

these numbers suggest, and that Stow residents who are not serviced have the option of using Comcast video service, satellite video service, or free digital TV using an antenna.

The license also provides for a percentage of Verizon's income from Stow subscribers to be returned to the Town in order to support two Stow-TV channels. The primary Stow-TV channel is channel 32 on the Verizon system, or channel 9 on the Comcast system, and the secondary Stow-TV channel is channel 33 on the Verizon system. Discussions are currently underway to replace channel 10 on the Comcast system (currently showing Bolton programming) with the Stow-TV secondary channel.

Now that the Verizon television cable license is in place, the Cable Committee is monitoring Verizon's building of their system to make sure all the terms of the license are being met. Verizon Internet and Verizon digital telephone services, even though using the same cable as the video service, are considered data services, not video services and are regulated by the State, not Stow.

Comcast has responded to Verizon's entry into the cable television area by offering digital Internet and telephone services as well over their cable system, which has also been upgraded to mostly fiber optic service, but again, their Internet and digital telephone services are considered data services and do not need a Stow license. However, the Comcast video cable service license will need to be renewed in 2012, only three years from now. The Cable Committee already is starting to review that license to determine what changes should be requested when the negotiations for that renewal start in the near future.

The Cable Committee has no jurisdiction over the cost of cable services, nor the content of the programs offered on this service. Complaints in other areas should be directed first to Comcast or Verizon customer service. If service problems are not resolved by your service provider, then contact the Cable Committee, which might be able to contact other departments at your provider for problem resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis Halprin, Chairman
Arny Buckman

Robert Mong
George Scraggs

FINANCIAL REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduction to the Finance Committee

Every town in Massachusetts with a property valuation of over \$1 million is required by state law, MGL Ch. 19, Sect. 16, to have a Finance Committee that shall "consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the Town." The Finance Committee's primary responsibility is advisory. It examines the budget and all other warrant articles and makes recommendations to the voters on each article. It also administers the reserve fund to provide for urgent or unforeseen expenditures that might arise between Town Meetings. Finally, the Finance Committee Annual Report should give the people of the town a clear picture of the town's financial condition.

In Stow, the Moderator appoints five voting and up to five associate members to the Finance Committee. Any voter registered in Stow is eligible to join. As of 10 February 2009 there were five voting members and two associate members on the committee.

Overview of Town Finances and the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

The Town balanced the budget for the fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) without an override. In fact, no overrides were required for the past three years. We are, however, concerned about long-term trends that will require overrides in the future. Specifically, Stow’s largest expense, the Nashoba Regional School, increased by 5.0%, while our largest source of income, the property tax, grew by 4.1%. State aid was flat for FY09 and no one expects it to turn up soon.

Indeed, the constraints on our finances are unchanged from prior years: an undiversified tax base forcing the town to rely heavily on residential taxation, large amounts of land exempted or abated from taxes, and relatively low amounts of state aid. Future years may not enjoy the same freedom from overrides if revenue and spending patterns continue. Most importantly, the budget has not yet been impacted by large capital projects looming on the horizon, such as the proposed Center School expansion. In fact, even if the budget continues to grow at only its current rate, it is unlikely that revenues will keep pace with expenditures given the apparent slowdowns in new growth and state aid. With increased costs, particularly the cost of capital projects, Stow is likely to require an override to balance the budget in many of the years to come.

Town Meetings

In 2008, Stow held only one Town Meeting, the Annual Town Meeting in May. The Annual Town Meeting approved the annual budget and various capital items, including \$200,000 to replace a fire truck and several repairs to the Center School, Hale School and the Town Building.

Town Expenditures: School Budgets

The Nashoba Regional School District is Stow’s largest expense. The total NRSB expense can be divided into our assessment, \$12,607,229, and our portion of NRSB debt, \$383,456, for a total of \$12,970,229, or 61% of total town spending in FY09 (\$12,970,229/ \$22,474,858). In FY09 the NRSB School Committee requested, and all three member towns approved, a net total budget of \$41,497,077, which is a 13% increase over the net total budget of \$36,719,707 for FY08.

