

Minuteman Senior Services (MSS) provided \$182,439 worth of services to 811 Stow residents this past year in return for our contribution of \$1,070.00.

Funding Sources: Mass. Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Stow Community Chest, Stow Cultural Council, Stow Friends of the COA, Stow Lions Club and the Stow Women's Club.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Stow Cultural Council is dedicated to creating a closer-knit community in Stow by sponsoring and supporting activities in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences that bring the diverse elements of our community together for enjoyment and cultural enrichment. The SCC especially seeks to fund projects that bring together parts of the community that do not often interact in their day-to-day lives, to foster understanding by experiencing events together, working on projects, and sharing stories about Stow's history.

The Stow Cultural Council completed a successful year, receiving a total of \$5,370.00 in grants from the following sources: \$3,870 from the State Legislature through the Massachusetts Cultural Council and \$1,500 from Town Meeting.

The Council voted to grant funds to the following projects for the 2012/2013 fiscal year:

- Nashoba Regional High School Friends of Drama: \$500 (Hello Dolly)
- Hale Middle School Play: \$600
- Stow Historical Society, \$400 (Katie Green as Mary Rowlandson)
- 2012/2013 Concert Season: \$250 (Acton Community Chorus)
- Lake Boon Water Carnival Music Boat: \$350 ( Lake Boon Improvement Association)
- Summer Reading Program: \$650 ( Randall Library)
- 2010-2011 Concert Season: \$500 (Sounds of Stow)
- Symphony Pro Musica: \$200
- Stow Recreation Department: \$425 (Henry the Juggler)
- 77<sup>th</sup> Regular Exhibition of Art and Craft: \$100 (The Fitchburg Art Museum)
- Rivers Edge Holiday concerts: \$200 (Hudson Area Arts Alliance)
- Ed Morgan: \$450 ( The Music Man)
- Contemporary Arts International: \$200 (Sculpture Symposium)

The Stow Cultural Council encourages any Stow resident to apply for a grant for a project of his or her own imagination, or to sponsor an event by an area artist or performer, that will benefit the Stow community. Grant applications may be received at any time, but must be received no later than October 15, 2013 for the next granting cycle. For more information see the Cultural Council page on the town website, [www.stow-ma.gov](http://www.stow-ma.gov). Local cultural council grants are to be considered a temporary aid, to encourage groups to find added sources of funding. In particular, this year the state continued to reduce funding and all Fieldstone funds have been expended.

Membership currently stands at four (4), which does not meet the Massachusetts Cultural Council's minimum requirement of five members. The Council is required to have 5 members in order to receive and disburse funds. . Members are: Pat Mullen (Treasurer), Nancy Maldari, Rick Lent, and Ann Deluty (Chair).

Respectfully submitted,

Ann L Deluty, Chair  
Rick Lent  
Nancy Maldari

Patricia Mullen, Treasurer

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This year of 2012 was unlike any other we've had in a long time at this department. We had very low snowfall totals for the winter, only accumulating an unofficial total of 14 inches of snow for the season. Plowing operations only had to be dispatched 5 times to deal with small snowfall amounts, the largest snowfall being 4 inches for one storm. Our salt trucks were dispatched 25 times throughout the course of the winter to deal with unfavorable road conditions. This was more than a 50% drop in the amount of salting operations we generally average through the course of a year. As a result of the mild winter, we were able to turn back about \$47,600 of our \$150,000 snow and ice budget to the Town coffers. This is quite good because during any normal winter, we would end up running a deficit beyond our \$150,000 budget.

The lack of snow allowed us to do quite a bit of tree and brush cutting. We spent a total of 8 weeks cutting brush and low-hanging limbs from the roadsides and we also removed 38 trees along the roadsides that were considered dead or hazardous.

Unfortunately, this year, a delay in the State's distribution of Chapter 90 funds put off any plans we had for large-scale road reconstruction. The Town's apportionment, usually received in May, wasn't received until August; as a result, it didn't leave us enough time before the end of the construction season to complete any projects. The projects which were planned for 2012 are scheduled for Spring 2013.

We did complete some smaller construction and drainage projects throughout the season, which were of a size that this department could handle. A new drainage system was added to the existing drainage system on Boon Road, west of Robert Road, to remedy an existing winter icing problem along the roadside. Road repairs were made to sections of failing road on Harvard Road