land located at 7 Fourth Avenue, and being the premises taken by the Town of Chelmsford by an instrument of taking, dated December 27, 1973 and recorded in Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2096, Page 686, and shown on Assessors Map 66 as lot 68, containing approximately 3,240 square feet of land more or less.

Louise Daigle, the petitioner came forward and explained why she wanted the land in question. The Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee supported the article. Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 21 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple by purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise the property located on Fletcher Street, in the Town of Chelmsford, and further described as Parcel A and Parcel B as follows:



### PARCEL A

A certain parcel of land located on the southerly side of Fletcher Street on the westerly side of Chelmsford Street, Town of Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and shown as Parcel A on a certain plan entitled "Highway Taking Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Massachusetts", Scale 1"=10', March 19, 1985 by SEA Consultants, Inc. bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the westerly corner of the lot at the intersection of lot line and Fletcher Street running along the lot line south 14 -54' -00" west seven (7') feet;

Thence north 75 -06' -00" east approximately one hundred eight (108') feet;

Thence southerly along a curve of thirteen (13') foot radius approximately twenty-eight (28') feet to the intersection of Chelmsford Street;

Thence north 46 -44' -00" east along Chelmsford Street approximately nine (9') feet;

Thence north 28 -07' -11" west twenty-four and 27/100 (24.27') feet to the intersection with Fletcher Street;

Thence south 75 -06' -00" west along Fletcher Street approximately one hundred eight (108') feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 800 square feet.

### PARCEL B

A certain parcel of land located on the southerly side of Fletcher Street on the westerly side of Chelmsford Street, Town of Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and shown as Parcel B on a certain plan entitled "Highway Taking Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Massachusetts", Scale 1"=10', March 19, 1985 by SEA Consultants, Inc. bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northerly corner of the lot at the intersection of the lot line and Fletcher Street and running along the lot line south 14 -54' -00" west seven (7') feet;

Thence south 75 -06, -00" west approximately fifty-seven (57') feet;

Thence north 43 -51' -00" west approximately thirteen and 5/10 (13.5') feet to the intersection with Fletcher Street;

Thence north 75 -06' -00" east along Fletcher Street approximately fifty-seven (57') feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 440 square feet;

Said parcel being further shown as Parcel A and Parcel B on a certain plan filed with the Town Engineer entitled, "Highway Taking Plan of Land in Chelmsford, Massachusetts", prepared for the Town of Chelmsford, Scale 1"=10', March 19, 1985 by SEA Consultants, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 54 Canal Street, Boston, Massachusetts for the purpose of constructing improvements and widening Fletcher Street as part of the Chelmsford Street/Fletcher Street intersection improvements; and I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to defray all necessary costs, fees and expenses in connection with the acquisition of said land and for paying any damages which may be awarded as a result of any such taking.

UNDER ARTICLE 22 The Moderator explained that the Town Clerk had an unsigned motion for this article, and unless the motion was signed, then no action could be taken. The Moderator asked if the petitioner would come forward and sign the motion. No one came forward, no action was taken.

UNDER ARTICLE 23 Attorney James Geary moved to withdraw the article, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 24 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to accept the following mentioned streets as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500.00) for the purpose of reconstructing the following mentioned streets:

(1) Sturbridge Drive	0.00
(2) Matthew Lane	0.00
(3) Penni Lane	10,500.00

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

The Finance Committee was against Penni Lane being approved, but was in favor of the other two streets. The Committee moved to amend the article to accept Matthew Lane and Sturbridge Drive and to delete Penni Lane. After much discussion, Dennis Hunt of Penni Lane, spoke against the motion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion to amend defeated. He then asked for a voice vote on the article, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 25 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to accept Monmoth Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purpose of reconstructing Monmoth Street, providing all the con-

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

The Selectmen were in favor of the article, and asked the Town Meeting Body for approval. The Finance Committee is against the article. David Campbell spoke in favor, explaining that it is a dirt road and has been for many many years and felt that it was about time that the street was hot topped and accepted. More residents of the street spoke in favor of the article. David Garrigan moved to amend the article by changing the requested amount to \$40,000.00., more or less. Town Counsel's opinion was asked by the Moderator due to the wording of the motion. The motion was ruled out of order, because of the "more or less" wording.

More discussion took place, David Campbell moved the question to stop debate. Asking if there was any need for further debate, the moderator asked for a voice vote on the main motion, which left the chair in doubt, he then asked for a show of hands, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 26 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to accept Locust Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, and I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) for the purpose of reconstruction Locust Street, providing all the construction of the same meets with the requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met.

Town Counsel James Harrington moved that the motion be changed to reflect the name of Locust Road instead of Locust Street. Motion carried, by voice vote. Much discussion took place, voters spoke in favor and against the motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion defeated.

UNDER ARTICLE 27 Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to accept Wiggins Street as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown by their reports and plans duly filed in the office of the Town Clerk, and I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of requirements of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the withholding of any remaining bonds until such requirements have been met.

Selectman Blomgren moved to amend the article to read \$50,000.00 and asked for support on the motion. The Finance Committee was against the motion and the article. At the present time the Town is involved with a court case on the construction of the road, and the Finance Committee feels that the article should be defeated. After discussion the Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion to amend, motion defeated. He then asked for a voice vote on the main motion, motion defeatd.

UNDER ARTICLE 28 Town Counsel James Harrington, moved to amend section F as recommended and voted unanimously, by the Planning Board, with the following wording: Adequate access to each structure for fire emergency and service equipment is provided. This shall mean that access shall be provided to all sides of the structure for emergency vehicles and fire lanes, as recommended by the Fire Department. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

Chairman of the Planning Board, John McCarthy read the Board's recommendation: The Planning Board held a public hearing on April 3, 1985, and voted unanimously to approve this article. Which includes the amendment to line F.

The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

The article reads as follows:

Chairman of the Planning Board John McCarthy, moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws Article I Administration and Procedure Section 1400 Planning Board by deleting Subsection 1425 in its entirety and substituting the following:

1425 —A special permit may be granted by the Planning Board upon its determination that the following minimum standards have been met or exceeds:

- a. The requirements of **Section 1520—Special Permit Criteria.**
- b. The applicable requirements of **Section 4500—Major Business Complexes.**
- c. Ingress/egress is in accordance with **Section 3144—(Parking)** and internal circulation is designed to control access to points of ingress/egress using smooth flow of traffic.
- d. Access from minor streets serving residential neighborhoods shall not be used unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate a need for use of such road(s).
- e. Parking areas shall be screened to minimize floodlight and headlight glare and to confine vehicles to the parking area and to restrict them from using adjacent properties. As a minimum, parking shall be designed in accordance with **Section 3100—Off-Street Parking and Loading** and **Section 3423—(Screening).**
- f. Adequate access to each structure for fire emergency is provided. This shall mean that access shall be provided to all sides of the structure for emergency vehicles and fire lanes as recommended by the Fire Department.



- g. Statements on the adequacy and availability of water and sanitary facilities for the proposed development, from the appropriate agency shall be submitted by the applicant.
- h. Storm drainage proposals conform to the requirements of the Chelmsford Subdivision Regulations.
- i. Major topographic changes or removal of existing trees or other important natural elements of the site will be minimized. All grading shall conform to **Section 3410—Grading**.
- j. Effective use is made of the topography, landscaping, building placement and building design to maintain to the degree feasible, the character of the neighborhood. A reasonable degree of compatibility between the proposed development and adjacent areas must be maintained. This will be done through the use of natural bufferstrips and screening; and through the location of like uses or like intensity along the boundary where other uses, particularly residential uses, exist or are permitted.
- k. Along with the site plan, the applicant shall submit a certification by a registered professional engineer that the proposal conforms to **Section 3200—Environmental Protection Standards**. In addition, the applicant shall submit an affidavit acknowledging his understanding of this standard and his or his successors continuing agreement to comply with it.
- l. The amount of parking is in conformance with **Section 3100—Off-Street Parking and Loading** and where fifty (50) or more cars are to be located in a parking lot, raised planting strips, trees and landscape features shall be used to control traffic patterns across the paved areas.
- m. Pedestrian circulation is provided for within the development and there is a rational linkage of the system within the development to existing or potential circulation outside.
- n. That all other requirements of this By-law applicable to the site plan have been satisfied.

To the extent permitted by law, the effective date of this amendment shall be the date of approval of the amendment to the by-laws by the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as required by Chapter 40 Section 32.

Halvar Peterson moved to take article 40 out of order. Motion carried, by voice vote.

**UNDER ARTICLE 40** Housing Authority Chairman, Ruth Delaney moved to amend the article. The Housing Authority wanted the Selectmen to convey to them the property for \$1.00, with two conditions. First that the property is used for the exclusive and specific purpose of elderly housing, Second, that the CHA shall not convey, lease or otherwise alienate any interest in the property. If either of these conditions occurs, then the title to the property shall automatically revert to the Town of Chelmsford.

The Finance Committee was in favor of the Chelmsford Housing Authority's motion however, they wanted to amend the amendment by locking the Authority into development of the property within five years, if not developed, then it shall revert to Town ownership and its use shall be redetermined at the next annual Town Meeting.

A discussion followed. A number of voters spoke against the Finance Committee's motion but were in favor of the Housing Authority's motion. The voter's felt that the Housing Authority's motion was specific enough. Why force the Authority to have to receive funding by a certain time. It was better to allow the Authority the time needed, rather than allow a private developer to take over the land, and put whatever they wanted on it.

Selectman Emerson asked if the Housing Authority could guarantee strictly elderly housing on the site, and how long of a wait for the funding? Mrs. Delaney guaranteed that only elderly housing would go on the site, however, funding was a problem. Due to the Board of Selectmen's lack of co-operation in the past, when this site had become available. She read letters from the Selectmen to the CHA which did indicate that the North School site would be made available to the CHA when the time came. Also read to the Town Meeting Body was a letter dated this year from the Executive Office of Community Development indicating that Chelmsford stood a good chance of not receiving any future funding for any type of state grants due to lack of family housing being made available in Town. The CHA had asked the Selectmen for the Grange Hall in S. Chelmsford, for a family housing site, (monies were available but a site was needed) and the Board of Selectmen after a public hearing with the residents decided to award the site to a contractor. More discussion followed. Selectman Ready explained why the Selectmen did not award the Grange Hall to the CHA. Mrs. Delaney moved the question to stop debate, the Moderator asked if there was any need for further discussion, hearing none, he asked for a voice vote on the Finance Committee's motion to amend. Motion defeated. Joseph Shanahan representing Robert McBride a non resident, who is interested in obtaining the North School site for private elderly housing development, asked to address the Town Meeting Body in Mr. McBride's behalf. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion defeated. Joseph Shanahan then spoke for himself on the Housing Authority's motion to amend. More discussion followed. William Keohane, member of the Housing Authority, spoke on the article. Halvar Peterson moved the question to stop debate, the Moderator asked for any need for further debate, hearing none, asked for a voice vote on the Housing Authority's motion to amend, motion car-



ried. Selectman Ready moved that the motion be amended to include the words "low income" elderly housing only, in the first condition sentence. The Finance Committee recommends the motion to amend. Mrs. Delaney stated that is the only type of elderly housing that the Authority could build. Voice vote taken on the motion to amend, motion carried, unanimously. Edward Marshall moved the question to stop debate, hearing no discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote on the main motion as amended twice, motion carried, unanimously. Article 40 reads as follows:

Chairman of the Housing Authority, Ruth K. Delaney, moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen for consideration of One (\$1.00) dollar to convey to the Chelmsford Housing Authority, all right, title, and interest, if any, held by the Town in a parcel of land known as the North School and containing approximately 16.5 acres of land, more or less, and being a portion of property taken by the Town of Chelmsford by order of taking dated January 17, 1951, recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 1161, Page 258, subject to the following terms, conditions and restrictions: First that the above property is used for the exclusive and specific purpose of low income elderly housing, Second, that the Chelmsford Housing Authority shall not convey, lease, or otherwise alienate any interest in the above property. If either of these conditions occurs, then the title to the property shall automatically revert to the Town of Chelmsford.

UNDER ARTICLE 29 Chairman of the Planning Board John McCarthy moved to withdraw the article.

The Finance Committee recommends the motion. Motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 30 Chairman of the Planning Board John McCarthy moved to withdraw the article.

The Finance Committee recommends the motion. Motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 31 Chairman of the Planning Board John McCarthy moved to withdraw the article.

UNDER ARTICLE 32 Deputy Chief Fitts, of the Police Department spoke about the article, and explained that this by-law presently exists in Chelmsford. However, since it was passed and approved last year at the Annual Town Meeting changes had to be made in order to be able to enforce the by-law better. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion, motion carried unanimously. The article reads as follows:

Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-Laws Article VI Police Regulations by deleting Section 20 **Prohibition on Unauthorized Parking in Designated Handicapped Parking Spaces in Private or Public Ways** in its entirety and substitute the following:

## **Section 20. Prohibition on Unauthorized Parking in Designated Handicapped Spaces in Private or Public Ways.**

1. It shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle in a parking space reserved and designated for use by vehicles of handicapped persons, whether located on public or private ways or properties, unless authorized to do so by the terms of this by-law or the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
2. A fine of \$15.00 shall be imposed for the unauthorized parking of a motor vehicle in a space reserved and designated for use by vehicles of handicapped persons, pursuant to the authority of Chapter 90, Section 20C of the Massachusetts General Laws.
3. The Police Department and all members thereof assigned to traffic duty, are hereby authorized to remove and tow away, or have removed and towed away by commercial towing services, at the sole expense of the owner of said motor vehicle, any motor vehicle left unattended or parked in a parking space reserved and designated for use by a vehicle of a handicapped person, unless said vehicle shall be designated as a vehicle of a handicapped person. Motor vehicles so towed away shall be stored in a safe place and restored to the owner or operator thereof upon payment by the owner or operator of the expenses incurred in said removal and storage.
4. (a) The person or body that has lawful control of a public or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings, or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees shall reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by section two of chapter ninety, according to the following formula:

If the number of parking spaces in any such area is more than fifteen but not more than twenty-five, one parking space; more than twenty-five but not more than forty, five percent of such spaces but not less than two; more than forty but not more than one hundred, four percent of such spaces but not less than three; more than one hundred but not more than two hundred, three percent of such spaces but not less than four, more than two hundred but not more than five hundred, two percent of such spaces but not less than six; more than five hundred but not more than one thousand, one and one-half percent of such spaces but not less than ten; more than one

thousand but not more than two thousand, one percent of such spaces but not less than fifteen; more than two thousand but less than five thousand, three-fourths of one percent of such spaces but not less than twenty; and more than five thousand, one-half of one percent of such spaces but not less than thirty.

(b) Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of paragraph (a) shall be identified by the use of above grade signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall bear the words "Handicapped Parking; Special Plate Required. Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner's Expense"; shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway; shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person; and shall be twelve feet wide or two eight-foot wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them.

5. Violation of this By-Law shall be punishable as provided in General By-Law, Article I.
6. In the absence of the operator of any motor vehicle violating any provisions of the By-Law, it shall be deemed that the registered owner of such vehicle was the operator.
7. Any motor vehicle bearing a handicapped parking permit or motor vehicle registration plate designating the vehicle as one used by a handicapped person shall be authorized to park in a designated handicapped parking space. The Chief of Police, his designee, or the Town Clerk may issue a temporary handicapped Parking Permit to any person upon application with supporting medical affidavit signed by a licensed physician designating the applicant as physically handicapped. Said temporary permit shall be issued with an expiration date not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of issue and shall be displayed in front right windshield of any vehicle parked in a designated handicapped parking space.
8. The unauthorized use of a temporary permit shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00.
9. Each day that any violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

UNDER ARTICLE 33 Town Counsel James Harrington explained the history behind articles 33, 34, 35 & 36. Since 1978 the Attorney General has a case pending with the Town of Chelmsford for the town to close the landfill on Swain Road. Articles 33 & 34 changes the zoning from CX to RM & RC. Articles 35 & 36 is a land swap, in order to obtain a clear title on the landfill.

Chairman of the Planning Board John McCarthy read the Board's recommendation: The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on April 24, 1985 and unanimously voted to recommend the article in its present form.

The Finance Committee recommends the article. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously. The Article reads as follows:

Chairman of the Planning Board, John McCarthy moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and accompanying Zoning Map referred to therein to change from Adult Entertainment District (CX) to Multiple Residence District (RM) the following described parcels.

#### PARCEL ONE

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass.", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows:

Starting at a point located 35± west of the culvert in Scotty Hollow Brook;

Northerly through land of the Town of Chelmsford 390± feet;

Southwesterly by land of the H.E. Fletcher Company, 210± feet;

Southerly by land of Hicks, 305± feet;

Northeasterly by land of Hicks, 175± feet;

Containing, according to said plan, approximately 1.33± acres of land.

#### PARCEL TWO

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass.", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows:

Starting at a point located 660± feet southwest of the southwest corner of the Town Salt Shed Building;

Southeasterly by land of G. Abrahamson, 200± feet;

Northeasterly by land of Smith, 30± feet;

Northwesterly by land of Sugden, 45± feet;

Northerly by land of Sugden, 80± feet;



Northeasterly by land of Sugden, 110±feet;

Westerly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 175±feet;

Containing, according to said plan, approximately 0.33±acres of land.

Said Plan being filed with the Town Engineer and Planning Board.

UNDER ARTICLE 34 Chairman of the Planning Board John McCarthy read the Board's recommendation: The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on April 24, 1985 and unanimously voted to recommend this article in its present form.

The Finance Committee recommends the article. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously. The Article reads as follows:

Chairman of the Planning Board John McCarthy moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and accompanying Zoning Map referred to therein to change from Adult Entertainment District (CX) to General Residence District (RC) the following parcel:

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass.," scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 160±feet north of the northwest corner of the Town Salt Shed Building;

Northwesterly by land of the Lowell Sportsmen's Club, 725±feet;

Southwesterly by land of the H.E. Fletcher Company, 445±feet;

Southeasterly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 510±feet;

Northeasterly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 305±feet;

Containing according to said plan, approximately 4.94±acres of land.

Said plan being filed with the Town Engineer.

UNDER ARTICLE 35 The Finance Committee recommends the article. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion, motion carried, unanimously. Reads as follows:

Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, for consideration to be determined to convey and transfer all right, title and in-

terest, if any, held by the Town in three (3) parcels being a portion of land at the property now or formerly known as the Swain Road Landfill and more particularly described as follows:

#### PARCEL ONE

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass.," scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 160±feet north of the northwest corner of the Town Salt Shed Building;

Northwesterly by land of the Lowell Sportsmen's Club, 725±feet;

Southwesterly by land of the H.E. Fletcher Company, 445±feet;

Southeasterly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 510±feet;

Northeasterly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 305±feet;

Containing according to said plan, approximately 4.94±acres of land.

#### PARCEL TWO

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass.," scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 35±feet west of the culvert in Scotty Hollow Brook;

Northerly through land of the Town of Chelmsford 390±feet;

Southwesterly by land of the H.E. Fletcher Company, 210±feet;

Southerly by land of Hicks, 305±feet;

Northeasterly by land of Hicks, 175±feet;

Containing, according to said plan, approximately 1.33±acres of land.

#### PARCEL THREE

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled



Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass., scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 660±feet southwest of the southwest corner of the Town Salt Shed Building;

Southeasterly by land of G. Abrahamson, 200±feet;

Northeasterly by land of Smith, 30±feet;

Northwesterly by land of Sugden, 45±feet;

Northerly by land of Sugden, 80±feet;

Northeasterly by land of Sugden, 110±feet;

Westerly through land of the Town of Chelmsford, 175±feet.

Containing, according to said plan, approximately 0.33±acres of land.

Said plan being filed with the Town Engineer and Planning Board.

UNDER ARTICLE 36 The Finance Committee supports the article. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion, motion carried, unanimously. Reads as follows:

Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire in fee simple, by purchase, the following two parcels located at the property now or formerly known as the Swain Road Landfill and more particularly described as follows:

#### PARCEL ONE

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated approximately 1,800 feet in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass.", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows;

Starting at a point located 70±feet east of the culvert in Scotty Hollow Brook;

Southeasterly through land of Hicks, 110±feet;

Northeasterly through land of Hicks and Leedburg, 390±feet;

Northeasterly through land of E. Abrahamson & G. Abrahamson, 200±feet;

Northwesterly by land of the Town of Chelmsford, 70±feet;

Southwesterly by land of the Town of Chelmsford, by three courses, 320±feet, 170±feet and 80±feet;

Westerly by land of the Town of Chelmsford, 55±feet.

Containing, according to said plan, approximately 1.30±acres of land.

#### PARCEL TWO

The land in Chelmsford, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, situated in a westerly direction from Swain Road, being shown on a plan entitled "Compiled Sketch Plan of Land for the Town of Chelmsford, Mass.", scale 1 inch=100 feet, dated March 16, 1985, being described as follows:

Starting at a utility pole along the west side of Swain Road located 100±feet north of the Town Landfill Old Access Road;

Westerly through land of the Lowell Sportsmens Club, 620±feet;

Northerly through land of the Lowell Sportsmens Club, 245±feet;

Westerly through land of the Lowell Sportsmens Club, 275±feet;

Southeasterly by land of the Town of Chelmsford, 505±feet;

Easterly by land of Sugden, 105±feet;

Northeasterly by land of Sugden, 230±feet;

Southeasterly by land of Sugden, 330±feet;

Southeasterly by land of Sugden, 115±feet;

Northerly by Swain Road by three courses, 140±feet, 65±feet, 100±feet.

Containing, according to said plan, approximately 4.55±acres of land.

Said plan being on file with the Town Engineer and Planning Board.

The consideration for said purchase shall be determined by the board of Selectmen in the form of transfers of other properties set forth in Article 35.

UNDER ARTICLE 37 Selectman Ready moved to withdraw the article. The Finance Committee supports the motion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried.

UNDER ARTICLE 38 A Discussion took place. The Finance Committee moved to amend the motion by adding to the end of the article "The Board of Selectmen shall not expand any funds until a firm commitment has been obtained from the resource recovery plant private sector proposed to reimburse the Town for all expenditures made under this article. After a lengthy discussion the Moderator asked for a voice vote on the motion as amended, motion carried. The article reads as follows:

Selectman Ready moved that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to engage engineers, appraisers, attorneys and other necessary consultants for the purpose of preparing all documentation required for the design, of a resource recovery facility and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all necessary and proper contracts and agreements, and further I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000.00) to defray all necessary costs, fees, and expenses. The Board of Selectmen shall not expend any funds until a firm commitment has been obtained from the resource recovery plant private sector proposed to reimburse the Town for all expenditures made under this article.

UNDER ARTICLE 39 Selectman Ready moved to withdraw the article. The Finance Committee supports the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

UNDER ARTICLE 41 George Ripsom of the Finance Committee moved that the Town vote to instruct the Board of Assessors in their discretion to issue an amount of money not to exceed \$1,100,000.00 from free cash in the Treasury for the reduction of the tax rate. The Board of Assessors shall be authorized to issue a lesser sum if deemed in the best interests of the Town.

The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

The Moderator adjourned the Annual Town Meeting seeing that there was no further business at hand. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Dennis McHugh  
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire  
Town Clerk

## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 24, 1985

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

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

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth, aforesaid, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the legal voters of said Chelmsford to meet in the McCarthy Junior High School Auditorium on Monday evening, the twenty-fourth day of June 1985 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act upon the following Articles, Viz:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to enact special legislation creating the East Chelmsford Industrial Sewere District, to encompass a portion of the existing industrial district in East Chelmsford; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all contracts and agreements including agreements with the East Chelmsford Industrial Sewer District, and Private Industry, for the purpose of sewer services by and between the Town of Chelmsford and the East Chelmsford Industrial Sewer District, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute all necessary and proper warrants and agreements with the East Chelmsford Industrial Sewer District; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to alleviate certain drainage problems on Weide Street; or act in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a certain sum of money to the appropriate salary line items to fund approved wage and salary increases in the following departmental accounts:

Cemetery Department  
Highway Department

any any other departmental budget recommended by the Board of Selectmen at Special Town Meeting; or act in relation thereto.



## Board of Selectmen

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings at the time and place of said meeting.

Given unto our hands this 6th day of June, A.D. 1985.

Dennis J. Ready, Chairman  
John P. Emerson, Jr. Vice Chairman  
Bonita A. Towle, Clerk  
Roger A. Blomgren  
Paul C. Hart

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

June 6, 1985

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford by posting up attested copies of same at the following places, to wit: The New Town Office Building Gym; North Congregational Church Hall; Parker School Band Room; East Chelmsford School; Byam School Cafetorium; Westlands School Cafeteria; North Congregational Church Hall; McCarthy Junior High School, Small Gymnasium; South Row School Auditorium; South Row School Auditorium; Westlands School Cafeteria; McCarthy Junior High School, Small Gymnasium; seven days at least before the time appointed for holding the meeting aforesaid.

William E. Spence  
Constable of Chelmsford

A True Copy Attest,  
William E. Spence  
Constable of Chelmsford

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 24, 1985

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM, in the McCarthy Jr. High Auditorium, by the Moderator Dennis McHugh, who recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 340 voters present.