For Minuteman Regional High School, the Town’s assessment for FY08 was \$963,952, an increase of 0.1% over the prior fiscal year’s assessment of \$954,573. This small increase is due to Stow’s decreasing student population at Minuteman.

Table 1: Stow’s School Assessment Budgets					
	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	% Change FY08-FY09
Nashoba (incl. debt)	\$10,848,015	\$11,522,329	\$12,097,908	12,970,229	7.2%
Minuteman	\$987,068	\$971,371	\$954,573	\$963,952	0.1%
TOTAL	\$11,835,083	\$12,493,700	\$13,052,481	\$13,934,181	6.8%

Town Expenditures: Municipal

Total Stow expenditures increased 6.2% in FY09 compared to the prior year. These expenditures can be divided into two large groups: Municipal Government, which increased by 9.6% and

Education, which increased 4.7%. Table 2 shows a comparison of total Stow expenditures for FY08 and FY09.

The Municipal Government was basically flat. With respect to its two largest line items, Public Safety grew by 6.9% (1,959,466/1,833,309) while Debt Service actually fell by 7.8% (1,323,188/1,434,806) due to maturing debt. Debt Service remains an increasingly significant component of town expenses and would trend downward in the next few years if no new borrowing were added.

Table 2: Town Expenditures						
	FY08 Voted	FY08 % of Total	FY09 Voted	FY09 % of Total	\$ Change FY08-FY09	% Change FY08- FY09
Municipal Govt						
General	813,184	3.9%	908,660	4.4%	95,476	11.7%
Public Safety	1,833,309	8.8%	1,959,466	9.4%	126,157	6.9%
Public Works	815,548	3.9%	954,534	4.6%	138,986	17.0%
Human Services	231,954	1.1%	249,909	1.2%	17,955	7.7%
Culture/Rec	255,700	1.2%	264,947	1.3%	9,247	3.6%
Town-Wide Expense	710,400	3.4%	771,954	3.7%	61,554	8.7%
Total Municipal Govt	4,660,095	22.4%	5,109,470	24.5%	449,375	9.6%
Education						
Nashoba	12,004,658	57.6%	12,607,229	60.5%	602,571	5.0%
Minuteman	954,573	4.6%	963,952	4.6%	9,379	1.0%
Total Education	12,959,231	62.2%	13,571,181	65.2%	611,950	4.7%
Other						
Debt Service	1,434,806	6.9%	1,323,188	6.4%	-111,618	-7.8%
Special Articles	786,632	3.8%	923,811	4.4%	137,180	17.4%
Capital Spending	382,416	1.8%	521,100	2.5%	138,684	36.3%
Recap Items	601,120	2.9%	663,108	3.2%	61,988	10.3%
Total Other	3,204,974	15.4%	3,431,207	16.5%	226,233	7.1%
Grand Total	20,824,300		22,111,858		1,287,558	6.2%

Source: Town Administrator, Budget Report, Annual Town Meeting

--- Departmental operating budgets include wages and expenses.

Town Revenues

Town Revenue increased 7.3% in FY09. Table 3 shows a comparison of revenue sources for FY08 and FY09. The largest source of town revenue, the Property Tax, increased 4.1% in FY09. State Aid was flat for FY09. Similarly, local receipts stayed virtually the same, increasing by

only 1% over the FY08 figure. Local receipts include excise tax, investment income, and fines collected by various departments.

