



Town of Kingston

Annual Report

Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-nine

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF KINGSTON

MASSACHUSETTS

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

AND OTHER

TOWN OFFICERS

For the Year Ending December 31

1939

WITH THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1939

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TOWN OF KINGSTON

Population, January 1, 1935—2,743

Legal Voters, January 1, 1940—1,366

Fifteenth Congressional District

First Councilor District

First Plymouth Representative District

Consisting of Plymouth, Kingston, Halifax, Plympton, Carver, with 7,686 voters, and with meeting place in Plymouth, and having one representative.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1939

Town Clerk—George W. Cushman.

Town Treasurer—George W. Cushman.

Selectmen—Horace C. Weston, Chairman, William M. Post and Samuel C. Bonney. Clerk for the Selectmen, Roland Bailey.

Board of Public Welfare—Samuel C. Bonney, Chairman, William M. Post and Horace C. Weston, Mrs. Harriet W. Royal, Secretary.

Assessors—Francis P. McManus, Chairman, Henry L. Barker, John T. Randall.

Town Collector—George W. Cushman.

School Committee—Ruth H. Bailey, Chairman, Jacob H. Dries, Clarence S. Ertman, Secretary, Frank J. Keefe, P. Cabot Rushton.

Board of Health—William M. Post, Chairman, Horace C. Weston, and Samuel C. Bonney.

Superintendent of Streets—George Palmer Holmes.

Water Commissioners—Lincoln C. Bartlett, Chairman, Ralph F. Santaro, Mitchell Toabe.

Constables—William H. Brown, Colice C. Tison.

Finance Committee—Charles J. Drury, Chairman, Walter R. Davis, John L. Gallerani, Secretary, Carl Reidenbach, Jr., Thomas F. Cavanaugh, Frank A. Randall, Gustavo Guidaboni, Richard W. O'Brien, Frederick J. Wareham.

Tree Warden—John T. Randall.

Moderator—Albert H. Holmes.

Field Driver—Warren S. Nickerson.

Measures of Wood and Bark—Frederick G. Brackett, Edgar W. Loring.

Pound Keeper—George S. Lowe.

Director of Plymouth County Extension Service—Roland Bailey.

Fence Viewers—Roland Bailey, William F. Malone.

Fish Committee—Samuel C. Bonney, Chairman, Dr. Arthur B. Holmes, Henry S. West, George F. Sever, and William P. Powers.

Registrars of Voters—Louis H. Glass, Chairman, Arthur W. Pierce, Leon P. Tura, George W. Cushman, Clerk.

Town Accountant—Roland Bailey.

Chief of Police—William H. Brown.

Police Officers—Eugene C. Merry, Charles B. St. Amant, P. Cabot Rushton, and Colice C. Tison.

Special Police Officers—Gottfried Ryll, restricted to Howland's Lane and Cobb School; Peter J. Dries restricted to the vicinity of Smelt Pond; Morris Zucker for the territory occupied by Skateland; Harley C. Thomas, police officer with jurisdiction within the area along Howland's Lane from its junction with Main Street and within the Rocky Nook section bounded by the railroad and the shoreline of the Bay and Jones River.

Fire Engineers—Lester B. Drew, Chairman, Albert H. Holmes, Clerk, Clarence R. Drew, Chief Engineer, Victor Oliva, Paul H. Delano, Clarence W. Cole and Emil Sauer.

Forest Warden—Harold L. Cook.

Superintendent of Moth Work—John T. Randall.

Scaler of Weights and Measures—Joseph J. Basler.

Inspector of Animals—Charles J. Drury.

Agent Board of Health—George W. Cushman.

Soldiers' Burial Agent—George F. Sever.

Superintendent of Schools—Charles W. Lawrance.

Inspector of Slaughtering—Charles J. Drury.

Library Trustees—Henry L. Barker, Treasurer, Newell O. Blanchard, Clinton T. Keith, Chairman, Frank A. Randall, Secretary, Harvey A. Soule, John E. Wright.

Chief, Fire Department—Clarence R. Drew.

Dog Officer—William H. Brown.

WPA Co-ordinator—George Palmer Holmes.

Shellfish Constable—Colice C. Tison.

Playground Commission—Fred L. Bailey, Chairman, Lester B. Drew, Lester F. Zahn, George A. Candini, Jr., Malcolm F. Peterson, Secretary.

Superintendent of Water Department—Wilfred J. St. Amant.

Asst. Superintendent of Water Department—Kenneth L. Davis.

Harbormaster—Colice C. Tison.

Call Firemen—Myron S. Holman, Harold L. Cook, Herbert L. Glass, Edmund Dube, George T. Pratt, John B. West, Richard W. Loring, Louis J. Dube, Louis H. Glass, George P. Holmes, P. Cabot Rushton, Eugene C. Merry, Leroy F. Jackson, Edmund C. Dube, Richard W. O'Brien, John E. Drew, Roger D. Pratt, Abraham A. Ruffini and Clarence R. Drew.

Sworn Weighers—Edna Maglathlin and Wilfred Estes, Norma L. Hammond and Lawrence H. Burnham, Richard W. Loring, Russell C. Loring, Edgar W. Loring and Elmer Glass.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH, 1939

The Annual Town Election was held on March 4, 1939 in the Town House. The Polls were opened at 6:15 A. M. and were closed at 3:10 P. M. Total number of ballots cast, 968 (males 583, females 385).

The necessary officers were elected as listed on pages 3-5.

The meeting adjourned until Saturday, March 11, 1939 at the Reed Community House.

March 11, 1939

The adjourned meeting was called to order at 1:35 o'clock P.M. by the Moderator, Albert H. Holmes. There was no demand for the reading of the warrant. George W. Cushman, Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector, was sworn into offices by the Moderator, Albert H. Holmes. Albert H. Holmes, Moderator, was sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

Article 2. The following officers were chosen:—

Measurers of Wood and Bark—Frederick G. Brackett and Edgar W. Loring.

Director of Plymouth County Extension Service—Roland Bailey.

Fish Committee—Arthur B. Holmes, Henry S. West, Samuel C. Bonney, George F. Sever, William P. Powers.

Article 3. Under this article Mr. Roland S. Bailey, Chairman of the Finance Board, presented the report of the Finance Committee. This report was the same as printed in the 1938 Town Report with the following exceptions: Page 143 of their report:

	1938	Recommended 1939
Budget Appropriations	\$131,590.03	\$136,165.10
Special Warrant Articles	4,500.00	8,268.81
	<u>\$136,090.03</u>	<u>\$144,433.91</u>

Available Funds	2,438.08	11,339.88
Net Town Appropriations	\$133,651.95	\$133,094.03
State and County Assessments	24,791.78	39,582.67
Overlay	1,481.87	1,710.33
	<u>\$159,925.60</u>	<u>\$174,387.03</u>
Estimated Receipts	51,302.64	58,407.61
	<u>\$108,622.96</u>	<u>\$115,979.42</u>
Total to be raised	\$ 1,756.00	\$ 1,988.00
By Poll Taxes	106,866.96	113,991.42
By Property Taxes	<u>\$108,622.96</u>	<u>\$115,979.42</u>

The 1938 town valuation was established by the Assessors at \$4,452,790.00 and it required a tax rate of \$24.00 to raise amount of \$106,866.96. If there is no change in the valuation for 1939 there will be required a tax rate of \$25.60 to raise the amount of \$113,991.42. Notice that this figure is determined from amounts as recommended by the Finance Committee in this report.

For the present it seems fair to assume that there will be no great change in the town valuation and therefore it will be correct to estimate that every additional appropriation of \$4,450.00 will increase the tax rate by \$1.00.

On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: That the reports of Town officers as printed in the Town Report including the report of the Finance Committee with the above corrections be accepted.

Article 4. On the motion of Roland S. Bailey, Voted: that the salaries of the following elected officers be fixed as follows for the ensuing year.

1. Moderator	\$25.00
2. Town Clerk	125.00
3. Treasurer	540.00
4. Collector	660.00
5. Chairman of Selectmen	250.00
6. Other Selectmen, each	125.00
7. Chairman of Board of Health	150.00

8. Other Members of Board of Health, each	25.00
9. Chairman Board of Public Welfare	350.00
10. Other Members of Public Welfare, each	100.00
11. Chairman Board of Assessors	700.00
12. Other Assessors, each	250.00
13. Water Commissioners, each	50.00

Regarding the salaries of the Assessors the following amendments were made: Mrs. Jennie E. Taylor moved to amend that the salary of the Chairman of the Board of Assessors be fixed as \$650.00. A vote was taken with the following results: Yes 66. No 64. *The amendment was carried.* Then the question was asked the Moderator if the tellers agreed on the count and his reply was "No." It was requested that another count be taken and the Moderator so ordered with the following results: Yes 85. No 88. *The amendment was not carried.* Then a vote was taken on the sum of \$700.00 to be paid to the chairman with the following results. Yes 98. No 80. The following acted as tellers: Russell C. Loring, Percy H. Holman, William P. Powers, C. Winthrop Whiting, Edward E. Bird, and Edmund C. Cavanaugh. Bernard P. Riedel moved to amend the salaries of the other two assessors to be fixed at \$225.00 each. Mrs. Jennie E. Taylor moved to amend Mr. Riedel's amendment to read \$200 each. The vote was taken on Mrs. Taylor's amendment and the results were as follows: Yes 75. No 85. Her amendment was lost. Then a vote was taken on Mr. Riedel's amendment with the following results: Yes 84. No 85. *This amendment was not carried.* (See Page 17)

Article 5. On the motion of Roland S. Bailey, Voted: That Budget items 1 to 70 inclusive, be raised and appropriated as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Moderator first reading the list of amounts recommended as follows: (Each item was voted on separately).

General Government

1. Moderator	\$25.00
2. Selectmen, Salaries and Expenses	1,250.00
3. Accountant and Auditor, Salaries and Expenses	1,675.00
4. Accountant and Auditor, New Equipment	125.00

5. Treasurer and Collector	2,100.00
6. Tax Title Foreclosures	50.00
7. Assessors	1,550.00
8. Town Clerk	300.00
9. Election and Registration. Mrs. Jennie E. Taylor moved an amendment by substituting \$250.00 for \$325.00. <i>Amendment is not carried</i>	325.00
10. Finance Committee	10.00
11. Town House—Maintenance	1,100.00

Protection of Persons and Property

12. Police Department—Maintenance	2,905.00
13. Dog Officer	50.00
14. Shellfish (Cultivation. Propagation and Protection Chap. 130. Sect. 55, requires two-thirds vote, voted unanimously)	1,450.00
15. Harbormaster—Channel Markers	50.00
16. Fire Department—Maintenance	2,000.00
17. Fire Department—New Hose	225.00
18. Sealer of Weights and Measures	300.00
19. Moths, Suppression of (Mr. John T. Randall moved an amendment by substituting \$700.00 for \$1,000.00 <i>Amendment is carried</i>)	700.00
20. Tree Warden	400.00
21. Forest Fires, Prevention and Extinguishment	700.00
22. Forest Fires, New Equipment	50.00
23. Forest Fires, New Truck	None
24. Bounties on Seals	30.00
25. Insurance on Municipal Buildings and Property	1,600.00
26. Workmen's Compensation Insurance	1,695.00
27. Workmen's Compensation (Bills Payable)	107.68
28. Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund	400.00

Health and Sanitation

29. Health, Salaries and Expenses	1,575.00
30. Inspector of Animals	150.00
31. Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00
32. Mosquito Control Maintenance	400.00

Highways

33. General Highway (Mr. Horace C. Weston moved an amendment by substituting \$2,750.00 for the present figure of \$4,000.00. <i>Amendment is carried.</i>) Ordinary repairs, salary of Superintendent and rent of building for equipment	2,750.00
34. Road Machinery Operation, Equipment and Repairs (Transfer from Road Machinery Fund)	1,138.91
35. New Guard Fences (Mr. Horace C. Weston moved an amendment by inserting \$100.00 <i>Amendment is carried</i>)	100.00
36. Street, Directions and Danger Signs	100.00
37. Traffic Beacon	40.00
38. Snow Removal	2,500.00
39. Street Lighting	2,750.00
40. Highway, New Equipment	80.00

Charities

41. Public Welfare—Administration	1,200.00
42. Public Welfare—Assistance	15,300.00
43. Public Welfare—Overdraft and Unpaid Bills (Roland Bailey moved an amendment by substituting \$1,325.93 in place of \$527.89. <i>Amendment is carried</i>)	1,325.93
44. Aid to Dependent Children (Administration)	25.00
45. Aid to Dependent Children (Assistance)	2,975.00

46. Old Age Assistance (Administration)	25.00
47. Old Age Assistance (Assistance)	16,475.00
48. Soldier's Relief and Burials	1,750.00
49. Soldier's Relief—Unpaid Bills	12.00

Schools

50. Schools—Maintenance	40,000.00
50a. Mr. Clarence S. Ertman moved an amendment by inserting a new item of \$2,000.00 for special repairs to the school buildings. Mr. George F. Sever moved an amendment to Mr. Ertman's amendment of \$1,000 instead of \$2,000.00. <i>Mr. Seaver's motion not carried.</i> Mr. Bernard P. Riedel's motion to lay on the table not carried. A vote was taken on Mr. Ertman's motion with the following results: Yes 66. No 77. <i>Motion is not carried</i>	None
51. School, Expense Outside Commonwealth	None
52. Vocational Education	500.00
53. Library (Raised by Tax Levy)	1,292.84
54. Library (Transfer from Dog Fund)	482.16
55. Library, New Books (Clarence S. Ertman moved an amendment by inserting \$150.00. <i>Amendment is not carried</i>)	None

Recreation and Unclassified

56. Playground, Salaries and Expenses	2,500.00
57. Playground, Unpaid Bills	18.62
58. Care of Town Green and War Memorial Plot	65.00
59. Care of Other Municipal Property	200.00
60. Observance of Memorial and Armistice Day	200.00
61. Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	100.00

62. Town Reports, Printing and Distributing. (Horace C. Weston moved an amendment by substituting \$400.00 in place of \$500.00 <i>Amendment is carried</i>)	400.00
63. Legal Expenses and other Contingencies. (Mr. Isaac Hathaway moved an amendment that this item be for legal expenses only, there- by dropping "and other contingencies" <i>Amendment is not carried</i>)	600.00
64. Telephone for all Departments	700.00
65. Works Progress Administration	8,400.00
66. Reserve	
67. Reserve Transferred from Overlay Surplus	2,400.00
<i>Enterprises and Cemeteries</i>	
68. Water—Maintenance	5,500.00
69. Alewife Committee	60.00
<i>Interest</i>	
70. Interest, Temporary Loans	125.00
Total Budget Items, Voted	135,413.14
Less Amounts to be transferred	4,021.07
Amount to be raised by taxation	<u>\$131,392.07</u>

Article 6. On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1939, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

On the motion of Mitchell Toabe, Voted: To adjourn the meeting until Monday, March 13, 1939, at 7:30 P. M. at the Reed Community House.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 o'clock P.M. There were one hundred eighty-six men (186) and fifty-two women (52) present, making total of two hundred thirty-eight (238).