Selectman Ready moved that the reading of the Constable's return of service and the posting of the warrant be waived. It was so voted unanimously. Selectmen Ready moved that the reading of the entire warrant be waived. It was so voted, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 1 The Moderator read the first sentence of each section of the article. Selectman Ready spoke in favor of the article. John Emerson of the Sewer Commission spoke in favor. George Ripsom of the Finance Committee spoke in favor of the article. Many questions were asked by the Town Meeting Body, concerning the Environmental Impact clause, what would happen if a company left the area, who would be responsible for the payment of the system? Would the residential homes in the

immediate area have to be included in the project? After a lengthy discussion in which these and other questions were answered, Eugene Crane moved the question to stop debate. The Moderator asked if there was any need for hearing any further debate, if none, then he would conduct a vote on the article. Hearing none he asked for a voice vote on the article. Motion carried, unanimously. The article reads as follows:

Selectman Dennis Ready moved that the Town vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to petition the Great and General Court to enact special legislation creating the Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District. Such legislation shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Those inhabitants of the Town of Chelmsford within the territory bounded and described as follows: Beginning: At a point on the border of the Town of Chelmsford and the Town of Billerica located at Route 3, and thence running:

Northwesterly along Route 3 to 495; thence Westerly from 495 to River Meadow Brook; thence Southwesterly over various courses along River Meadow Brook to Turnpike Road; thence

Southeasterly along Turnpike Road to Mill Road; thence Easterly along Mill Road, approximately one thousand five hundred feet (1,500'); thence

Southeasterly to the Billerica Town Line; thence Northeasterly along said Town line to the point of beginning.

Said area is more particularly described on a plan entitled "Proposed Chelmsford Industrial Sewer District, Scale 1"=1,000', May, 1985, prepared by Weston and Sampson Eng., Inc., a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Said described area shall constitute a sewer district and hereby made a body corporate entitled the Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District hereinafter referred to as the District.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the district shall be to lay out, construct, maintain, improve and operate a system or systems of sanitary sewers within or without the district which benefit a part of whole of the territory within the district, contracting with the Town of Chelmsford for such purposes, and for assessing and raising revenues as provided herein to pay for such services.

SECTION 3. The powers conferred by this act shall be exercised by a board of sewer commissioners, consisting of seven (7) members. One member shall be a member of the Board of Selectmen, one member shall be a member of the Sewer Commission, and the remaining five (5) members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Chelmsford, said members being operators of businesses or landowners located within the district. In the event any member



should by a change of circumstances either by disposal of property, change of business interest, or removal from the Board of Selectmen or Sewer Commission as the case may be, fail to continue to meet the underlying criteria of his appointment, then said member shall notify the Board of Sewer Commissioners and his term shall terminate 30 days after the date of the occurrence of said change in circumstances. The Board of Selectmen shall immediately upon notice appoint a new member to complete the unexpired term and said appointment to become effective on the 31st day after the occurrence of the change. Said board shall not be subject to the supervision of the Sewer Commission of the town or of any other department, commission, board, bureau or agency of the town except to the extent and in the manner provided in this act. Members shall serve three-year terms, except the two (2) member of the initial board shall serve a one-year term, two (2) members shall serve two-year terms, and three (3) members shall serve three-year terms, the term of each initial board member to be designated by the Selectmen on appointment subject to the requirements of this Section. Any member of the board may be eligible for reappointment. Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of three members shall be necessary for any action taken by vote of the board; provided, however, that an affirmative vote of four members shall be necessary to exercise any of the powers enumerated in clause (i) of section four. No vacancy in the membership of the board shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise the powers of the board. Any action by the board shall take effect immediately unless otherwise provided and need not be published or posted.

SECTION 4. The board acting for and on behalf of said district, shall have all the rights and powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate this act, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following rights and powers:

(a) to adopt by-laws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business, to promulgate rules, regulations and procedures in connection with the performance of its functions and duties, and to fix, enforce and collect penalties for the violation thereof; provided, however, that any by-laws with respect to the removal of members of the board shall be consistent with the by-laws of the Town of Chelmsford;

(b) to adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;

(c) to maintain an office at such place or places as it may determine;

(d) to apply for, receive, accept, administer, expend and comply with the conditions, obligations and requirements respecting any grant, gift, loan, including without limitation any grant, gift or

loan from agencies of local, state or federal governments, donation or appropriation of any property or money in aid of the purposes of the district and to accept contributions of money, property, labor or other things of value;

(e) to acquire by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, sale and lease-back, gift or devise, or to obtain options for the acquisition of, any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties; provided, however, that the board may not acquire property by eminent domain, except as provided for in clause (g);

(f) to sell, lease, mortgage, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or to grant options for any such purposes with respect to, any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein;

(g) to construct, improve, extend, enlarge, maintain and repair the sewer works system for the benefit of the district; to construct such sewers under or over any bridge, railroad, railway, boulevard or other public way, or within the location of any railroad, and to enter upon and dig up any private land, public way or railroad location, for the purpose of laying such drains and sewers and of maintaining and repairing the same; provided, however, that they shall not enter upon or construct any drain or sewer within the location of any railroad corporation except at such time and in such manner as they may agree upon with such corporation, or, in case of failure to agree, as may be approved by the department of public utilities; and to make and maintain, in any way therein where main drains and common sewers are constructed, such connecting drains, sub-drains and sewers within the limits of such way as may be necessary to connect any estate which abuts upon such way. With respect to any work under this clause, the district shall be deemed to be a public agency for purposes of sections forty-four A to 44A to 44H, inclusive, of Chapter 149 of the General Laws and a commission of the Town of Chelmsford for purposes of Sections 38A 1/2 to 38M, inclusive of Chapter 7 of the General Laws and a public agency of the town for purposes of Sections 39A to 40M, inclusive, of said Chapter 7. No work, project or activity of the district the total cost of which is less than three million dollars shall be subject to the provisions of said Sections 61 to 62H, inclusive, of Chapter 30 of the General Laws; provided, however, that unless the district is otherwise exempted under this act, all applicable provisions of the General Laws protecting public health, welfare and safety shall be applicable;

(h) to pledge or assign any money, fees, charges, or other revenues of the district and any proceeds derived by the district;

(i) to borrow money and incur indebtedness and issue bonds or notes as hereinafter provided;

(j) to enter into contracts and agreements with the Town of Chelmsford in all matters necessary, convenient or desirable for carrying out the purposes of this act including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, construction (including sewers outside the district but benefiting the district), improvements, collection of revenue, data processing, and other matters of management, administration and operation; to make other contracts of every name and nature; and to execute and deliver all instruments necessary or convenient for carrying out any of its purposes provided that all contracts made pursuant to clause (g) shall be approved by the selectmen of the town of Chelmsford;

(k) to exercise the powers and privileges of, and to be subject to the limitations upon, towns and cities provided by the provisions of Sections 38 to 42I, inclusive, of Chapter 40 of the General Laws and Sections 1 to 24, inclusive, and 27 to 29, inclusive, of Chapter 83 of the General Laws, insofar as such provisions may be applicable and are consistent with the provisions of this act; provided, however, that any requirement in said sections or chapters for a vote by the Board of Selectmen or other governing body of a town or for a vote by the voters of a town shall be satisfied by a vote or resolution duly adopted by the board in accordance herewith; and, provided further, that the powers of the board to make rules and regulations and establish penalties regarding the use of sewers shall not be limited by Section 10 of said Chapter 83;

(l) to sue and be sued and to prosecute and defend actions relating to its properties and affairs; provided, however, that property of the district other than revenues pledged to the payment of notes or bonds shall not be subject to attachment nor levied upon execution or otherwise;

(m) to do all things necessary, convenient or desirable for carrying out the purposes of this act or the powers expressly granted or necessarily implied in this act; and

(n) consistent with the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, the board shall have such other powers, including all powers pertaining to the sewer works system within its boundaries held by the Town of Chelmsford not inconsistent herewith, as may be necessary for the incident to carrying out the foregoing powers and the accomplishment of the purposes of this act.

SECTION 5. The board is authorized and empowered to fix, revise, charge, collect and abate reasonable fees, rates, rents and assessments, and other charges for sewer and other services, improvements, facilities, and commodities furnished or supplied to real property in the district. In providing for the payment of the cost of said system or systems or the improvements thereof, or for the use of said system or systems, the board may avail itself of the provisions of the General Laws relative to the assessment, apportionment, division, reassessment, abatement and collection of sewer charges, including betterments, or the establishment of leins therefore and interest thereon. In order to provide for the collection and enforcement of its fees, rates, rents, assessments and other charges, the board is hereby granted all the powers and privileges with respect thereto held by the Town of Chelmsford on the effective date of this act or as otherwise provided in this act, to be exercised concurrently with the town.

The fees, rates, rents, assessments and other charges of the board of general application shall be adopted and revised by the board at least annually in accordance with procedures to be established by the board for assuring that interested persons are afforded notice and an opportunity to present data, views and arguments. The board shall hold at least one public hearing on its schedule of fees, rates and charges or any revision thereof prior to adoption, notice of which shall be delivered to the selectmen and be published in a newspaper of substantial circulation in the town at least one month in advance of the hearing. No later than the date of such publication, the board shall make available to the public and deliver to the selectmen the proposed schedule of fees, rates and charges.

The fees, rates, rents, assessments, abatements and other charges established by the board shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by any department, division, commission, board, bureau, or agency of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, including, without limitation, the town, nor shall the district be subject to the provisions of Section 20A of Chapter 59 of the General Laws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, except to the extent of betterments assessed by the board, the board shall have no power of taxation. The board's operating budget shall be limited to the sum of five thousand dollars for current administrative expenses approved by the board in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-five. Each year thereafter said sum may be increased two and one-half per cent per year.

The fees, rates, rents, assessments and other charges established by the board in accordance with this section shall be so fixed and adjusted in respect of the aggregate thereof so as to provide revenues at least sufficient (i) to pay the current expenses of the board. (ii) to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on bonds or other evidences of indebtedness



issued by the board under this act as the same become due and payable, (iii) to create and maintain such reasonable reserves as may be reasonably required by any trust agreement or resolution securing bonds, (iv) to provide funds for paying the cost of all necessary repairs, replacements and renewals of the sewer works system and (v) to pay or provide for any amounts which the board may be obligated to pay or provide for by law or contract including any resolution or contract with or for the benefit of the holders of its bonds.

SECTION 6. The board is hereby authorized and empowered to provide by resolution for the issuance, at one time or from time to time of notes of the district in the aggregate principal amount of two million dollars outstanding at any one time, excluding notes refunded by other notes issued under this paragraph, for the purpose of providing funds for paying the cost of constructing or acquiring such improvements, extensions, enlargements, alterations, reconstruction or remodeling for the sewer works system as may be authorized by such resolution, including the funding of interest on any notes of the district has issued pursuant to section seven hereof in anticipation of federal, state or local grants for such work.

Except as otherwise provided herein, notes issued by the district in accordance with this section shall be issued in anticipation of bonds to be issued by the district pursuant to section seven of this act and shall be authorized, issued and sold in the same manner as, and shall otherwise be subject to section eight and other provisions of this act relating to such bonds. Such notes shall mature at such time or times as provided by resolution of the board and may be renewed from time to time; provided, however, that all such notes and renewals thereof shall mature on or prior to twenty years after their date of issuance.

The proceeds of the notes authorized by this section shall be used solely for paying or providing for the cost of extensions, improvements or enlargements of the sewer works system including repayment of interest on notes of the district as provided in the second paragraph and shall be disbursed in such manner and under such restrictions as may be provided in the regulation of the board.

SECTION 7. In addition to the notes issued under the provisions of section six, the board may provide by resolution for the issuance from time to time of bonds of the district for any of its corporate purposes. Bonds may be issued hereunder as general obligations of the district or as special obligations payable solely from particular funds. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such bonds may be issued to pay or refund notes issued by the Board pursuant to section six, to pay the cost of extension, enlargement, or improvement of the sewer works system, to provide such reserves for debt service, repairs and replacements or other costs as may be required by

a trust agreement or resolution securing bonds of the district, or for any combination of the foregoing purposes. The board may also provide by resolution for the issuance from time to time of temporary notes in anticipation of the revenues to be collected or received by the board in any year, or in anticipation of the receipt of federal, Commonwealth or local grants or other aid. The issuance of such notes shall be governed by the provisions of this act relating to the issuance of bonds other than such temporary notes as the same may be applicable; provided, however, that notes issued in anticipation of revenues shall mature no later than one year from their respective dates and notes issued in anticipation of federal, Commonwealth or local grants or other aid and renewals thereof shall mature no later than the expected date of receipt of such grants or aid. Notes in an anticipation of revenues issued to mature less than one year from their dates may be renewed by the board from time to time by the issue of other temporary notes hereunder; provided, however, that the period from the date of an original note to the maturity of any note issued to renew or pay the same or the interest thereon shall not exceed one year.

SECTION 8. the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all bonds or notes issued under the provisions of this act, unless otherwise provided herein, shall be payable solely from the funds provided therefor from revenues as herein provided. Bonds or notes of each issue shall be dated, shall bear interest at such rate or rates, including rates variable from time to time as determined by such index, bankers loan rate or other method determined by the board and shall mature at such time or times, as may be determined by the board, and may be made redeemable for maturity at the option of the board at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the board prior to the issue of bonds or notes. The board shall determine the form of bonds or notes, including interest coupons, if any, to be attached thereto, and the manner of execution of bonds or notes and shall fix the denomination or denominations of bonds or notes and the place or places of payment of principal and interest, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the Commonwealth. In case any officer whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature shall appear on any bonds or notes or coupons shall cease to be such officer before the delivery thereof, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if he had remained in office until after such delivery. The board may also provide for authentication of bonds by a Trustee or fiscal agent. Bonds or notes may be issued in bearer, if not in conflict with federal law, or in registered form, or both and, if notes, may be made payable to bearer or to order, as the board may determine, and provision may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and also as to both prin-



cipal and interest, for the reconversion into coupon bonds or bonds registered as to both principal and interest and for the interchange of bonds registered as to both principal and interest and for the interchange of registered and coupon bonds. The board may by resolution delegate to any member of the board or any combination of them the power to determine any of the matters set forth in this section including the power to award such bonds or notes to a purchaser or purchasers at public sale. The board may sell its bonds or notes in such manner, either at public or private sale, for such price, at such rate or rates of interest, or at such discount in lieu of interest, as it may determine will best effect the purposes of this act.

The board may issue interim receipts or temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when such bonds shall have been executed and are available for delivery. The board may also provide for the replacement of any bonds which shall have become mutilated or shall have been destroyed or lost.

In the discretion of the board, any bonds issued hereunder may be secured by a resolution of the board or by a trust agreement between the board and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the Commonwealth, and such trust agreement shall be in such form and executed in such manner as may be determined by the board. Such trust agreement or resolution may pledge or assign, in whole or in part, the revenues and other moneys held or to be received by the board, including the revenues from any improvements already existing when the pledge or assignment is made, and any contract or other rights to receive the same, whether then existing or thereafter coming into existence and whether then held or thereafter acquired by the board, and proceeds thereof. Such trust agreement or resolution may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights, security and remedies of the bondholders as may, in the discretion of the board, be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, provisions defining defaults and providing for remedies in the event thereof which may include the acceleration of maturities and covenants setting forth the duties of, and limitations on, the board in relation to the acquisition, construction, improvement, enlargement, alteration, equipping, furnishing, maintenance, use, operation, repair, insurance and disposition of property of the district, the custody, safeguarding, investment and application of moneys, the issue of additional or refunding bonds, the fixing, revision and collection of fees, rates, rents, assessments or other charges, the use of any surplus bond proceeds, the establishment of reserves, and the making and amending of contracts.

In addition to other security provided herein or otherwise by law, bonds or notes issued by the district under any provision of this act, including section six thereof, may be secured, in whole or in part, by letters of credit issued to the district by any bank, trust company or other financial institution, within or without the Commonwealth, and the board may pledge or assign any of its revenues as security for the reimbursement by the district to the issuers of such letters of credit of any payments made under the letters of credit.

It shall be lawful for any bank or trust company to act as depository or trustee of the proceeds of bonds, revenues or other moneys under any such trust agreement or resolution and to furnish such indemnification or pledge such securities and issue such letters or credit as may be required by the board. Any such trust agreement or resolution may set forth the rights and remedies of bondholders and of the trustee and may restrict the individual right of action by bondholders. In addition to the foregoing, any such trust agreement or resolution may contain such other provisions as the board may deem reasonable and proper for the security of bondholders. Any pledge of revenues or other property made by the board under this action shall be valid and binding and shall be deemed continuously perfected for the purposes of chapter one hundred and six of the General Laws from the time when the pledge is made; the revenues, moneys, rights and proceeds so pledged and then held or thereafter acquired or received by the board shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery or segregation thereof or further act; and the lien of any such pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the board, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Neither the resolution, any trust agreement nor any other agreement by which a pledge is created need be filed or recorded except in the records of the board, and no filing need be made under the provisions of said chapter one hundred and six.

Any holder of a bond or note issued by the district under the provisions of this act or any of the coupons appertaining thereto and any trustee under a trust agreement or resolution securing the same, except to the extent the rights herein given may be restricted by such trust agreement or resolution, may bring suit upon the bonds, notes, or coupons and may, either at law or in equity, by suit, action, mandamus, or other proceedings for legal or equitable relief, including proceedings for the appointment of a receiver to take possession and control of the business properties of the board, to operate and maintain the same to make any necessary repairs, renewals and replacements in respect thereof and to fix, revise and collect fees and charges, protect and enforce any and

all rights under the laws of the Commonwealth or granted hereunder or under such trust agreement, resolution or other agreement, and may enforce and compel the performance of all duties required by this act or by such trust agreement or resolution to be performed by the board or by any officer thereof.

SECTION 9. The board may issue refunding bonds for the purpose of paying any of its bonds at maturity or upon acceleration of redemption. Refunding bonds may be issued at such time or times prior to the maturity or redemption of the refunded bonds as the board deems to be in the public interest. Refunding bonds may be issued in sufficient amounts to pay or provide the principal of the bonds being refunded, together with any redemption premium thereon, any interest accrued or to accrue to the date of payment of such bonds, the expenses of issue of refunding bonds, the expenses of redeeming bonds being refunded and such reserves for debt service or other capital or current expenses from the proceeds of such refunding bonds as may be required by a trust agreement or resolution securing bonds. The issue of refunding bonds, the maturities and other details thereof, the security therefore, the rights of the holders thereof, and the right, duties and obligations of the board in respect of the same shall be governed by the provisions of this act relating to the issue of bonds other than refunding bonds insofar as the same may be applicable.

SECTION 10. Bonds, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness issued or entered into under the provisions of this act shall not be deemed to be a debt or a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth or the Town of Chelmsford, but shall be payable solely from the revenues of the district. All bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the effect that neither the Commonwealth nor the Town of Chelmsford shall be obligated to pay the same and that neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the Commonwealth or of the Town of Chelmsford is pledged to the payment of the principal of or interest on such bonds or notes. Each bond shall also recite whether it is a general obligation of the district or a special obligation thereof payable solely from particular funds pledged to its payment. Each bond or note shall bear on its face the words, Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District Loan, Act of 1985. The outstanding debt of the district shall not exceed in the aggregate, two million dollars. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and such loans shall be payable in not more than twenty years from their dates. Any indebtedness issued under this act with the exception of renewal notes issued pursuant to section six or refunding bonds issued pursuant to section nine shall be issued within two years of the effective date of this act. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be limited to the issuance of bonds or notes as herein provided, and any other provision of the General Laws permitting the district to incur additional debt shall not be applicable.

SECTION 11. All moneys received pursuant to the provisions of this act, whether as proceeds from the issue of bonds or as revenue or otherwise, shall be deemed to be trust funds to be held and applied solely as provided in this act.

SECTION 12. Bonds or notes issued under the provisions of this act are hereby made securities in which all public officers and public bodies of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions, all insurance companies, commercial departments of trust companies, savings banks, co-operative banks, banking associations, investment companies, executors, administrators, trustees and other fiduciaries may properly and legally invest funds, including capital in their control or belonging to them. Such bonds or notes are hereby made securities which may properly and legally be deposited with and received by any state or municipal officer or any agency or political subdivision of the Commonwealth for any purpose for which the deposit of bonds or obligations of the Commonwealth is now or may hereafter be authorized by law.

SECTION 13. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this act or any recitals in any bonds issued under this act, all such bonds shall be deemed to be investment securities under the provisions of chapter one hundred and six of the General Laws.

SECTION 14. Bonds or notes may be issued under this act without obtaining the consent of the emergency finance board established under the provisions of chapter forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three or of any department, division, commission, board, bureau or agency of the Commonwealth or the town, and without any other proceedings or the happening of any other conditions or things than those proceedings, conditions or things which are specifically required therefor by this act, and the validity of and security for any bonds or notes issued by the district shall not be affected by the existence or nonexistence of any such consent or other proceedings, conditions or things.

SECTION 15. The district and all its revenues, income and real and personal property shall be exempt from taxation and from betterments and special assessments and the district shall not be required to pay any tax, excise or assessment to or for the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions. Bonds or notes issued by the district and their transfer and the income therefrom, including any profit made on the sale thereof, shall at all times be exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth.

SECTION 16. The board shall at all times keep full and accurate accounts of its receipts, expenditures, disbursements, assets and liabilities, which shall be open to inspection by any officer or duly appointed agent of the Commonwealth of the town. The district shall operate on a fiscal year commencing July first



unless otherwise provided by the board. Before the issuance of any bonds under the provisions of this act any member or officer of the board charged with responsibility for the issuance thereof, shall each execute a surety bond in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars payable to the district, or in lieu thereof the board shall obtain a blanket position bond covering any member or officer of the board charged with responsibility for the issuance of any bonds in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, such surety bonds to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of their offices, to be executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as surety and approved by the board.

SECTION 17. Upon termination or dissolution of the district, the title to all funds and other properties owned by it which remain after payment or the making of provision for payment of all bonds and other obligations of the board shall vest in the town. If upon any such termination or dissolution any bonds or notes of the board shall be outstanding, such bonds or notes, shall continue to be payable solely from the revenues and other property pledged therefor and shall not be or become a debt or obligation of the town except to the extent of such pledge.

No law affecting the powers, rights, duties, or obligations of the board shall be effective unless it shall apply to sewer districts generally or shall have been approved under the provisions of Article 2 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 18. The provisions of this act shall be deemed to provide an exclusive, additional, alternative and complete method of the doing of the things authorized hereby and shall be deemed and construed to be supplemental and additional to, and not in derogation of, powers conferred upon the board by law; provided, however, that insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with the provisions of any general or special law, administrative order or regulation, or the by-laws of the Town of Chelmsford, the provisions of this act shall be controlling. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no provision of the by-laws of the Town of Chelmsford requiring the ratification by the voters of certain bond issues shall apply to the issuance of bonds of the district pursuant to this act, nor shall the provisions of chapter forty-four of the General Laws be applicable to the manner of voting or the limitations as to amount and time of payment of debts incurred by the district.

SECTION 19. The district shall be dissolved by vote of the board one year from the date all debt issued by the district has been retired and all liabilities of the district have been satisfied fully. No further action of the Town of Chelmsford or the Commonwealth shall be required to dissolve the district.

SECTION 20. This act, being necessary for the welfare of the town and its inhabitants, shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof.

SECTION 21. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

UNDER ARTICLE 2 Selectman Ready moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute all contracts and agreements including agreements with Chelmsford Center Sewer District, and Private Industry, for the purpose of sewer services by and between the Town of Chelmsford and Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District, and authorized the Board of Selectmen to execute all necessary and proper warrants and agreements with the Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District.

Selectman Ready stated that the Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article. The Finance Committee was in favor. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 3 Selectman Ready moved that the Town vote to transfer the amount of eleven thousand one hundred seventy-six and 10/100 dollars (\$11,176.10) from Article 6, of the Special Town Meeting of November 19, 1984, and to raise and appropriate the amount of eight hundred twenty-three and 90/100 dollars (\$823.90) to alleviate certain drainage problems on Weide Street.

Selectman Ready explained that presently the water on the street was running onto private property, and that the amount requested was left from the Dunshire Drive project, this was just a transfer of the monies all ready voted on to a new project. The Finance Committee supported the article. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, Motion carried, unanimously.

UNDER ARTICLE 4 Selectman Ready moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-three thousand six hundred twenty-two and 00/100 dollars (\$43,622.00) to be transferred to the following salary and expense line items in the indicated specific amounts to fund approved wage and salary increases and expense allocations in the following departmental accounts:

Cemetery Department:	
Line Item #12 Salaries	\$ 4,717.00
Line Item #13 Expenses	400.00
Highway Department:	
Line Item #40 Salaries	\$36,000.00
Line Item #41 Expenses	2,000.00
Veterans Benefits Department:	
Line Item #116 Salaries	\$ 505.00
For a total figure of	\$43,622.00

The Board of Selectmen were in favor of the article. The Highway and Cemetery Departments had settled their contracts and these were the negotiated figures. The Finance Committee did not approve of the 7% increase in salaries. Selectman Paul Hart spoke in favor of the Highway De-

partment figures. Due to Prop. 2½, this department was reduced the most and he felt that they had done an excellent job despite the cut backs, and deserved the amount requested. The Moderator asked for a voice vote, motion carried.