Table 3: Revenue Sources						
	FY08	FY08 % of Total	FY09	FY09 % of Total	\$ Change FY08- FY09	% Change FY08-FY09
Property Tax	\$17,796,480	82.9%	\$18,534,852	86.4%	\$738,372	4.1%
State Aid	1,086,812	5.1%	1,089,612	5.1%	(2,800)	(0.2%)
Local Receipts	1,443,500	6.7%	1,458,500	6.8%	15,000	1.0%
Savings and Other Funds	263,895	1.2%	50,472	0.2%	31,757	13.7%
Override						
Other (CPF)	879,490	4.1%	311,990	1.5%	654,490	291%
Total	\$21,470,177		\$21,445,426		\$1,464,164	7.3%

Source: Town Administrator, Budget Report, Annual Town Meeting

Town Savings

Although Town Savings increased 106,628 or 13.9% in FY09, Town Savings is still about 4% of Stow's total budget (\$870,893/ \$22,111,858) or about the same percentage as in FY08. Town Savings are "rainy day" accounts that are built up during good times and drawn down in bad times. Town Savings is a key determinant of the town credit rating, and the credit rating will affect the rate the town would pay should it decide to borrow money for some future use. There are two major Town Savings accounts: Free Cash and Stabilization Fund. Table 4 shows the status of our Stored Assets.

Free Cash is unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year. It is certified by the state before calendar year end, 31 December. These funds are a necessity, not a luxury. Although the fund is available for appropriation, its primary purpose is to provide for unforeseen expenditures. In the past three fiscal years, the town has used Free Cash to fund certain capital articles.

The Stabilization Fund is designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending purposes. A two-thirds vote of Town Meeting is required to appropriate funds to deposit into the Stabilization Fund. The level of the Stabilization Fund is a key determinant of the Town's bond rating, which in turn helps determine the rate the Town pays for new borrowing. The last Town Meeting voted to move \$50,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

The Finance Committee would recommend that Town Savings be increased from the current 4% of the budget to something in the range of 5 to 10%. This would require an increase of between \$235,000 and \$1.3 million in total savings amounts.

Table 4: Town Savings						
	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	\$ Change FY08-FY09	% Change FY08-FY09
Free Cash	\$573,586	\$472,768	\$410,218	\$434,769	\$24,551	6.0%
Stabilization Fund	223,290	334,334	354,047	\$436,124	\$82,077	23.2%
Total	\$796,876	\$807,102	\$764,265	\$870,893	\$106,628	13.9%

*Balances at start of FY09 or 1 JUL 09

Effect on Property Taxes

The average valuation of a single-family house in Stow is \$469,724. The effect of changes to the budget on your tax bill is shown in Table 5:

Table 5: Effect on Property Taxes						
	FY 05	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	% Change FY08- FY09
Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of Valuation)	\$14.36	\$14.04	\$13.82	\$14.73	\$15.28	3.7%
Avg Single Family Valuation	\$423,000	\$457,435	\$483,765	\$471,013	\$469,724	(0.3)%
Avg Single Family Tax Bill	\$6,074	\$6,422	\$6,686	\$6,938	\$7,177	3.4%

Conclusion

It is our opinion that this is a fair and accurate picture of the Town's financial state. Whether you are pleased or displeased we remind you that Town Meeting directly controls the rate of growth of town expenses. We encourage your participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kern, Chairman
 David Walrath, Vice Chairman
 Henry Hagopian
 James Salvie
 Gary Bernklow

Ann Deluty, Associate
 Chris Sarno, Associate
 Elizabeth Tobey, Administrative Assistant

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Capital Planning Committee is charged by the Town Charter to review and recommend, or not, any department request which is over \$10,000 and has a useful life of three or more years, as well as any land purchase.

For the fiscal '09 budget we reviewed the following departmental requests: Replace the Town Building Roof (\$ 48,000) sponsored by the Building Department; Kubota tractor (\$12,600) for

the Cemetery Department; One-ton dump truck (\$40,000) and a truck body/sand-salt spreader (\$25,000) for the Highway Department; Town network server and ancillaries (\$19,000) and Fire/Rescue IMC software and mobile data terminals (\$36,928) sponsored by the Information Technology Advisory Committee; Third Floor Town Building Conference Room (\$50,000) and conference room furniture (\$5,000) sponsored by the Planning Board; Cruiser for the Police Department (\$30,000). The Nashoba Regional School District requested consideration of funding for the following projects for the Town's schools: Window replacement (\$10,000), roof repairs (\$40,000) and gymnasium floor renovation (\$12,000) for Hale Middle School, and gym ceiling replacement (\$20,000) for Center Elementary School. Capital Planning recommended that the Town approve all of these requests, except the third floor expansion at the Town Building and the furniture for that space. Town Meeting subsequently approved all of the departmental capital requests, including the Town Building third floor expansion and furniture.