Mr. Thomas C. Randall and Henry L. Hayford acted as vote checkers.

GEORGE W. CUSHMAN,
Town Clerk.

KINGSTON TOWN MEETING

(Continuation of Meeting of Saturday, March 11, 1939)

March 13, 1939

The adjourned meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. by the Moderator, Albert H. Molmes. Ninety voters present. On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: To adjourn meeting until 8 P.M. Meeting was again called to order at 8 P.M.

Article 7. On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: That \$3,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the improvement of a portion of Pembroke Street, as laid out by the County Commissioners under partial decree number 940; said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, for this purpose. Before Article was voted on, Mr. George F. Sever made a motion and it was seconded that paper ballots be used and it was stated by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen that the using of paper ballots was entirely up to the Moderator. The Moderator ruled on not using paper ballots on this article.

Article 8. On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: That \$3,350.00, being the amount received by the Town of Kingston in the distribution of a portion of the highway fund under Chapter 500 of the acts of 1938, be transferred and appropriated, as authorized by Chapter 2 of the acts of 1939, to the General Highway Appropriation.

Article 9. On the motion of Lincoln C. Bartlett, Voted: That \$300.00 be raised and appropriated to the use of the Water Commissioners for repairs to the Dam at the Pumping Station.

Article 10. Horace C. Weston, Moved: That \$3,925.69, being the unencumbered balance now remaining in the appropriation made for erecting a 500,000 gallon standpipe and connecting pipe, and \$23.12, being the balance remaining in the appropriation made for extending the water mains on River Street across Jones River, be transferred and appropriated for the purpose of providing materials and truck hire for laying water mains of not less than 6" nor more than 16" along various highways of the town, in co-operation with the Federal government under a Works Progress Administration Project.

George W. Gould moved an amendment: That the sum of \$2,000.00 be transferred from the unencumbered balance now remaining of the appropriation made for the erecting of the 500,000 gallon standpipe and connecting pipe thereto, said money to be used for the purpose of providing materials and truck hire for a Works Progress Administration Project for extending water mains on Pembroke Street from the end of the present main to the home of Harry Young, a distance of about 1,700 feet said pipe to be of a size of not less than six inches in diameter.

Tellers appointed: Clarence R. Drew, Raymond G. McCarthy, George F. Sever, Frank E. Wilder, Henry F. Herget and Arthur Joubert.

A vote was taken on Mr. Gould's amendment with the following results: Yes 32. No 40. *Amendment was not carried.* Then a vote was taken on Mr. Weston's motion and it was so voted.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of increasing the present appropriation made for increasing the supply of water from driven wells.

Mr. Lincoln C. Bartlett, Moved: That \$2,500.00 be raised and appropriated to increase the present appropriation made at the annual town meeting in 1938 for the purpose of increasing the water supply to the town. *The motion was not carried.*

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Water Commissioners that the rates to be charged for water supplied to certain widows of the town, as determined by the Water Commissioners, shall be at one-half the regular rates.

Mr. Lincoln C. Bartlett, Moved: That the Water Commissioners be instructed that the rates to be charged for water supplied to certain widows of the town, as determined by the Water Commissioners, shall be at one-half the regular rates. *The motion was not carried.*

Article 13. Mrs. Ruth H. Bailey moved that the Moderator appoint a committee of three to serve with the School Committee to investigate the future needs for land and School Houses for the Kingston Public Schools, and to report at some future meeting.

Mr. William P. Powers moved an amendment "to read next annual meeting."

Mr. Charles J. Drury moved an amendment that special committee work separately from the school committee. *Amendment is not carried.* Then a vote was taken on Mr. Power's amendment and it was *carried.* A vote was taken on Mrs. Bailey's motion as amended to read at the next annual meeting and it was so voted.

Article 14. On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: That \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for the establishment and maintenance of a free bed in the contagious ward of the Jordan Hospital in Plymouth, for the care and treatment of persons certified by the Selectmen to be residents of the town and unable to pay for such care and treatment, in accordance with Section 74, Chapter III, General Laws.

Article 15. On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: That the Selectmen enter into agreement with Louis Cortelli and take an easement providing for the passage of surface drainage water from Crescent Street and Smith's Lane across the land of said Louis Cortelli.

Article 16. On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: That \$150.00 be raised and appropriated, to be expended by the Selectmen for supervising the clearing of sprouts and other growth along woods roads as a prevention and assistance to the extinguishment of forest fires.

Article 17. On the motion of Roland Bailey, Voted: That the following appropriation balances be closed out to surplus revenue:

Preparing Assessors' Tax Lists	\$ 86.00
Elm Street—Chapter 90	1,663.67
Crescent and Prospect Streets	4.15
Cole Street Drainage	11.35
Smith's Lane—Special	51.49
Cobb School—Special Repairs	2.00
Playground—Special repairs to plumbing and heating	10.00
Revolutionary Grave Markers .....	.03
Water Department—Special Committee Expenses	44.88

Article 13. On the motion of George W. Gould, Voted: That \$3,585.00 be raised and appropriated to the use of the Water Commissioners for the purpose of extending the water mains on Pembroke Street from the end of the present main to a point near the house of Harry A. Young, with pipe not less than 6" in diameter.

On the motion of Horace C. Weston, Voted: To adjourn. The vote checkers were: Henry L. Hayford and Thomas C. Randall.

Adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Summary of the Town Meeting

Budget Item, Voted	\$135,413.14
Less Amounts to be transferred	4,021.07
Amount of Budget Items to be raised by taxation	\$131,392.07
Article 7. Pembroke Street, Chapter 90	\$ 3,500.00
Article 8. Highway Fund, Chapter 500 of the acts of 1938 as authorized by Chapter 2 of the acts of 1939	3,350.00
Article 9. Water Department for repairs to the Dam at the Pumping Station	300.00

Article 10. For the purpose of providing materials and truck hire for laying water mains of not less than 6" nor more than 16" along various highways of the town, in co-operation with the Federal government under a Works Progress Administration Project	3,948.81
Article 14. Jordan Hospital	500.00
Article 16. For supervising the clearing of sprouts and other growth along woods roads as a prevention and assistance to the extinguishment of forest fires	150.00
Article 18. Water mains on Pembroke Street from the end of the present main to a point near the house of Harry A. Young, with pipe not less than 6" in diameter	3,585.00

Total amount appropriated less amounts to be transferred on budget items	\$146,725.88
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Less amounts to be transferred on warrant articles	7,298.81
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The whole amount to be raised by taxation	\$139,427.07
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One hundred twelve voters were present. (29 women and 83 men).

GEORGE W. CUSHMAN,
Town Clerk.

A Correction on a Vote Taken March 11, 1939

Article 4. Pertaining to the salary fixed for the Chairman of the Board of Assessors.

A vote was taken on fixing the salary as amended of \$650.00, and the motion as amended was lost. This vote being taken before the matter of reconsideration was taken up.

GEORGE W. CUSHMAN,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1939

Date	Name	Names of Parents
Jan. 1	Jacqueline Lee Scruton	Clifton Scruton and Dorothy L. Senecal
Jan. 4	David Tassinari	Mario David Tassinari and Geraldine Patricia Alberghini
Jan. 4	Patricia Tassinari	Mario David Tassinari and Geraldine Patricia Alberghini
Jan. 6	Shirley Ann Govoni	Herbert Joseph Govoni and Eleanor Frances Knight
Jan. 8	Marguerite Agnes LaVoie	Anthony Joseph LaVoie and Irene Caroline Duford
Jan. 20	Sylvia May Loring	Richard Wilson Loring and Ruth May Pratt
Jan. 23	James Garrett Corsi	John Corsi and Catherine Nagle
Feb. 28	Stanley Glenwin Vantangoli	Thomas Vantangoli and Dorothy Johnson
Mar. 9	Bradford Youngman	John LeRoy Youngman and Mildred Irene Mitchell
Mar. 23	Joyce May Joubert	Arthur Joubert and Mary Brenner
April 3	George Warren Maglathlin	Philemon Gordon Maglathlin and Frances Lucy Smith
April 6	Joyce Elizabeth Laine	Arvo Edwin Laine and Olive Morton Gould
April 13	Patricia McManus	Joseph R. McManus and Amy M. Freeman
April 26	Lois A. Bailey	Percy W. Bailey and Eleanor Balboni
May 10	Carol Anne Zaniboni	Lino G. Zaniboni and Eleanor M. Jackson
May 21	Dennis Patrick O'Brien	Richard W. O'Brien and Mary C. McHugh
May 25	— Cook	Elmer F. Cook and Mary E. Morrison
June 7	Joan Gomes	John Gomes and Lillian A. Perry
June 12	George Henry Griffin	Henry Griffin and Charlotte Peterson
June 14	Barry Allan Hemeon	Clayton Carter Hemeon and Charlotte Weeber
June 23	Rachel Mae Cavanaugh	Edmund F. Cavanaugh and Louise L. Randall
Aug. 10	Lee Jane Cavicchioli	Amedeo Cavicchioli and Berthine Peterson
Aug. 20	Elizabeth Cavicchi	Calesto Cavicchi and Santa Mazzilli
Aug. 25	Margaret Anne Ruprecht	John E. Ruprecht and Aili M. Alander
Sept. 17	Maryann Sears	Frank P. Sears and Lena Lenzi
Oct. 2	Nancy Damon Gorham	Thomas Damon Gorham and Mary Mulliken
Oct. 3	Richard Henry Antoniotti	Henry Antoniotti and Mary J. Chelluk

Oct. 10	Anthony Arnold Caldera	Anthony R. Caldera and Helen R. Watt
Nov. 15	Richard Alden Thrasher	George E. Thrasher and Hazel W. Edwards
Nov. 15	— and —	— and —
Nov. 17	Jon Hurlie Alberghini	Albert F. Alberghini and Margaret L. Hurlie
Nov. 21	Gail Patricia Tassinari	Mario David Tassinari and Geraldine P. Alberghini
Nov. 27	Dale Stoddard	Victor Arthur Stoddard and Winifred Wainwright Christine Wallace
Nov. 27	Betty Frances Almeida	Anthony Almeida and Ruth Cromwell Hayward
Dec. 2	William Lincoln Leonardi	Arthur Leonardi and Dorothy M. Sinnott

OMISSIONS AND CORRECTIONS OF BIRTHS FOR OTHER YEARS

1874		
July 25	Andrew Bossett Grozinger	George Grozinger and Willhemina Back
1938		
Oct. 25	Rita Anne Giaccaglia	Dario Giaccaglia and Lillian Joubert
1907		
Feb. 11	Lena Forni	Louis Forni and Clara Candini
1930		
Aug. 14	Doris Rose Donati	Elmer Donati and Eleanor Malaguti
1913		
Feb. 18	John Joseph Berardi	Joseph Anthony Berardi and Maria Giovanna Ferrecchia
1919		
Feb. 23	William Gordon Day	William C. Day and Mary McDonald
1893		
May 13	William Leo McDonald	Francis McDonald and Margaret McCrate

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1939

Date	Names	Residence	Married at
Jan. 7	Foster Milton Willoughby Eleanor Mary Corazzari	Mattapoissett Kingston	Kingston
Jan. 8	Lawrence Mauro Tura Lena C. Suffredini	Kingston Somerville	Somerville
Jan. 14	Clifton C. Wood, Jr. Helen L. Emond (Dries)	Plymouth Kingston	Plympton
Feb. 5	Emery C. Ripley Choissie F. Sears (Lawrence)	Sandwich Sandwich	Kingston
Feb. 18	Frank W. Robie Ada Marie Peterson	Plympton Plympton	Kingston
Feb. 18	Fortunato Alfred Benotti Maria Vancini	Kingston Bourne	Sandwich
Mar. 10	Justin E. Walker Leah Anne Alberghini	Plymouth Plymouth	Kingston
Mar. 23	Raymond L. Egan Josephine C. Lanigan	West Duxbury West Duxbury	Kingston
Mar. 26	Robert James Springer Carrie Lena Fortini	Plympton Plymouth	Kingston
Apr. 2	Jacob Richard Wilhelm Dorothy Pershing Holmes	Kingston Plymouth	Plymouth
Apr. 5	Manuel Perry Moniz Caroline Mary Verdelli	Plymouth Kingston	Kingston
Apr. 9	Stephen Leonard Gaffney Josephine Marie Basler	Roxbury Kingston	Kingston
Apr. 21	Roger Lawrence Lane Dorothy Dalton Clement	Kingston Braintree	Braintree
Apr. 25	Severo Edward Tarantino Florence May Malaguti	Kingston E. Bridgewater	E. Bridgewater
Apr. 29	Robert Henry Shaw Virginia Keith	Middleboro Kingston	Kingston
Apr. 29	Louis Martin Bailey Hazel (McNally) Herdman	Duxbury Duxbury	Kingston
Apr. 30	John Joseph Govoni Helen Barbara Noyes	Plymouth Kingston	Plymouth
May 17	Stanley Thomas Bailey Helen Howard Harlow	Kingston Plymouth	Kingston
May 22	John Gomes Alexandrina Perry	Kingston Hanson	Kingston
May 29	John Redman Kingman, Jr. Barbara Bennett Burgess	E. Bridgewater Kingston	E. Bridgewater