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM due to the business at hand being completed. Motion carried.

Dennis McHugh  
Moderator

Mary E. St.Hilaire  
Town Clerk



## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Janet Lombard, Chairman

Ruth K. Delaney  
Diane M. Phillips, Assistant to the Assessors

James McBride

Activity in the Assessors Office this year has continued its pattern of the past few years with a growth of almost ten percent in building permits and approximately one-tenth of the properties in town changing ownership. Growth in the residential area has outpaced last year's record numbers with a 34% increase in single family residential permits to 94, and a 70% increase in condominiums to 504, with an added 22 conversions of duplex units. Four new residential subdivisions of significant size have been developed in previously tranquil areas of East and South Chelmsford, with smaller pockets of growth scattered throughout the community. More frequently we are seeing smaller (2 to 6 unit) multiple residences also converting to condominiums, further tightening the rental market.

There has been a marked decrease in industrial building activity this year, and much of last year's construction along Route 129 as well as some relatively new facilities on Alpha Road, Elizabeth Drive and Riverneck Road stand vacant due to the settling out in the computer industry. Although the Selectmen had indicated that it was their inclination to tax industrial and commercial properties at a higher rate than residential properties, it would seem that this is not the year to take this approach.

Of the \$45,000,000 in new value, which allowed the town to raise an additional \$1,000,000 in taxes, a major portion was derived from condominiums and single family residential properties which make up 80% of our tax base. We have a potential for that much added value in condominiums alone, as well as a third of that amount from new homes for the next fiscal year. Unfortunately, this type of growth is the most expensive for the town in terms of services.

Estimated tax bills were sent this year in anticipation of our Fiscal 1986 triennial certification of new values for real estate and personal property. The update was done with the firm of M.M.C., Inc., who have performed the last two complete revaluations, acting as consultants to the Board. The tax bills which will be issued in the spring will be based on these new values. Property owners will be notified when they may review their new valuations in the Assessors Office before the tax bills are mailed.

Having completed an external review of all residential properties in the past three years, the office, as required by the Department of Revenue, is now embarking on a three year cycle of interior inspections in preparation for our next certification. This process will be ongoing.

We do not yet have our in-house computer but have asked to be a pilot community for the Department of Revenus CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) program. We are also participating in the townwide computer use survey.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Lombard

## CEMETERY COMMISSION

### COMMISSION MEMBERS

	Term Expires
Gerald L. Hardy, Chairman	1986
Mrs. Charlotte P. DeWolf	1987
Dr. Everett V. Olsen	1988

### ANNUAL REPORT

In 1985 the total number of burials in the Chelmsford cemeteries was 145. The number of burials in each cemetery was:

79	..... Pine Ridge
45	..... Fairview
8	..... West Chelmsford
7	..... Heart Pond
5	..... Riverside
1	..... Forefathers

The number of lots sold in the year, 1985, was 111.

In Riverside Cemetery the roads at the top of the hill have been hot topped, and plans have been made to have a guard rail installed in this cemetery.

In West Chelmsford Cemetery there is new fencing being installed at this time.

In Heart Pond Cemetery new signs have been put in with the correct spelling which has been determined after checking historical records.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Board of Health Members

Chairman	Dr. Paul Canniff
Vice Chairman	Peter Dulchinos
Clerk	Paul McCarthy

### Health Department Personnel

Director of Public Health	Richard J. Day
Health Inspector	John P. Emerson, Jr.
Office Manager	Diana L. Wright
Town Nurse	Judith Dunigan
Town Physician	Michael Dean, M.D.

### Septage and Wasteware Abatement Program

In 1985 the Septage and Wastewater Abatement Program continued its effort to clean up our waterways. The Board of Health has continued to run its dye testing and water sampling program and positive results are being seen. Numerous tests have been performed by the Board of Health along with the issuance of one-hundred forty-four septic system permits (repair) and one-hundred and sixty-nine septic system permits (new) with an increasing percentage of commercial, industrial and condominium buildings.

### Administration and Management

Income for various services and permits is listed below:

Percolation Tests—250	\$ 6,250
Deep Tests—585	14,625
Sewage Repair Permits—144	2,175
Sewage Construction Permits—169	7,165
Miscellaneous License and Fees	6,778

### Complaint and Inspectional Services

During 1985 five inspections were made at day care centers; thirty inspections made for Chapter II, Housing; ten school inspections; complaints received and checked, two-hundred ninety-eight; Camp Paul inspections, eight; bathing beaches, twenty-four inspections; International Certificates of Vaccination, ten; restaurants and retail food store inspections; one-hundred four establishments were inspected at least twice during the year.

### Hazardous Waste and Industrial Wastewater

The Board of Health, because of new local and state laws and public awareness in the areas of hazardous waste disposal, has been called upon to coordinate all phases of hazardous waste activities.

Richard J. Day (Director of Public Health) was appointed by the Board of Selectmen as the town's Hazardous Waste Coordinator and Municipal Coordinator to enforce the new "Right-to-Know" law for this town. The position encompasses actions between the State, Federal agencies, business community and the general public.

### Household Hazardous Waste Day

Hazardous Waste and Industrial Wastewaters has opened up a whole new area to be monitored. A number of incidents have required a cooperative effort between the town and DEQE officials. It is the goal of the Board of Health, along with other town departments, to keep abreast of all current changes and updates in the handling and disposal of all toxic wastes and to supersede any State and Federal standards where it would best serve to protect this community and its precious water supplies. With this in mind, the Board of Health will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Day on May 3, 1986.

### Communicable Disease Program

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health mandates that an epidemiological investigation be undertaken on approximately forty-three communicable diseases. When a communicable disease is reported to the Health Department by a physician or hospital, the nurse contacts the person involved to ascertain if a probable source of the infection can be determined. Concerns in relation to communicability of the disease are discussed and, as is the case in some communicable diseases, food handlers or family members are removed from their jobs during the period of communicability. The follow-up report is submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Reports on the following diseases were completed during 1985:

Hepatitis A	1
Viral Meningitis	1
Salmonella	20
Campylobacter Enteritis	5
Giardiasis	2
Tuberculosis Control Program	60

(Referrals received from the Lowell Chest Clinic)

The testing of persons exposed to tuberculosis and those persons whose employment require certification of freedom from that disease is another responsibility of the Town Nurse. One-hundred two mantoux (TB) tests were given to town residents for pre-employment and to household contacts of active cases in compliance with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations. Home visits and telephone calls are made to families of active and some inactive tuberculosis cases on a periodic basis to insure understanding of the illness and that adequate medical follow-up is achieved. Numerous medical records are kept and updated on residents who have a positive (TB) mantoux test and are receiving medication prophylactically and being followed radiologically at the Lowell Chest Clinic.

AIDS and Venereal Disease are reported by the physician directly to the State Department of Public Health to maintain patient confidentiality.

### Maternal/Child Health—High Risk Infant Identification Program

Telephone correspondence is made to the parents of premature or High Risk Infants. Home visits are made by the nurse when deemed necessary to assist the mother and/or assess the development of the premature infant. Other home visits are made by physician referral. These follow-ups are not only made for health supervision, but for education and referrals when indicated. One High Risk Infant was reported in 1985.

### Immunization Program

The Board of Health and Council on Aging sponsored two flu clinics this year. The vaccine was offered to the elderly and all others with chronic illness regardless of age, as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Eighty-eight persons were immunized with pneumonia vaccine and seven-hundred forty persons were immunized with flu vaccine at clinics. An additional one-hundred sixty doses were given to nursing homes, forty doses to school nurses for staff and eighteen home visits were made to handicapped or house-bound residents. A total of nine-hundred fifty-eight doses of flu vaccine were administered in town, provided free by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Several immunizations were administered to update students records in compliance with the Massachusetts School Immunization Laws.

### Hypertension Screening Program

Blood pressure screenings for residents are held the first Thursday of every month from 9:00 to 12:00 at the Board of Health, Town Offices.



### Diabetic Screening Program

The Health Department has an Ames Glucometer for the purpose of conducting blood sugar screenings. The procedure takes a short time, involves a small sample of blood by finger prick method, and can be done either fasting or two hours after meals. Residents may call the Health Department office and make an appointment with the nurse.

### Community Health

Good health maintenance is a concern of everyone's. The town's second health fair was held in the spring and approximately 200-300 residents received free health screenings and counseling on health awareness and maintenance. The Health Fair brought together numerous health exhibitors and offered free health screenings that included: Blood pressure, height and weight, vision and glaucoma, blood sugar, oral cancer, anemia blood test, EKG's and several more. Professional exhibitors were available for consultation and resource material. This year's Health Fair will be held April 5, 1986 at the McCarthy Jr. High School, North Road.

## CHELMSFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Chelmsford Housing Authority continues to be active in applying for additional housing units. The Housing Authority in August 1985 submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development an application for the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program. The Chelmsford Housing Authority in December 1985 received an award for twenty-five units under the Section 8 Housing Voucher Program. Under this program applicants have no rent ceiling on the units, but subsidy is still restricted. Thus, applicants can better compete with the private market for rental units. The Chelmsford Housing Authority also expects in early 1986 to apply for additional low-income elderly and family units under the State Executive Office of Communities and Development. The goal of the Chelmsford Housing Authority is to build or rehabilitate sixty units of elderly housing and and fifteen units of family housing.

The Chelmsford Housing Authority programs at present now provide a total of two hundred and thirty-four units of low-income housing; twenty-one handicapped, seventy family and one hundred and forty-three elderly units. Five of the Chelmsford Housing programs are funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Executive Office of Communities and Development under Chapter 667; Chelmsford Arms completed in 1974, fifty-six regular units and eight handicapped units; the Community Residence purchased in 1974 for the mildly to moderately retarded, eight units; six condominiums in Pickwick Estates were purchased in 1984; McFarlin Manor completed in 1981, forty-three regular units, three handicapped units, one four-bedroom congregate unit which serves the "semi-independent elderly." Under Chapter 707, the Chelmsford Housing Authority "scattered site" program which started in 1974, there are twenty-two units under lease in the private market. The Section B Existing Housing Program presently has fifty-five units under lease

with twenty-five new units coming under lease with the Section 8 Voucher Program. The Chelmsford Housing Authority most recent financial statement lists assets at \$3,596,204.89, liabilities at \$3,596,204.89 for all developments. The Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners attended in June 1985 a state sponsored training course at Tufts University. The training course was the first ever sponsored by the State for Commissioners. All developments are formally inspected every six months by staff and once a year by members of the Authority. The Authority is especially grateful to those organizations which express special concern for the Chelmsford Housing Authority residents and to the Chelmsford Garden Clubs for their assistance in the beautification of the developments every year.

Members of the staff include Lisa Royce, Executive Director; Helen Cantara, Senior Clerk; Richard O'Neil, Maintenance Laborer part-time and Robert Trainor, Maintenance Laborer full time. Regular meetings are held at McFarlin Manor, 10 Wilson Street at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday each month. The annual meeting is the first Tuesday in May. All meetings are opened to the public. The Chelmsford Housing Authority Board of Commissioners would like to thank the residents of Chelmsford and Town Officials for their continued support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth K. Delaney, Chairman  
Robert L. Hughes, Vice Chairman  
William P. Keohane, Treasurer  
Pamela Turnbull, Assistant Treasurer  
Claude A. Harvey, Member

## NASHOBA VALLEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Serving the Towns of Chelmsford, Groton, Littleton, Pepperell, Shirley, Townsend and Westford.

### DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Augustine Kish, Chairman	Littleton
Irene Machermer, Vice-Chairman	Townsend
David Snow, Secretary	Chelmsford
Jane Barry	Groton
William Buxton	Pepperell
Thomas Carey	Chelmsford
Stratos Dukakis	Chelmsford
Robert Manning	Shirley
Charlotte Scott	Westford
Cecile Stefanski	Westford

### ALTERNATES

Harvey Atkins, Jr.	Littleton
Kevin Finnegan	Westford
Edward Mitchell	Townsend
L. Peter Noddin	Shirley
Jordan Waugh	Groton
Ronald Wetmore	Chelmsford
Paul Wright	Pepperell

### ADMINISTRATION

Bernholdt Nystrom	Superintendent-Director
Charles Valera	Assistant Director/Principal
David McLaughlin	Assistant Director/Vocational
Everett Olsen, Jr.	Business Manager
Paul Royte	Director of Pupil Personnel
Thomas Eng	Dean of Students

Nashoba Valley Technical High School's enrollment as of October 1, 1985 was as follows:

Chelmsford	221
Groton	70
Littleton	59
Pepperell	94
Shirley	78
Townsend	69
Westford	168
Tuitioned	4
Total	763

Nashoba Valley Technical High School was designed and built for a capacity of 800 students. Over the past decade, the record of employment for our graduates has averaged approximately 95%. Each year qualified seniors may elect to take advantage of our Co-op Training Program which allows senior students to work in industry during their shop weeks and receive valuable training in their chosen fields as well as a salary.

Nashoba Valley Technical High School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. and provides its students with on-the-job training, saleable skills, co-op program, high school diploma, trade certificate and an opportunity for further education and job placement.

The following programs are offered at Nashoba Tech:

### Technical Programs

Air Conditioning/Refrigeration	Electronics
Auto Body	Horticulture/Landscaping
Automotive	Machine
Baking	Medical Occupations
Carpentry	Metal Fabrication
Culinary Arts	Painting and Decorating
Data Processing	Plumbing and Heating
Drafting	Printing
Electrical	Welding

### Academic Programs

English	Geometry
Social Studies	Trigonometry
U.S. History	Advanced Mathematics
Consumer Education	Biology
General Mathematics	Physics
Algebra	Chemistry

### How to Start Your Own Business

In addition to the technical and academic programs, a full Inter-Scholastic Athletic Program is offered to the students.

### ADULT EDUCATION

Nashoba Valley Technical High School's Adult Education Program is open to anyone of high school age or over. Participants from all communities are welcome to participate in the many diversified courses which are offered during both the fall and spring semesters. This year 939 students enrolled in our Adult Education Program.

### PARK DEPARTMENT

The Park Commissioners elected Robert W. Wetmore, Chairman at their annual organizational meeting.

The department continued with their maintenance program, reseeding wherever necessary.

We thank all departments for their continued assistance with the support and assistance of the Garden Clubs and citizens of Chelmsford.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Wetmore, Chairman  
Eileen M. Duffy  
Mary P. Bennett  
Donald P. Gray, Superintendent





## PLANNING BOARD

John F. McCarthy, Chairman  
 Thomas E. Firth, Jr., Vice Chairman  
 Rosalind M. Boyle, Clerk  
 Ann H. McCarthy  
 Eugene E. Gilet  
 Henrick R. Johnson, Jr.  
 Charles A. Parlee  
 Recording Clerk, Kris Gleason

The Chelmsford Planning Board began the year by reorganizing the Board and appointed Mr. John F. McCarthy as Chairman, Mr. Thomas E. Firth, Jr. as Vice Chairman and Mrs. Rosalind M. Boyle as Clerk. Mr. Eugene Gilet is the representative to the Northern Middlesex Area Commission.

After conducting Public Hearings, the Planning Board approved 12 subdivisions in Town under the Subdivision Control Law. The largest single subdivision was for 71 lots on Marshall Street. Two of the other approved subdivisions (Park Road and Montview Road) had 10 lots. The others consisted of 2 and 3 lots. The Board also granted 62 final approvals under Subdivision Control Law Not Required.

After much deliberation 18 site plans were approved. With the newly strengthened site plan regulations, the Planning Board was able to request numerous modifications to the new buildings in order to make the more compatible to the surrounding areas. Four of the above mentioned approved plans: Church of Christ (North Road),

Gamma Industries (Riverneck Road), Sunny Acres Nursing Home (Billerica Road) and Alexander's Market (Drum Hill Shopping Plaza) were additions to existing buildings.

The Board was able to have the developers of the Mill Road area do reconstruction on that road this past year. A public hearing was held for the reconstruction and the developer provided the engineering work and paid to have the construction costs for the road work.

The Master Plan, which was funded by the November 1984 Special Town Meeting will be presented to the voters at the 1986 Annual Town Meeting. This plan has been devised by members of the Master Plan Committee which consisted of members from various regulatory Boards in Town and citizens from the community. At this point, since most of the Town is developed, one major issue seems to be drainage. Sewerage is scheduled to begin its first phase in the spring of 1986 and the Board would like to see the sewerage tied into the drainage situation as would the Selectmen. The Board is most sensitive to the drainage problems of the Town and would like to work in a positive manner to rectify these problems.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. McCarthy, Chairman

## CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adams Library, Boston Road, Chelmsford Center

Anna C. MacKay Memorial Branch Library  
Newfield Street, North Chelmsford

### Library Trustees

Janet Hendl, Chairperson  
Susan B. Cantin, Vice-Chairperson  
Elizabeth McCarthy, Treasurer  
Mark Gauthier, Secretary  
Lorraine Lambert  
Brenda McDermott

Library activities in 1985 took many forms—from unveiling to the public the discovery of a fine A.F. Tait painting in Adams, to the extremely well-organized and successful Friends of the Library book sale, to a full calendar of Library programs for all ages, to the beginning of some building improvements at the MacKay Branch.

The Friends of the Library funded much-appreciated gifts for the Library, including electric typewriters for public use, a slide projector, record player, microfiche *Boston Globe* and passes to several museums. The Chelmsford Cultural Council funded children's summer programs and a video archive collection. Appreciation is due as well to the many individuals who made donations or contributed to the gift fund.

Personnel changes included the retirement of the Director, Ann E. Gallmeyer for health reasons; Rona Call, MacKay Branch librarian, and John Zeleneski, maintenance assistant, joined the staff. On the Board of Trustees, Roger Welch completed 30 years of valued and dedicated service to the Library as a trustee. Mark Gauthier and Susan B. Cantin were elected to the Board.

Library goals for 1986 include the completion of a comprehensive library study with a community analysis and surveys of residents. This study will help the Library trustees, director and staff to evaluate current services, facilities, staffing, collections and relationships with other agencies. With that information the Library will develop a long-range plan for improving the services the Library can deliver to community residents.

I would like to thank the Trustees, staff, friends and patrons of the Library—all of whom have made Chelmsford a welcoming town for the new director.

### STATISTICAL REPORT

Monies deposited with the Town Treasurer	\$30,317
Circulation	222,697
Staff (full-time)	10
(part-time)	10.4 FTE's
pages	1.2 FTE's

### Department Heads:

Reference: Priscilla Vaughn  
Children's: Cheryl Zani  
MacKay Branch: Rona Call  
Technical Services: Nancy Jo Brown  
Circulation: Linda Robinson  
Maintenance: Al Varoski

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Rauch  
Director



## BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Richard F. Burt, Jr.

Judith A. Olsson  
Chairman

Janet F. Bonica

PRECINCT	REGISTERED VOTERS	ENROLLED VOTERS		UNENROLLED VOTERS
		DEMOCRATIC	REPUBLICAN	
1	1,631	508	369	754
2	1,071	431	164	476
3	2,038	616	291	1,131
4	642	299	78	265
5	2,093	615	361	1,117
6	1,477	535	268	674
7	1,240	435	176	629
8	1,209	368	264	577
9	1,064	371	131	562
10	1,939	575	346	1,018
11	1,055	399	187	469
12	1,670	546	254	870
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17,129</b>	<b>5,698</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>8,542</b>

**CHELMSFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**Carl Olsson, Chairman**

**Samuel Poulten, Vice Chairman**

**Carol C. Clevon, Secretary**

**Sean Szekely, Student Member**

**James Brough**

**Nicholas G. Gavriel**



## THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1985

### COMPARATIVE DATA

Years	Student Enrollment	Teaching Positions (including Specialists)	Administrative (Bldg. & Central Office)	Other Personnel	Budget
1979-80	7,940	526	39	234	14,435,848
1980-81	7,477	513	39	222	15,496,000
1981-82	6,980	390	31	212	14,543,772
1982-83	6,512	371	30	207	15,050,709
1983-84	6,103	371	29	207	15,798,307
1984-85	5,839	356	28	206	16,716,207
1985-86	5,652	348	25	206	17,896,684
1985-87 proj.	5,474	342	26	206	

During the calendar year 1985, the State Legislature passed our new Educational Reform Bill. This bill, Chapter 188, is multi-faceted and far reaching. Some of the key components are:

#### School Improvement Councils

Local councils have been established at each of our elementary schools consisting of: the Principal, three (3) teachers, two (2) parents and one citizen at large. The intent of these councils is to improve the quality of education at the school building level by expanding services to students, increasing community and parent involvement and developing business and education partnerships.

#### Establishment of Basic Skills, Minimum Standards, and Curriculum Assessments

This portion of the legislation will not go into effect until September 1, 1987. Presently, there are task forces throughout the state developing the guidelines for the above.

#### A Variety of Competitive Grants to Further Excellence in Education

These grants' requests are reviewed and awards given according to the following criteria:

- ...Financial Need
- ...Overall Educational Program
- ...Use of Technology in Education

#### Teaching Learning Corps

This program will pay college students to serve as instructional aides in low income school districts.

#### Improving Teacher and Administrator Performance

- ...Horace Mann Teacher
  - Establish Programs for expanded responsibilities for teachers
- ...Evaluation of Staff
  - Committees are presently working on developing guidelines for procedures and regulations to evaluate teachers and administrators.
- ...Lucretia Crocker Program
  - The Board of Education will award fellowships to teachers to develop, replicate and disseminate

exemplary programs.

#### ...Leadership Academy

The Board of education will establish a program to provide training to school administrators in evaluation of personnel, parent and community relations, school based management, curriculum development and other appropriate areas.

#### ...Professional Development Grants

This grant program will provide funds to each community. The local School Committee and the teachers' collective bargaining organization will determine how the grant will be disbursed.

As one can see, the Chelmsford School Department has been quite busy digesting and preparing to implement all of the appropriate proportions of the Educational Reform Bill.

Meanwhile education in the classroom marches on. Calendars are established, programs planned and implemented, and we continue to graduate students who go into the workforce or college or both prepared for what faces them. Much of this success is due to the always dedicated professional and support staff and the citizenry who have backed the school department year after year.

The final test of a school department's success lies in the success of its students as perceived by the townspeople and hard data such as test results; local, state, and national competition; and on formal and informal surveys. Based on these criteria, the Chelmsford School System has been successful. However, not willing to maintain the status quo, greater and more intelligent efforts will even enhance the reputation of an already fine school system. It is important that citizens participate actively in school issues and express their concerns to the School Committee in order to ensure that the best decisions possible are made for the education of the young people of Chelmsford. The school system welcomes suggestions from any and all individuals.

The budget format analyzes the proposed school budget in three different ways:

1. Line items (salaries, texts, supplies, utilities, transportation, etc.)
2. Program areas (English, Math, Reading, Science, Special Ed., etc.)
3. Cost centers (Byam, Harrington, Parker, South Row, Westlands, McCarthy, and the High School).

The format is part of a continuing process by which Chelmsford school programs are developed, implemented, funded and evaluated. This budget format serves to focus the committee's attention on both effective and weak programs, enabling the committee to monitor spending rates and levels of program achievement. By studying implementation of the budget throughout the year, the committee is able to ascertain the programs that need greater or less financial support and to identify the factors that guide the budget.

The School Committee believes that the budget contained in this Annual Town Report lives up to the town's educational expectations. The budget process, over the last several years, has produced a tighter, more efficiently managed budget. The committee feels that the overall condition of the school system remains strong. Where an orderly contraction of the system appears advisable, the Committee will consider its implementation.

The following reports written by school personnel will provide you with a sampling of the accomplishments of our young people as well as a better understanding of the learning environment and the practical experiences present in our schools today.

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY TELEVISION SERVICES

Cable 43 continued to offer a variety of locally produced television programs that starred Chelmsford's students, athletes, school committee members, selectmen, town officials, and community members. Over 1,025 hours of programming were telecast during the year. That averaged 20 hours of programming per week. Programming highlights included: the Fourth of July Parade, the graduation of the class of 1985, a forum for the Democratic candidates for Senator and messages from the two Republican candidates, "Sewerage Soup" — a live discussion of the sewer problem, live forums for the candidates for state representative, and for congressman, Chemical People, holiday lighting ceremony, Community Band Concerts, interviews with Jim Shannon, Arthur Miller, Natalie Jacobson, and Paul Tsongas, public hearings on the proposed resource recovery facility, town meeting, a special program describing the Special Education services of the Chelmsford Schools, and sports, sports, sports!

The League of Women Voters, in conjunction with Cable 43, produced a program describing the procedures at town meeting. This program was honored by the state League as being an outstanding example of informative

media. The "Young at Heart" crew, made up of Chelmsford's finest senior citizens, produced a great show each month and increased their audience at the same time. High school students produced "The Lion's Tale" every two weeks, the Crafters continued to produce their fine series explaining how to create beautiful handcrafted items, and Cookie Sughrue produced another series of exercise programs for all ages.