Special articles for the May Town Meeting that required review by Capital Planning included the renovation/replacement of Engine 11 for the Fire Department. There was much discussion with the Department as to whether refurbishment or replacement of this equipment was the more prudent course of action. The Department and Capital Planning concluded that replacement of the engine would be more cost effective for the Town in the long run. The warrant article addressing this item was approved by Town Meeting, and voters also approved the debt override for the new Engine at the subsequent Special Election.

Another special article that the Committee reviewed was the Albright easement for the Assabet Valley Rail Trail. The \$227,000 warrant article was financed by a \$50,000 pledge from the Stow Conservation Trust, federal reimbursement, and the balance from Community Preservation Funds. Town Meeting approved this article .

Authorization of \$19,500 to fund the project to complete the restoration of the stone wall around Lower Village Cemetery was approved by Town Meeting. This project was funded through the Town of Stow's Community Preservation Fund.

A motion by the Nashoba Regional School District to move no action on a proposed project to replace the running track and install a synthetic turf athletic field at Nashoba Regional High School was passed at the Town Meeting.

The Committee continues to face challenges with developing five-year capital spending plans for the Town. A few departments are able to plan this far ahead, but the majority cannot.

We bid our former Associate Jim Medeiros farewell, and thank him for his commitment and insight.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Lynch, Chair, Moderator's Appointee
Steve Jelinek, Clerk, Moderator's Appointee
Dave Arsenault, Moderator's Appointee

Ross Perry, Finance Appointee
Kathy Farrell, Selectmen's Appointee
Myie Yvanovich, Associate

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For a certification year, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue becomes more directly involved and, before a tax rate can be approved, must certify that property assessments are uniform throughout town and are representative of the real estate market

Seniors on fixed incomes can be particularly vulnerable in the current economy. A notebook at the Assessors' window contains information on the details of the various exemptions, deferrals, and other programs designed to help with taxes. The 41C tax exemption of \$1000 is available for those over the age of 65 that qualify with limited income and assets. The disabled veteran's exemption has also increased significantly. In addition, an article was passed at Town Meeting increasing all exemptions by up to 100%. Lastly, the interest rate on Tax Deferrals has recently been reduced to 4%. Throughout calendar year 2008, residential real estate continued to weaken, with the greatest impact occurring during the second half of the year. Assessments, and thus your tax bills, are structured on a fiscal year basis, where the assessment valuation date for Fiscal 2009 is January 1, 2008. Therefore the downturn experienced during the end of 2008 will not be evident in your current assessment. Even though assessments may decrease next year, tax bills will not because, as assessments go down, the rate normally increases, presuming that the town's overall expenditures either remain the same or increase.

For Fiscal 2009 the residential sector as a whole decreased from the previous fiscal year by less than 1%, and even allowing for new growth, the decline remains a low 2.4%. The total assessed value for FY2009 is \$1,209,002,390, up just slightly from FY2008, due to an increase in Personal Property assessments. The commercial sector increased slightly, but is expected to turn downward for FY2010. Land values have also dropped modestly.

The Assessors' office has begun the extensive analysis involved for the upcoming certification year, FY2010. The Assessors' office adjusts values every year to reflect the current market, now required by the Department of Revenue. Do not hesitate to check with the Stow Assessor's office to see whether you qualify for any of these programs.