Date	Names	Residence	Married at
June 2	Clayton Carter Hemeon Charlotte Weeber	Kingston Kingston	Kingston
June 4	Alfred Ervin Roy Marie Yvonne Santerre	Kingston Kingston	Kingston
June 10	Francis Attwill Johnson Marjorie Louise Hammond	Melrose Marshfield	Kingston
June 11	John J. Silva Mary Perangelo	Middleboro Kingston	Plymouth
June 15	John Libero Gallerani Frances Anna Pirani	Kingston Plymouth	Plymouth
June 17	Everett David Junkins Florence Marie Feeney	Brockton Taunton	Kingston
June 22	Elio Anthony Gallerani Anne Matilda Alander	Plymouth Kingston	Plymouth
July 1	John Thomas Hanlon Olga Ardizzoni	Boston Kingston	Plymouth
July 1	Alf Christian Looz, Jr. Elsie Coombs Wing (Coombs)	Kingston Medford	Kingston
July 2	James E. Powers Edythe H. Mattson	Duxbury Duxbury	Kingston
July 7	John Nicodemus Anna Hahsdeuteufel (Schick)	Kingston Germany	Island Creek
July 9	Elwin H. Clark Grayce E. Connolly	West Duxbury Hartford, Conn.	Kingston
July 12	Forrest Meldon Hatch Gladys Bulah Gamage	Nashua, N. H. Quincy	Kingston
July 21	Joseph Nogueira, Jr. Margaret Katherine Korth (Rovatti)	Kingston Kingston	Kingston
July 22	Stephen Gerald Streadwick Anna Joanna Andersen	Kingston Kingston	Tyngsborough
July 27	Harold G. Williams Irene E. Goulette	Quincy Marshfield	Kingston
Aug. 1	Boris Phillip Tarantino Mary Rita Ricardo	Kingston Plymouth	Plymouth
Aug. 5	Almond M. Reed Margaret L. Merchant	Watertown Duxbury	Kingston
Aug. 12	Clinton Charles Hanks Marion Ellen Tolley	Storrs Mansfield, Conn. New Bedford	Kingston
Aug. 18	Dorando Paul Piazzi Rose Wilhemina Borgatti (Nogueira)	Plymouth Kingston	Kingston
Aug. 18	Arthur Russell Smith Dorothy E. Bonney	Plymouth Kingston	Chatham

Date	Names	Residence	Married at
Aug. 27	Frederick Allan Hlrd, Jr. Elizabeth Frances Olsen	Kingston Duxbury	Duxbury
Sept. 2	Lionel Plasse Eva Cecelia Roy	Woonsocket, R. I. Kingston	Kingston
Sept. 6	Robert Ainslie Whipple Frances Louise Hayward	Buzzards Bay Kingston	Kingston
Sept. 17	Frank T. Fernandes Fannie Johnson (Hendrick- son)	Hanson Hanson	Kingston
Sept. 22	John E. Pratt Sophie Petrowsky	Marshfield Waltham	Kingston
Sept. 28	John Clendenin McDowell Margaret Faunce Thompson	Chambersburg, Penna. Carnegie, Penna.	Kingston
Sept. 30	Alfred J. Gilli Aune Marie Lammi	Kingston Carver	Kingston
Oct. 22	Harold L. Moskoff Beatrice M. White	Plymouth Plymouth	Kingston
Nov. 11	George Alphonso Candini, Jr. Gertrude Florence Putman	Kingston Duxbury	Kingston
Nov. 11	George Franklin Pratt Mildred Esther Siebenschu	Brockton Kingston	Plymouth
Nov. 23	William Henry Flockton Doris Mertie Clemonds	Kingston Pembroke	Kingston
Nov. 24	Harold Webster Stiles Margaret Ruth Everett	Kingston Kingston	Kingston
Nov. 30	Frederick Raymond Fortin Helen Malvina Forcier	Middleboro Kingston	Kingston
Dec. 2	Leroy W. Bartlett Marjorie F. Provost (Leath- ers)	Plymouth Stoughton	Kingston
Dec. 2	James J. Gomes Rosalina Perry	Hanson Hanson	Kingston
Dec. 16	Lawrence Elroy Perrault Mary Elizabeth Murphy	Kingston Bourne	Sandwich
Dec. 16	Augustine Souza Ada Joan Pretti	Kingston Plymouth	Plymouth

OMISSIONS AND CORRECTIONS OF MARRIAGES FOR OTHER YEARS

1938			
Sept. 24	Henry Antoniotti Mary Joanna Chelluk	Kingston Westport	Kingston

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CUSHMAN,
Town Clerk.

DEATHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1939

Date	Name	Age Y. M. D.	Cause of Death	Parents' Names
Jan. 4	Elwood B. Chandler	75 8 10	Coronary thrombosis, Uremia, Cardiac failure	Bailey Chandler and Jane Mullen
Jan. 4	David Tassinari		Prematurity	Mario Tassinari and Geraldine Alberghini
Jan. 5	Patricia Tassinari		Prematurity	Mario Tassinari and Geraldine Alberghini
Jan. 19	Edgar M. Miller	66 5 7	Broncho Pneumonia	James F. Miller and Ella Reed
Jan. 27	Wilbur W. Dewing	68 4 12	Carcinoma, right lung	Charles H. Dewing and Harriet C. Shaw
Jan. 31	Edith L. Shaw	64 4 17	Diabetes Mellitus, Cerebral throm- bosis, Broncho Pneumonia	Jesse L. Austin and Florence Bancroft
Feb. 9	Ediemer Regnier	83 9	Chronic myocarditis	Agustus Regnier and Anne Derosiers
Feb. 11	Nelson H. Marvin	72 1 12	Coronary Occlusion	Thomas Marvin and Eliza Marvin
Feb. 12	David C. Senger	69	Coronary Occlusion	Samuel A. Senger and Mary E. Collins
Feb. 15	Eva Octavia Brewster	86 1 12	Coronary thrombosis	Elisha Brewster and Elizabeth Bartlett Bates
Feb. 22	Eugene O'Brien	78	Broncho Pneumonia	Joseph O'Brien and Ann Malone
Feb. 25	Lucy B. Lewis	80 8 11	Chronic Myocarditis	John J. Lewis and Lucy Bradley
Mar. 14	Mary A. Metz	74	Carcinoma of stomach	Adam Smith and _____
Mar. 26	Wilhelmina L. Krieger	81 11 28	Chronic Myocarditis	John H. Reinhardt and Henrietta E. Bach
Apr. 5	Minnie Maki	51 2 3	Acute dilatation of heart	_____ and _____
Apr. 22	Alfonso Tura	56 11	Acute Nephritis	Peter P. Tura and Maria Nanini
May 7	George E. Cushman	87 6 7	Acute cardiac dilatation	George S. Cushman and Sarah A. Brews- ter
May 22	Lois A. Bailey	26	Congenital heart disease	Percy W. Bailey and Eleanor Balboni
May 23	Philip B. Raymond	15 3 25	Acute cardiac failure	Harry A. Raymond and Irene Tillson

DEATHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1939—Continued

Date	Name	Age Y. M. D.	Cause of Death	Parents' Names
May 25	——— Cook		Stillborn	Elmer F. Cook and Mary Morrison
June 2	Alexander Holmes	71 10 5	Carcinoma of the stomach	Frank H. Holmes and Cynthia D. Brewster
June 23	Delia A. Hickey	65 5 28	Intestinal obstruction from a ventral hernia	Hughan Ruddy and Nellie Mulroy
June 26	George A. Bailey	97 8 19	Carcinoma of rectum	Thomas Bailey and Cynthia Chandler
June 26	John F. Coar	76 11	Carcinoma prostate	Furman Coar and Elizabeth Blake
July 17	George G. Lobdell	77 16	Cerebral thrombosis	George B. Lobdell and Louisa Davis Thayer
July 23	Margaret Josephine Smith	45 10 15	Carcinoma of stomach	James Feeley and Mary Laron
Aug. 2	Lena Dube	31	Acute dilatation of heart	Adelaid Bouchard and Phoebe Canion
Aug. 2	——— Dube		Cerebral hemorrhage	Phillip Dube and Lena Bouchard
Aug. 8	Fred Perry McElhennic	62 4 8	Definite attack of coronary occlusion	William A. McElhennic and Ruth A. Staples
Aug. 13	Joseph Metz	80 2 12	Arteriosclerosis	Joseph Metz and ———
Sept. 14	Maria Vantangoli	80	Arteriosclerotic heart disease	Paul Donaglia and Caroline Piazza
Sept. 19	Isabel Kelley	71 7	Thrombosis—superior mesenteric	Michael Dunnigan and ———
Oct. 4	Clarence B. Bruns	62 4 22	Cerebral hemorrhage	Anton Bruns and Lucy Holmes
Oct. 27	Nellie H. Berry	71 11 27	Cerebral hemorrhage	William E. Wadsworth and Mary H. Peterson
Oct. 30	Lucy Beal French	88 4 30	Carcinoma of right vulva	Martin Beal Stoddard and Lucy Gardner
Nov. 8	Charles C. Wilbur	81 8 24	Hypertrophy of prostate with acute retention	Bradford Wilbur and Rebecca Wilbur
Nov. 15	William E. Shockley	73 9 13	Heart disease	John Shockley and Amanda Bump

DEATHS RECORDED IN KINGSTON FOR THE YEAR 1939—Continued

Date	Name	Age Y. M. D.	Cause of Death	Parents' Names
Nov. 23	Flora L. Brewster	90 10 8	Arteriosclerosis	Elisha Brewster and Elizabeth B. Bates
Nov. 27	Lizzie A. Porter	66 9 6	Carcinoma (uterus)	Roscoe G. Berry and Betsey A. Cushman
Nov. 28	Joseph Balboni	78 8 4	Acute cardiac debilitation	Chester Balboni and Patience Malaguti
Nov. 30	Mary Finney (Fries)	45 6 13	Cerebral hemorrhage	Peter Fries and Georgianna Bulow
Dec. 8	Elizabeth Bonney	42 4 12	Malignant hypertension	Joseph Yager and Elizabeth Winter
Dec. 10	Mary Alice Verney	80 1 26	Chronic myocardial insufficiency	Thomas E. Lanman and Mary E. Bradford
Dec. 16	Ella F. Livermore	71 8	Chronic myelitis	Perkins R. Livermore and Julia E. Adams
Dec. 25	Mabel Hall	69 4	Arteriosclerotic heart disease	James L. Hall and Susan A. Gurney
Dec. 30	Barnard U. Adams	87 2 6	Arteriosclerosis, chronic myocarditis	Thomas Adams and Mary Woltz

OMISSIONS AND CORRECTIONS OF DEATHS FOR OTHER YEARS

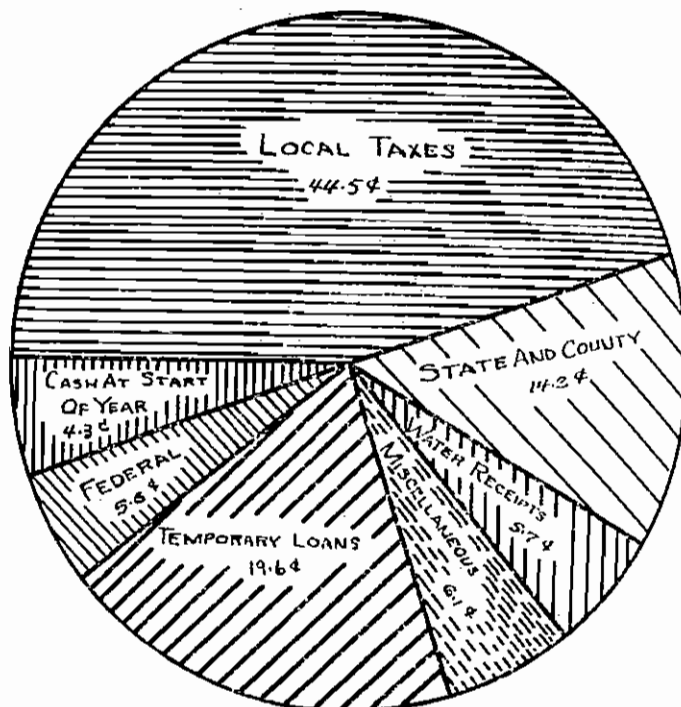
1930
Feb. 3 Mary E. Glass 59 5 22 Cerebral Hemorrhage

John Mullaney and Mary Boyce
Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CUSHMAN,
Town Clerk.