The Cable 43 Educational Foundation held its first ever telethon to raise money for new equipment for Cable 43. The live telecast from Old Town Hall on May 18 ran from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM and featured some of Chelmsford's most well known faces. Thanks to the generosity of Chelmsford residents, over \$4,200 was collected. This money was used to buy a new switcher, monitors, and character generator. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Cable 43 Educational Foundation is encouraged to call the studio at 251-8866. Memberships fees are: Individual—\$10; Family—\$25; Business—\$100; Student—\$5.

Finally, the Chelmsford Public Library and Cable 43 worked together to create an archive and circulating library of Cable 43 programs. Thanks to a grant from the Cultural Council, video cassette recorders were purchased for the library and the TV studio. Copies of Cable 43 programs are now available for checking out in the Fine Arts room of Adams library or patrons can view the programs at the library. A selection of the programs will be archived so that in the distant future historians and curious residents will be able to see what their friends and town looked like "way back in the 1980's."

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DATA PROCESSING

During the past 4 years all major student and business reporting applications have been automated on a Digital 11/44 business minicomputer. Furthermore, a VAX/750 mainframe is also used for academic computing as well as new business applications. Presently, detailed and complete reports can be generated in the area of student registration, attendance, report cards, rank in class, encumbrance accounting, student scheduling, personnel, special education, student tracking, transportation accounting, departmental inventory and school census.

This past year the Computer Services Department has been able to procure donations of computer equipment and supplies from private citizens. Baird Atomic Corporation, and especially from the Digital Equipment Corporation Warehouse. Much of this equipment was refurbished and installed at various administrative and academic locations.

New microcomputer applications continue to be developed for specific needs at each of the school locations. Microcomputer to mainframe communications interface continues to be the most important obstacle to full computer resource management.



The Board of Registrars/Town Clerk's Office continues to use school computer resources to maintain a town census and voter registration data base. This alliance of school and municipal resources has resulted in faster reporting and information retrieval at a lower cost. This coming year's major computer effort will be in the updating and modifying of voter information as it relates to the new redistricting scheme.

Recently developed applications are: a facilities planning system, budget forecasting, but reporting, computer output on microfile for attendance, and a student rolodex system. Future computer applications are presently being evaluated in the area of student graduation requirement tracking, student transcript system, high school modified arena scheduling, microcomputer energy management system, elementary report cards and town accounting.

The School Department is also studying the use of cable television lines for computer data and telephone communications. Technical obstacles for use and implementation of this venture are formidable. This capability appears to be impossible for the short term. This issue will be continually researched since it has the potential to significantly reduce our future communications cost.

## REPORT FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT HEAD OF ENGLISH

The High School English Department continues to adapt its curriculum to meet the needs of our students while challenging each student to meet his or her potential. Through the talents and efforts of our professional staff and the continued support of the administration, this year has been many positive changes.

One major addition to our curriculum is a five week speech unit required for all tenth grade students. Students are given information useful to general communication situations as well as informal and formal presentations. With the utilization of the VCR equipment from Cable 43, students are afforded an opportunity to privately assess their own speaking patterns. To maintain a uniformity of approach and best utilize the expertise of our current staff, the unit was taught by one of our teachers with extensive professional preparation in this area. This innovative assignment of staff allowed other teachers to view the teaching of this unit, to update their comprehension of developments in the teaching of speech, and share other possible teaching approaches for this unit—a most positive, successful approach to staff development. This unit has been well received by students and faculty in all departments.

Writing skills continue to be our major priority. Our enrollment has increased within our writing electives. These courses enable students at all levels to spend an additional semester focusing on individual needs in writing helpful in course work for high school and college. Students are also provided an opportunity to experience the re-

quirements and skills in the areas of journalism, technical writing and creative writing. In addition, through a series of informal workshops, the English teachers, in coordination with our high school and town library staff, are implementing a more uniform sequence of writing assignments that will allow students at all levels to attain and re-enforce the necessary skills for formulating a research project.

Our literature program not only acquaints students with major literary themes and writers, but more importantly provides opportunities to practice critical thinking skills so important to the students' success in any field. The English Department continues to provide a summer reading list to increase the student's enjoyment and level of reading performance.

As our English curriculum continues to address the needs of our students for the future, our students continue to demonstrate their preparation for the present. Our ninth grade students once again placed second in Massachusetts in the Language Arts Olympiad, a test of grammar, spelling, vocabulary and reading comprehension. The High School literary magazine, *Mosaics*, has been awarded first place from Columbia University Press Association. The 1985 yearbook, *The Lion*, won second prize from the American Scholastic Press Association. Our students are performing successfully on both the Verbal SAT and English AP exams and, after graduation, at college, and on the job, many of our present students are now writing for the local town newspapers in Lowell, Boston, and Worcester areas.

Our faculty in the English Department also continues to receive honors and attain recognition nationally. Dr. Polly Clery was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to India. Rebecca Carosso, Liz Foster and Christine Adams have had writing textbooks and materials published. The greatest achievement for our English teachers is their continued efforts in the classroom, helping students continue Chelmsford High School's love for learning—in quest for quality.

## FROM THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HEAD

There were no dramatic changes in the Foreign Language Department this past year, but at CHS we did have two new classes of Italian I, and we also had sufficient enrollment to offer German I and German II. At the junior high we had a continuing German class for eighth grade students who had taken German the year before, and we had sufficient enrollment to again offer our language exploratory courses. CHS sent two groups of students to France and a group of students to Italy as part of the exchange program, and we also established a link with a school in Aachen, Germany. In March we hosted a group of German students, and in July a group of our students traveled to Germany.

Several staff members participated in a department/summer workshop where proficiency guidelines were written for each level of our modern languages. In the next few years we are committed to organizing our curricula around the concept of language proficiency. The French teachers also began the process of choosing a new text to replace the program we have been using for the last 10 years in our French I, II and III classes. As part of this task the teachers made professional visits to other schools and evaluated a variety of texts. Next year we anticipate a pilot program which will utilize a new text in a beginning class at both the junior high and high school levels.

Although there was not sufficient enrollment to have a beginning German class at the junior high, we hope to have a class for the 1985-86 school year. At the high school, we expect to offer German I, II and III. The significant number of students who took Italian this past year should provide sufficient numbers for Italian II. And the Latin program will expand from a 3- to a 4-year sequence. Next year we will be offering Spanish I Honors and French I Honors at CHS. Students who successfully complete one of these accelerated courses will be able to continue in the above average or honor sequences in either of these languages. Although the Venezuelan Exchange did not take place this year because our link school dropped out of the program, we hope to reestablish the exchange next year with Venezuela or another Spanish-speaking country.

### FROM THE RESOURCE INSTRUCTOR FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED

The Enrichment Program of Chelmsford (EPOCH) is now in the fourth year. It is a program of extended enrichment and is designed to enhance the curriculum taking place in the classroom.

The program model includes three types of learning activities. Type I activities provide "exploratory experiences" through the use of films and speakers. Here the students are encouraged to explore new ideas. Type II activities are the main skills component of the program. They include process skills which sharpen the students' creative and critical thinking and also teach the process of creative problem solving as well as advanced research skills. Type III learning activities teach students skills which students can apply to classroom work as well as to their everyday lives.

The resource instructors assist primary grade teachers and students by providing resource materials and by teaching specific skills to high ability students to differentiate the curriculum.

At the junior high level the students are challenged to extend themselves academically and are encouraged to use their gifts and talents to reach complex levels of thinking, expression, and creativity while learning in a regular classroom environment. They are also given the opportunity to participate in the Talent Search Program offered by the Johns Hopkins University Center for the Academically Talented Youth (CTY).

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF ART

Since last year's report the Art Department has experienced a revitalization that is increasing student involvement in Art as well as improving the quality of curriculum and facilities. Groundwork is also being laid to increase the involvement of Art with the total learning environment of each school.

At the Elementary Level:

1. All Elementary buildings now have one Art teacher who is there every day.
2. By 1986, all schools should have an Art Room (to date, all but one do).
3. Time has been provided for all Elementary Art teachers to meet weekly to share ideas, unify efforts and address curricular needs.
4. Chelmsford has received a Cultural Arts Grant to explore the cultural arts of Southeast Asia.

At the Junior High:

1. The McCarthy School has been able to continue to provide an Art Room for each grade level, even with the addition of the sixth grade classes.
2. There is a revitalization of the Art Club with special interest in murals.

At the High School:

1. A substantial scholarship fund was given to the High School by the late Anthony Rebello for graduates continuing their education in Art.
2. Additional Art studios have been constructed at the High School to be used to expand experiences in printmaking and sculpture.
3. Reorganization of existing studio space will allow expansion of ceramics, graphic and communicative art opportunities.

4. Scholastic Art Awards Results:	<b>1985</b>	<b>1986</b>
Participating Students	40	55
Portfolios Submitted	6	9
Total Entries	101	126
Honorable Mentions	5	6
Gold Keys	6	11
Blue Ribbons	4	?

5. Honors and Advanced Placement Art Courses were added.

Last year the Art Gallery in the Administrative wing of the Parker School was dedicated to the memory of former Art and Music Coordinator, Frank Page. Since then there



have been several notable exhibits in the Page Gallery, among them:

- The First Annual C.H.S. Alumni Art Show
- The First Annual Faculty and Staff Art Show
- The Town-wide Youth Art Month Show

as well as individual school Art exhibits.

### **FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR BASIC SKILLS**

Chelmsford's system-wide Basic Skills Program provided the framework for curriculum design, staff development, competency testing and follow-up instructional programs in basic skills. A state mandate requires local districts to test for minimum competency at both elementary and secondary levels. Chelmsford meet this requirement by testing for reading, writing, and mathematics in grades 3, 5, and 8 and for listening in grades 2, 4, and 7. A student who fails a test in grade 7 or 8 is required to take the test every year until he/she passes. The passing grade for competency tests in Chelmsford is higher than the passing grade in 85 percent of the school districts in the state.

### **FROM THE READING DEPARTMENT HEAD**

Chelmsford's reading program follows a curriculum based on a sequential skills program. The key words that describe the curriculum are consistency, continuity and accountability.

The elementary teachers have formed a committee whose task it is to review the current basal readers and recommend for adoption materials suitable for the students in Chelmsford.

The goal of the Reading Department is to have consistency—continuity within grade levels and in all of our elementary buildings in the reading area.

The Metropolitan Reading Achievement Test was administered to all students grades one through six in October. A post testing in April of all students one through six will provide information relative to the goal of accountability. This testing program will be done on a yearly basis and will provide longitudinal information relative to the reading progress of each child in the school system.

Once again in January the elementary students participated in the March of Dimes Reading Champions Program, a national program to raise money for elimination of birth defects. This program is endorsed by the International Reading Association.

The McCarthy School began preparations for a pleasure reading program for their students during the regular school day. In-service workshops were held during the fall and valuable information was given to the staff by Dr. Thomas Devine from the University of Lowell and Dr. David Monti, of Central Connecticut University. The

students, faculty and staff at the McCarthy School will all read novels and other reading materials twice weekly during the school day. This program promotes achievement, attitudes and interests in reading, by providing time for students to enjoy reading, as a holistic and recreational activity. Sustained Silent Reading usually has a positive effect on reading achievement scores.

The secondary reading program consists of three levels — remedial, developmental, and enrichment. The courses meet the needs of the full range of student abilities. Each reading course is highly structured with required pre and post-testing, proven management techniques, and specific objectives. Student progress is monitored through individual reading folders. Test results have shown that the secondary reading program has been extremely successful in helping students to overcome deficiencies in reading comprehension.

### **FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF BUSINESS EDUCATION**

The Business Department presently has eight staff members with expertise in a wide range of Business Education areas. In addition to the eight staff members, the department has a business resource specialist and a business resource aide for the business resource classroom. The funds for these two specialists and the business resource classroom was awarded to Chelmsford through a Federal Grant. The project for the Federal funds was written by members of the Business Education Department. This project was considered a model project for 1985-1986 by the granting agency.

The Business Education Department has also added seventeen new IBM Wheelwriter Typewriters. These typewriters will be used to update the Business Education Department's equipment.

### **FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER I**

Title I of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) was passed by the United States Congress to help local schools overcome educational deprivation. Under the law, the federal government appropriates money annually to school districts throughout the nation. The funds received by each community are determined by the government.

Project proposals are written by the director, Beverly J. Hedison, and sent to the State Department of Education to be initiated in each area as a compensatory educational program.

Chapter I has been part of the Chelmsford School System since 1975. The children are instructed in reading and mathematics at the Harrington School (grades 1-3), the Parker School (grades 4-6), and the Westlands school (grades 1-6). Westlands' students have the opportunity to

be part of the CAI (Computer Assisted Instruction) Program. The use of this added tool of learning has proven to be very popular and has produced good results.

A child's participation in this project does not mean that a student is not capable, but only that he/she is not, for one reason or another, working to his or her potential. Instruction in the past has proven beneficial in mathematics and reading, as well as in improving the child's self-image. With the combined efforts of the teaching staff, administration and interested parents, we are preparing the whole child for the future as well as the present.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Office of Community Education continues to administer Adult Education programs at Chelmsford High School. Along with approximately 100 business, craft and special interest courses. Chelmsford High School is also an Extension Campus for Northeastern University, Middlesex Community College, and Lesley College.

Childcare Programs run from 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. for school age children at the Harrington School and enrollment has almost doubled during our second year. The Pre School program for 3 and 4 year olds continues to be successful and an outside play area has been installed.

Summer School 1985 serviced almost 400 students in grades 2-12 and was the most comprehensive in the area.

There has been a significant increase in the number of out of town students attending our schools with 34 students paying for seats.

This year Community Education has taken over the scheduling of the use of school facilities and also incorporated a part time Public Relations staff person.

Perhaps the most exciting project this year has been the creation of the Chelmsford Education Foundation, a separate non-profit corporation established to raise funds to support education. Congressman Chester Atkins is chairman of the Foundation and we are currently seeking additional board members.

All programs and projects administered through Community Education continue to be self supporting and a \$25,000.00 surplus will be used to reduce the 1985-1986 budget.

## FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Since our last report, we have had to add another section of Level II Physics. This course has expanded by one section each year since its inception three years ago. We were about to drop it when, by student enrollment, it once again became a viable course.

Our attempt to create a section of Advanced Placement Physics fell by the wayside due to lack of enrollment. AP Biology and Chemistry continue to be popular with the students.

During the past two years, we have made a serious attempt at keeping abreast of the changes in the scientific world. Mr. Donald Parkhurst and Mr. Jack Prescott participated in workshops at Boston University. The workshops were six days in length and were for the sole purpose of exposing selected, superior teachers to the changes in their subject areas, chemistry and biology, during the past few years.

Mr. Ralph Sherwood spent a week of his summer vacation, at his own expense, at the Boston Museum of Science updating himself in the area of chemistry and chemical education. He and Mr. Frank Turner continued this program during a weekend workshop this past October.

Mr. Michael Tate spent two weeks at the Pfizer Research Center this past summer getting updated on the changes taking place in industry, and investigating possible relationships between industry and education.

The science department conducted its own four day workshop this past summer. The workshop was attended by Mr. Paul Murphy, Mr. Michael Denihan, Mr. Wayne Hamilton, and Mr. Bruce Ford. As a result of the workshop, the Level III Physical Science Program has been revitalized and is now uniform. The teachers are enthusiastically carrying out the activities planned during the summer.

Mr. Michael Winn has been transferred to the high school from the junior high. He has given us a 100% effort, quickly becoming a contributing member of the faculty. He has also taken the opportunity to participate in a one day Biology workshop at Salem State College.

There is one more teacher who I would like to single out. Mr. Gary Fadden was hired as a biology teacher, but a few years ago he was asked to pick up a couple of chemistry classes, which he did. Since that time he has taken several chemistry courses, has been certified to teach chemistry, and is now carrying a full load of chemistry classes—certainly a dedicated teacher.

Over 70% of the science staff has participated in workshops over the past two years. Our goal is to have every member of the science staff participate in some sort of educational activity during the next school year.

## FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE ARTS, GRADES 4-8

During the past year, in the area of Language Arts, efforts have been made to standardize the program across grade levels so that youngsters in each elementary school will receive comparable Language Arts instruction. To this end, a common Language Arts series has been adopted



at all schools in grades one through six. Future plans call for the establishment of a core curriculum which will be covered in every classroom of a particular grade level. Attached to this core curriculum will be pre and post testing as a means of measuring student progress and program effectiveness.

In the coming year at the elementary level, we envision the adoption of the spelling series which accompanies the grammar texts. Some teachers have piloted the series and report success. The final decision will be made during the spring of 1986.

In an effort to motivate writing, the literary magazine has been reactivated at levels four through eight. The targeted four editions per year should give young authors more immediate response to their work and will provide more frequent reinforcement for students' writings. Classroom teachers and/or teams of students select papers to represent specific classes: the works finally published are selected by the editors. An extra effort is being made to have published work representative of all ability levels since some of our slower students need the motivation as much or more than our brighter youngsters. Thus, publication in this magazine is within reach of all students grades four through eight.

At grades seven and eight work continues on up-dating the various curricula and on establishing printed curriculum grades. The areas of spelling, vocabulary, and grammar are almost complete; the research paper and literature sections are in process. In addition, a vocabulary series has been piloted, adopted, and implemented for students at grades seven and eight.

During the past summer, the department head and a select group of youngsters developed a *Don't Panic* booklet, a student-to-student handbook indicating how to survive the first few days of junior high. Students did the writing, selected the illustrations, did the typing, and even organized the lay-out.

In addition, the English Department applied to the Institute for the Arts for a partial grant in order to present the Chamber Repertory Theater which performed "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" for the students. In late winter, Poe's works will be presented by Chamber Repertory during school assemblies. The now annual presentation is sponsored, for the most part, by proceeds from the student/faculty variety show.

### **FROM THE COORDINATOR OF MATHEMATICS/COMPUTER SCIENCE**

This past year has been most interesting and has provided many new challenges. The basic goal of the mathematics program continues to be to provide each student with the skills needed to become a productive member of our rapidly changing society. At the elementary level this is done by emphasizing basic computation skills and developing students' problem solving skills. As the quality

of computer software increases, the computer will become a greater tool in the development of problem solving skills. The goal of the seventh and eighth grade program is to provide a smooth transition from the computation based courses of the elementary grades to the more abstract courses of the high school. One of the strongest features of our very strong mathematics curriculum is the job done by our junior high teachers. They work very hard to provide the students with both the mathematics and study skills needed to be successful high school students. The high school program continues to provide one of the best mathematics educations that can be found in a public high school. Last year the mean math score on the SAT's was 499 which is well above the nation average. The high school program is not only directed at the top students, but there is a strong commitment to provide all students with meaningful courses. The key to maintaining quality education is to constantly evaluate programs and goals. This is particularly true this year in light of the new state education bill, Chapter 188.

The mathematics program will be most effected by this new legislation which calls for testing of all 3rd, 8th and 11th grades in reading, mathematics and sciences. This will not be a basic skills test but rather a test of specific content. Hopefully, the results of these tests will provide us with data that will help us continue to improve our curriculum.

Another factor that has made this an interesting year is the transition of the McCarthy School from a junior high to a middle school. This change will not have a great effect on the mathematics curriculum but it will require a change in our present computer program. At the present time there is much discussion as to what form the middle school computer program will take. The basic goal of the program will be to provide all students with an introduction to how the computer can be used as a tool. This would include an introduction to programming, use of preprogrammed software and possibly a little word processing. Another problem being examined is the effect declining enrollment will have on the high school curriculum in both mathematics and computer science.

The 1986-87 school year will bring many new challenges. One only has to reflect on the fact that the students entering kindergarten next fall will be in the class of 2000 — an acknowledgement to the rapid passage of time and the importance of planning in order to provide students with the skills they need in the twenty-first century.

### **FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT HEAD**

The High School Mathematics program continues to meet the needs of all of our students and continues to respond to the challenging demands of our changing society. The curriculum includes topics ranging from Basic Skills Mathematics to Advanced Placement courses in Calculus, Advanced Calculus and Computer Programming. Chelmsford High School students continue to perform well above

the national average in both the Mathematics portion of the Scholastic Aptitude Test and the Mathematics Achievement Tests. The High School Mathematics Team is perennial champion of the Merrimack Valley Conference and is always one of the top three teams in the state. At a time when there is much national concern over the quality of mathematics instruction, Chelmsford High School is fortunate to possess a highly motivated, well-qualified and diversified staff that averages over fifteen years of mathematics teaching experience. It is their constant outstanding effort that will enable Chelmsford High School to continue to provide our students with the mathematical skills they will need in order for them to be successful in our increasingly technical world.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This spring the Physical Education Department will begin the third phase of a project in the area of fitness which began in 1984 with McCarthy Junior High School's participation in the National Children and Youth Fitness Study. The purpose of the study conducted by the US Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion was to formulate national norms for the Health Related Physical Fitness Test.

Last year the Health Related Physical Fitness Test was introduced into all of our schools. The new test measures body composition, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility, and cardiovascular fitness.

This year Chelmsford was accepted for participation in the FITNESSGRAM program. The FITNESSGRAM, developed by the Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas, is a computerized fitness report card system. The results of the individual tests (sit and reach, sit-up, skinfold, and walk/run) will be reported, compared to national norms, and, finally, an individual exercise prescription will be given based on the test results.

Presently the townwide Physical Education staff is undergoing training in the mechanics of the testing and the computer aspects of the program in order to become certified FITNESSGRAM instructors. The results of our fitness testing will be reported to the Aerobics Institute to update the national test norms.

Because of the numbers of students involved in Physical Education, the department will phase in the FITNESSGRAM this spring by issuing report cards to the fourth, seventh, and ninth grade students. Although not all grade levels will receive FITNESSGRAMS, all test participants are eligible to qualify for the awards.

Eventually additional grade levels will be phased into the FITNESSGRAM program.

Our goals are threefold—to use the statistics of our testing program to improve the fitness of our students by addressing their needs; to report results to students as well

as parents; and to work cooperatively with students and parents in providing the lifetime fitness skills required to promote good health.

### FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA

The key to intelligence in today's world is not how much information you hold in your brain but your ability to locate the information you need from the countless, ever-growing sources of information modern technology provides. Teaching students how to find pertinent information is the primary goal of the Chelmsford Public Schools' Instructional Media Department. This goal is accomplished through a formal library skills curriculum in grades K through 6 and through informal instruction in grades 7 through 12. At all grade levels the library curriculum is tied into the regular classroom curriculum.

Ellen Mellen, the elementary librarian, guided the 5 elementary schools through a smooth and eventful school year. The total book circulation for the 5 elementary schools was 89,549, up over 7,000 from last year in spite of a decrease in the student population. This averaged out to 35 books per student. With such heavy usage of library books, many of the books quickly become worn out or lost. While 1,050 elementary books were purchased this year, 1,348 books were actually withdrawn from the shelves. Thus, the elementary libraries actually decreased their holdings.

Some new developments included the establishment of a new link with the Chelmsford Public Library when Cheryl Zani, the children's librarian, visited 3 elementary schools to talk about the summer reading program with 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. The Chelmsford Council of Schools funded a visit by storyteller Judith Black to each elementary school which added a new dimension to the story hour experiences we provide regularly. Parent groups began the funding of extra library hours so that children could visit the library one day a week after school. The Parker Library was endowed with new carpeting (thanks to the P.T.O.) and a new location overlooking the courtyard. Book circulation has increased and everyone is pleased with the arrangement.

At the McCarthy School, Virginia Stiles reports that the total book circulation topped the 15,000 mark at a whopping 15,301, despite the fact that the student population declined by 161 students over the previous year. This averaged out to 15 books per student per year. Although 312 books and 280 paperbacks were purchased, 642 books were withdrawn because they were lost, worn out, or outdated. Class visits to the library totalled 308. These visits were used primarily to select a book for a book report or to do research for a project. Research skills were taught or reviewed as needed on an individual or small group basis by the librarian. The annual book fair netted \$396 for the library to purchase new paperbacks. Volunteers, 32 students and 1 parent, also played a large part in keeping the two rooms of the library running by checking in



magazines, circulating books, writing overdue notices, filing, and shelving paperbacks.

The high school library continued to be heavily used by students during their free mods and by teachers bringing their classes for research. Renee Shapiro reports that the total circulation of books was 14,344 which averaged out to 7 books per student. While 793 new books were purchased, 629 books were withdrawn due to wear, loss, and outdated information. Class visits totalled 600 for the year with a peak of 10 classes a day. Detailed subject guides to the reference collection and guides to periodical sources were distributed to teachers and students. Student assistants remained an active part of the library program. Experienced students helped man the circulation desk and provided instruction in using microform readers, indexes, and periodical sources, while students new to the program helped with shelving, photocopying, and delivering of materials.

The cataloging office had a busy year processing the 2,155 books that were purchased for all of the school libraries and withdrawing 2,619 books. In addition, a catalog was prepared for teachers that lists all of the programs the school department now has on video tape. And, as usual, one school library was inventoried. This year Harrington got the nod.