The Community Preservation Act (CPA) surcharge system continues to be administered by the Assessors' office. The total CPA surcharge raised during FY2008 was \$414,592 with \$369,084 in matching funds received in September. The percentage of matching funds dropped below 100% for the first year since the onset of the program. As more towns take advantage of the CPA program, the percentage each town receives will decrease. Exemptions from the surcharge are available for certain income brackets. Please check with the Assessors' office for more information.

This year Jack Smith was re-elected to his position on the Board of Assessors. Jack has been a valued resource on the Board for over fifteen years. Isabelle Prokopovich resigned from the Clerk's position, and we wish her well in her new municipality. We welcome Tina Salvo who is the new Assessors' Clerk. From time to time, you may see the staff or a sub-contractor collecting data on property in Stow. We hope you will allow these representatives of the Assessors' office to do their job. Our property assessments are reliant on accurate data collection.

The Board of Assessors encourages taxpayers to ask any questions or discuss any matter that might help them better understand their assessments. The staff in the Assessors' office is available every day to assist the public.

Respectfully submitted,

John P. Bolton, Chairman
John E. Smith
Dominick Pugliese
Dorothy K. Wilbur, Principal Assessor

Louise A. Nejad, Assistant Assessor
Isabel Prokopovich, Assessors' Clerk (Jan.-
Sept.)
Tina Salvo, Assessors' Clerk (Sept. – Dec.)

FISCAL 2009 TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

TAX RATE SUMMARY

A.	Total Amount to be Raised	\$22,502,977.60
B.	Total Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue	\$ 4,029,421.08
C.	Tax Levy	\$18,473,556.52
D.	Distribution of Tax Rates & Levies	

CLASS	LEVY PERCENTAGE	LEVY BY CLASS	VALUATION BY CLASS	TAX RATES
Residential	91.1657%	\$16,841,547.12	\$1,102,196,200	\$15.28
Open Space	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Commercial	4.7561%	878,620.82	57,501,300	\$15.28
Industrial	2.1866%	403,942.79	26,435,600	\$15.28
Personal	1.8916%	349,445.80	22,869,290,	\$15.28
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TOTAL	100%	\$17,777,477.48	\$1,209,002,390	

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT

	FY 2007	FY 2008	% Change
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE:	5,363,425	6,094,161	13.6%
RECEIPTS:			
Property Tax	16,710,416	17,644,634	5.6%
Community Preservation Surcharge	389,675	408,677	4.9%
Motor Vehicle & Other Taxes	921,944	867,104	-5.9%
Tax Titles & Deferrals	19,367	60,834	214.1%
Department & Misc Revenue	1,111,840	1,296,541	16.6%
State Aid & Grants	1,114,906	1,033,117	-7.3%
Bond/Note Receipts	720,000	932,000	29.4%
Interest on Investments	267,804	274,263	2.4%
Offset Payroll Deductions	1,026,152	1,081,399	5.4%
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	22,282,104	23,598,569	5.9%
EXPENDITURES:			
Payroll	3,304,336	3,485,642	5.5%
Vendor	4,348,181	5,447,348	25.3%
School District Assessments	11,951,124	12,409,810	3.8%
Retirement Assessment	361,410	410,254	13.5%
Debt Payments	1,586,317	1,430,469	-9.8%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	21,551,368	23,183,523	7.6%
ENDING CASH BALANCE:	6,094,161	6,509,207	6.8%

Prepared by Pamela Landry
Treasurer-Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FY 2008