RECEIPTS

Where the Money Came From



Distribution of Accounts Under General Headings

Local Taxes
Poll and Property Tax
Motor Excise Tax

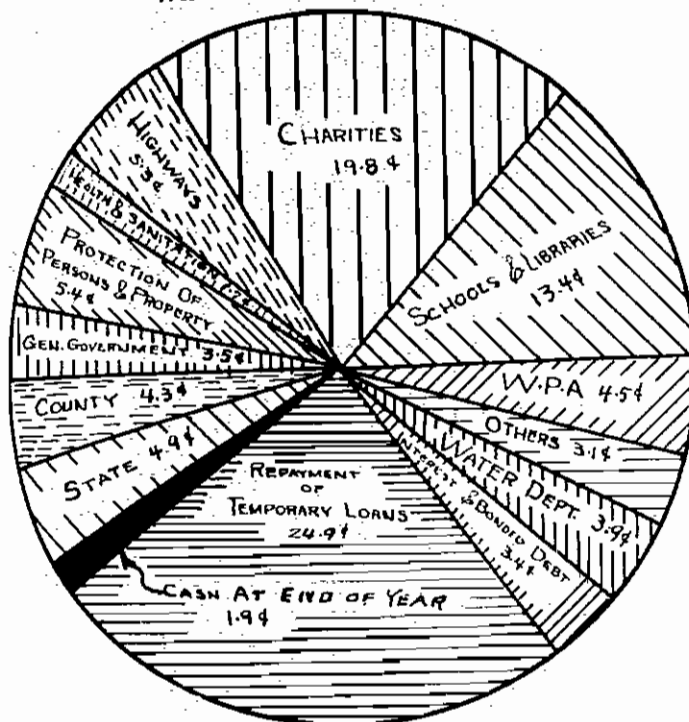
Federal
Old Age Assistance Grants
Aid Dependent Children Grants

State and County
Charity Reimbursements
Corporation and Income Taxes
Gas Tax Distribution
Licenses and Court Fines
School Reimbursements

Miscellaneous
Licenses and Permits
Reimbursements from Other
Towns and Cities
Interest Received

PAYMENTS

Where the Money Went To



Distribution of Accounts Under General Headings

General Government
Selectmen
Accounting
Treasurer, Collector and Clerk
Assessors
Election and Registration
Finance Committee
Town House

Protection of Persons and Property
Police
Shellfish
Fire and Forest Warden
Sealing Weights and Measures
Moth and Tree Work
Insurance

Highways
Road Machinery
General Highway
Special Highways
Snow Removal
Street Lighting

Charities and Soldiers' Benefits
Welfare and Aid Dependent
Children
Old Age Assistance
Soldiers' Relief

Others
Playground and Miscellaneous

County
Duxbury Bridge and Hanson
Hospital
County Tax and Dog Tax
State—State Tax

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

The New England form of town government as it exists in Kingston has many merits, but it must be revised periodically to meet the changing conditions of the community and to deal adequately with the new enterprises that come under the control of the town. Bearing this in mind the Selectmen have constantly studied the administrative machinery of the town in an effort to bring about a progressive improvement that would deal more effectively with the town's affairs. Two important changes of this type introduced during the year appear to have proved very successful.

First we have combined the positions of Superintendent of Streets and W.P.A. Sponsor's Agent. This has resulted in a real saving to the town in the cost of administration of these two departments and has created what is virtually a division of public works. There has been no loss of efficiency in operation of either department. Many phases of the work have shown distinct improvement, particularly in the matter of studied experimentation to develop our highway maintenance methods and in the keeping of adequate records. Furthermore it has been possible to achieve more effective control of those smaller jobs which previously have of necessity been handled individually and again a real saving to the town has resulted. Having had ample opportunity to view this revised system of control the Selectmen are convinced that the change has proved in every respect a major improvement.

Second, we have initiated a similar change by combining the work of the Police and Shellfish Departments under the Chief of Police. While this has resulted in no direct saving to the town, neither does it in any way increase the total expense for the operation of these departments, and the new plan has the following distinct advantages over the previous system. It will insure the availability of necessary control and protection of those engaged in the taking of shellfish without committing the town to a fixed expense in a department which requires considerable attention in some years and relatively little in others. It places all protection problems and the prosecution of all cases under the Chief of Police who is directly responsible to the Selectmen. Finally,

it will facilitate proper police coverage after next October when the present telephone exchange will be replaced by an automatic dial system. This is of the utmost importance since the town has in the past depended heavily upon the courtesies of our local exchange to provide, without cost to the town, a complete police signalling system.

While dwelling on matters of control we should like to call attention to the fact that the Selectmen have no authority to assign to work any individual in preference to others who have qualified for employment under the W.P.A., nor does any local officer exercise this power. In addition the Selectmen cannot, as some apparently believe, turn any work over to the W.P.A. except by submitting a project which meets with the approval of state and federal W.P.A. authorities.

No new problem for the town is the question of adding to the mileage of public ways, but the desire of those resident on private ways to obtain snow plowing service seems to make it ever more pressing. The Selectmen have consulted both state authorities and private legal counsel to ascertain if it was possible to expend public funds in clearing snow from private roads in order that this admittedly unsatisfactory situation might be improved. Unfortunately for those not resident on accepted streets it has been determined to be absolutely illegal to do so. Under the circumstances the town is fortunate in having private plows available at low rates for those who care to make arrangements for the clearing of snow on highways not yet accepted by the town.

Four streets will be presented to the voters for acceptance at this year's annual meeting. In considering their attitude toward accepting these ways the citizens should realize that the appearance of such questions on the warrant does not necessarily imply the approval of the Selectmen. It is the duty of the Selectmen whenever petitions are filed, to lay out a suggested street and present it at the first opportunity to the town for acceptance.

It is with satisfaction that the Selectmen report a distinctly improved arrangement for the maintenance of the Powder Point Bridge, a solution achieved through the cooperative effort of all the interested towns and the County Commissioners. Beginning in 1941 Kingston will be relieved of any expenditures for the maintenance of this structure and in consequence an item which

has in recent years exceeded six hundred dollars will be eliminated from the town's annual expense.

For some years the item appropriated for Workmen's Compensation Insurance has loomed large in the town budget. We are happy to report that after a thorough investigation and prolonged negotiations we have been able to considerably reduce the amount required for this purpose and have further obtained a refund of nearly one thousand dollars to correct improper coverage for which we had paid in the last few years.

In 1939 the Selectmen did not find it necessary to call a special town meeting. It is gratifying to add that this is the first year since 1925 that none has been called. At the same time the town must realize that there can be no guarantee against the necessity for one, despite the most sincere efforts to avoid such a development. Your Board can only continue to assure you that they will exert their influence to reduce special meetings to a minimum in number and to confine them as far as possible to the consideration of questions that demand immediate solution.

In the consideration of the varied and often complex problems that are submitted to the Selectmen it is frequently necessary to request the assistance of other officers and departments and during the past year we have without fail received that cooperation which is so vital to a satisfactory administration of the town's affairs. We trust that we have in turn contributed to the successful operation of the other departments and that our united efforts have furthered the interests of our town.

HORACE C. WESTON,
SAMUEL C. BONNEY,
WILLIAM M. POST,
Board of Selectmen.

REPORT OF W.P.A. ACTIVITIES FOR 1939

During 1939 there were 93 Kingston persons employed by the Works Progress Administration, with an average of fifty persons for the year. In July a Congressional order demanded that all W.P.A. workers who had worked without a lay-off for a period of 18 months, be compelled to give up their positions for at least thirty days, thus allowing others the opportunity of employment.

Another stringent order effective January 1, 1940, requires all municipalities to contribute at least twenty-five per cent of the total amount shown on the several projects, this contribution may be in the form of materials or labor, and a careful check is to be made by the W.P.A. through its receiving clerks on the several projects. The amount contributed by the Town of Kingston in the last two years has been very close to the twenty-five per cent figure.

The following is a list of projects which were in operation in 1939:

The Selectmen through the cooperation of our local Moth Department and the State Moth Department, sponsored a project for the control of Gypsy Moths, Brown Tailed Moth and Tent Caterpillars. The worthiness of this type of project is clearly seen throughout the town by the fine condition of our trees.

The Mosquito Project which commenced operation in 1938 carried over into 1939, completing 5800 ft. of drainage ditches.

A clam reseeding project which started in March, dug, transported, and reseeded 4460 bushels of clams. These clams were from contaminated areas, thereby putting into circulation for both commercial and family use, clams which could not have otherwise been utilized.

The Playground Project regraded the playing field at the Kingston Playground, constructed a fine baseball diamond, tennis court, and erected 2 barrier fences.

In April, a project for laying new water mains was put in operation, jointly sponsored by the Kingston Water Department, and the Board of Selectmen. 3435 ft. of 6 in. transite water pipe with all the necessary fittings, and hydrants were laid on Cole Street, Rocky Nook Avenue, Oak Street, and Holmes and Delano Avenues. The installation of these new mains has greatly reduced one of Kingston's major fire hazards, as well as increasing the volume available for domestic purposes in this section.

The Sidewalk Curbing Project on Main Street, from Evergreen to Elm Street, and on May Avenue, not only gives pedestrians a good safe place to walk, but also forms a shoulder which will hold the road surface in place.

The Book Repair Project which has cleaned, mended, and rebound 1165 books for the Adam's Public Library is a very worth while project, and is still in operation.

The U. S. Department of Commerce sponsored a project for reducing the forest fire hazard caused by the hurricane of Sept. 21, 1938. This project cut and piled pine branches from hurricane blown trees, these piles or ricks to be burned at the proper time.

The Surplus Commodities Division Project sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare distributed in Kingston, Food valued at \$8,073.78, Clothing \$852.30, and Federal Clothing at \$591.00.

The N. Y. A. Projects during 1939 improved fire lanes, developed recreational facilities at Gray's Beach, operated a cafeteria at the High School, aided in preparing the school lunch at the Cobb School, conducted a social recreation program at the Community Building and performed clerical work in the town office. High School, and Public Library.

	Federal	Town	Total
Commodities	\$1,332.98	\$444.78	\$1,777.76
Moth	7,962.93	390.70	8,353.63
Mosquito	1,842.56	89.30	1,931.86
Clam	8,772.59	285.71	9,058.30
Playground	6,972.00	2,418.68	9,390.68
Water Main	3,864.76	4,173.19	8,037.95
Book Repair	1,438.32	54.63	1,492.95
Sidewalk Curbing	1,804.32	1,501.38	3,305.70
Fire Hazard	753.00	16.36	769.36
N. Y. A.	3,581.28	43.50	3,624.78
Administration		1,213.32	1,213.32
Main St. Sidewalk, 1938		6.00	6.00
Water Dept. Survey, 1938		6.38	6.38
Total	\$38,324.74	\$10,643.93	\$48,968.67

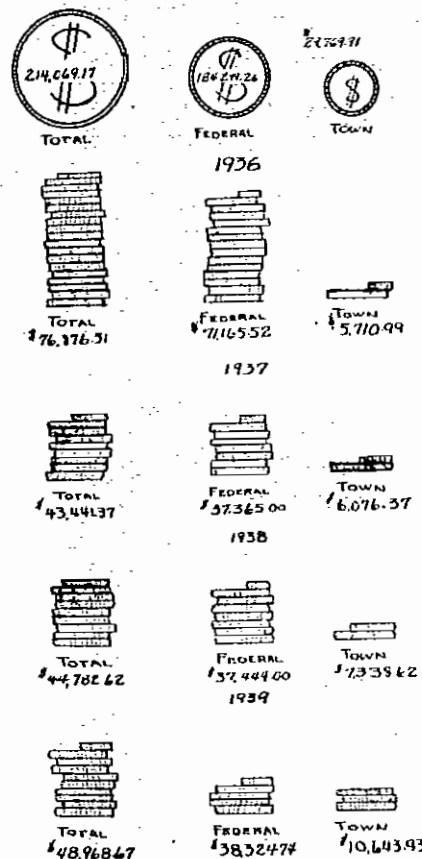
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GEORGE P. HOLMES,





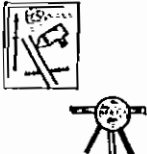


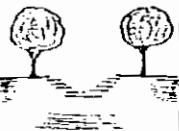


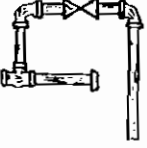

W. P. A. Sponsor's Agent.

FOUR YEARS OF THE W.P.A. IN KINGSTON SOME FACTS ON THE MONEY, THE MEN AND THE PROJECTS

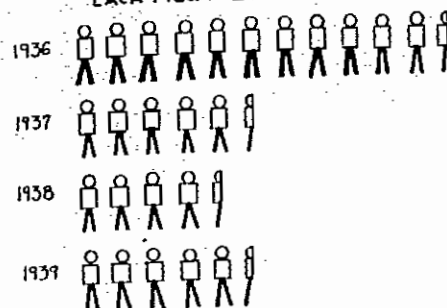
WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM
FEDERAL AND TOWN CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR FOUR YEARS 1936-1939



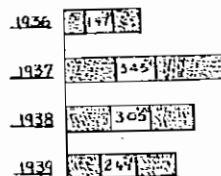
A FEW OF THE MANY W.P.A PROJECTS

		
COMMODITIES	SIDE WALKS	MOTH CONTROL
		
RECORDS	SURVEYS	HIGHWAYS
		
SHELLFISH	PARKS	HURRICANE DAMAGE
		
SEWING	WATER MAINS	PUBLIC BLDGS

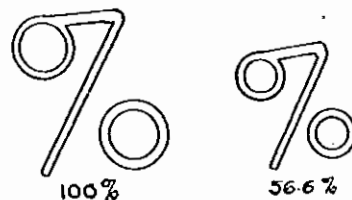
AVERAGE NUMBER OF MEN EMPLOYED ON THE W.P.A. EACH FIGURE EQUALS 10 MEN



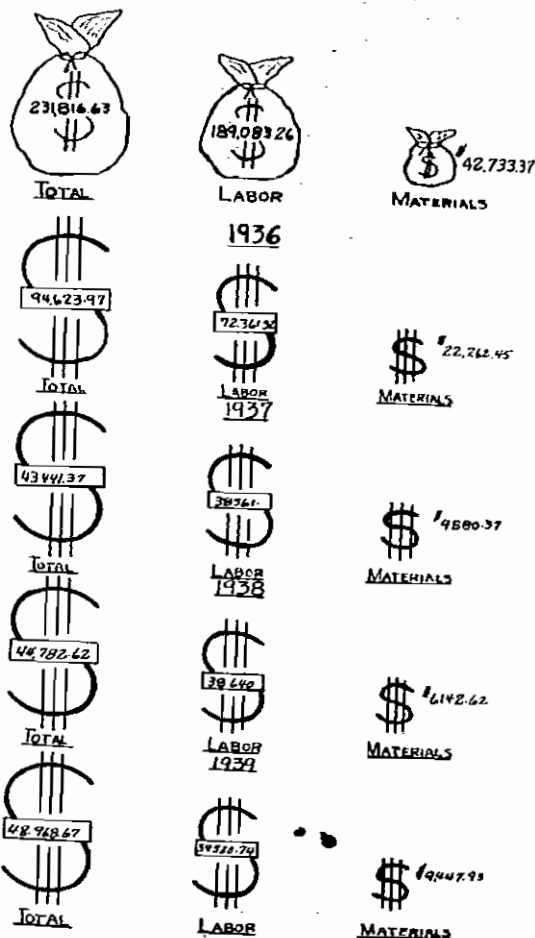
PERCENTAGE SPENT FOR ADMINISTRATION



PERCENTAGE SPENT FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS



SPENT FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS FOR THE W.P.A. FOR FOUR YEARS 1936-1939



REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Kingston, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Police Department is herewith respectfully submitted. This report is from January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939.