Although every school building has its own small collection of audio visual software, the bulk of the collection is distributed to the teachers from the central collection house in the Instructional Media Center. Over 2,900 items were used during the 1984-85 school year. These included 16mm films, video tapes, sound filmstrips and more. The audio visual technician repaired close to 500 pieces of equipment and installed new VCR's and monitors in all seven schools. During the summer he inventoried and performed regular maintenance for over 1,600 pieces of equipment in all 7 schools.

The graphic artist and his 29 career exploration students produced numerous graphics and audiovisual aids for teachers, administrators, Cable 43, the Chelmsford Rotary, Triangle Securities, and a host of dramatic and musical productions. These works included posters, signs, logo designs, flag designs, photographs, overhead transparencies, slide/tapes, and covers for programs and booklets.

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL OF CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL

Chelmsford High School, the eighth largest in the State, continued to function at a level of excellence with which the community has become familiar. The class of 1985 saw 535 of its members receive diplomas and be awarded \$52,625 in scholarships, exclusive of the estimated \$750,000 awarded by the colleges and universities. 84% of the class went on to some type of further education.

The Math Team extended its unparalleled streak of never having lost a league match.

Resplendent in their new uniforms, the Band participated in an exchange with Maryvale High School of Cheektowaga, New York. The string section of the Orchestra accompanied other schools on a performing tour of France.

The Drama Club won the Regional Massachusetts High School Drama Festival and featured an outstanding production of *Mousetrap*, and with the Music Department enthralled audiences with *Peter Pan*. The faculty continued to aid the scholarship fund by producing its tenth play, *See How They Run*.

Culturally, the high school ranked among the best, and the Art Department's success was again demonstrated by several *Globe* Scholastic Art Awards and Gold Key Awards. Foreign exchanges continued to be popular and successful as we exchanged students with schools in Great Britain, Italy, and two in France. Individual students were hosted by Chelmsford from the Netherlands and Chile. We sent students to spend the summer in Argentina, Finland, Indonesia, Japan, Turkey, and Yugoslavia. The National Association of Secondary School Principals is producing a promotional film on school exchanges and selected Chelmsford High School as the model school for the film.

The Dalton Trophy, donated by the *Boston Globe*, has become the symbol of excellence in Massachusetts high school sports. Chelmsford High School won the award for the third consecutive year thereby retiring a replica of the trophy. This was made possible by outstanding seasons by the Boys' Winter Track Team who won their second consecutive State Championship and were undefeated Merrimack Valley Conference champs as were the Boys' and Girls' Swim Teams. The Girls' Winter Track Team won the State Relay Title and were undefeated Merrimack Valley champs. The Boys' Spring Track Team won the Eastern Massachusetts Championship and was runner-up in the All State Meet. The Girls' Volleyball Team was undefeated and won the State Championship. Boy's Volleyball was introduced for the first time as a Varsity sport.

An historic event occurred this fall as corporations and individuals got behind the project to light Alumni Stadium which led to the first home night football game played in the school's history.

The students at Chelmsford High School continued their support of the American Red Cross by again donating over 200 pints of blood.

The Parents' Advisory Council continued its support of school activities by hosting the Annual Staff Appreciation Day and the successful After-Prom Breakfast. They also compile and distribute the Parents' Newsletter which contains important information for parents.

Chelmsford High School's standards and accomplishments are recognized beyond the town line as there are presently 16 tuition-paying students attending the school.

Chelmsford High School continues to maintain its high level of achievement in academic, cultural, and athletic pursuits.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF MUSIC

The Music Department strives to assist students in discovering and developing their musical talents for better understanding and enjoyment of all kinds of music.

The Harrington & Westlands Schools have two part-time music specialists, with all other elementary schools having one music specialist each, who is responsible for all music education in the building except for instruction on band and orchestral instruments. Each elementary school has weekly lessons in music with a multi-grade level performing choral group of approximately 115 students. These schools have recorder consorts, and use of instruments in both classroom instruction and public performance. Some schools also have guitar clubs.

General music at the McCarthy is given to all seventh and eighth grade students. General music in the seventh and eighth grade is basically designed for non-performing students; for many it is their last formal contact with music education. All McCarthy students have the opportunity to join one of the performing choral groups that rehearse after school on Tuesdays.

Instrumental music in our schools provides an experience not found in other areas within the Music Department. Instruction in playing orchestral string instruments is offered starting in grade three, and in all band and orchestral instruments from grades four through twelve. Each participating student is offered one small group lesson each week. In addition, there is the opportunity to participate in small group and larger ensembles during and after school. The Byam and South Row Schools have select bands that meet once each week after school. The "Elementary Select Orchestra" is made up of the more advanced orchestra students from all five elementary schools. They rehearse after school on Wednesdays with the McCarthy orchestra rehearsing after school on Thursdays. The High School Symphony Orchestra rehearses Monday evenings. The High School Band rehearses Wednesday after school. There are approximately 850 students participating in the instrumental program.

Instrumental and choral ensembles perform in school and community concerts and programs throughout the school year. Junior high and high school students perform in Northeast District and state festivals and competitions. Some of the community concerts include: McCarthy's elderly luncheon, tours of local nursing homes and Lowell General Hospital, Adams Library and "Downtown Crossing," Boston for WBZ radio. The High School Music Department presented "Peter Pan" as the annual musical this past May.

The Chelmsford Friends of Music, a parental support group, has continued to show their ever-increasing support to the total music department. Their private lesson program has increased to 150 participating students, and their scholarship program includes private lesson grants, summer camp and college scholarships. Students in all seven schools are eligible for these scholarships.

Our plans for the future include developing the music program into a total "Performing Arts Department," which will include musical theatre drama and dance. We will also develop a "Gifted and Talented" program for our most promising young musicians.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics Department offers a wide range of courses which are designed to meet the needs and interests of the students for their present and future daily living needs.

Home Economics begins at the 7th grade level with co-educational courses and continues with electives at the high school. New to the high school this year is our Parenting Resource Center funded through a federal grant and located in our Family living area.

We are now working towards our goal of developing a course outline/curriculum for grade 6 students at McCarthy for 1986-87 school year.

### FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS

The 1985-86 school year was very successful for the Industrial Arts Department. The new Independent Living course was well received and hopefully will be expanded for 1986-87. New technology was added to the welding, drawing and electronic areas. The welding area added a T.I.G. (Tungsten Inert Gas) welding system. Electronics added more analog and digital training kits, and technical drawing upgraded its CAD (Computer Aided Design) system with an automatic dimensioning software package.

The 1986-87 school year promises to be exciting as well. Hopefully we will be adding a graphic communication department to open a whole new area of exploration for our students. Graphics is the single largest employment opportunity in New England and our students should be able to explore these opportunities.

Once again, we had one of our outstanding Industrial Arts faculty members singled out for a state-wide honor. Mike Cerullo, teacher at McCarthy Middle School, was elected once again as state treasurer for the Massachusetts Industrial Educators Society (MIES). MIES is a state-wide organization of Industrial Arts teachers. I would like to congratulate Mike for this individual honor and thank the



rest of the staff for another year of outstanding effort. The staff members are: High School: Barry Bell, Paul Finnerty, Bernie DiNatale, Jim DeProfio; Middle School: Mike Cerullo, Paul Tagliamonte.

### **FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR SCIENCE, GRADES 4-8**

The major goal of the science curricula grades four through eight is to teach the students the skills of scientific investigation which involve not only measurement and lab techniques but also problem solving situations. To accomplish this the elementary science program incorporates a body of factual knowledge along with scientific investigation. The curricula content in each grade consists of units in the life, earth and physical sciences as well as lessons in health education. The junior high science program teaches life science in the seventh grade and earth science in the eighth grade with an increased emphasis on laboratory activities. This provides an extension of the elementary program and continues to produce an understanding of the interdependence of the life, earth and physical sciences.

The science staff has been extremely active this year in two areas. The top priority item has been safety particularly in regards to the proper use and storage of chemicals. Second, as a part of the continuous updating and revision of the science program, members of the department have been attending workshops, writing curricula, testing science software and implementing more basic skills and computers into the science classroom.

The major goals for the department are to provide for a smooth incorporation of the sixth grade science program into a middle school environment, to keep abreast of innovations in science curricula and to implement the NASA Seeds Project when it becomes available.

### **FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR CHELMSFORD HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES**

The Social Studies Department at Chelmsford High School continues to meet its responsibility to develop informed citizens fully aware of the need to insure the dignity and worth of the individual, for personal involvement in improving the society they have inherited, and for recognizing the interdependence of all people. These responsibilities are met through some twenty-four elective and required courses. These courses balance western and non-western content, history and the social sciences, year-long and semester courses, and skill and ability levels to meet individual needs.

In addition to class participation, students are encouraged to take part in a variety of enrichment programs. During the past year, students have participated with distinction in History Day competition. The Harvard

University Model United Nations, The Framingham State Essay Contest, The Century III Leadership Contest, *The Boston Globe* Stock Market Game, The Town of Chelmsford Student Government Day, and Project Close-up.

The teachers in the department are experienced, certified specialists in their field. Most have their Masters' degrees or other high degrees. Many have helped to write the courses that they teach. A large number are active in regional and state social studies organizations or programs. They use a variety of materials and methods to bring a quality educational experience to their students.

### **FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Since September, 1984, the Special Education Department has implemented Chapter 766, The Massachusetts Comprehensive Special Education Law of 1972. In September 1978, P.L. 94-142, the Education of the Handicapped Children Act became effective. Both laws entitle special needs students the right to a free and appropriate education. Students, ages three through twenty-one years, who have not received a high school diploma or its equivalent, and who have been determined by the Evaluation Team to have a special need, are eligible for special education services.

The Chelmsford Special Education Department began the September, 1985, school year with 660 students registered to receive special education services which is 11.7 percent of Chelmsford's total school enrollment.

Chelmsford has a comprehensive program to serve the special needs children in our community. To develop and implement Individualized Educational Plans, Chelmsford employs a staff of specialists in learning disabilities, speech pathology, adaptive physical education, occupational therapy, visual impairment, hearing impairment, psychological services, social services, and vocational services. For students who require more comprehensive educational programs, there are twelve resource classes staffed by special education teachers who are assisted by instructional aides. Private day and residential schools provide for students with severe learning and/or emotional needs.

The Special Education Department has begun to place computers in its programs for student and teacher use. It is anticipated that all special education personnel will have access to computers for their programs.

The Special Education Department has completed a program evaluation of the overall department. This report is on file for review at the Special Education Office.

For the 1985-1986 school year the Special Education Department has written an Early Childhood Grant to expand its services for children ages 3-4. This grant will assist in broadening the outreach program already in place, as well as providing further training of staff in assessment and program delivery.

The Merrimack Special Education Collaborative in which Chelmsford participates, continues to provide effective and cost-efficient programs for children with low-incidence disabilities. Classes, held in Dracut and Tewksbury, service the needs of children from Chelmsford, Billerica, Dracut, Tewksbury and Westford.

For the current school year, the Chelmsford Special Education Department has a budget of \$1,909,472. In addition, the town will receive \$220,276 from the federal government for education and vocational programs.

The Special Education Departments, along with the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative, continues to provide pre-vocational and vocational programs through the Center for Occupational Awareness and Placement (Project C.O.A.P.). As a result, many students have been successfully placed in field training sites and subsequently enter into full-time employment.

In commemoration of Chapter 766's Tenth Anniversary the Special Education Department produced a video tape describing all special needs services in Chelmsford. This video was shown on Cable TV Channel 43 for the community and previewed by selected audiences. This Tape is available for viewing at the Special Education Office.

The Special Needs Service Booklet, describing the Chapter 766 process and services for parents, students, and community members, is available at the McKay and Adams libraries and at the Special Education Office.

#### IN CONCLUSION:

The new year will again bring new challenges and new problems. As we carry out our plans for 1986-87 and look ahead to future means of supporting town efforts, we will need to think more and more of cooperative means for achieving our economical and educational goals. Examples of these cooperative efforts are partnerships, foundations, community education, and area wide cooperation to resolve Route 3 transportation problems.

The School Committee has once more attempted to match town need with sufficient funding in order to maintain an envied educational program. Our students and staff will not only continue in their "Quest for Quality" but, in fact, achieve it. The School Department budget effectively implemented will greatly aid in this quest. Sincere thanks once again are extended to the town officials and boards, to the school personnel, to the Parent Teacher Organizations, school volunteer workers, and to the citizens for their cooperation and assistance this past year.

\*\*\*\*\*

The School Committee wishes to extend its deep appreciation to the following staff members for their years of loyal and meritorious service, and who have retired this past year.

Roger Q. Smyth	Asst. Supt. for Curriculum and Instruction
Christos Tournas	Building Master, McCarthy Jr. High School
Betsey Bohl	Program Supervisor, Instructional Media
Ada (Terrey) Dumont	Administrative Assistant to Asst. Supt. for Personnel
Gertrude Gorman	Receptionist, Central Administration Office
Agnes Farrington	Teacher Aide, Parker School
Theresa Gauthier	Teacher Aide, Parker School
Mary Germann	Teacher Aide, Harrington School
John Blake	Head Custodian, Chelmsford High School
Albert Marchand	Custodian, Chelmsford High School
Roderick Richard	Custodian, South Row School
Aniello Gagliardi	Custodian, South Row School
Nellie Dirubbo	School Food Service, Chelmsford High School
Helen Visniewski	School Food Service, Byam School
Frances Williams	School Food Service, Chelmsford High School
Robert Williams	Security Guard, Chelmsford High School
Milton Kinney	Watchman/Maintenance Dept.
Russell Smith	Custodian, Harrington School (retired and now deceased)

The community and the school department were grieved by the deaths of the principal of the Byam School, the budget and accounts coordinator for the Chelmsford Public School System, and two elementary teachers of the Byam School. These fine people were loved and respected by everyone. They will long be remembered for their dedicated service to the school system and their devotion to the children of the town of Chelmsford.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Daniel F. Horgan, Principal, Byam School  
 Mrs. Claire Sanderson, Budget and Accounts Coordinator  
 Mrs. Phyllis Szidat, Grade 4 Teacher, Byam School  
 Mrs. Bette Turrentine, Grade 3 Teacher, Byam School

Submitted by: Alan Bradshaw  
 Superintendent of Schools



## ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING RESULTS (May 1985)

Scores are reported on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest. College credit is usually granted for 3, 4, and 5; occasionally 2's receive limited recognition.

### Chelmsford High Scores:

Subject	Score Range						%		%
	Low	High							
	1	2	3	4	5				
American History	0	0	2	3	1	6/6	100%	7	86%
Art—Studio	0	0	0	0	1	1/1	100%	A/P course not offered	
Biology	0	1	2	5	3	10/11	75%	20	55%
Chemistry	0	0	3	5	2	10/10	100%	23	43%
Computer Science	0	2	2	1	7	10/12	83%	22	55%
English Comp & Lit	0	2	8	5	3	16/18	89%	32	56%
European History	0	0	3	4	0	7/7	100%	6	86%
French Lang.	0	1	4	4	1	9/10	90%	13	77%
Math—Calculus AB	3	2	3	10	6	19/24	79%	57	42%
Math—Calculus BC	2	0	4	1	4	9/11	83%	17	65%
Physics B	0	0	1	0	0	1/1	100%	A/P course not offered	
Spanish Lang.	0	0	3	1	0	4/4	100%	9	44%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>102/115</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>56%</b>

College Credit possible in 102 out of 115 or 89%.

56% of all Advanced Placement students took the exam.

College credit possible

Number in class

% taking exam

### COLLEGE BOARD S.A.T. MEANS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS

#### 1976

CHS Seniors	432	478	481
Greater Boston HS Seniors	433	470	35,081
Mass. HS Seniors	432	469	57,892
New England Seniors	435	472	117,163
Nationwide Seniors	431	472	999,829

#### 1977

CHS Seniors	435	476	461
Greater Boston HS Seniors	432	469	34,195
Mass. HS Seniors	429	465	38,060
New England Seniors	432	468	116,185
Nationwide Seniors	429	470	979,344

#### 1978

CHS Seniors	439	487	523
Metro Boston HS Seniors	434	470	33,819
Mass. HS Seniors	430	465	57,827
New England Seniors	433	468	115,671
Nationwide Seniors	429	468	989,185

#### 1979

CHS Seniors	436	483	487	At CHS
Metro Boston HS Seniors	431	468	33,145	83%
Mass. HS Seniors	428	463	57,450	took it
New England Seniors	431	465	117,479	
Nationwide Seniors	427	467	991,617	

#### 1980

CHS Seniors	445	494	485	AT CHS
Metro Boston HS Seniors	427	471	33,284	71%
Mass. HS Seniors	423	464	57,608	took it
New England Seniors	426	466	116,581	
Nationwide Seniors	424	466	991,245	

#### 1981

CHS Seniors	426	476	530
Metro Boston HS Seniors	—not available—		
Mass. HS Seniors	422	462	58,036
New England Seniors	425	463	118,157
Nationwide Seniors	424	466	994,046

#### 1982

CHS Seniors	443(+17)	490(+14)	505
Mass. HS Seniors	425	463	55,435
New England Seniors	428	464	115,794
Nationwide Seniors	426	467	988,680

#### 1983

CHS Seniors	435(-8)	484(-6)	505
Mass. HS Seniors	427	463	54,310
New England Seniors	430	465	111,494
Nationwide Seniors	425	468	962,877

#### 1984

CHS Seniors	440(+5)	492(+8)	480
Mass. HS Seniors	429	467	52,534
New England Seniors	432	468	108,698
Nationwide Seniors	426	471	964,739

#### 1985

CHS Seniors	448(+8)	499(+7)	453	AT CHS
Mass. HS Seniors	434	472	51,702	86%
New England Seniors	436	473	107,420	took it
Nationwide Seniors	431	475	977,361	

### ALL CHELMSFORD PUBLIC SECONDARY STUDENTS CHELMSFORD HIGH & NASHOBA TECH.

	Total Post-Secondary	Total Others	(Employment, military, etc.)
Chelmsford High Seniors	441	85	= 526
Nashoba Tech. (Chelmsford Srs.)	10	40	= 50
	451	125	576

#### PERCENTAGES

Chelmsford High Seniors	83.8%	16.2%
Nashoba Tech. (Chelmsford Srs.)	20%	78%

#### COMBINED 78.3%

### DROP OUT REPORT—JUNE 1985

Class of 1985 Boys	257	-	8	D.O.	=	249	=	3.1%
Class of 1985 Girls	293	-	5	D.O.	=	288	=	1.7
	550	-	13	D.O.	=	537	=	2.3
Class of 1986 Boys	270	-	6	D.O.	=	264	=	2.2
Class of 1986 Girls	273	-	12	D.O.	=	261	=	4.3
	543	-	18	D.O.	=	525	=	3.3
Class of 1987 Boys	304	-	5	D.O.	=	299	=	1.6
Class of 1987 Girls	304	-	10	D.O.	=	294	=	3.2
	608	-	15	D.O.	=	593	=	2.4
Class of 1988 Boys	266	-	3	D.O.	=	263	=	1.1
Class of 1988 Girls	281	-	5	D.O.	=	276	=	1.7
	547	-	8	D.O.	=	539	=	1.4
<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>2248</b>	-	<b>54</b>	<b>D.O.</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>2194</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>2.4</b>

	Boys	Girls	
Class of 1985—Employment	3	—	
Voluntary	4	5	
Requested to Leave	1	—	
	<u>8</u>	<u>5</u>	= 13
Class of 1986—Employment	2	1	
Voluntary	1	8	
Requested to Leave	1	3	
Military	2	—	
	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	= 18
Class of 1987—Employment	1	2	
Voluntary	4	6	
Requested to Leave	—	2	
	<u>5</u>	<u>10</u>	= 15
Class of 1988—Employment	—	1	
Voluntary	3	2	
Requested to Leave	—	2	
	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	= 8
			<u>54</u>

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GUIDANCE

Following are pertinent facts and figures for the Class of 1985; also are Chelmsford High School and Nashoba Tech statistics for an overview of Chelmsford public school graduates:

	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
Number of Graduates	647		611		620		560		526	
Four-year colleges	391	60%	379	62%	384	62%	370	66%	369	70%
Two-year colleges	83	13%	89	15%	77	13%	61	11%	60	11%
Other Post-secondary	16	3%	17	3%	20	3%	18	3%	12	2%
Total Post-secondary	490	76%	485	80%	481	78%	449	80%	441	84%
Employment	146	22%	102	16%	105	16%	95	17%	85	16%
Military	2		12	2%	9	2%	6	1%	6	1%
Undecided	9	2%	10	2%	23	4%	6	1%	1	
A.F.S.							4	1%	1	

### Highlights:

Eighty-four percent of the graduates will continue their education. This is the second consecutive appreciable increase: Since 1980 we have gone from 71% to 84% — a 13% increase!

Seventy percent will enter 4 year schools — 7 out of 10, another big increase.

The top three students plan to attend Dartmouth. All were accepted as Early Decision candidates.

Only 1 student said undecided about future plans!

Aside from University of Lowell (69) and University of Massachusetts (40), other popular schools were: Tufts, Cornell, University of Vermont, Providence, Northeastern, Holy Cross, Colby, University of New Hampshire, University of Maine, Boston University, Rensselaer Poly Tech, Fitchburg State and Worcester State.

Of the top 20% of graduates (106), 105 will enter college in September!

Following is a summary of career choices:

264	The Professional Field, Medicine, Law, Teaching, Engineering, Etc.
149	Managers, Proprietors and Officials Manage a business, own your own business, etc.
32	Clerical, Secretarial, Office Work
15	Skilled Worker—Craftsman A foreman with a trade
4	Semi-skilled Worker Truck Driver, Factory Worker
1	Unskilled Worker Construction
60	Other not listed
<u>1</u>	A.F.S.
526	

The drop out rate continues to lower.

One hundred and two out of the 115 Advanced Placement exams written received "3" or better. This is 89%, well above the national average.



The breakdown was:	35	3's
	39	4's
	<u>28</u>	perfect 5's
	102	

1976 transcripts were processed for the graduating class; 538 for past graduates for a total of 2,514.

Over 600 students were placed in part-time work through the job-matching program. The job market continues to be good. Many of the graduates moved right into full-time employment after graduation.

#### TOP 10% OF THE CLASS OF 1985

1. Dartmouth	Math/Computer Science
2. Dartmouth	Engineering
3. Dartmouth	Computer Science
4. Cornell	Engineering
5. Rensselaer Poly Tech	Electrical Engineering
6. Cornell	Engineering
7. Rensselaer Poly Tech	Computer Science
8. Tufts	International Relations
9. Cornell	Biology
10. College of The Holy Cross	Chemistry
11. Boston College	Political Science
12. Duke	Engineering
13. University of Mass.	Pre-Med
14. M.I.T.	Ocean Engineering
15. Rensselaer Poly Tech	Chemical Engineering
16. Cornell	Hotel Administration
17. College of The Holy Cross	Liberal Arts
18. Brown	English
19. College of The Holy Cross	Pre-Med
20. Tufts	Pre-Med
21. Tufts	Biology
22. Colby	Political Science
23. College of The Holy Cross	Undeclared
24. University of Vermont	Animal Science
25. University of Mass.	Engineering
26. Rensselaer Poly Tech	Engineering
27. Drew	Biology
28. Emory	Biology
29. Southeastern Mass. University	Const. Engineering
30. College of The Holy Cross	Undeclared
31. Trinity	Undeclared
32. Middlebury	French
33. U.S. Military Academy	
34. Hamilton	Economics
35. College of The Holy Cross	Pre-Law
36. Boston College	Business
37. Northeastern	Electrical Engineering
38. Boston University	Accounting
39. Clarkson	Engineering
40. College of The Holy Cross	Economics
41. Rensselaer Poly Tech	Computer Engineering
42. Colorado College	Undeclared
43. Clark University	Business
44. Middlebury	Liberal Arts
45. University of Vermont	Psychology
46. Northeastern	Liberal Arts
47. Providence College	Business
48. University of Florida	Art
49. Evangel	Undeclared
50. Worcester State	Engineering
51. University of Miami	Pre-Med
52. University of Lowell	Business
53. University of Pennsylvania	Liberal Arts
54. Boston University	Aerospace Engineering
55. University of Lowell	Business

#### TOP 10% COLLEGE CHOICE SUMMARY

Boston College	2
Boston University	2
Brown	1
Clark University	1
Clarkson	1
Colby	1
Colorado College	1
Cornell	4
Dartmouth	3
Drew	1
Duke	1
Emory	1
Evangel	1
Holy Cross, College of	7
Hamilton	1
M.I.T.	1
Middlebury	2
Northeastern	2
Providence College	1
Rensselaer Poly Tech	5
Southeastern Mass. University	1
Trinity	1
Tufts	3
U.S. Military Academy	1
University of Florida	1
University of Lowell	2
University of Massachusetts	2
University of Miami	1
University of Pennsylvania	1
University of Vermont	2
Worcester State	1

#### TOP 10% SUMMARY OF CAREER PLANS

Accounting	1
Animal Science	1
Art	1
Biology	4
Business Administration	5
Chemistry	1
Computer Science	2
Economics	2
Engineering	9
Aero	1
Chemical	1
Computer	1
Electrical	2
Ocean	1
English	1
French	1
Hotel Management	1
International Relations	1
Liberal Arts	4
Math	1
Political Science	2
Psychology	1
Pre-Law	1
Pre-Med	4
Undeclared	5

## REPORT OF THE SEWER COMMISSION

The following is the Annual Report for the Chelmsford Sewer Commission for the Year 1985.