Tax & Levy Year	Tax Outstanding as of 7/1/07	New Commitments	Amount Collected	Exemptions & Abatements	Refunds	Tax Takings & Deferrals	Tax Outstanding as of 6/30/08
2008 Real Estate	\$0.00	\$17,515,218.87	\$17,220,751.83	\$48,129.06	\$12,828.37	\$86,318.66	\$172,847.69
2007 Real Estate	\$184,302.15	\$0.00	\$137,674.54	\$1,914.07	\$2,583.08	\$44,231.04	\$3,065.58
2008 Supplemental RE Tax	\$0.00	\$154,815.23	\$69,950.73	\$1,055.17	\$11,669.60	\$0.00	\$95,478.93
2007 Supplemental RE Tax	\$5,478.31	\$0.00	\$5,478.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2008 Comm Pres Act	\$0.00	\$423,356.80	\$406,642.94	\$8,706.89	\$377.45	\$1,968.62	\$6,415.80
2007 Comm Pres Act	\$3,509.17	\$0.00	\$3,043.07	\$57.42	\$631.14	\$1,048.28	\$8.46
2008 Personal Property	\$0.00	\$262,259.86	\$257,773.92	\$752.26	\$424.44	\$0.00	\$4,158.12
2007 Personal Property	\$2,752.48	\$0.00	\$512.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,240.13
2006 Personal Property	\$1,851.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,851.98
2005 Personal Property	\$671.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$671.92
2004 Personal Property	\$909.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$909.28
2008 Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$796,558.90	\$670,225.59	\$22,038.46	\$3,182.82	\$0.00	\$107,477.67
2007 Motor Vehicle	\$109,888.93	\$131,892.40	\$226,731.37	\$11,116.06	\$3,695.78	\$0.00	\$7,629.68
2006 Motor Vehicle	\$10,525.48	\$46,055.45	\$45,110.25	\$7,300.12	\$413.65	\$0.00	\$4,584.21
2005 Motor Vehicle	\$3,034.19	\$6,844.17	\$7,719.50	\$369.59	\$400.21	\$0.00	\$2,189.48
2004 Motor Vehicle	\$3,196.16	\$0.00	\$266.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,929.28
2003 & Prior Motor Vehicle	\$6,499.37	\$1,109.75	\$909.09	\$2,980.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,719.08
Farm & Forest Excise Tax	\$3,666.00	\$0.00	\$3,666.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Totals:	\$336,285.42	\$19,338,111.43	\$19,056,456.37	\$104,420.05	\$36,206.54	\$133,566.60	\$416,177.29

\$57,002.03

Interest & Fees Collected:

\$19,113,458.40

Total Collected:

Prepared by: Pamela Landry
Treasurer-Collector

TOWN OF STOW
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2008

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Funds		General Long-Term Debt Account Group	Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Trust And Agency Funds			
Assets							
Cash and Interest Bearing Deposits	\$ 1,094,162	\$ 4,076,093	\$ 210,615	\$ 1,357,464	\$ -	\$	6,738,334
Cash and Investments Held by Trustees				970,732			970,732
Receivables:							
Real Estate Taxes	175,913						175,913
Personal Property Taxes	9,831						9,831
Less Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions	(88,147)						(88,147)
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	128,529						128,529
Farm Animal Excise Taxes							0
Tax Liens	178,422	4,317					182,739
Supplemental Taxes	95,479						95,479
Tax Foreclosures	140,367						140,367
Ambulance	131,286						131,286
CPA Surcharge		6,416					6,416
Other	9,496	25,190					34,686
Due From Other Funds	195,603	207,089					195,603
Due From Other Governments							207,089
Amount to be Provided for Notes and Bonds Payable					8,740,000		8,740,000
Total Assets	\$ 2,111,629	\$ 4,319,105	\$ 210,615	\$ 2,328,196	\$ 8,740,000	\$	17,709,545

TOWN OF STOW
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2008

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Funds		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Trust And Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt Account Group	
Assets						
Liabilities						
Warrants Payable	\$ 74,052	\$ 38,238	\$ 628	\$ 3,288	\$ -	\$ 116,206
Accrued Payroll	91,567	6,427				97,994
Amounts Withheld from Employees and Other Liabilities	50,491			378,122		428,613
Due to Other Funds		162,591		33,012		195,603
Deferred Revenue:						
Personal Property and Real Estate Taxes	122,975					122,975
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	128,529					128,529
Farm Animal Excise Taxes						0
Tax Liens	178,422	4,317				182,739
Supplemental Taxes	70,101					70,101
Tax Foreclosures	140,367					140,367
Ambulance	124,003					124,003
CPA Surcharge		6,416				6,416
Other		17,123				17,123
Notes Payable			932,000			932,000
Bonds Payable					8,740,000	8,740,000
Total Liabilities	1,021,195	235,112	932,628	414,422	8,740,000	11,343,357