LIST OF OFFENCES

	Male	Female
Assault	2	
Breaking and Entering in the night time	3	
Cruelty to Animals	1	
Damage to Property	2	
Disturbing the Peace	3	1
Driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor	7	
Driving so as to endanger the lives and safety of the public	2	
Drunkenness	26	
Larceny of Automobile	1	
Operating after right has been suspended	1	
Operating after suspension of license	2	
Other Motor Vehicle Laws violated	19	
Intoxication	1	
Total	70	1
Motor vehicle operators booked and warned		182

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Amount in fines imposed	\$490.00
Dismissed on request of complainant	1
Not guilty	3
Placed on file	1
Probation	10
Released	4
Sentenced to House of Correction	4
Suspended Sentence to House of Correction	7
State Farm	2
Lyman School	1
Turned over to Boston Police	1

MISCELLANEOUS

Complaints investigated	170
Motor accidents investigated	10
Notices of intended sale or transfer of Motor Vehicle issued	49
Pistol Permits issued	14
Stray dogs destroyed	8
Summonses served for out-of-town departments	9
Vacant cottages inspected	255
Use of police ambulance	14

It is gratifying to report that only ten automobile accidents required investigation in Kingston in 1939. This is the lowest number of accidents recorded in any year since 1932 and while we realize that this cannot be attributed entirely to the efficiency of the police force we believe that we have contributed substantially to this result.

As a result of a reorganization of the Police and Shellfish Departments put into effect by the Selectmen we have been able to extend the hours of active duty of the Department considerably. There are now only four hours a day that are not covered by patrol and it seems probable that this has in part accounted for a decrease in the number of cases reported involving hen thieves. We believe that under the new set-up both the Shellfish and Police Department can be efficiently operated with added protection afforded the town at no increase in cost.

We expect to introduce during the coming year a form of registration for bicycles to aid in influencing owners of bicycles to maintain suitable safety equipment. The measures already adopted along these lines have greatly improved conditions and there have been no accidents involving bicycles during the past year.

We recommend as we have previously in alternate years that the town purchase a new police patrol car as it is our belief that purchase of a new car every two years is the most economical policy for this department. The present police automobile has travelled over 46,000 miles and it does not seem reasonable to expect as efficient or inexpensive service from it in the future as we have received in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. BROWN,
Chief of Police.

LIST OF JURORS, 1939

Name	Age	Employment	Address
Barker, Henry L.	64	Retired	95 Summer Street
Battles, Harold F.	46	Real Estate	35 East Avenue
Cahalane, Francis N.	49	Salesman	Brook Street
Cox, Ralph W.	42	Merchant	Rocky Nook Avenue
Corsi, John	36	Laborer	29 Smith's Lane
Cushman, Charles A.	40	Cemetery Supt.	5 Summer Street
Darrow, Paul C.	52	Traffic Mgr.	Grove Street
Dibe, Edmund C.	34	Carpenter	250 Main Street
Ertman, Clarence S.	46	Farmer	South Street
Freeman, William A.	50	Plumber	8 May Avenue
Gallerani, John L.	32	Clerk	15 Bradford Avenue
Hallett, Russell	64	Filling Station Mgr.	Brookdale Street
Hirst, Harry	36	Clerk	5 Center Street
Howe, Harry A.	55	Retired	Bradford Road
Lenari, Antone T.	42	Sanitary Engineer	17 Main Street
Lootz, Alf C., Jr.	39	Broker	39 Maple Street
Loring, Richard W.	26	Truck Driver	123 Summer Street
Maloni, Mando J.	36	Weaver	Smith's Lane
Merry, Sidney R.	40	Foreman	Pembroke Street
McManus, Francis P.	33	Clerk	175 Main Street
Randall, Frank A.	33	Bank Clerk	53 Evergreen Street
Reidenbach, Carl, Jr.	42	Rivet Maker	3 Prospect Street
Rogerson, Chester C.	50	Plumber	3 Evergreen Street
Schirmir, George L.	68	Retired	140 Summer Street
Silles, Harold W.	25	Draftsman	52 Main Street
Tura, George J.	30	Salesman	3 Green Street
Wilder, Frank E.	55	Gardener	Pembroke Street
Zinsius, Nicholas E.	43	Carpenter	115 Main Street

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Kingston, Mass.,
January 2, 1940.

Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Kingston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

During 1939, 79 shipments, 486 cows arrived from Vermont and New Hampshire and were all properly checked and released.

Annual inspection was completed December 14, 1939, of the following barns, premises and animals:

Barns and premises	34
Cows	350
Bulls	12
Young Cattle	60
Swine	15
Goats	11

There were three cows that reacted to the Tuberculosis Test which were properly disposed of and the premises disinfected.

Conditions on premises where cattle are kept were very good.

No quarantines were necessary this year.

45 hogs and 1 cow were slaughtered and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. DRURY.

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering.

REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN

The year 1939 was the high line in number of fires, there being a total of one hundred and thirty-four. As this was also a very dry season we were lucky to be able to check them all before they got too large. One day there were ten burning at one time, but we got them all. Only five of the fires got to be two acres in size. There were fourteen false alarms and one hundred and fifteen were one acre or less.

Three of the larger fires were in peat and if Arthur Terry of the State Forest Patrol had not been available it would have been an expensive job to put them out. With his pumping outfit about ten hours pumping on each saved the town the expense of day and night shifts over a long period of time.

Towerman Paul Po did his usual good job in spotting fires at the start. That is the main reason why the most of the fires were small.

I am recommending the purchase of a small portable pump for the Forest Fire Department. This would be a great help in case of a large fire. Some day a small fire may become a large one and then we could use this to a very good advantage.

I am also asking for another forest fire truck as we now have only one. The two trucks we have had so long went completely to pieces this year. Because of the emergency one was purchased in November. There is need for another because at times there is more than one fire burning at once.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. COOK,

Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

During part of the year a W.P.A. project removed from contaminated area 4460 bushels of clams and planted them in clean area. This seeding, together with a heavy natural seeding that has taken place, should replenish our flats so that by the Fall of 1940, digging of commercial size clams can begin again. The area on which the seeding has taken place is that portion of the mud flat that was sanded during 1938 as well as Ichabod's and Gray's flats. This will make available for digging a much larger area than previously.

The Department of Conservation assisted us in our work by a contribution of \$210.00. This amount gave temporary employment to three men who otherwise would have been welfare recipients and resulted in the destruction of an estimated 2,000 bushels of mussels.

Commercial diggers took	1,482 bu.
Taken on family permits	470 bu.
Taken from private grants	600 bu.
Quahogs taken	6 bu.
Razor fish taken	231 bu.

Total shellfish taken, 2789 bu. @ \$1.25 per bu.	\$3,486.25
Sea Worms taken, 120,000 @ .01 each	1,200.00

Total value of shellfish and worms	\$4,686.25
Commercial permits issued @ \$5.00 each (23)	115.00
Plus .05 per bushel for all shellfish taken by each digger above the first 100 bushels	18.85
	<hr/> \$133.35

Family permits issued (314)

Violations recorded during the year:

Digging in contaminated area	4
Digging without permit	36
Digging in closed area	6

Respectfully submitted,

COLICE C. TISON,
Shellfish Constable.

ALEWIFE COMMITTEE REPORT

This year 1939 is the first that the Fishways have been in operation, and it is estimated by Mr. Burns, Engineer of the State Department of Conservation, that 30,000 fish made use of them.

Nothing was accomplished in regard to fishways at Smelt Brook or at the Mayflower Mill, but Mr. Barnes, Acting Director of the State Department of Marine Fisheries, has promised that he will do both as soon as possible.

The right to take fish in Jones River will not be sold until 1942. This is to allow the alewives to propagate undisturbed for three years.

In anticipation of a fishway at the Mayflower Mill in the near future, the committee decided to put alewives in Crossman's Pond. About 2,000 fish from Pembroke were placed there in order that the continuity would not be broken.

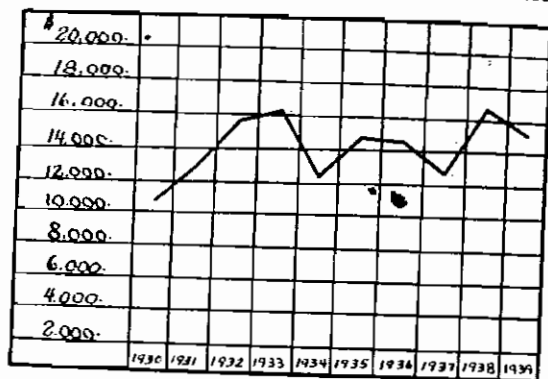
Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. BONNEY, Chairman
ARTHUR B. HOLMES,
HENRY S. WEST,
GEORGE F. SEVER,
WILLIAM P. POWERS,

Alewife Committee.

REPORT OF WELFARE DEPARTMENT

EXPENDITURES WELFARE DEPARTMENT, 1930-1939



During 1939 the amount expended for direct aid under the Welfare Department was reduced by \$1500.00 over the previous year without altering the policy of the department to maintain recipients in a decent and healthy condition. Despite this welcome reduction we have no conviction that this improvement is of a permanent nature and we fear that any new recession might return our costs to the upward trend. Realizing the importance of the relief problem we have thought it well to review the situation particularly with regard to the Welfare Aid that all the citizens may be more familiar with the mechanics of our department.

It is a widely held opinion that the startling growth in the cost of all forms of public assistance during recent years has resulted from a new and more paternal attitude of government. It would seem, however, far more fair and accurate to say that a new condition has appeared which made paternalism necessary. That condition which has dictated this policy has been the drying up of opportunity for employment and even the brief industrial revival of 1937 proved far from capable of greatly reducing the magnitude of the problem. Since this has become a major governmental problem no real and fundamental solution has been presented and since no solution is at hand it has been the province

of government to minister to the effects of the disease realizing that it is not yet able to remove the cause.

To that end a number of special agencies of federal, state, and municipal government have been enlisted to administer to the many different types of cases requiring aid. Many of these are now familiar to the public as the W. P. A., Old Age Assistance, and Welfare, while some like Soldiers Relief, Aid to the Blind and Aid to Dependent Children are perhaps less well known. Some of these are newly created and nearly all of them have had their character changed to meet the changing conditions resulting from the prolonged period of depression since 1929.

It is not to be supposed that they were created in perfect form and only a long succession of experience and modification has brought them to their present improved state. It seems probable that further years will be required to make them function with the efficiency desirable in such an important department of government.

Of all the agencies none is of more immediate importance to the town than "Welfare Aid" for almost its total cost is borne by the town and it serves a wider range of the citizens than any other of the public assistance departments.

This agency is directed by an elected board of three who act in an executive capacity with a paid secretary in charge of administration of the department. In a town like Kingston the distinctions between executive and administrative functions are not hard and fast and the Welfare Board concerns itself with all phases of the work with the result that cost of administration is held to approximately 10% of the aid granted.

Neither the Board nor its secretary has a free hand in policy determination and must constantly consult the statutes before decisions are made. In all phases of welfare administration, determination of settlement, honoring of bills, eligibility to assistance, in every step the department takes it must carefully follow the laws governing the subject. Knowledge of the law is a vital necessity for the economical operation of a welfare department and often a familiarity with the legal status of a single case will affect a greater saving than strict regulation of assistance grants for an entire year.

Needy persons who are eligible for none of the special forms of relief are the concern of the Department of Public Welfare.

Each individual or head of a family who applies for aid must make a complete statement, under oath, of his assets and liabilities, income and expense. These statements are verified by actual investigation. It is then the duty of the Board to decide whether the case is worthy and if so what grant is necessary. It is evident that within the limits of the law considerable latitude is granted the Board in these matters and that a fair and just determination of the questions involved requires a thorough knowledge of the community and local living conditions.

