

many townspeople expressed the sentiment that the library should remain in its historic, centrally located building.

After the library withdrew its bid to move to Pompositticut, the trustees decided to apply for funds to reconfigure the existing structure to make it function as a 21<sup>st</sup> century library. Accordingly, the Special Town Meeting in November 2011 approved \$70,000 for “Randall Library Improvement Pre-Design Funds” to provide architectural and engineering services for library redesign. A library building committee was appointed to supervise the work. As always, the Summer Reading Club was busy, with 470 children participating. The library continued to function as a town-wide meeting place, with the community room in use 3 evenings per week. The library now offers down-loadable audios and e-books from the Overdrive Company through the Minuteman Library Network. Instructions for use can be found on the MLN web site.

The Randall Library trustees wish to thank the following groups for their continuing support of library services in Stow: Hale High School Trustees, Second Century Fund, Randall Library Friends’ Association, Stow Community Chest, and the Stow Cultural Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

This past year has been exciting and eventful for the Recreation Commission. The Commission is very excited that the Stow Community Park playground and Outdoor Ice Rink were installed this year and they have been a wonderful addition and very exciting to the children and parents of the Town. One of our biggest accomplishments in 2011 was the creation of Camp Stow. This is a full day summer camp for children ages 4-12 located at Pine Bluff Recreational Area. This camp offers a wide range of activities for children to enjoy each day, including swimming, kayaking, archery, field trips, and so much more. We had a very good enrollment for the first year of 2011 and hope to continue to grow and offer this camp for many years to come. Town-wide brochures are distributed throughout the year highlighting the many new programs that have been established, as well as the existing programs. The fifth-annual Stow Gobbler road race was once again a huge success, with over 800 participants walking or running the race on Thanksgiving Day. Many thanks to the Hurd and Allaire families, volunteers, and sponsors for making this race such a success.

We would like to acknowledge the financial support we have received from STARS, SMS Youth Hockey, the Alice Eaton Fund, Warm Hearts of Stow, and the Stow Community Chest. Your

support has allowed us to give out over 30 scholarships to children of Stow in 2011, as well as complete projects like the Ice Rink and Playground at Stow Community Park.

The Recreation Commission is dedicated to providing town-wide recreational programming for all ages. During the past year the Recreation Commission has outlined its short- and long-term goals and the steps needed to achieve success. The Commission is excited about the possibilities that can be accomplished in the years ahead to make recreation in Stow an important ingredient towards maintaining and improving the quality of life for all Town residents. The Commission would like to encourage others within the community to participate, either as a member or an associate member, or to assist in the development and implementation of programs. Also, please feel free to bring any issues or ideas to the Commission. The Recreation Commission always welcomes your input. Thanks to all the workers and volunteers who helped with the programs throughout this last year as well as in the past years.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Busch, Chair  
John Sangermano

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### **SPRINGFEST ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

There is no 2011 SpringFest Committee report.

### **STOW TV and LOCAL ACCESS CHANNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Local Access Channel Advisory Committee (LACAC, formerly PEG) was created by the Board of Selectmen in 2002 for the purpose of establishing a local cable TV access channel for the Town of Stow to provide programming in areas of public affairs, education and town government. Funding for operations is provided through license agreements negotiated by the Stow Cable License Advisory Committee with Comcast and Verizon.

“Stow TV” is available on Comcast Channel 9 and Verizon Channels 32 and 33. Stow operates with volunteers and provides video access to town residents. Residents are welcome to use Stow TV equipment for video recording or editing. Stow TV will provide training. Anyone interested in volunteering or contributing video or photos, or assisting productions may call 978-897-7732 or email [stowtv@stow-ma.gov](mailto:stowtv@stow-ma.gov). Stow TV is on the web at [www.stowtv.org](http://www.stowtv.org).

In 2011, Coordinator Anne VanTine managed overall operations of the station. Assistant Coordinator Kathy O’Keefe created, implemented, and publicized program schedules. She also created announcements and displays of photos on the bulletin board. As Technical Assistant,