TOWN OF STOW
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET (Unaudited)
ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUP
June 30, 2008

	Governmental Funds			Fiduciary Funds		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Project Funds	Trust And Agency Funds	General Long-Term Debt Account Group	
Assets						
Fund Equity						
Retained Earnings (Deficit)			(725,299)			(725,299)
Reserved for Expenditure	243,000	2,250,446	3,286			2,496,732
Reserved for Encumbrances	5,990					5,990
Reserved for Appropriation	316,105	592,265				908,370
Reserved for Extraordinary Expenditures						0
Reserved for Deficits						0
Designated for Revolving Funds	525,339	1,165,771		1,767,729		75,511
Undesignated	1,090,434	4,083,993	(722,013)	1,913,774		3,458,839
Total Fund Equity	\$ 2,111,629	\$ 4,319,105	\$ 210,615	\$ 2,328,196	\$ 8,740,000	\$ 17,709,545
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity						

Prepared by: Julie Costello
Town Accountant

TOWN OF STOW
 SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
 STATE GRANTS & REVOLVING FUNDS
 June 30, 2008

	Beginning Fund Equity	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Fund Equity
STATE GRANTS:				
Public Safety	\$ 27,090	\$ 29,780	\$ 37,980	\$ 18,891
Education Grant	2,469	-	-	2,469
Culture & Recreation	4,210	11,460	3,585	12,085
Council on Aging	1,135	4,889	6,024	-
Library	10,530	8,550	13,018	6,062
Other Grants	847	32,597	28,336	5,108
TOTAL STATE GRANTS:	\$ 46,282	\$ 87,276	\$ 88,943	\$ 44,615
REVOLVING FUNDS:				
Recreation	\$ 17,146	\$ 112,560	\$ 119,686	\$ 10,020
Inspectors	9,481	42,487	34,173	17,795
Ambulances Services	-	6,196	6,119	78
TOTAL REVOLVING FUNDS:	\$ 26,627	\$ 161,243	\$ 159,977	\$ 27,893

Prepared by:
 Julie Costello
 Town Accountant

TRUST FUND FINANCIAL REPORT - FY 2008

The following Town trust funds are managed by Abbey Capital LLC and as of 12/31/08 were invested as follows: Government Money Market Fund (30%), Certificates of Deposit (67%), and Equities (3%).

Stabilization Fund	Beginning Balance 7/1/2007	\$354,046.78	
	Disbursements	\$0.00	
	Receipts	\$64,066.33	
	Investment Earnings	\$18,010.60	
	Ending Balance 6/30/2008		\$436,123.71
Affordable Housing Fund	Beginning Balance 7/1/2007	\$0.00	
	Disbursements	\$0.00	
	Receipts	\$157,605.34	
	Investment Earnings	\$2,056.07	
	Ending Balance 6/30/2008		\$159,661.41
Cemetery Perpetual Care Non-Expendable	Beginning Balance 7/1/2007	\$100,025.00	
	Receipts	\$4,925.00	
	Ending Balance 6/30/2008		\$104,950.00
Expendable	Beginning Balance 7/1/2007	\$36,366.13	
	Disbursements	(\$1,735.72)	
	Investment Earnings	\$6,189.26	
	Ending Balance 6/30/2008		\$40,819.67
Conservation Fund	Beginning Balance 7/1/2007	\$55,003.78	
	Disbursements	(\$10,802.75)	
	Receipts	\$12,740.00	
	Investment Earnings	\$2,836.77	
	Ending Balance 6/30/2008		\$59,777.80

TRUST FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RANDALL LIBRARY

The policy of the Randall Library Trustees is to spend interest and capital gains in excess of inflation generated by the trust funds for the purchase of library materials, primarily books. Trust funds are combined and are co-managed by the Board of Trustees to target a 60%/40% split between equity and income-based securities, respectively. Highly rated, professionally managed mutual funds are primarily used as investment vehicles.