If it is decided that a case is worthy of relief the aid is granted in cash only in special cases. More often the town issues orders for fuel, food, or rent as the problem demands, but whenever aid of any sort is granted to able bodied persons the town is reimbursed by work at a fixed rate. The Board must supervise medical attention, hospitalization, food purchased, rents allowed, purchase of clothing, all the expenditures of each case and redetermine at intervals if the case still requires aid. At the same time the Board must exert every effort to see if there is any available employment which would allow a recipient to resume charge of his expenses and thereby relieve the town. Even after the death of a recipient the Board must continue to function not only to supervise the funeral and burial expenses, but also to recover for the town if possible any value realized on the estate.

This in outline is the manner in which a Welfare Board operates. The nature of the work leaves it peculiarly susceptible to criticism; the importance of its work should make it of singular interest to every taxpayer, for these reasons we have included this material in your town report.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. BONNEY, Chairman
WILLIAM M. POST
HORACE C. WESTON

Board of Public Welfare.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Active cases January 1, 1939	81
Cases opened during the year	13
Cases closed during the year	14
Active cases December 31, 1939	80

Average monthly rate per case \$28.65

Expended 1938	\$27,631.19
Expended 1939	\$28,322.65

In this department the case load has been nearly constant but the cost has increased slightly due to medical, hospital, and burial expense which increased the contribution required from the town.

It is certain that we shall receive added cases early in 1940, but it is to be hoped that the revised arrangement for apportioning expense between the town, state, and federal governments will make it possible to hold the town's cost to the 1939 level.

SAMUEL C. BONNEY, Chairman
WILLIAM M. POST
ORFEO SGARZI

REPORT OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Case load January 1, 1939	18
Case load December 31, 1939	15
Expended 1938	\$3,336.92
Expended 1939	\$2,474.25

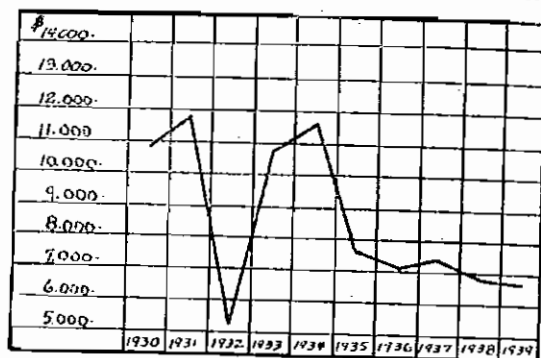
The cooperation received from all recipients of this type of aid and the fact that the case load was reduced resulted in a substantial reduction in the cost of operation of this department.

Those assisted by this agency are granted aid in accordance with a standard budget worked out by the state. The food allowance is a minimum one, and the mother or homemaker must be a good planner, good cook, and good shopper to obtain satisfactory results under it. All grants under this category are determined by statute and are under the supervision of the state.

SAMUEL C. BONNEY, Chairman
WILLIAM M. POST
HORACE C. WESTON

REPORT OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

EXPENDITURES ON HIGHWAYS (Exclusive of Chapter 90 Work) 1930-39



During 1939 a change in the administrative organization of this department resulted in a considerable reduction in the cost of directing the highway work. The resultant saving was set aside as a special reserve and returned to the treasury at the end of the year. A further saving was effected by a more complete utilization of the Highway Department building on Evergreen Street. By a rearrangement and improvement of the facilities there it is now possible to store all the vehicles and equipment of the department at that location. This eliminates any expense for garage rental an item of nearly \$150.00 annually.

We have also undertaken the keeping of systematic records of the work done by the department in order that we may have a complete account of the work accomplished and compare the results achieved by different methods of construction and maintenance. An analysis of costs on various projects indicated that our new policy of manufacturing our own bituminous patching materials had reduced the cost of this item by nearly 50%. Further experimentation has improved our handling of shoulder repair work by the use of calcium chloride and clay mixed with the gravel.

This method was used effectively on Pembroke Street where the shoulders have been gradually breaking away since the

elimination of the street railway tracks. Nevertheless it will be necessary for the town to do extensive patching and shoulder work on this road each year until such time as it is possible to rebuild this highway. It was the intention of the Department and vote of the town to begin reconstruction in 1939 but the state failed to make any funds available for Chapter 90 construction and in consequence the project was abandoned.

The state did, however, decide to make available smaller sums for maintenance work under Chapter 90 on the basis of equal contributions by the county and town and under this plan the town improved the surface of Elm Street from Jones River to the junction with Indian Pond Road by the application of a seal coat. This should greatly extend the life of the wearing surface and it is recommended that this year similar work be started on Wapping Road as it is anticipated that funds will be available from state and county to share in the expense of such a program.

We have this year continued the policy of treating the secondary roads with additional applications of bituminous material and Brookdale Street, River Street, and Indian Pond Road received second year treatments. Brook Street which was rebuilt in 1932 under Chapter 90 was given a half inch stone seal in an effort to hold a surface which had proved very expensive to maintain. While the street was greatly improved thereby it should be added that the foundation of this road is in a very unsatisfactory condition which can only be remedied by extensive excavation and that treatments to the surface cannot solve the underlying difficulty.

One of the most extensive changes introduced during the year was the rebuilding of the upper end of Prospect Street where surface and drainage conditions had long merited attention. In making this over the entire fifty foot layout was utilized by constructing two eighteen foot road surfaces, separated by a grass plot and edged by two four foot sidewalks. The road surfaces were given a tar treatment which should be followed up with an additional application in the near future. On this street an eighty foot length of curbing and gravel sidewalk was installed, but the completion of the work was curtailed by the arrival of cold weather.

The expense of reconditioning the steam roller and the cost of operating this piece of equipment made it appear advisable

to abandon it and substitute a hired gasoline roller for our work. This also appears to be a better course to follow than to purchase a new roller for the relatively small amount of rolling required annually in Kingston.

The more complete utilization of the Highway Department Building has proved very advantageous to the town but the extremely small lot on which it is situated hampers a full use of the property. Since the adjoining land can be acquired at a very reasonable figure we highly recommend this course to the town and an article for that purpose has been included in the warrant.

We have received excellent cooperation from the other departments throughout the year and in this connection the Water Department should be especially mentioned since their attention to our problems as well as their own has greatly reduced the possible cost of patching and filling where water mains were installed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. HOLMES.

Superintendent of Streets.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

During 1939 your Fire Department responded to 38 calls many of which appeared serious at the start. This was particularly true of one fire in the Point Section of Rocky Nook which occurred last fall and served to prove the real value of the new pipe line laid under the Jones River near its mouth. This started as a small grass fire, but there was a very heavy wind blowing endangering all the houses in that area. At it was several houses were scorched and it seems probable that none could have been saved had not both pieces of apparatus responded and had a wonderful supply of water available as a result of the laying of the new pipe line. We are proud of the way our boys handled this fire and thankful for the new water supply for in the face of what might have proved a disastrous fire not a single building was destroyed.

All equipment with the exception of one of our ladders appears in good condition and we are asking for funds to replace the ladder.

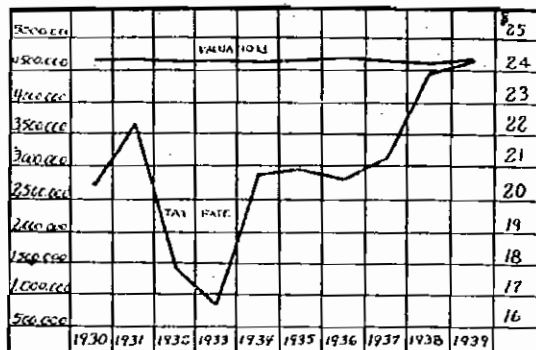
Hose House No. 1 is badly in need of paint and repairs, and this we hope to remedy soon.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE W. COLE,
PAUL H. DELANO,
EMIL SAUER,
VICTOR OLIVA,
ALBERT H. HOLMES,
CLARENCE R. DREW, Chief Engineer,
LESTER B. DREW, Chairman,

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

TOTAL VALUATIONS AND TAX RATES, 1930-1939



1939 TAX RATE, \$24.40 per thousand

Valuation of Real Estate January 1, 1939	\$4,324,700.00
Valuation of Personal Property January 1, 1939	166,900.00

Total	\$4,491,600.00
Increase in valuation since January 1, 1938	\$38,810.00

Town Appropriations:	
March 1939	\$150,746.95
October 13, 1938	9,306.10
	<hr/> \$160,053.05

State Assessments:	
1939 State Tax	\$12,060.00
1938 State Tax Underestimate	6,030.00
State Audit	302.20
State Parks	204.29
Veterans' Exemptions	20.84
	<hr/> \$18,617.33

County Assessments:	
1939 County Tax	\$7,100.34
1938 County Tax Underestimate	15.11

County Hospital	2,165.20	
Powder Point Bridge	707.56	
		<hr/> \$9,988.21

Additional Assessments:	
Maturing Debt	\$7,500.00
Interest on Maturing and Public Service Loans	763.13
Overlay for 1939	1,591.73
Overlay (Deficits)	323.50
	<hr/> \$10,178.36

Total of all assessments of current year	\$198,836.95
Total deductions (estimated receipts and authorized transfers)	87,253.91

Total to be raised by Local Taxation	\$111,583.04
Total valuation (\$4,491,600.00 at \$24.40)	\$109,595.04
Poll taxes (994 at \$2.00 each)	1,988.00

Total raised by Local Taxation	\$111,583.04
Number of automobiles assessed, 981.	
Value of automobiles assessed	\$182,560.00

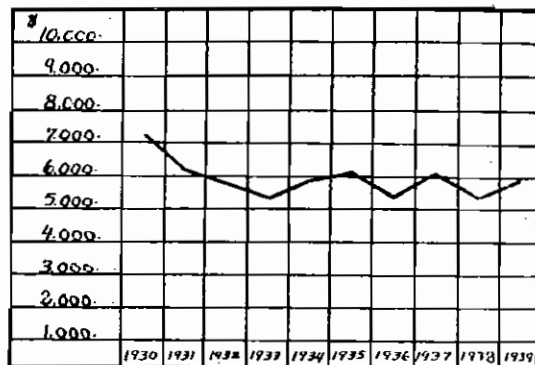
Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS P. McMANUS, Chairman,
JOHN T. RANDALL,
HENRY L. BARKER,

Board of Assessors.

WATER DEPARTMENT—1939

MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES OF WATER DEPARTMENT, 1930-39



To the Citizens of the Town of Kingston:

At the first meeting following the annual election of officers, the Board of Water Commissioners elected Mr. Lincoln C. Bartlett, Chairman, appointed Mr. George W. Cushman, Clerk, and Wilfred J. StAmant, Superintendent.

At the end of the Departmental year the Board of Water Commissioners are able to report that the financial status of the Water Department is very good. The summary of the Commitments, Collections, and Abatements is as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1939	\$259.50
Commitments during 1939	14,956.26
Abatements and payments refunded	26.33
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	\$15,238.09
Amount collected	\$14,602.58
Abatements	249.83
Outstanding, January 1, 1940	385.68
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	\$15,238.09

The Commitments during 1939 increased \$407.05 over 1938.

The Water Department functioned very satisfactorily during the unusual drought experienced this past year. Unusual demands were made for water, and the Booster Pump at the Well Lots, which was installed in 1938 was used to very good advantage. The additional storage at the new reservoir on Smith's Lane was of immeasurable assistance in maintaining a constant supply of water for the south end of the town.

The laying of the six inch pipe on Pembroke Street was completed at a cost of \$2,471.70, which is \$1,113.30 less than the amount appropriated by the town and requested in the article inserted by petition. The excellent work of our Superintendent and of the Foreman, Mr. John J. Moore, was reflected in the low cost of a satisfactory job.

The W. P. A. projects for laying water mains in the Rocky Nook Park and Rocky Nook Point areas were completed, giving that important part of the Town ample fire protection which was proven in one fire at the Point. Without the water provided by the new pipes that fire might have been very disastrous.

The Water Commissioners feel that the Town should take advantage of any opportunity to lay Water Pipe under W. P. A., and are carefully considering the most important sites for the laying of pipe in this manner. We strongly urge the Town to transfer the \$1,113.30 remaining in the appropriation to lay pipe on Pembroke Street to a special appropriation to cooperate with the W. P. A. and lay water pipe in our Town.

The Water Department completed the laying of 200 feet of 10" pipe connecting the new wells at the well lot to the gravity flow line.

The condition of the Department has been very much improved in the past few years, but the dam at the pumping station has not been repaired. After careful investigation it was found by the Commissioners that the appropriation of \$300.00 voted at the Annual Meeting in 1939 was not sufficient to do a satisfactory job, and we have bids from reliable and experienced concerns who are able to do the repair work that is so necessary to this vital part of our department. The Commissioners will request an additional sum of \$495.00 to do this work and strongly urge the townspeople to appropriate this sum.

The expense of maintaining our truck this year was greater than that of any previous year and the truck is in such condition that maintenance costs will increase. The Commissioners are requesting the purchase of a new truck and strongly urge the townspeople from a standpoint of economy to appropriate the money for this purpose. It is not good practice to operate a truck that costs each year three times its value in repair costs.

The Water Department has under their jurisdiction the portion of Smith's Lane taken at the time of the erection of the new reservoir. Several times this past year, problems in the maintenance of this road have arisen, and as the Water Department is not properly equipped to handle road problems, it was necessary to call upon the Highway Department for assistance. We suggest that this road be placed under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen, as soon as possible.

The water pumped into the mains of the system during the year 1939 was 90,735,298.4 gallons.

Total number of services repaired in 1939: 25.