The Chelmsford Sewer Commission was notified on June 12, 1985 that the State design funding was in place. The Inter-Municipal Agreement between the City of Lowell and the Town of Chelmsford was signed in the Summer of 1985. 1985 has done away with all scepticism concerning the sewage program in the Town of Chelmsford.

The design of the Phase 1-A Sewer Program is nearing completion. Design plans and specifications for the North Chelmsford Sewer Project will be submitted to the State DEQE-Division of Water Pollution Control in February, 1986. Once these plans are approved, and the Town of Chelmsford acquires the necessary land and rights-of-way, the project will be put out to bid. The North Chelmsford project will include five (5) construction contracts. The completion of the North Chelmsford Sewer Project should correspond with the completion of the Southbank Interceptor Sewer in Lowell. That interceptor sewer is needed to accommodate flows from North Chelmsford. Construction will start on the North Chelmsford Project in June, 1986.

The design of the Chelmsford Center Sewer Project is ongoing and should be completed in the summer of 1986. The final routing of the sewer pipeline into Lowell has finally been approved by the City of Lowell. The approved route was originally proposed by the Chelmsford Sewer Commission and Weston & Sampson Engineers, but was rejected by the City of Lowell. Lowell and its engineers were concerned about the adequacy of the City's sewer system to accept flows from Chelmsford Center.

The persistence of the Chelmsford Sewer Commission in favor of an interceptor sewer route along the Lowell Connector, as opposed to a lengthy (and costly) route along Stedman Street to the Southwest Bank Interceptor Sewer recently paid off. As a result of Weston & Sampson's studies (as requested by the Sewer Commission), the City has retracted its earlier criticism of the preferred route.

The routing of the interceptor along the Lowell Connector will ultimately result in \$1.3 million in construction costs savings and approximately \$30,000 per year in operation and maintenance costs.

On October 23, 1985 Governor Michael Dukakis signed Chapter 420 of the Acts of 1985 creating the Chelmsford Center Industrial Sewer District Commission. This will enable the Industrial District to go forward with their sewerage plans at no cost to the Chelmsford residents as promised by the Chelmsford Sewer Commission. The Board of Selectmen appointed the District Commissioners. The formation of the District will ultimately increase the State grant funding that the Town (and the District) can receive for sewer construction. District officials are now resolving several issues regarding system financing with their legal, fiscal and technical consultants.

With the recent signing of Senate Bill 2610 by Governor Michael Dukakis, the amount of grant funding the Town will receive for sewer construction will obviously increase. In addition, Chelmsford can virtually be assured that given the State-wide priority of the proposed sewer projects, State (and Federal) funding will be received.

The increase in available monies for pollution control projects could also result in construction of sewers to serve the next phase of the program earlier than originally anticipated.

The Sewer Commission now has an office in the Town Offices, and has a full-time Principal Clerk, Evelyn L. Newman. In Fiscal Year 87 the Commission will be hiring a full-time Superintendent for day-to-day management of the sewer system operations. A sewer user charge system will also be implemented and the Sewer Commission is preparing to add equipment and personnel for such billing.

Respectfully submitted,

Chelmsford Sewer Commission  
John P. Emerson, Jr., Chairman  
Jean R. Organ, Vice Chairman  
Barry B. Balan, Clerk



**OFFICE OF  
THE TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR**

**DEPT. MEMBERS:**

James R. Doukaszewicz, Treasurer/Tax Collector  
 Florence Ramsay, Asst. Treasurer  
 Margaret Mullen, Asst. Tax Collector  
 Lorraine Parkhurst, Payroll Co-ordinator  
 Lois Conlon, Data Processing Clerk  
 Donna Rogers, Junior Clerk  
 Robert Doukaszewicz, Junior Clerk  
 Judith Olsson, Part-time, tax cert. clerk  
 Donna Main, Part-time, back accts. clerk

Sales of lands taken by the Town for non-payment of back taxes will continue to be done with most of the land taken being sold through the Board of Selectmen's Office. We will continue to notify abutters of these lands as they come into our possession in efforts to get the lots back on to the tax rolls as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Doukaszewicz,  
 Treasurer/Tax Collector

Balance as of July 1, 1984 .....	\$ 5,624,732.00
Receipts through June 30, 1985 .....	53,009,021.26
Paid out on warrants .....	(53,711,668.61)
Balance as of June 30, 1985 .....	\$ 4,922,084.65
<b>Breakdown of June 30, 1985 Fund Balance:</b>	
Cash in banks* .....	\$ 4,035,894.45
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds .....	393,675.92
Non-Revenue Funds** .....	492,514.28
TOTAL .....	\$ 4,922,084.65

\*invested funds in money market accts. included here

\*\*these funds are the unexpended proceeds from prior bond issues.

This year was an audit year with the Dept. of Revenue and we are anticipating a very favorable management report as the staff has worked hard to further implement an aggressive tax collection program which has cleared all back levies through fiscal year 1983. License suspension hearings continue to bring the excise collection rate up to a very high percentage. Tax-title proceedings on real estate accounts in arrears has brought significant revenue into the Treasury on a schedule that has enhanced our cash flow situation and has enabled us to reduce our time for which temporary loans must be left outstanding.

Preparations for the bond sales of the School Capital Improvements Project and the Sewer Design project are well advanced with the sales expected to occur in February and August of 1986 respectively.

We hope to further clear the tax levies for fiscal year 1983, and expect that this will be accomplished before the close of fiscal 1986, which occurs on June 30, 1986. Efforts to clear the fiscal 1984 tax levies will be started and should be concluded within the calendar year of 1986, or by the end of the first-half of fiscal year 1987.

New tax-title procedures for unpaid fiscal 1984 and fiscal 1985 real estate taxes will be undertaken in the spring of 1986. The revenues from this advertising and liening process should be realized before the end of calendar year 1986.

## APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

**Town Accountant**  
Ernest F. Day Term Expires 1987

**Board of Selectmen Executive Secretary**  
Howard W. Redfern, Jr. Term Expires 1986

**Town Counsel**  
James M. Harrington, Esquire Term Expires 1986

**Police Chief**  
Raymond P. McKeon Term Expires 1986

**Deputy Police Chiefs**  
Pennryn D. Fitts James C. Greska

**Fire Chief**  
Frederick H. Reid

**Deputy Fire Chief**  
James A. Sousa

**Cemetery Superintendent**  
George E. Baxendale Term Expires 1986

**Park Superintendent**  
Donald P. Gray Term Expires 1986

**Director of Public Health**  
Richard J. Day Term Expires 1986

**Assistant Director of Public Health**  
John P. Emerson, Jr. Term Expires 1986

**Board of Health Physician**  
Michael J. Dean, M.D. Term Expires 1986

**Town Engineer**  
James E. Pearson Term Expires 1986

**Superintendent of Streets**  
Harold E. Gray Term Expires 1986

**Inspector of Animals**  
Dr. Martin A. Gruber Term Expires 1986

**Building Inspector**  
Ronald W. Wetmore Term Expires 1986

**Local Inspector**  
Bruce H. Clark Term Expires 1986

**Wiring Inspector**  
Francis E. Cunningham Term Expires 1986

**Gas Inspector**  
Neal C. Stanley Term Expires 1986

**Plumbing Inspector**  
William H. Shedd Term Expires 1986

**Sealer of Weights & Measures**  
Anthony C. Ferreira Term Expires 1986

**Town Aide and Council on Aging**  
Kathleen M. Robinson Term Expires 1986

**Assistant Town Clerk**  
Elizabeth L. Delaney

**Assistant Treasurer**  
Florence Ramsay

**Assistant Accountant**  
Mary Villare

**Board of Selectmen Administrative Assistant**  
Judith E. Carter

**Board of Selectmen's Clerk**  
Beth A. Gibbs

**Planning Board Clerk**  
Christine Gleason

**Board of Appeals Clerk**  
**Conservation Commission Clerk**  
Marjorie Hennessy

**Finance Committee Clerk**  
Sharon Galpin

**Personnel Board Clerk**  
**Cable TV Clerk**  
Elizabeth Kopicko

**Insect Pest Control Officer**  
Richard J. Day

**Superintendent of Public Buildings**  
William W. Edge

**Veterans' Graves Officer**  
George E. Baxendale

**Veteran's Agent**  
Mary K. McAuliffe

**Dog Officer**  
William Shedd

**Part-time Dog Officer**  
Karen Piero

**Highway Department Foremen**  
Pearl Koulas Arthur Deschaine Frederick Greenwood



## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET  
June 30, 1985

## ASSETS

Cash:			
General:			
In Banks	\$ 842,890		
Interest Bearing	3,193,005		
Federal Revenue Sharing:			
Interest Bearing	393,676		
Non-Revenue:			
Interest Bearing	492,514	\$4,922,085	
Due from Stabilization Fund		799,110	
Due from Cemetery Trust Fund		15,000	
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Real Estate 1985	542,246		
Real Estate 1984	69,723		
Real Estate 1983	17,447		
Personal Property 1985	27,975		
Personal Property 1984	11,058		
Personal Property 1983	10,029		
Personal Property 1982	2,155		
Personal Property 1981	3,540		
And Prior Years		684,173	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1985	159,098		
Motor Vehicle Excise 1984	29,507		
Motor Vehicle Excise 1983	24,021		
Motor Vehicle Excise 1982	20,045		
Motor Vehicle Excise 1981	17,131		
And Prior Years		249,802	
Farm Animal Excise 1985		63	
Tax Titles	178,215		
Tax Possessions	21,602	199,817	
Water Liens 1984	106		
Water Liens 1985	1,437	1,543	
Departmental:			
Off Duty Work Details	12,017		
Public Buildings (Rent)	272		
Cemetery	9,140	21,429	
State Aid to Highways		271,101	
Loans Authorized:			
Sewer Construction	9,915,000		
School Building Improvements	1,080,300	10,995,300	
Transfers Authorized From:			
Federal Revenue Sharing		908,554	
Overdrawn Appropriation:			
Snow and Ice Removal		50,123	
Overdrawn Overlay Accounts:			
Levy of 1977	1,156		
Levy of 1978	4,368		
Levy of 1983	13,966	19,490	
Underestimated Assessments:			
Special Education	3,568		
Regional Transit	13,448	17,016	
Revenue:			
Appropriations Voted for Fiscal Year 1986		31,333,562	
TOTALS		<u>\$50,488,168</u>	

## LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Warrants Payable		\$328,435	
Notes Payable:			
Reimbursement Anticipation	74,773		
Bond Anticipation	400,000	474,773	
Payroll Deductions		345,405	
Guarantee Deposits		4,953	
Tailings—Unclaimed Checks		10,774	
Sale of Cemetery Lots		18,767	
Sale of Real Estate		32,767	
Agency:			
Dog License Fees		926	
Gifts from Individuals:			
Council on Aging	896		
Cemetery	250		
Library	3,804		
Recreation	1,092		
Health	68	6,110	
Federal and State Grants:			
Revenue Sharing	393,676		
Department of HUD	4,177		
Dept. of Community Affairs	5,000		
Dept. of Elder Affairs	4,229		
Dept. of Public Works	205,476		
Secretary of State	23,381		
Mass. Budget Bureau	2,927		
Public Law 874	21,029		
Other School Grants	41,958	701,853	
Revolving Funds:			
School	151,232		
Recreation	2,728		
Cultural Council	3,996		
Outside Detail	2,508	160,464	
Loans Authorized and Unissued		10,595,300	
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		16,454	
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:			
Levy of 1979	8,672		
Levy of 1980	21,354		
Levy of 1981	6,723		
Levy of 1982	14,975		
Levy of 1984	86,825		
Levy of 1985	202,153	340,702	
Appropriation Balances Forward		1,158,349	
Construction Account:			
School Building Improvements	299,571		
Sewer Plans and Design	192,943	492,514	
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:			
Motor Vehicle Excise	249,802		
Farm Animal Excise	63		
Tax Titles & Possessions	199,817		
Water Liens	1,543		
Departmental	21,429		
Aid to Highways	196,328	668,982	
Overestimated Assessments:			
County Tax	14,425		
County Hospital	356		
State Parks	7	14,788	
Surplus Revenue:			
Restricted	1,100,000		
Unrestricted	1,377,219	2,477,219	
Appropriations Voted from Revenue Sharing		908,554	
Appropriation Control FY 1986:			
Revenue	31,333,562		
Transfers	396,517	31,730,079	
TOTALS		<u>\$50,488,168</u>	

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General:	\$848,965
Outside Debt Limit:	
General:	880,000
	<u>\$1,728,965</u>
Short Term Note:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General:	
Schools	\$848,965
Serial Loans:	
Outside Debt Limit:	
General:	
Schools	880,000
	<u>\$1,728,965</u>

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer	\$1,763,489
In Custody of Library Trustees	107,333
In Custody of Selectmen	797
In Custody of Veterans Emergency Fund Committee	10,814
	<u>\$1,882,433</u>
In Custody of Treasurer:	
Geo. W. Barris-Varney Playground	\$4,489
Conservation Fund	60,182
Wright Reservation	3,187
Stabilization Fund	1,176,181
Insurance Sinking Fund	61,285
Cemetery Funds:	
Geo W. Barris Memorial	8,963
Perpetual Care	420,136
Adam Emerson	1,039
Christopher Roby	14,033
Vileata S. Douglas	12,881
Baptist Pond Cemetery	1,115
	1,765,489
In Custody of Library Trustees:	
Amos F. Adams	30,064
Geo. W. Barris	539
Frances Clark	7,858
Clement Fund	25,278
Albert H. Davis	1,170
Frederick B. Edwards	5,706
Nathan B. Edwards	1,179
Victor E. Edwards	1,941
Adam Emerson	238
Ora Flint	5,553
George Memorial	2,999
Thomas P. Proctor	17,506
Serlina Richardson	636
Joseph E. Warren	271
Gertrude Wright	3,645
Aaron George - Cemetery Fund	2,750
	107,355
In Custody of Selectmen:	
Emma Gay-Varney Playground	797
In Custody of Veterans	
Emergency Fund Committee:	
Veterans Emergency Fund	10,814
	<u>\$1,882,433</u>



**EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE BOARD FUND  
SEC. 4-E CHAPTER 40 GENERAL LAWS**

Cash—In Custody of Treasurer	<u>\$800</u>
Unexpended Balance	<u>\$800</u>

**DEBT STATEMENT**

	Interest Rate	Outstanding 6-30-84	Payments 1985	Outstanding 6-30-85	Principal Due 1986	Interest Due 1986
Bond—Note Issue		6-30-84		6-30-85		
Westland-Harrington Schools	4.30	540,000	160,000	380,000	155,000	16,340
Byam School	6.00	605,000	105,000	500,000	100,000	27,000
School Building Capital Improvement #4	5.16	293,037	293,037	0	0	0
School Building Capital Improvement #5	6.93	0	0	715,000	715,000	49,560
School Computer Purchase	6.75	0	0	133,965	133,965	7,436
<b>TOTALS</b>		<u>1,438,037</u>	<u>558,037</u>	<u>1,728,965</u>	<u>1,103,965</u>	<u>100,336</u>

**FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING  
Fiscal Year 1985**

Cash Balance July 1, 1984		\$291,424
Plus Receipts:		
Entitlements Received	585,633	
Interest Earned	<u>24,477</u>	<u>610,110</u>
		901,534
Less Authorized Appropriations:		
Police Salaries	240,000	
Fire Salaries	240,000	
Recreation—Southwell Field	11,445	
Highway—Sidewalks	<u>16,413</u>	<u>507,858</u>
Cash Balance June 30, 1985		<u>\$393,676</u>

**CHANGES IN SURPLUS REVENUE**

Balance July 1, 1984		\$2,527,042
Deductions:		
Audit Adjustments	395	
Tax Titles Taken	213,470	
Appropriations STM 11-19-84	594,828	
Appropriations STM 04-29-85	25,500	
Reduce Tax Rate 1985	<u>323,683</u>	<u>1,157,876</u>
		<u>1,369,166</u>
Additions:		
Tax Titles Redeemed	140,494	
Omitted Assessments	24,947	
Redemption—Tax Deferral	11,056	
Excess Estimated Receipts	703,584	
Unexpended Appropriations	<u>227,972</u>	<u>1,108,053</u>
Balance June 30, 1985		<u>\$2,477,219</u>
Surplus Revenue—Restricted		1,100,000
Surplus Revenue—Unrestricted		<u>1,377,219</u>
		<u>2,477,219</u>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

	1984	1985
General Government:		
Moderator	300	300
Selectmen	98,423	104,210
Accounting	73,444	79,615
Treasurer/Collector	136,965	153,309
Assessors	148,475	175,711
Town Clerk	73,445	86,195
Public Buildings	98,489	104,791
Law	39,591	63,781
Elections	19,885	25,135
Registrars	26,075	27,587
Finance Committee	1,622	1,652
Planning Board	15,649	56,665
Board of Appeals	4,192	4,989
Personnel Board	416	584
Conservation Commission	7,535	6,546
Historical Commission	996	241
Historic District Commission	996	1,316
Constable	50	150
Council on Aging/Town Aide	63,198	75,869
Town Celebration Committee	339	458
Town Engineer	<u>0</u>	<u>39,914</u>
Total General Government	<u>810,085</u>	<u>1,009,018</u>

Public Safety:		
Police Department:		
Salaries	1,510,113	1,699,555
Expense and Outlay	186,036	252,842
Purchase Cruisers	54,108	49,593
Mutual Aid	2,000	1,960
Purchase Radios	0	1,799
Equipment and Repairs	<u>13,181</u>	<u>9,409</u>
Total Police Department	<u>1,765,438</u>	<u>2,015,158</u>
Fire Department:		
Salaries	1,835,156	1,938,975
Expense and Outlay	105,852	98,089
Equipment and Repairs	<u>25,800</u>	<u>97,245</u>
Total Fire Department	<u>1,966,808</u>	<u>2,134,309</u>
Misc. Protection:		
Hydrant Service	74,300	74,900
Tree Warden	17,075	10,881
Insect Pest Control	10,747	11,808
Inspection	127,342	142,535
Dog Officer	30,962	31,349
Animal Inspector	1,400	1,400
Sealer of Weights & Measures	2,000	2,000
Civilian Defense	<u>3,454</u>	<u>3,332</u>
	<u>267,280</u>	<u>278,205</u>
Public Health:		
Salaries and Expense	88,610	100,305
Landfill Closure	12,000	11,573
Mosquito Control	8,061	8,250
Hazardous Materials	<u>2,283</u>	<u>2,438</u>
	<u>110,954</u>	<u>122,566</u>
Sewer Commission:		
Expenses	4,759	7,776
Professional Fees	4,034	62,582
Facilities Plan (Grant)	58,730	0
Sewer Plans & Design	<u>0</u>	<u>207,057</u>
	<u>67,523</u>	<u>277,415</u>
Highway Department:		
Salaries	441,552	481,163
Expenses	282,621	300,473
Waste Collection	459,764	480,454
Snow and Ice Removal	369,793	320,123
Sidewalks	8,665	16,413
Purchase of Equipment	89,628	37,535
Drainage Construction	19,640	106,516
Resurface Streets	261,720	320,621
Chapter 90 Construction	<u>238,357</u>	<u>268,569</u>
	<u>2,171,740</u>	<u>2,331,867</u>

Street Lighting:	129,986	149,547
Veterans Benefits:		
Salaries and Expense	38,908	42,627
Cash and Material Grants	53,755	62,236
	<u>92,663</u>	<u>104,863</u>
Libraries:		
Wages and Salaries	266,343	303,814
Expense	40,884	56,999
Books and Periodicals	71,999	73,397
Carriage House Renovation	3,328	2,475
Gifts from Individuals	1,042	2,459
Automation of Records	32,992	10,161
	<u>416,588</u>	<u>449,305</u>
Parks and Recreation:		
Parks	33,874	41,414
Varney Playground	3,538	4,965
Recreation Commission	34,634	48,325
Edwards Memorial Beach	713	703
	<u>72,759</u>	<u>95,407</u>
Insurance:		
Property Liability & All Types	295,510	320,930
Chapter 32B	725,614	832,367
	<u>1,021,124</u>	<u>1,153,297</u>
Schools:		
School Committee	58,052	30,948
Superintendents Office	996,322	397,435
Supervision	168,720	154,785
Principals	721,816	752,039
Teachers	8,824,054	9,587,280
Textbooks	94,260	90,811
Library	212,962	208,457
Audio-Visual	142,107	125,160
Guidance	437,691	485,888
Attendance	28,500	30,500
Health Services	120,937	132,577
Transportation	701,788	654,184
Food Services	40,724	42,279
Athletics	163,900	188,867
Student Activities	51,773	56,625
Custodial	913,226	966,480
Utilities	849,566	763,637
Maint. of Grounds	31,471	23,408
Maint. of Buildings	60,989	57,301
Maint. of Equipment	171,759	172,275
Programs w/o Schools	4,065	4,851
Television	0	57,886
Chapter 766	1,715,085	1,836,430
	<u>15,909,767</u>	<u>16,820,103</u>
School Revolving Funds:		
Cafeteria	664,104	750,510
Athletics	40,330	61,755
Adult Education	53,391	89,358
Civic Activities	33,162	40,680
Loss of Books	1,871	5,898
Out of Town Student Tuition	408	37,537
Summer School	30,757	49,183
Child Care	271	56,556
Grant Accounts	285,383	308,609
	<u>1,109,677</u>	<u>1,400,086</u>
Regional Vocational School:	489,936	471,798
School Renovations	312,587	608,629
School Computer Purchase	2,294	130,527
	<u>314,881</u>	<u>739,156</u>
Cemeteries:		
Salaries	114,201	124,378
Expense and Outlay	20,227	33,872
Improvements & Development	7,758	8,300
Beautification P/C Transfer	8,470	7,451
Sprinkler Repair—Trust Transfer	1,383	212
	<u>152,039</u>	<u>174,213</u>
Unclassified:		
Memorial Day	1,159	863
Town Clock	520	710
Town & Finance Com. Reports	5,288	6,565
Mental Health Program	8,695	8,695
Elder Services of Merr. Valley	1,800	1,800
NMAC Assessment	8,216	8,422

Unemployment Benefits	42,311	63,302
Cultural Council	100	81
Cultural Council Revolving	8,247	14,035
Cable TV Commission	1,833	2,992
Renovate Town Office Building	10,767	0
Court Judgement	0	24,040
Vinal Sq. Rehab. Project (HUD)	223,289	26,452
Bills of Prior Years	642	0
Medical Expenses Retired Police and Fire	17,600	3,558
Old Town Hall Study & Design	1,431	0
Mass. Energy Resource Grant	88	0
Old Town Hall Renovations	36,916	0
Traffic Study—Chelms. St.	0	30,900
North School Demolition	0	21,776
Purchase Voting Machines	40,610	0
Preliminary Project Studies	1,650	2,755
	<u>411,162</u>	<u>216,946</u>
Agency, Trust & Investment:		
Fees & Licenses Due State & County	4,555	12,834
Payroll Deductions	6,669,030	7,889,129
Retirement—Pension Expense	731,269	823,106
State and County Assessments	620,953	633,293
Cemetery P/C Bequests	24,617	20,730
Tax Levy Refunds	271,344	268,737
Performance Bonds	3,650	6,337
Misc. Trust Funds	7,959	4,920
Water District Liens	3,778	4,540
Outside Details	217,682	234,726
Merrimack Education Center	108,753	109,552
Tailings	7,691	3,342
Misc. Refunds	696	650
	<u>8,671,977</u>	<u>10,011,896</u>
Interest—Loans:		
Anticipation Loans	228,958	233,886
Bonded Debt	112,967	56,370
	<u>341,925</u>	<u>290,256</u>
Principal—Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue	25,000,000	12,500,000
Bonded Debt	265,000	265,000
Short Term Notes	573,061	843,642
	<u>25,838,061</u>	<u>13,608,642</u>
Warrants Previous Year:	7,059,992	162,702
Total Cash Disbursements	69,192,365	54,016,755
Cash Balance on Hand June 30	5,624,732	4,922,085
	<u>74,817,097</u>	<u>58,938,840</u>