Based on the Beusch formula method of calculating annual disbursements by the Trustees, a disbursement of \$20,000 was authorized and used for the benefit of Randall Library patrons. The current and past year ending values, cash flow and fund performance for the 2008 Calendar Year are shown in the CY 2008 Report.

Respectively submitted,
Rob Aldape, Treasurer, Randall Library Trustees

Statement of Sources & Uses of Funds, CY '08:

January 1, 2008 Opening Balance		556,110.75
Sources of Funds:		
Contributions and Donations		
Merwin Memorial	500.00	
Second Century Fund	2,500.00	
Hale High School Fund	15,000.00	
Refunds	360.41	
Net Investment Income	21,466.08	
Capital Gain	(162,658.23)	
Total	(122,831.74)	
Uses of Funds:		
Books	(10,738.07)	
Periodicals	(2,818.95)	
Reference	(5,294.33)	
DVD	(3,087.53)	
Children's Programming	(1,996.38)	
Audio	(2,842.79)	
Equipment & Furniture	(1,830.07)	
Total	(28,608.12)	
December 31, 2008 Ending Balance	404,670.89	404,670.89

Randall Library Trust Funds Statement of Assets and Liabilities, CY '08

Assets	01/01/08 Balance	12/31/08 Balance
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Family Federal Savings Account	1,580.93	0.00
Family Federal Checking	1,940.64	13,283.13
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	3,521.57	13,283.13
Investment Trusts		
Combined Trust Funds	552,589.18	391,387.76
Total Assets	556,110.75	404,670.89
Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Overall Total	556,110.75	404,670.89

RANDALL RELIEF FUND

Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 55,763.72
Interest received	415.81
Contributions received	0
Repayments received	0
Payments	(2,000.00)
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Balance December 31, 2008 (Citizens Bank Insured Money Market Account)	\$ 54,179.53

RANDALL TOWN FUND

Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 20,000.00
Previous accumulated CD interest earned	1,551.96
Current interest earned	1,059.32
Paid to Town Treasurer	(1,807.63)
Payable to Town Treasurer	(803.65)
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Balance December 31, 2008 (Citizens Bank 3-year Certificate of Deposit)	\$ 20,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Randall Relief Fund and Randall Fund Trustees

Louise E. Peacock
Jeffrey D. Smith

Dorothy G. Sonnichsen, Treasurer

HALE HIGH SCHOOL FUND
INCOME/EXPENSE
7/1/07 - 6/30/08

<u>INCOME</u>	
Dividends	\$ 8,551.72
Bond Interest	12,934.48
Mutual Fund Income	<u>1,800.43</u>
Total Income	\$ 23,286.63

<u>EXPENSE</u>	
Avidia Bank -	
Management Services	<u>6,352.69</u>
Total Expense	\$ 6,352.69

PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS
AS OF 6/30/08

<u>Assets Held</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Percent of Portfolio</u>
<u>Stocks</u>		
ADRS	\$ 9,289.00	
Common Stock	\$149,771.05	
Funds – Domestic	\$ 20,515.32	
Funds – International	<u>\$ 48,419.65</u>	
Total Stocks:	\$227,995.02	45.14%
<u>Bonds</u>		
Agencies	\$106,086.72	
Corporate	<u>\$126,793.62</u>	
Total Bonds:	\$232,880.34	46.11%
<u>Money Market</u>		
Money Market	\$ 44,225.40	8.75%
 GRAND TOTAL	 <u>\$505,100.76</u>	 100.00%

Respectfully submitted,

Trustees of the Hale High School Fund

Ray S. Frost
Jeffery D. Smith
Wayne A. Fletcher

Robert F. Derby
Linda Hathaway