Total number of new services added in 1939: 18.

Total number of services at end of year: 998.

The following is a record of the cost of electric power for the past six years in the Water Department.

1934	\$1,716.41
1935	1,813.45
1936	829.39
1937	806.17
1938	600.00
1939	1,335.10

It will be noted that the cost of electricity for the year 1939 was \$1,335.10, which was \$535.10 more than was provided in the budget for the year, and considerable more than we have spent in previous years, this was due to the extremely dry season, and the lack of water to use the water wheel at the pumping station. By careful economy we were able to use \$90.50 from our maintenance appropriation to apply to this cost, but it was necessary

to request a transfer of \$444.60 from the Finance Committee, to make up the balance.

We wish to take the opportunity at this time to thank all the Town Officials and Townspeople for their splendid cooperation during the year which was greatly appreciated by the Water Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

LINCOLN C. BARTLETT, Chairman
RALPH F. SANTARO,
MITCHELL TOABE,

Kingston Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1939

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1939	\$10,217.66
Receipts	244,066.77
Total	\$254,284.45

Disbursements

Payments	\$249,936.18
Balance, December 31, 1939	4,348.27
Total	\$254,284.45

Loans in Anticipation of Taxes During 1939

Date	Bank	Amount	Rate	Due Date
Mar. 14	The New Eng. Trust Co.	\$15,000.00	.15	Oct. 16, 1939
Mar. 14	The New Eng. Trust Co.	15,000.00	.15	Nov. 15, 1939
Mar. 14	The New Eng. Trust Co.	20,000.00	.15	Dec. 30, 1939

I am very happy to complete the year without any notes in anticipation of taxes outstanding which is very unusual.

On November 2, 1939 it was necessary for the Finance Committee to transfer sixty-four dollars to the Treasurer's and Collector's Account in order for me to have necessary funds to complete the year. This was necessary because two acts that were passed in the legislature of 1939 increased both the bonds of the Treasurer and Collector which made it necessary to pay an additional premium of sixty-four dollars that was not provided for in the budget.

During the year of 1939 I devoted a great deal of time to Tax Titles because my Tax Title Account has been climbing for a number of years and it had reached to a figure of \$3,396.63 as of December 31, 1938 and again I am happy to state that I have reduced the figure as of December 31, 1939 to \$1,460.48. This was brought about by disclaiming some old Tax Titles that were

taken a number of years ago that were erroneously assessed. I wrote some very stern letters to several that I knew were in a position to pay. It was my privilege to have some experience in the Land Court this past year by presenting three cases which were disposed of during the year. In consequence these lots became the property of the town. They were later disposed of by the Selectmen and turned back into taxable property. I still have some Tax Titles that should go through the Land Court and, therefore, I am asking the Town to appropriate an amount of one hundred and fifty dollars in order that I may carry out this work.

For my report as Tax Collector see the State Auditor's report, pages 100 to 105.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CUSHMAN,

Town Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

During the early part of 1939, scarlet fever was prevalent. However, not as many cases were reported as during the latter half of 1938. The whole-hearted cooperation of the school authorities and our local doctors held the spread of this disease at a minimum. The latter part of the school year there was an outbreak of measles, in all, forty-five cases being reported. Again, diligent work and cooperation helped to avert an epidemic.

The two cases of tuberculosis receiving periodic treatment at the Plymouth County Hospital during 1938 continued to receive treatment at the same institution during 1939. There have been no confined cases during 1939.

Our usual appeal to respect the "No Dumping" regulations is made again this year. Conditions due to the indiscriminate disposal of rubbish have improved but the menace still exists. Please use the town dump, open on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. POST,
HORACE C. WESTON,
SAMUEL C. BONNEY,
Kingston Board of Health.

FREDERIC C. ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income of Frederic C. Adams Fund

January 1, 1939, balance on hand	\$8,753.82	
Income for the year	706.67	
		\$9,460.49

Paid for:

Books, Magazines, etc.	\$596.59
Repairs	58.72
All other expenses	9.00
Balance on hand	8,796.18
	\$9,460.49

The Frederic C. Adams Fund stands invested as follows:

- 2 shares American Telephone & Telegraph Co.
- 6 shares Boston Elevated Railway Co., common stock
- 28 shares Plymouth Cordage Co.
- 44 shares Plymouth National Bank.
- 2 shares and 2 shares. Certificates of Participation, Plymouth National Bank, Trustee.
- \$ 500.00 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co., 4% bond due 1995.
- \$1,000.00 Rio Grande Western Railway Co., 4% bond due 1939.
- \$1,000.00 on deposit in the New Bedford Five Cents Savings Bank.
- \$ 864.60 on deposit in the Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.
- \$2,121.61 on deposit in the South Scituate Savings Bank.
- \$2,000.00 on deposit in the Whitman Savings Bank.

Income of Byron C. Quinby Fund

January 1, 1939, balance on hand	\$53.75	
Income for the year	16.73	
		\$70.48
Balance on hand	\$70.48	
		\$70.48

The principal of this fund, \$500.00 and accrued interest, \$70.48 is on deposit in the Plymouth Savings Bank.

Income of Rosa A. Cole Fund

January 1, 1939, balance on hand	\$75.67	
Income for the year	159.48	
		\$235.15
Paid for:		
Supplies	\$107.02	
Premium on Treasurer's bond	25.00	
Rent of Safe	5.00	
Balance on hand	98.13	
		\$235.15

The Rosa A. Cole Fund stands invested as follows:

\$1,241.05 on deposit in the Bridgewater Savings Bank.
 \$1,973.75 on deposit in the Plymouth Five Cents Savings Bank.
 \$1,785.20 on deposit in the Rockland Savings Bank.

Income of Annie C. Thomas Fund

January 1, 1939, balance on hand	\$41.02	
Income for the year	25.00	
		\$66.02
Paid for:		
Treasurer's salary and expenses	\$25.00	
Balance on hand	41.02	
		\$66.02

The principal of this fund, \$1,000.00 is on deposit in the Fairhaven Institution for Savings.

Book Fines

During the year 1939, fines to the amount of \$134.92 were collected by the Librarian, and paid to the Town Treasurer.

Town Appropriation

Expenditures from town appropriation will be found in the report of the Town Accountant.

HENRY L. BARKER,
Treasurer.

December 31, 1939.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Frederic C. Adams Public Library:

The statistical report which follows sums up briefly the Library's activities for the year 1939. It has been a busy year and one of steady growth in the use of the Library and in the Library's service to the town and to the schools. Figures can only give partial proof of that service, but a gain of 1872 in our total circulation for the year is encouraging. In 1935 the total circulation of Library books was a little over 14,000. For 1939 it was 30,254.

The work with the schools increases every year and this is a source of much satisfaction. New borrowers who had never used the Library before numbered 110.

A W.P.A. Library project for the repairing and mending of books has helped tremendously in cutting down the large bindery bill. Old books have been repaired and made useful, while new books have been re-enforced and strengthened in time, thereby avoiding a trip to the bindery.

The N. Y. A. assistance has been of invaluable aid to the Library; without some such assistance the volume of work which we are now doing in the Library could not be carried on.

As has been stated before, the Library's greatest need at present is for more books. With the greatly increased use of the Library, the need and demand for more books is a vital one. It is expected that in 1940, the long-wished for additional bookcases will be built for the Children's Room and for the new Non-Fiction books.

The Trustees and Librarian wish to extend their thanks to the following for their generous gifts of books, periodicals, flowers and plants: Kingston Grange, The New England News Co., Mrs. Addie B. Shepherd, Dr. Arthur Holmes, Rev. L. Gordon Adamson, Mr. Clarence Ertman, Mr. Frank H. Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Tilton, Mr. Charles Leach, Miss Charlotte Cutts, The Kingston Reading Club, Miss Elizabeth Townsend, and Mr. Edward S. Howe.

The Librarian wishes to acknowledge the kind and helpful cooperation of the Trustees, The National Youth Administration and the W. P. A.

Statistical report for 1939:

Number of books in the Library	10,444
Added the past year, 421, 43 of which are gifts.	
Discarded, old and worn out books	40
Magazines, weeklies and dailies	27
Total attendance in reading room	5,445
Total circulation	30,254
Non-fictional circulation	4,284
Circulation of periodicals	1,362
Juvenile circulation	5,282
Total gain over 1939	1,872
Books lent to schools, January-December, 1939	1,261
Total circulation of these books	5,488
Total registration	1,151
New borrowers registered, January-December, 1939	110

Respectfully submitted,

MINNIE BURKE FIGMIC,

Librarian.

CLINTON T. KEITH,
HARVEY A. SOULE,
NEWELL O. BLANCHARD,
JOHN E. WRIGHT,
FRANK A. RANDALL,
HENRY L. BARKER,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The amount appropriated for this department in 1939 was \$400.00. There has been expended \$395.30, mostly for trimming of Elm trees.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. RANDALL,
Tree Warden.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

For this department \$700.00 was appropriated in 1939, there has been expended \$625.30.

The conditions as a whole continue to show improvement.

The W. P. A. projects have been a contributing factor in this improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. RANDALL,
Superintendent of Moth Work.

REPORT OF PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

1939

During the past year the work of the Playground Commission increased considerably with the growing interest in and use of the Community Building. The Playground was idle through most of the period because of the repairs undertaken by the W.P.A.

The usual programs conducted by the N. Y. A. and the Scout Troops were carried on in the basement throughout the year. Extensive use of the auditorium was made by the different theatre groups of the town and by a semi-professional group playing here through the summer. The combined receipts for rentals to these companies when taken together with receipts from other sources produced the largest financial returns since the year that the building was opened.

To relieve the crowded conditions on the tennis court a second court was built during the summer months with W.P.A. funds. The town now possesses two courts in perfect condition.

Extensive repairs on the Playground, which was closed to all activities throughout the period of repairs, have given to Kingston one of the finest playgrounds in Plymouth County. The grounds in the future will be closed to traffic to insure a properly conditioned playing surface.

Permission this year was granted to the High School to use the auditorium of the Community Building for basketball. The School has attempted to co-operate wholeheartedly with the Commission in equipping the building and in supervising the building during practice sessions and games.

Nets have been laid out on the four sides of the court in such a manner that it is practically impossible for a ball to touch the walls of the building.

The baskets have been so suspended from the beams that they may be taken down and stored away at the end of the season. The construction of the baskets and playing surface has in no way marred the inside finish of the building. The lines used to mark

out the court have been drawn with a cold water paint and can readily be removed with soap and water.

During practice sessions pupils are under supervision at all times. During the games, teachers are assigned to definite supervisory tasks, and a police officer is on duty throughout the evening.

The Commission is therefore unable to foresee any serious damage to the building as a result of the granting of permission to the High School to use the auditorium for basketball.

The rentals for the Community Building for the coming year will be as follows:

The entire building	\$25.00
The auditorium	15.00
The basement	10.00
The basement without kitchen privilege	8.00
A side room—afternoons	2.00
A side room—evenings	3.00
Rehearsals	3.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRED L. BAILEY, Chairman,
MALCOLM PETERSON, Secretary,
L. F. ZAHN,
GEORGE CANDINI, JR.,
L. B. DREW,

Playground Commission.

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Kingston Mass., February 8, 1940.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Town of Kingston, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a report of the financial transactions of the
Town for the year ending December 31, 1939.

ROLAND BAILEY,
Town Accountant.

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES—Current Year:		
Poll	\$1,742.00	
Personal	2,857.80	
Real	44,770.67	
		\$49,370.47

AGENCY:		
State Tax	\$12,060.00	
State Tax Underestimate 1938	6,030.00	
Veterans' Exemption	11.07	
Veterans' Exemption Underestimate 1938	9.77	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	302.20	
State Parks and Reservations	192.22	
State Parks and Reservations Underestimate 1938	12.07	
		18,617.33
County Tax	\$7,100.34	
County Tax Underestimate 1938	15.11	
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance	2,165.20	
Powder Point Bridge Repairs	707.56	
		9,988.21

Total Taxes—Current Year	\$77,976.01
Dog Licenses	633.60

TAXES—Previous Years:		
Poll	\$48.00	
Property	28,274.17	
Tax Title Redemptions	1,506.44	
		\$29,828.61

Total Taxes Previous Years	29,828.61
Total Taxes and Dog Licenses	\$108,438.22

FROM STATE:		
Corporation Tax	\$1,651.53	
Income Tax	10,004.15	
		\$11,655.68

LICENSES—FINES:		
Licenses—Peddlers	\$32.00	
Court Fines	53.90	
		85.90

GRANTS AND GIFTS:		
Dog Licenses Returned by County	\$482.16	
Union Superintendency	749.17	
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	20.97	
Aid to Industrial Schools	193.89	
Highway Fund C.232	7,541.55	
		8,987.74
		20,729.32

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE	\$129,167.54
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COMMERCIAL REVENUE

DEPARTMENTAL

PRIVILEGES:		
Motor Vehicle Excise 1939	\$5,180.21	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1938	176.04	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1937	23.88	
		\$5,380.13
Taking Seed Clams	32.03	
		5,412.16

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:		
Rent—Rocky Nook Hose House	\$12.00	
Rent—Rocky Nook School House	12.00	
Telephone Tolls	3.35	
Adv. Applications for Alcoholic Licenses	33.75	
Adv. Applications for Sale of Gasoline	3.00	