RECEIPTS

	1984	1985
General Revenue:		
Taxes:		
Personal Property	567,628	633,196
Real Estate	17,428,525	18,334,048
Farm Animal Excise	1,033	636
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,122,789	1,423,151
Tax Title Redemptions	79,746	147,442
Lieu of Taxes—State Property	3,715	3,329
Lieu of Taxes—Veterans Abatements	9,427	9,126
Elderly Exemptions	39,952	31,056
	<u>19,252,815</u>	<u>20,581,984</u>
Fines and Permits:		
Court Fines	187,995	158,401
Permits, Fees & Licenses	338,409	459,709
Alcoholic	25,590	26,515
	<u>551,994</u>	<u>644,625</u>
Grants and Gifts:		
County:		
Dog Fund	3,878	2,959
Total Grants from County	<u>3,878</u>	<u>2,959</u>
Federal Government:		
Public Law 874	13,723	14,417
Revenue Sharing	460,230	585,633
Com. Dev. Program (HUD)	231,194	21,644
EDA Energy Grant	0	83,153
EPA Grant (Sewer Com.)	29,400	0
	<u>734,547</u>	<u>704,847</u>



State:			Agency, Trust & Investment:		
Aid to Education	3,559,066	4,234,202	Payroll Withholdings	6,684,017	7,496,304
School Bldg. Assistance	183,925	194,995	Cemetery P/C Interest	38,800	37,936
School Lunch Program	128,465	103,109	Licenses Due County	7,756	6,552
Tuition—Trans. State Wards	124,192	44,950	Licenses Due State	1,357	1,750
School Transportation	442,123	531,150	Library Trust Funds	7,959	4,920
Aid to Public Libraries	24,625	24,626	Water District Liens	3,974	4,540
Highway—Chapter 81	149,065	135,773	Stabilization Fund	444,437	66,229
Highway and Transit Development	148,672	148,672	Outside Detail	248,711	245,364
Local Aid Fund	2,448,351	2,684,457	Merrimack Education Center	106,326	109,552
Veterans Benefits	24,893	23,749	Tailings	13,059	1,226
Dept. of Elder Affairs	3,471	10,066	Performance Bonds	4,353	6,327
School Grant Programs	277,321	315,208	Other Trust Funds	1,500	3,000
Div. of Water Pollution Control	5,877	0	Sale of Tax Possession Property	500	0
Arts Lottery Council	6,725	12,304		<u>7,562,749</u>	<u>7,983,700</u>
Chapter 90 Reimbursement	182,427	361,277			
Residential School Tuition	118,584	0			
Sec. of State—Elections	1,709	23,381	Total Receipts	64,803,759	53,314,108
Chapter 90 Construction Grant	99,771	99,771	Cash Balance on Hand July 1	10,013,338	5,624,732
Other State Grants	0	46,113	Total	<u>74,817,097</u>	<u>58,938,840</u>
	<u>7,929,262</u>	<u>8,993,803</u>			
Individuals:					
Library—Carriage House	2,446	2,645			
Library—Purchase of Books	1,757	2,670			
Council on Aging	7,550	2,975			
Board of Health	0	500			
School Department	0	50			
Recreation Commission	0	542			
Cultural Council	0	3,728			
	<u>11,753</u>	<u>13,110</u>			
Lowell Regional Transit Authority	<u>20,663</u>	<u>23,105</u>			
Departmental Receipts:					
Selectmen	1,181	4,163			
Treasurer/Collector	22,902	23,482			
Town Clerk	6,977	3,742			
Police	16,825	22,352			
Public Buildings	23,903	29,605			
Highway	268	1,104			
Dog Officer	815	98			
Veterans Benefits	6,182	6,252			
Misc.	9,979	2,199			
Sale of Town Property	0	28,000			
Recreation Revolving Fund	1,974	1,725			
	<u>91,006</u>	<u>122,722</u>			
School:					
Cafeteria Lunch Sales	564,217	637,389			
Tuition, Rents & Misc.	156,654	289,249			
Athletic Programs	45,386	63,485			
	<u>766,257</u>	<u>990,123</u>			
Library:					
Fines	6,471	13,909			
Cemetery:					
Sale of Lots and Graves	7,450	11,485			
Internments	15,391	16,445			
P/C Bequests	24,617	21,130			
	<u>47,458</u>	<u>49,060</u>			
Total Departmental Receipts	<u>911,192</u>	<u>1,175,814</u>			
Municipal Indebtedness:					
Anticipation of Revenue	27,000,000	10,500,000			
Note—School Renovations	293,037	715,000			
School Computer	0	133,965			
Other Temporary Notes	0	1,025,378			
	<u>27,293,037</u>	<u>12,374,343</u>			
Interest Income:					
Taxes	135,359	130,499			
Deposits	218,702	245,968			
Fedl. Revenue Sharing	9,997	24,477			
Misc.	0	6,972			
	<u>364,058</u>	<u>407,916</u>			
Unpaid Warrants—Current Year	<u>162,702</u>	<u>328,435</u>			
Refunds:	<u>5,109</u>	<u>79,467</u>			

## CHELMSFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS—1985

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Building	11	8	15	5	5	4	4	3	6	6	4	4	75
Auto	5	4	9	7	9	3	6	7	11	6	5	5	77
Outdoor	6	11	40	57	25	9	13	11	7	11	8	6	204
Mutual Aid	0	1	8	8	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	1	24
Medical	35	33	30	37	33	39	28	30	24	38	33	28	388
Service	11	5	9	8	10	5	9	9	6	7	11	15	105
Investigation	44	51	41	53	54	50	59	73	87	63	55	49	679
False Alarms	5	10	6	7	7	6	2	2	7	4	5	5	66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1618</b>

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Town of Chelmsford, Massachusetts

Dear Board Members,

The Fire Department was deeply saddened by the untimely death of Captain Thomas Curran. Tom was an outstanding and dedicated officer who loved the fire department. We miss him.

The department received a new 110 ft. Aerial ladder and a new 4-Wheel Drive Pick-up Truck. Both were authorized at the Annual Town Meeting.

Due to the tremendous industrial growth we are requesting four additional men for Engine 4 in east, and also one additional man to be assigned to Fire Prevention in order to comply with the new EPA Regulations and on hazardous materials-hazardous waste and for the other regulations which have been passed by State and Federal Agencies.

Many thanks to all town officials and employees for the excellent cooperation given to the fire department during the past year, and again congratulations and thanks to the men of the department for continuing to maintain the high standard of courage and ability that has been shown in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick H. Reid  
Chief of the Department

## PERSONNEL

## Chief

Frederick H. Reid

## Deputy Chief

James A. Sousa

## Captains

Thomas Curran (deceased 4.3.85)	James M. Spinney
Charles S. Galloway, Jr.	Ronald J. Sawicki
Charles A. Schramm	James Boormeester (12/5/85)

## FIREFIGHTERS

Arthur G. Anderson	James P. Curran
Robert K. Adams (retired )	Peter C. Johnson
Jack D. Hadley (Acting Capt )	William M. Burke, Jr.
Robert A. Bennett	Edward J. Nolet
Harold J. Pierce, Jr.	Michael F. Curran
Donald A. Weber	Michael D. Ridlon
Paul D. Henderson	William H. Jamer
Peter T. Wetherbee	Raymond R. Kydd
Francis J. Conlin	William Dalton
Donald A. Drew	Thomas D. Miskell
James T. Cutter	David Gelineau
Gerald D. Tonks	Brian J. Stanton
Richard P. O'Neil	Richard Miller
Robert L. Hughes	Dennis Keohane
James P. Flaherty	John L. Carroll
Paul D. Hayes	David C. Campbell
Terrance A. Goode	William Campbell
William H. Hadley	James F. Reid
Leo A. Martin	John D. Ubele
Emil P. Magiera	Francis M. Conlin
John P. DePalma	David Clancy
Walter F. Adley, Jr.	Bruce Donovan
Dennis Vargeletis	Christopher Finnigan
Richard L. Grenon	John Reid
William V. Cady, Jr.	William Keohane
William F. Curran	Patrick Carroll
Daniel T. Reid	Anthony Cincevich
Joseph J. Spinazola	Mary Ann Koulas (Dept. Asst.)
Michael McTeague	George Fetzer (Mechanic)
Ernest J. Frobes	



## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Town of Chelmsford, MA

Dear Board Members:

I hereby submit my report of the Highway Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1985:

The year was not as productive a year as I wish it could have been. Extreme cuts in my budget eliminated many of the projects I had planned to do. The budget cuts were the greatest in the drainage account and the street resurfacing account. I don't think one Department should suffer so that another can prosper. Each and every department is totally equal in making Chelmsford as great as it is.

I would like to commend the members of the Highway Department for their accomplishments during the past year. The Department showed determination, diligence and civic pride in completing the work schedules.

I wish to express my appreciation to all town officials and the various Departments for the fine cooperation given to me and the Highway Department.

A special "thank you" to James Pearson, our Town Engineer, newly appointed in 1985. A very helpful and long needed Department.

Also, a "thank you" to all the residents who called and wrote to me expressing their gratitude. Also to the residents who did not express their gratitude. That is the reason I am always available to try to take care of the residents of Chelmsford.

### Asphalt Resurfacing Account

No bituminous concrete Type I-1 was used in the resurfacing of various streets. The money was cut from the budget.

### Liquid Asphalt Resurfacing Account

Approximately 80,836 gallons of asphalt emulsion, along with 3,000 tons of ½" crushed stone was used to make a cold asphalt mix, nick-named "Super-Mix" by the personnel here. Approximately 6500 to 700 tons was manufactured and used.

Another 26,950 gallons of MC-800 cut back asphalt was used to seal various streets within the town. A total of 107,786 gallons of asphalt was purchased and used.

### Chapter 90, Construction Account

The Chapter 90 Construction account was used to reconstruct a portion of Acton Road. This construction extends from Park Road and Barton Hill Road to 300 feet beyond Byam Road. This construction amounts to 3000 feet.

From the Expense Account, Skyview Drive was completely rebuilt. Also a portion of Brentwood Road and Pilgrim Road was rebuilt, totaling 800 feet.

### Drainage Projects

Drainage projects completed in 1985 are as follows:

Dunshire Drive	Cut 23 willow trees and removed the stumps. Excavate 1200 feet of drainage swale.
Concord Road	Excavate drainage ditch, approximately 1500 feet.
Robin Hill Rd. (#115)	432 feet 12" steel coated pipe. 300 feet 10" perforated aluminum pipe. 7 catch basins.
Robin Hill Rd. (#195)	143 feet 12" R.C. pipe, two catch basins.
Pendleton Drive (#3)	106 feet 10" perforated aluminum pipe, 1 catch basin.
Bishop St. & State St.	105 feet 12" steel coated pipe. Remove 3 willow trees.
State Street	60 feet 10" perforated aluminum pipe.
Smith Street (#76)	110 feet 12" aluminum pipe. 1 catch basin.
Lafayette Terrace & Berkeley Drive	162 feet 12" aluminum pipe.
Hornbeam Hill Road	150 feet 12" R.C. pipe. 2 catch basins. 162 feet 12" aluminum pipe. 2 catch basins.
Orchard Lane (#6)	144 feet 12" R.C. pipe. 2 catch basins.
Orchard Lane (#16,18)	128 feet 10" perforated aluminum pipe. 2 catch basins.
Weide Street	39 feet 19" R.C. pipe, 33 feet 12" R.C. pipe, 684 feet 12" PVC pipe. 2 manholes, 3 catch basins.
Pleasant Ave. (#6)	1 dry catch basin.
Fenwick Drive (#18)	91 feet 12" PVC pipe.
Grove Street	426 feet 12" aluminum pipe, 2 catch basins.
Brentwood Road	50 feet 10" perforated aluminum pipe.
Garland Road	123 feet 15" aluminum pipe.
Proctor Road	88 feet 18" R.C. pipe.
Hillside Lane	7 feet 10" aluminum pipe, 1 catch basin.
Riverneck Rd. (#77,81)	80 feet 12" aluminum pipe, 32 feet 6" aluminum pipe, 2 catch basins.
School Street	32 feet 12" asphalt coated pipe.
Queen Street	381 feet 24" PVC pipe, 1 catch basin, 2 manholes.

The maintenance of all streets was carried out in the usual manner. This includes the street sweeping, the basin cleaning, basin repairs, cleaning of culverts and easements, patching pot holes and washouts, erection of signs, painting traffic lines and snow removal and other types of general maintenance.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Gray  
Supt. of Streets

#### Highway Department Roster

##### Superintendent of Streets

Harold E. Gray

##### Foremen

Arthur G. Deschaine                      Frederick W. Greenwood

##### Supervisor

Pearl Koulas

##### Grader Operator

Arthur L. Newcomb

##### Mechanics—Heavy Equipment

Bobby Loyd                                      John C. Ferreira, Jr.

##### Engineering Equipment Operators

Roy J. Costa                                      Walter J. McLaughlin, Jr.  
David G. Harvey                                      Richard J. Soucier

##### Truck Drivers, Laborers

Gary E. Beaulieu                                      Dennis J. Greenwood  
John J. Cronin                                      Ernest A. Howland  
James T. Crotty                                      Joseph C. Oczkowski  
Frederick J. Dillon                                      Anthony L. Sousa  
Lawrence J. Ferriera                                      John J. Williams  
Stephen K. Harvey

##### Laborers

Leslie L. Dukeshire, Jr.                                      Kenneth R. Burroughs

#### INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Ronald W. Wetmore  
Inspector of Buildings

Local Inspector                                      Wire Inspector  
Bruce H. Clark                                      Francis E. Cunningham

Plumbing Inspector                                      Gas Inspector  
William Shedd                                      Neal Stanley

Elevator Inspector                                      Principal Clerk  
Joseph E. Morrissey                                      Catherine R. Curran

Senior Clerk  
Karen C. Flynn

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

It has been six years since I was appointed to this position. A time when the growth in the Town reached heights we never could have foreseen. Residential, both single family and Condo as well as Commercial and Industrial permits have been tremendous. I feel pride in stating that this Department has met that demand in services and enjoys an outstanding reputation with the Professional as well as the average taxpayers of this Town. Many additions, Pools, wood stoves, signs, etc. are still and will continue to be the mainstay of the Department.

Over the last six years the budget for this Department has gone from \$97,484 in 1980 to \$142,695 in 1985. The total monies spent in the six years to operate the Department is approximately \$726,262, which is a 45% increase. During that time frame we collected a low of \$74,737 in 1980 to a high of \$315,448 in 1985, a total of \$1,049,506.

This represents a 300% increase in revenues. During the six year period the Department has returned to the Town \$323,244. over what has been budgeted to run the Department which represents 45% return. My reason for supplying this information is to show how the Department has not only been self sufficient but also has assisted the Town in monies for other projects.

I see no decline in growth for the coming years and would expect the same return in monies collected for the coming year. I wish to thank my Office Staff, Inspectors and clerical for the tremendous cooperation and assistance which it takes to accomplish these goals and various tasks.

The following is a breakdown of the Permits issued for the year:

PERMITS ISSUED 1985	TOTAL FEES COLLECTED 1985
Building	1073 \$215,962.-
Wire	1636 \$ 42,325.-
Gas	1170 \$ 18,243.-
Plumbing	1168 \$ 30,191.-
Signs	69 \$ 2,375.-
Cert. of Occupancy	11 \$ 400.-
Cert. of Inspection	66 \$ 2,630.-
Yard Sales	192 \$ 1,005.-
Elevator	26 \$ 2,224.-
Maps/Copies	- \$ 0.-
	<hr/>
5410	\$315,448.-





Special Property Checks (Auxiliary Police) . . . . .	8,050	7,800
Station Lockups . . . . .	615	656
Citations Issued . . . . .	4,196	4,882
Parking Violations . . . . .	1,010	1,519
Doors and Windows Found Open . . . . .	41	57
Detoxification Unit . . . . .	143	148

Seven new police officers joined the Department this past year, after graduating from the Massachusetts State Police Academy Basic Recruit Course. They are: Paul Richardson, Francis Teehan, Alan Cote, Scott Ubele, Martin Kirkorian, Debra Metcalf and Gail Mullen.

The Drug/Alcohol Control Unit, consisting of a Sergeant and two Inspectors, was activated on a full-time basis. This structure has allowed the unit the opportunity to conduct several major intensive investigations and to perform continuous surveillances of potential areas of drug/alcohol abuse. All total, the unit was responsible for 139 arrests and 32 summonses, including 46 convictions, 69 pleas to sufficient facts for a finding of guilty-continued and several cases still pending in court. The dedication of the officers in the unit with the availability of the most sophisticated equipment has made this a very productive and outstanding year and we look forward to continued successes in 1986.

The Chelmsford Police Department with 40 other surrounding cities and towns continued its Inservice Training Program at the Northeast Regional Police Institute located on the grounds of Tewksbury Hospital. Each officer in our department will attend for one week, to be upgraded in Criminal Law, Court Procedure, Officers Survival, Evidence, Use of Force, Civil Liability, Crisis Intervention, Stress & Sensitivity Training. Training and knowledge will continue to be our goal in 1986.

In a continuing effort to upgrade the quality of Police Services to the Town of Chelmsford, many officers attended specialized training schools run by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, to increase their expertise in the Law Enforcement Field.

#### SCHOOLS ATTENDED IN 1985

Officer Survival	1 man
Suicide Prevention	2 men-2 women
Controlled Substance	7 men
Motorcycle Operation	2 men
Anti-Drunk Driving Seminar	2 men
Advanced Auto Theft	2 men
Victim Abuse-Advanced	3 men
Advanced Threat Management	1 man
Chemical Agents	1 man
Physical Evidence	2 men
Stakeouts and Surveillance	3 men
Identi-Kit	2 men
Crime Scene Search School	3 men
Spanish for Police Officers	1 man
Background Investigation	1 man
Pornography Issues for Law Enforcement	3 men
Matrons—self defense	2 men

Intelligence Analysis	2 men
Basic Photography	2 men
Basic Dispatch Training	2 men
Criminal Law & Procedure Update	2 men
Organized Crime Seminar	1 man
Basic Fingerprinting	5 men
CPR—Instructor Course	1 man
Drug/Alcohol Youth	1 man
AIDS—Seminar	2 men
Motor Vehicle Law	1 man
Search and Seizure	1 man
Crime Scene Management	3 men
Police Information Seminar	2 men
Juvenile Crime	2 men
Basic Photo School	1 man

At the present time 28 members of the Police Department have received college degrees to date, and 12 additional officers are presently enrolled in degree colleges and universities.

This year, as in the past several years, the Town was able to save several thousand dollars by purchasing new Police Cruisers through the Greater Boston Police Council.

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and all town officials, departments, and committees for the excellent cooperation given to the Police Department and also congratulate all police and civilian personnel of this department for once again, maintaining their high performance standards.

Sincerely,

Raymond P. McKeon  
Chief of Police

#### AUXILIARY POLICE

During 1985, the Auxiliary Police Unit was called upon to serve at many events. Some of the events were the Boston Marathon, various local road races, Memorial Day Parade, July 3rd and 4th Festivities, Middlesex County Kennel Club Dog Show, Chelmsford High School Graduation and Halloween School Protection duties. In addition to those scheduled events we were called out in emergency situations such as the brush fires we were plagued with this past spring and the fire at the Wotten Lane Mills. The Auxiliary cruiser assisted the regular officers at numerous motor vehicle accidents and emergencies.

This year we had three officers graduate from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council Reserve Officers Academy and we currently have two more officers scheduled to attend. The academy meets 3 hours a week for 14 weeks and covers Criminal and Motor Vehicle Laws, traffic control, report writing, and police procedures. The officers are certified in CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), First Aid and Firearms. The In-Service training program at the Auxiliary is also continuing monthly with training in firearms, various training films, recertification of all members in CPR.



Operation House Check operated 150 nights and the unit checked 3,800 vacant houses and 4,000 school and Town Property locations. The Auxiliary cruisers covered 31,000 miles during their assigned duties. The men and the women of the Auxiliary donated 4,300 hours to the town over the past year.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Auxiliary Captain Frederick Meehan, who was one of the original founding members. Fred will be missed greatly.

This past year for the Auxiliary sponsored Explorer Scout Law Enforcement Post #370 was an active one. The young men and women assisted the Auxiliary at all of the past years scheduled events. The post meets weekly at the Auxiliary building and we assist them with training and coordinating their activities. These young men and women are the future of Chelmsford and I thank them for their assistance during the year.

I would like to thank my Auxiliary Officers and their families for donating so much of their time to the Town. I would like to thank the Chief and the Deputy Chiefs for their continued support and assistance and a special thanks to the Officers of the Police Department for their support and assistance over the past year.

Respectfully submitted

Sergeant Raymond G. McCusker  
Director Auxiliary Police  
Roster Auxiliary

#### **ROSTER**

##### **Director:**

Sergeant Raymond G. McCusker  
Chelmsford Police Department

##### **Co-Ordinator:**

Basil Larkin, Sergeant (Retired)  
Chelmsford Police Department

Elizabeth Berger  
Kenneth Berger  
Neal Casales  
Larry Dillon  
Eric Gordon  
Jessie Harris  
Ellen Klimm  
Robert Klimm  
Laure Lavoie  
Daniel McLarney

Erik Merrill  
Edward Norton  
Bradford Poole  
James Quinn  
Dave Ramsay  
Ralph Roscoe  
Michael Taplin  
Paul Villare  
Robert Villare

## **INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

During the year 1985 I investigated 19 dog bite cases.

I have vaccinated 111 Animals at the Rabies clinic in April at the McCarthy School.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin A. Gruber, D.V.M.

## **BOARD OF APPEALS**

### **Members**

Daniel Burke, Chairman Robert Kydd, Vice Chairman  
Eileen Duffy Gustave Fallgren  
Harold Organ, Jr.

### **Alternates**

Robert Scharn Ronald Pare  
Denis Valdinocci

### **Clerk**

Marjorie Hennessy

### **Hearing Statistics:**

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
Variances	90	79	8	3
Special Permits	22	19	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>

The Board met more often in 1985, twice per month as the number of hearings increased 30% over 1984. The Board continues to be inundated with either commercial/industrial property appeals or additions and zoning violations found as lending institutions require zoning compliance prior to issuance of first or second mortgages.

The Board is faced in the years to come with major decisions to be made on allowing less suitable land for development. As a result, the decisions could have a major impact on traffic, safety and water quality. The Board recognizes this as it's major challenge of the future.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Town Boards and Officials for their assistance and cooperation during 1985.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel W. Burke, Chairman

## CABLE COMMISSION

### Members of the Commission

Richard Ste.Marie	Chairman
Norman C. Locke	Vice Chairman and Secretary
John Fisher	Treasurer
Walter Kivlan	Member
Gary Frascarelli	Member
Marianne Paresky	Member
Gerry Rigby	Member and Director Community TV
Jacob Sartz	Alternate Member
Ford Cavallari	Alternate Member
Patt Moser	Media Director Chelmsford School System

In 1985, Cable Commission activities included:

- Securing the services of an additional channel (Channel 42) for use by the town at no charge. Plans for the use of this channel, including the possibility of data transmission, are in progress.
- Discussing new approaches for cooperative efforts toward improving subscriber services with Mr. Donald Ratte, General Manager of Lowell Cable.
- Welcoming Mr. Rigby as the new Director of Community TV Services. Mr. Rigby succeeded Ms. Patt Moser who has been appointed Media Director for the Chelmsford School System.
- Working with the Cable 43 Education Foundation in presenting a telethon on May 18 which, with the help of many townspeople, realized approximately \$5,000.00 for the Channel 43 operating budget.

In other matters, arrangements have been made for the installation of a character generator and modulator at the central fire station. This will allow for immediate inclusion of emergency notices (no school announcements, etc.) on the Channel 43 message board.

The Commission expresses its sincere thanks to Lowell Ford for the donation to the town of a van which will be used for Channel 43 on location productions.

The Commission also wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and Administration and the Citizens of Chelmsford for continued support and cooperation.

## CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Walter R. Hedlund, Chairman

Dana Caffelle	James K. Gifford
Raymond Day	Charles Marderosian

The Celebrations Committee, was once again active in coordinating and preparing for the 1985 Annual Fourth of July Celebration. Special thanks once again to the Chelmsford Lodge of Elks, No. 2310 for their organizing

and funding of the Annual Parade, the Chelmsford Lions Club for their planning and funding of Annual Country Fair on the Common, Chelmsford Arts Society for the Arts Fair at Town Hall, Chelmsford Jaycee's for the Road Races, Chelmsford Community Band for the Band Concert, Chelmsford Alpine Square Dancing Club, the various churches in the Center Common area for their various activities and use of their parking areas, also many of the Town organizations that participated. The Committee, thanks the efforts of the Fire, Police, Public Works and Parks Departments for the assistance during the celebration. Many thanks to the many volunteer hours by the Chelmsford Auxiliary Police and their Explorers Troup.

The Committee are now making plans for the 1986 Annual Fourth of July Celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. Hedlund, Chairman

## CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Walter R. Hedlund, Emergency Coordinator	
Kathryn Brough	Deputy Chief Pennryn D. Fitts
Melvin deJager	William W. Edge
George R. Dixon	Capt. Charles S. Galloway
Raymond Day	Donald Savage

The Civil Defense Committee (Office of Emergency Preparedness) which has been meeting on the second Tuesday of each month, preparing all necessary reports for the State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies, various forms and reports for surplus equipment at the Mass. Surplus Warehouse in Taunton.

This year has been most active with various emergencies throughout the Town, large warehouse fire in North Chelmsford, Hurricane Gloria in September, various hazardous material spills and many volunteer hours were spent by this committee at the Emergency Operating Center at Town Office and at site of emergencies.

The various training and attendance at schools and seminars on Natural Disasters Amateur Radio and Emergency Preparedness by the volunteers were most useful during the various emergencies.

We wish to thank Board of Selectmen, Executive Secretary, all Town Department Heads and personnel for the outstanding cooperation this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter R. Hedlund  
Emergency Coordinator



## COUNCIL ON AGING

The Chelmsford Council on Aging had a very successful year, measured by the quality and variety of services provided to our older citizens. One highlight in 1985 was the direction of the Senior Center Building Fund Committee, which was formed in January, 1985 by recommendation of the Council. It was in response to the growing concern that the Town's present facility is inadequate that the SCBNC researched needs and plans, working closely with the Board of Selectmen. It has been very satisfying to see this group of individuals who are so involved in elderly concerns organize and work with a strong sense of unity and commitment to the project. The townspeople have supported the plans for a new senior center with Special Town Meeting approval of the North School location and funds for design. We are very enthusiastic and look ahead to the coming year to begin actual building plans.

Our present facility, the Louise Bishop Senior Center, continued to serve as a central point for information and activities for older citizens. Some of the regular programs included crafts, health and consumer education lectures, special health clinics, podiatry and hearing screening, income tax assistance, support groups and recreation. Other activities which were available in the community included the elderly lunch program, exercise/dance classes, walking club and the public library mid-day forum series. The Council also supported an elderly transportation service which completed 5397 trips. The Respite Care program provided services to 46 Chelmsford families and was partially funded by a State grant award in 1985. The Council utilized State funds further to establish a home-delivered meals coordinator position, to oversee this important program, which served more than 15,000 meals in 1985.

Chelmsford is a participating member of the Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, and 135 older residents received the supportive home care services which helped them to remain in the community. Elder Services also funded local elderly health education programs, legal services, protective services, mental health programs and guardianship services, of which Chelmsford residents took advantage.

The Council was very fortunate to have the services of Senior Aides Lois Manty, Emily McIntosh and Helen Palmgren, who provided supportive contact to 250 clients in 1985. The Council also benefited from the assignment of a new senior companion this year, Marion Gould, who was able to establish important friendships with several isolated elders.

The Friends of the Senior Center, Inc. raised \$5,923. for the Support Senior Services campaign. These funds will be used to support program such as Respite Care and home-delivered meals. With proceeds from the annual Fall Fair and individual donations a senior center building fund was established and approximately \$8,000. has been accumulated in this account.

The Council would like to thank the townspeople and Town officials and Departments for their support and

cooperation during the year. We would also like to recognize the many volunteers, more than fifty, who have regularly contributed their time and talent to serve our older citizens.

In 1986 the Council plans to expand the home-delivered meals program so that meals will be available throughout the year. The Council's efforts will certainly be focused on new senior center plans next year. In order for construction plans to progress, a substantial financial commitment must be made to the Town. The Council on Aging is committed to keep this project in the public eye and believes that Chelmsford has the resources to build a new senior center and adequately serve its older citizens for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Ahern, Chairman  
 Allen Bennett, Vice Chairman  
 Esther Christensen, Treasurer  
 Kathleen McDonald, Secretary  
 John Cryan  
 Paul Dube  
 Annette Holtzman  
 Howard Moore  
 Fern Ricker  
 Ashton Ricker  
 Verne Woodward

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Members	Responsibilities	Term Exp.
James McBride	Chairman	1986
John Droescher	Wetlands	1987
Karen Flynn	Wetlands	1986
Charles Galloway	Clerk & Reservation Mgt.	1988
William R. Greenwood	Wetlands	1988
Judith Hass	Land Acquisition	1987
John Scott	Treasurer & Land Acquisition	1988
Marjorie Hennessy	Secretary	

The Conservation Commission continues to keep as its primary goal the preservation of the natural and desirable aspects of the Town of Chelmsford.

The duties associated with the local administration of the Wetlands Protection Act easily absorb most of the time and effort of the Commission members. A total of twenty-three public hearings were held this year in accordance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws. After careful review of each proposed plan, the Commission issued eighteen Orders of Conditions and five are still pending. Sixteen hearings were also held for Determination of Applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act and thirteen Negative Determinations and three Positive Determinations were issued.

Community involvement in advising the Commission when wetlands transgressions begin to happen has been a tremendous help in assisting the Commission with the protection of the Town's wetland areas.

Cooperation between Town Boards has enabled the Commission to inform a developer at the beginning stages of the development that a filing with the Commission would be necessary. This helps to avoid costly and unnecessary expenses on the part of the Town and the developer.

The Conservation Commission has made no new land acquisitions this year but is in the process of pursuing some in the future.

The Commission continues to not only maintain the local reservations but is constantly trying to find ways to upgrade these natural areas.

## CHELMSFORD CULTURAL COUNCIL

### Current Members

Pat Fitzpatrick, Co-Chairman  
 Joy Chadwick, Co-Chairman  
 Marion Gould, Treasurer  
 Flavia Cigliano, Corresponding Secretary  
 Gina Kalogeropoulos, Recording Secretary  
 Bill Baird  
 Helen Glinos  
 Ivor Hartley

### Meetings:

The 2nd Monday of each month.  
 The 2nd and 4th Mondays, April and October

The Chelmsford Cultural Council is looking forward to another productive year. A full 100% of the 1984 Telethon pledges for the Old Town Hall was realized and a piano was purchased for cultural activities. The Old Town Hall has been used by many associations including: The Merrimack Valley Chorale, The Chelmsford Choral Society, The Chelmsford Art Society, Cable 43, The Chelmsford League of Women Voters, The Merrimack Valley Penwomen, The Chelmsford Quilters, The Toastmaster, A.F.S., Patchwork Theatre, Open Gate Garden Club and The Grange. An on-going study of the acoustical engineering project at the Old Town Hall will continue and hopefully will be resolved in 1986, so that more cultural entertainment will be available to the Town.

Three resignations were accepted this year:

June Fraser  
 Rachel Vondal  
 Ted Jones

Council Member, Bonnie Wilder, fulfilled her term and did not seek reappointment.

Three new members were welcomed:

Gina Kalogeropoulos  
 Helen Glinos  
 Ivor Hartley

### Mass. Arts Lottery Funding—Twice Yearly

May, 1985—Chelmsford's Allotment—\$6,318.

21 Applicants 16 Recommended

November, 1985—Chelmsford's Allotment—\$6,318.

19 Applicants 16 Recommended

Council sponsored a Regional Meeting on March 21st at the Old Town Hall. In attendance were Sen. Carol Amick, Rep. Bruce Freeman, Members of the Arts Lottery State Committee and representatives from cultural councils in the surrounding communities.

Three Council Members attended the September 21st Arts Lottery Convention in Auburn for the purpose of communicating with other cultural councils across the State.





79 Elm Street, Chelmsford Historical Society

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

This year, the Historical Commission was involved in a project to replace and post various markers designating historic sites including the signs marking the borders of our National Historic District in Chelmsford Center. The commission frequently met with local developers in the interest of preserving and protecting our local heritage.

The commission took pride in the honor that a house located at 79 Elm Street was named to the National Historic Register of Homes. This was the Oliver Hutchins house, built in the early 1820's, an unspoiled example of Asher Benjamin architecture.

Monthly meetings are held in the 1802 Schoolhouse on the fourth Monday and are open to the public.

Martha P. Sanders, Chairman  
 J. Perry Richardson  
 Jane Drury  
 Joseph Kopycinski  
 Stephen Stowell  
 Lawrence Fadjo  
 Florence Gullion

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

### Members

Richard O. Lahue, Sr. Chairman  
 John P. Richardson, Vice Chairman  
 Paul J. Canniff, D.M.D.  
 Harold J. Davis  
 Leon LeMaire III

### Alternates

Richard Burkinshaw  
 Bruce Foucar

### Clerk

Mary E. Caffelle

The Historic District Commission met regularly at the 1802 Schoolhouse on the first Monday of each month. Special meetings were also scheduled, when necessary during the year.

The Commission accepted 27 applications for Certificates of Appropriateness. 15 public hearings were held. 12 were waived by the Commission when the architectural features involved were deemed to have an insubstantial effect on the Historic District and after the owners of all adjoining property were notified and had expressed no objection.

There were 20 Certificates of Appropriateness and 6 Certificates of Non-applicability or Hardship issued by the Commission during the year. 1 Certificate of Appropriateness was denied.

The Historic District Commission will continue in its effort to protect and preserve the distinctive character of the district. We hope that we can provide the town with a continuing sense of pride in the past through the visual example of our heritage as it exists in the district.

We feel that our decisions during the past year have helped to maintain the historic and aesthetic quality of the area.

We hope to encourage the improvement of settings of our buildings so that they can be viewed to the best advantage.

When new construction occurs we will encourage the use of design which is compatible with that in existence in the district.

The business area in the district can be enhanced by the thoughtful use of appropriate signage and the elimination of that which detracts from the quality of the area.

We would like to thank the townspeople of Chelmsford and the property owners within the district for their continuing cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard O. Lahue, Sr., Chairman

## HOLIDAY DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

### List of Members:

Nancy Leonard, Chairperson  
 Dana Caffelle, Vice Chairperson & Recording Secretary  
 Liz Gavriel, Publicity  
 Gail Lapan, Treasurer  
 Jean Organ, Corresponding Secretary  
 Richard O. Lahue, Sr., Work Committee Chairperson  
 Dawn Siphol  
 Jean Parlee  
 Helen George  
 Carol Hill  
 Rosemary Walsh  
 Charlene Creegan

### Work Committee:

Brian Leonard	Nick Gavriel
Sam Organ	Charles Parlee
Ted Siphol	Bruce Foucar

For the past three years the Holiday Decorations Committee has been working not only at the lighting of the center, but also at purchasing flags to decorate the center on several holidays between April and November.

### Accomplishments:

1. This past year we have purchased fourteen more flags which brings the total to 75 flags which have been donated by the townspeople, organizations, and/or businesses.
2. This past year we had Boy Scout Troop 205 from the Trinity Lutheran Church responsible for putting the 60 flags out and picking them up from April to November and returning them to the Old Town Hall.
3. Once again we had a very successful lighting ceremony on the common this past December 1st. This year Santa came on a fire truck from the Center Station. This year we were very fortunate to have the Central Baptist Church come forward and offer to serve coffee, hot chocolate, and deserts following the ceremony in their hall.
4. We added more lights on the shrubs near the Central Baptist Church end of the common and on the shrubs on the common near Jack's Diner. We also started replacing some of the older strings of lights that have given us problems.

### Goals:

1. To raise enough money to continue replacing the older sets of lights, replace the bulbs that either get stolen or broken, purchase more new sets of lights because the shrubs are getting bigger each year, and replace the flags that have been stolen and never recovered.
2. Solicit further donations for flags.

3. With the additional flags we have today and the anticipation of more donations for flags in the future, we need to expand where we will place them. A couple of ideas are to place them on the sidewalk side of Academy Street, continue down North Road towards the Fire Station, possibly around the center flag pole, and expand down Chelmsford Street, but none of these ideas are firm yet.
4. We are in search of a new Boy Scout Troop to take over this year's responsibilities of putting the flags out and picking them up.
5. Attend one monthly meeting of Boy Scout Troop 205 to present to the boys and leaders who participated in the flag project their Award of Appreciation Certificates.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Leonard, Committee Chairperson

## INSECT AND PEST CONTROL

The Insect and Pest Control Department has continued with the removal of dead oak and elm trees resulting from past Gypsy Moth infestation as well as the Dutch Elm Disease. Each year we hope for less removals but as yet we haven't seen it.

With the assistance of other agencies this department will continue it's limited poison ivy programs as needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Day



## RECREATION COMMISSION

### MEMBERS

Gerald Coutu	Chairman
Jack Bilodeau	Vice Chairman
Harry Ayotte	Member
Robert Charpentier	Member
Bruce MacDonald	Member
Paul Murphy	Member
Joan Murray	Member
David Roberts	Member
Evelyn Newman	Member
Lorraine Murphy	Part-time Clerk

The Chelmsford Recreation Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission is charged with the responsibility of developing, administering and supporting programs and facilities designed to fill the recreation needs of the residents of the Town.

The major portion of the Commission's activities is, and always has been, connected with organized youth activities. The Commission provides very limited funding for these activities; its main contribution to their success is as a liaison between organizations and other Town authorities, including the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Parks Department and the Varney Commission. Indeed, the success of these youth activities would not be possible without the continued cooperation of these community authorities, especially in the area of scheduling field and gymnasiums for all recreational activities.

Participation in the Summer Program continues to increase with the following activities being offered throughout the Summer months: Physical Education, outside and inside Basketball, Tennis lessons, Playground Programs at Varney Playground, Westland School and South Row School, a Swim and Swimming Lessons Program at Crystal Lake, Cross Country Track and Field at the High School Track. A seven-week series of free programs for children is offered on Wednesday mornings throughout the Summer at the Town Offices gymnasium. A series of Concerts on the Common by the Chelmsford Community Band takes place on Tuesday evenings throughout the Summer.

The Southwell Field Project is progressing, after some delays and bidding is anticipated after the first of the year with construction to take place in the Spring and Summer of 1986.

Conservation land, through the efforts of the Conservation Commission, the Board of Selectmen and the Recreation Commission, will be developed for use as Soccer Fields on Mill Road to help in the development of a program to rest and restore the remaining Town fields.

A Boys/Girls Club Steering Committee was formed in September of 1985 consisting of members from Chelmsford youth organizations, representatives from private industry, the Chelmsford Elks, the League of Women Voters, the Chelmsford Jaycees, the Chelmsford Booster's Club, the Recreation Commission and several interested private

citizens. Many meetings have been held and a questionnaire has been developed and is being mailed to Chelmsford households to determine whether or not the townspeople of Chelmsford are interested in pursuing the development of a Boys/Girls Club under the auspices of the Boy's Club of America.

### SIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Deborah Dion  
John Harrington  
Jean Rook

The Sign Advisory Committee met the second Wednesday of each month to review sign applications. If a proposed sign conforms to the by-laws it is automatically approved.

If a sign does not conform to the by-laws, the committee must make a recommendation to the Board of Appeals. We have appreciated the volunteer time, cooperation and advice we have received from Building Inspector, Ronald Wetmore. He has upheld the sign by-laws in an exemplary manner.

Continued vigilance is required. In the future the committee would like to see more attention to town aesthetics, especially to remedy the bleak look of Chelmsford Street. This may be best accomplished by depressing electric wires and planting trees.

## VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of the Town of Chelmsford, I am submitting the annual report of activities of this department as Veterans' Agent and Investigator for the year of 1985.

Veterans' Benefits is a state mandated organization duly authorized under Chapter 115, MGL Section 1 through 15. Two valued services are provided. One pertains to assistance with federal benefits under the Veterans' Administration, the other to financially aid and give assistance to qualified veterans and their dependents of veterans under Veteran Services.

### Veterans Administration/Federal Expenditures Town of Chelmsford

Autos and special equipment for disabled veterans	\$ 2,600
Compensation to dependents for veterans' service-connected death	11,150
Dependents Indemnity Compensation (DIC)	200,000
Sons, daughters, wives and widows education	38,000
Specially adapted housing for disabled veterans	3,800
Veterans death pension	205,890
Veterans disability compensation	1,500,000
Veterans disability pension	2,525,000
Veterans insurance and indemnities	235,855
Veterans readjustment training	255,000
Veterans burial awards and other miscellaneous benefit payments	39,600
Vocational rehabilitation training for disabled veterans	10,200

At present I am serving on the Executive Board for Massachusetts Veterans' Agents Association, active with Middlesex County Veterans' Agents Association and a member of American Society of Notaries.

Respectfully submitted  
 Mary K. McAuliffe, LSW  
 Veterans' Agent



**VETERANS' EMERGENCY FUND  
COMMITTEE**

The Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee received one application for assistance during the year of 1985. The request, which was received through the Veterans' Agent, was for medical assistance, and after a complete investigation, the committee voted to approve the payment.

The committee has through the years assisted many veterans of World War II and the procedure has always been to make payments to vendors for heat, light, rent, clothing and medical needs. No cash grants are ever approved.

The committee did approve during 1985 the transfer of \$3,000.00 from the regular savings account at the Central Savings Bank, earning at the rate of five and one half percent, to the ComFed Savings Bank, where a Certificate of Deposit was purchased, and which will earn at the rate of nine and three quarters percent.

The fund was established by Town Meeting vote in 1947 and is administered by a committee of twelve members; all veterans of World War II. The committee members are selected to represent each of the twelve voting precincts of the town. The Selectmen annually appoint the committee members.

The total value of the invested funds is now \$10,888.77. For details pertaining to the finances of this committee please refer to the annual report of the treasurer.

The list of names of present members of the committee follows, in the event that future applicants for assistance may wish to make inquiries for information.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Precinct 1:</b><br>Robert E. Donaldson    | <b>Precinct 7:</b><br>Carl J. Lebedzinski |
| <b>Precinct 2:</b><br>Russell S. Butterfield | <b>Precinct 8:</b><br>Herbert T. Knutson  |
| <b>Precinct 3:</b><br>James J. Walker        | <b>Precinct 9:</b><br>Russell E. Starck   |
| <b>Precinct 4:</b><br>John J. McNulty        | <b>Precinct 10:</b><br>Melvin P. deJager  |
| <b>Precinct 5:</b><br>George F. Waite        | <b>Precinct 11:</b><br>Harold C. Giffin   |
| <b>Precinct 6:</b><br>Alfred H. Coburn       | <b>Precinct 12:</b><br>Robert T. Clough   |

The committee extends its appreciation to various other town officials, and particularly the staff of the office of the Veterans' Agent, who have assisted the committee during the past year.

Respectfully yours,

Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee  
Town of Chelmsford

Alfred H. Coburn, Chairman

**VETERANS' EMERGENCY FUND**

Treasurer's Report to the Board of Selectmen  
January 1st, 1985 through December 31st, 1985

**RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

Balance on Hand as of January 1st, 1985: .....	\$10,432.78
Add Receipts:	
The Central Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Interest: .....	\$332.80
The Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Interest .....	400.20
The ComFed Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass.	
Interest: .....	72.99
Total Interest Received: .....	805.99
Transfer of Funds:	
From the Central Savings Bank to the ComFed Savings Bank ..	3,000.00
Total Balance on Hand as of January 1st, 1985 and Receipts and Transfers .....	14,238.77
Deduct Disbursements:	
For Veteran's Assistance; one application approved for payment of medical bills; from Central Savings Bank: .....	350.00
	13,888.77
For Transfer of Funds:	
From the Central Savings Bank to the ComFed Savings Bank: .....	3,000.00
Balance on Hand as of December 31st, 1985: .....	10,888.77

**ASSETS**

Central Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass. Account No. 128790 .....	3,679.54
Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass. Account No. 440007341 .....	4,136.24
ComFed Savings Bank, Lowell, Mass. Account No. 457400012 ..	3,072.99
Total Assets .....	10,888.77

**LIABILITIES**

Total Liabilities: .....	None
Total Assets, Less Liabilities: .....	\$10,888.77

Respectfully yours,

Town of Chelmsford  
Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee,

Alfred H. Coburn, Treasurer

## INDEX

	Page
Application for Appointments to Town Committees .....	97
Appointed Town Officials .....	76
Board of Appeals .....	87
Board of Assessors .....	51
Board of Registrars .....	57
Board of Selectmen .....	4
Cable TV Commission .....	88
Celebrations Committee .....	88
Cemetery Commission .....	51
Civil Defense Commission .....	88
Conservation Commission .....	90
Council on Aging .....	89
Cultural Council .....	90
Elected Town Officials .....	3
Fire Department .....	82
General Information .....	2
Health Department .....	51
Highway Department .....	83
Historical Commission .....	91
Historic District Commission .....	91
Holiday Decorations Committee .....	92
Housing Authority .....	53
Insect Pest Control .....	92
Inspector of Animals .....	87
Inspector of Buildings .....	84
Nashoba Valley Technical High School .....	54
Park Department .....	54
Planning Board .....	55
Police Department .....	85
Police—Auxiliary .....	86
Public Libraries .....	56
Recreation Commission .....	93
School Committee .....	58
Sewer Commission .....	74
Sign Advisory Committee .....	93
Town Accountant .....	77
Town Clerk .....	7
Warrant for Annual Town Meeting April 6, 1985 and April 29, 1985 .....	8
Town Election Results .....	22
Warrant for Special Town Meeting April 29, 1985 .....	20
Annual Town Meeting April 29, 1985 .....	23
Special Town Meeting April 29, 1985 .....	24
Adjourned Annual Town Meeting May 6, 1985 .....	28
Adjourned Annual Town Meeting May 13, 1985 .....	33
Warrant for Special Town Meeting June 24, 1985 .....	42
Special Town Meeting, June 24, 1985 .....	43
Town Directory .....	Back Cover
Treasurer/Tax Collector .....	75
Veterans' Emergency Fund Committee .....	95
Veterans' Services .....	94



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OFFICES  
50 BILLERICA ROAD  
CHELMSFORD, MASS. 01824-2777**

**CITIZENS ACTIVITY RECORD**

**"GOOD GOVERNMENT STARTS WITH YOU"**

If you are interested in serving on an appointed town committee, please fill out this form and mail to: Executive Secretary, Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 50 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824. The filling out of this form in no way assures appointment. All committee vacancies will be filled by citizens deemed most qualified to serve in a particular capacity.

NAME.....HOME PHONE.....BUSINESS PHONE.....

ADDRESS.....AMOUNT OF TIME AVAILABLE.....

INTEREST IN WHAT TOWN COMMITTEES.....

PRESENT BUSINESS AFFILIATION AND WORK.....

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.....

EDUCATION OR SPECIAL TRAINING.....

DATE APPOINTED

TOWN OFFICES HELD

TERM EXPIRED

REMARKS.....





# NOTES

# NOTES





## TOWN DIRECTORY

Accounting: 256-3621  
Assessors: 256-2031  
Board of Appeals Clerk: 256-7164 (12:30-4:30 p.m.)  
Building Inspector: 256-8346  
(Yard Sales, Kennel Permits & Bldg. Permits)  
Cemetery Garage: 256-8671  
Community Teamwork: 459-0551  
Conservation Commission: 256-7164 (12:30-4:30 p.m.)  
Council on Aging: 256-0013  
Dog Officer: 256-0754  
Fire Department: 256-2543  
Gas Inspector: 256-8347  
Health Department: 256-2061  
Highway Department: 256-2161  
Garage: 251-4841  
High School, Richardson Rd.: 251-8792  
Housing Authority, Wilson St.: 256-7425  
Housing for the Elderly, Wilson St.: 256-7425  
Libraries: Adams—256-5521; McKay—251-3212  
Massachusetts Electric Co.: 459-1431  
Park Department Garage: 256-5073  
Planning Board Clerk: 256-6491  
Plumbing Inspector: 453-2746  
Police Department: 256-2521  
Post Office (Center): 256-2361  
Recreation Comm.: 256-0028 (8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)  
Registry of Deeds: 458-8474  
Registry of Motor Vehicles: 459-9397  
School Dept., 75 Graniteville Rd. 251-4981  
Selectmen: 256-2441  
Sewer Commission: 250-1727  
Supt. of Public Buildings: 256-0577  
Town Aide: 256-0013  
Town Clerk: 256-4104  
Town Engineer: 256-1204  
Treasurer/Tax Collector: 256-2122  
Veterans' Agent: 256-8713  
Water Department (Center): 256-2381  
Welcome Wagon: 256-0847

Welfare: 454-8061, 33 Middle St. Lowell  
Wiring Inspector: 256-8347  
24-hr. Juror Hot Line (Toll Free) 800-792-5117  
POLL LOCATIONS FOR ELECTIONS;  
Precinct 1: Town Offices, 50 Billerica Rd.  
Precinct 2: North Congregational Church, Shaw Street  
Precinct 3: Parker School, Graniteville Rd.  
Precinct 4: East School, Carlisle St.  
Precinct 5: Byam School, Maple Rd.  
Precinct 6: Westlands School, Dalton Rd.  
Precinct 7: North Congregational Church, Shaw Street  
Precinct 8: Small Gymnasium, McCarthy  
Junior High School  
Precinct 9: South Row School, Boston Rd.  
Precinct 10: South Row School, Boston Rd.  
Precinct 11: Westlands School, Dalton Rd.  
Precinct 12: Small Gymnasium, McCarthy  
Junior High School  
**Senators Edward Kennedy & John F. Kerry**  
JFK Federal Building, Government Center,  
Boston, MA 02203  
Russell Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510  
**Rep. Bruce Freeman:** Room 146, State House, Boston,  
MA 02133 727-2560 (Office)  
Home: 7 Kenwood St., Chelmsford, 256-2944  
**Senator Carol Amick:** Room 416A, State House,  
Boston, MA 02133 722-1571 (Office)  
Home: 18 Crescent Rd., Bedford, 275-2644  
**Congressman Chester G. Atkins**  
Cannon Office Bldg., Washington, D.C.  
**Middlesex County Commissioners:** 494-4100  
Superior Courthouse, E. Cambridge, MA 02141