Sale of Personal Property	3.50	
Sale of Real Estate	891.57	
		\$959.17
ACCOUNTING:		
Sale of Property	\$15.00	
		15.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS:		
Second Hand Auto Dealer	\$10.00	
Alcoholic	1,807.00	
Common Victualler	15.00	
Junk Collector	* 7.00	
Lord's Day	9.00	
Shellfish Taking	123.85	
Shellfish Areas	4.00	
Skating Rink	5.00	
Transient Vendor	10.00	
Slaughter House	2.00	
Overnight Cabins	30.00	
		2,032.85
TREASURER:		
County Reimbursement for Dog Officer	\$32.00	
		32.00
COLLECTOR:		
Advertising Delinquent Taxes	\$20.80	
Poll Tax Demands	35.70	
T. T. Deeds and Release	26.07	
Fees	6.41	
		88.98
TOWN CLERK:		
Blueprints	\$8.74	
Registration as Dealer in Oleomargarine	1.50	
		10.24
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		3,138.24
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Sealers' Fees	\$75.67	
License to Carry Revolver	8.50	
Sale of Lead	2.06	
Permits to Sell Milk	8.00	
State Subsidy	7.14	
Nuisance Abated by Board of Health	30.20	
Refund of Workmen's Compensation Insurance	987.99	
Use of Fire Truck	15.00	
Return of Tax on Gas Used in Boat	1.53	
		\$1,136.09
		1,136.09

HIGHWAYS

Sale of Junk	\$1.00	
Rental Road Machinery	533.32	
Repairs to Damaged Property	22.80	
Sale of Sand	5.00	
Offsets to Outlay (Chap. 90)	1,249.18	
		\$1,811.30
		1,811.30

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

REIMBURSEMENTS AND GRANTS:

PUBLIC WELFARE:		
From Individuals	\$61.00	
From State	3,909.96	
From Cities and Towns	966.43	
		\$4,937.39

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

From State	\$1,043.49	
From Federal Grants—Assistance	610.00	
From Federal Grants—Administration	66.62	
		1,720.11

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

From State	\$9,793.54	
From Cities and Towns	336.37	
From Federal Grant—Assistance	13,209.75	
From Federal Grant—Administration	440.26	
From Estates	2,604.00	
		26,383.92
		33,041.42

SCHOOL:

Tuition and Transportation from State	\$852.01	
Telephone from Towns	67.85	
Sale School Property	8.00	
		\$927.86

PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Book Fines	\$134.92	
		134.92
		1,062.78

RECREATION:

Rentals, Playground and Building	\$592.00	
		\$592.00
		592.00

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Water Rates	\$14,602.58		
Water Miscellaneous	17.30		
		\$14,619.88	
			14,619.88

ALEWIFE COMMITTEE:

Cobb & Drew	\$10.00		
		\$10.00	
			10.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

INTEREST:

On Taxes	\$1,307.25		
On Tax Title Redemptions	227.57		
On Excise Taxes	14.44		
On Trust Funds	1,461.90		
		\$3,011.16	

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$50,000.00		
		50,000.00	
			53,011.16

TRUST:

Guarantee Deposits	\$900.00		
		\$900.00	

TAX TITLE TRUST:

Bessie Willcott	\$35.90		
		35.90	
			935.90

REFUNDS:

M. H. Randall to O. A. A.	\$12.50		
to School	12.99		
Pay Roll to Moths	24.50		
Amer. Bitumuls to General Highway	45.81		
Water Dept. to Public Welfare	3.00		
George Lobdell to O. A. A.	17.50		
R. Souza to Soldiers' Relief	12.00		
		\$128.30	
			128.30

TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE	\$114,899.23		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	244,066.77		
CASH, JANUARY 1, 1939	10,217.68		
			\$254,281.45

1939

PAYMENTS

Departmental

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator	\$25.00		
			\$25.00

SELECTMEN:

Salaries	\$500.00		
Clerical	328.00		
Printing, Postage, Etc.	89.69		
Travel Expense	6.00		
Association Dues	6.00		
Subscription	2.00		
Advt. Liquor Licenses	35.63		
Advt. Public Hearing	3.00		
Laying Out Ways	192.70		
Release	2.00		
Deeds	6.00		
			\$1,171.02

ACCOUNTING:

Accountant	\$1,325.00		
Clerical	318.00		
Printing, Postage, Etc.	13.25		
Association Dues	7.00		
Travel Expense	27.90		
Supplies	29.75		
Equipment	125.00		
			\$1,845.90

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR:

Treasurer	\$540.00		
Collector	660.00		
Travel Expense	50.45		
Clerical	14.94		
Surety Bonds	318.50		
Printing, Postage, Etc.	368.75		
Supplies	93.45		
Safe Deposit and P. O. Box	8.00		
Certifying Notes	6.00		
Association Dues	2.00		
Advt. Delinquent Taxes	24.70		
Recording Deeds	26.00		
Tax Title Costs	16.70		
Small Claim Court Fee	3.63		

Robbery and Burglary Insurance	27.50	
Equipment	2.50	
Tax Title Foreclosures	73.45	
		\$2,236.57

TOWN CLERK:

Salary	\$125.00	
Fees	108.50	
Printing, Postage, Etc.	5.00	
Travel	4.25	
Clerical	22.00	
Bond	7.50	
Blueprints	5.60	
Supplies	20.80	
		\$299.65

ASSESSORS:

Salaries	\$1,189.91	
Clerical	33.75	
Printing, Postage, Etc.	41.61	
Travel	66.89	
Bookbinding	18.49	
Association Dues	6.00	
Listing Property Transfers	132.40	
Supplies	51.68	
Repairs	9.00	
		\$1,549.73

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:

Registrars	\$216.00	
Election Officers	68.00	
Printing, Postage, Etc.	45.45	
Supplies	6.61	
Clerical	11.08	
		\$347.14

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Postage	\$2.00	
		2.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN HOUSE:

Janitor	390.00	
Janitor's Supplies	33.50	
Fuel	435.67	
Light	170.12	
Repairs	86.35	
Town House Fixtures	26.65	
		\$1,142.29

Total General Government \$8,619.30

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE:

Chief	\$2,005.00	
Officers	339.80	
Printing, Postage, etc.	28.65	
Lock-up Fees	16.15	
Equipment	24.39	
M. C. & Car Operation	352.68	
M. C. & Car Repairs	94.20	
Association Dues	5.00	
Travel Expense	2.00	
Supplies	23.96	

SHELLFISH:

Constable	\$1,300.00	\$2,891.83
Supplies	4.35	
Gas, oil, etc.	29.73	
Equipment	6.72	
Repairs	61.30	
Printing	7.00	
Travel Expense	2.00	
		\$1,411.10
Harbor Master		48.06

FIRE:

Chief Engineer	\$55.00	
Chief Engineer's Assistant	30.00	
Steward	12.00	
Firemen	391.00	
Wages at Fires	604.75	
Equipment	104.00	
Supplies	11.30	
Rent	487.32	
Hydrant Service	82.15	
Gas, oil, etc.	61.58	
Lights	9.00	
Repairs	232.78	
Fire Alarm Service	85.58	
New Hose	225.00	

\$2,482.46

SEALING WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:

Sealer	\$200.00	
Travel	70.05	
Equipment	20.67	

\$290.72

SUPPRESSION OF MOTHS:

Superintendent	\$157.20	
Labor	310.25	
Truck	95.50	
Supplies	81.84	
Gas, Oil, etc.	5.76	
		\$650.55

TRIMMING SHADE TREES:

Warden	\$99.57	
Truck	36.00	
Labor	242.13	
Repairs	7.50	
Equipment	10.12	
		\$395.32

FOREST FIRES:

Fighting Fires	\$496.25	
Forest Warden	125.00	
Truck Storage	295.20	
Truck	225.00	
		\$1,141.45

OTHER PROTECTION:

Clearing Woods Roads	\$150.00	
Dog Officer	32.00	
Insurance of Municipal Bldgs. and Property	2,104.79	
Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund ..	400.00	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance ..	1,379.47	
		\$4,066.26

Total Protection of Persons and Property \$13,377.75

HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH:

Salaries	\$200.00
Other Labor	26.50
Plymouth County Hospital	268.50
Lakeville State Sanatorium	295.00
Med. and Med. Attention	350.40
Supplies	13.65
Care of Dump, Salaries	312.00
Abating a Nuisance	23.20
Transportation	1.50
Removing Dead Animals	4.00

Stationery, Postage, etc.	12.00	
Jordan Hospital Contagious Ward —		
Free Bed	500.00	\$2,006.75

INSPECTION:

Inspection of School Children:		
Physician	\$200.00	
Nurse	900.00	
Nurse's Supplies	11.06	
Nurse, Travel Expense	100.00	
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00	
Dental Clinic	234.73	
		\$1,495.79
Inspection of Animals	\$150.00	
Inspection of Slaughtering	25.00	
Mosquito Control Maintenance	400.00	
		\$575.00

Total Health and Sanitation \$4,077.54

HIGHWAYS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Superintendent of Streets	\$682.50	
Clerical	102.50	
		\$785.00

ROAD MACHINERY OPERATIONS, EQUIP. AND REPAIRS:

Gas, oil, etc.	\$789.87	
Repairs	250.84	
Equipment	103.02	
Supplies	120.00	
Labor	7.00	
Sand Spreader	4.20	
M. V. Registration	4.00	
		\$1,278.93
Equipment (Sanding Machine)	\$40.00	
		\$40.00
		\$40.00

GENERAL HIGHWAY:

Labor	\$2,752.05
Stone, gravel	166.31
Supplies	195.41
Lights .....	.38
Rent	30.00

Repairs	116.71	
Oil and Tar	275.37	
Asphalt Concrete	1,008.79	
Grate	6.50	
Roller Rental	58.75	
Signs and Flags	8.76	
		<u>\$4,659.03</u>

Total General Highway and Machinery Operation \$6,722.96

SPECIAL HIGHWAYS

ELM ST. CHAP. 90 MAINTENANCE

Labor	\$233.50	
Trucks	49.00	
Roller Rental	40.50	
Stone	316.79	
Bituminous Concrete	174.30	
Oil and Tar	223.81	
Supplies .....	.90	
		<u>\$1,038.80</u>

PERMANENT SIDEWALKS:

Labor	\$43.50	
		<u>\$43.50</u>

STREET, DIRECTION AND DANGER SIGNS:

Signs	\$15.24	
Labor	14.00	
Traffic Paint	12.94	
		<u>\$42.18</u>

SNOW REMOVAL:

Labor	\$1,396.38	
Clearing Highway	731.00	
Carting Sand	110.25	
Sanding	208.50	
Plowing Sidewalk	102.52	
		<u>\$2,548.65</u>

OTHER HIGHWAY:

Street Lighting	\$2,736.83	
Traffic Beacon	40.00	
		<u>\$2,776.83</u>

Total Special Highways \$6,449.96

Total All Highways \$13,172.92

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:

Salaries	\$974.00
Travel Expense	51.35

Printing, Postage, etc.	8.81	
Assoc. Dues	4.00	
		<u>\$1,038.16</u>

OUTSIDE RELIEF BY TOWN:

Groceries	\$3,106.66	
Fuel and Lights	368.34	
Board and Care	503.50	
Clothing	82.33	
Shelter	2,453.00	
Medical	762.86	
Hospital	757.40	
State Institution	443.00	
Transportation	32.70	
Other Cities and Towns	4,587.50	
Cash	1,302.86	
Moving Goods	62.50	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Water Service	16.00	
		<u>\$14,481.85</u>

Total Welfare \$15,520.01

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

Cash	\$2,273.25	
Medical	201.00	
		<u>\$2,474.25</u>

Total Aid to Dependent Children \$2,474.25

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

Supervisor	\$408.00	
Cash	27,375.50	
Medical	336.35	
Hospital	57.55	
Other Cities and Towns	338.72	
Burials	500.00	
Board and Care	53.25	
Postage	2.00	
Supplies	6.78	
		<u>\$29,078.15</u>

Total Old Age Assistance \$29,078.15

Reimbursement from Estates to C. Of M. \$1,578.34

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SOLDIERS' RELIEF:

Groceries	\$510.75
Rent	292.00
Medicine & Medical Attention	138.59
Fuel	88.26
Lights	41.71
Clothing	44.43
Help in House	564.00
Household Repairs	3.15
Moving Goods	20.00
Real Estate Tax	53.68
Water Service	6.00
	<u>\$1,762.57</u>

Total Soldiers' Relief \$1,762.57

Total Charities \$50,413.32

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

SCHOOLS:

Superintendent, Salary	\$1,511.25
Clerk	426.25
School Census	60.00
Printing, Stationery, postage, etc.	97.96
Graduation Expense	30.26
	<u>\$2,125.72</u>

Teachers' Salaries	\$24,511.94
Supervisors' Salaries	1,210.00
Books and Supplies	2,397.11
Miscellaneous	125.47
Transportation	2,366.00
	<u>\$30,610.52</u>

Janitor Service	\$2,236.00
Janitor's Supplies	57.47
Fuel	2,096.83
Lights	341.72
Repairs	1,045.04
New Equipment	265.92
	<u>\$6,042.98</u>

Total \$38,779.22

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS:

Tuition	\$412.84
Transportation	38.05
	<u>\$450.89</u>

Total Schools \$39,230.11

LIBRARY:

Librarian	\$1,000.00
Assistance in Library	8.75
Janitor	338.00
Fuel	215.31
Lights	104.48
Total Library	<u>\$1,666.54</u>

Total Schools and Library \$40,896.65

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

PLAYGROUND:

Janitor	\$1,375.00
Janitor's Supplies	54.39
Fuel—Coal and Wood	795.75
Fuel—Gas	17.00
Lights	197.65
Lighting Tree	13.12
Repairs	77.49
Other Labor	2.00
Recreation Supplies	22.60
	<u>\$2,555.00</u>

Care of Green & War Memorial Plot \$28.42

Total Recreation \$2,583.42

UNCLASSIFIED:

Observance of Memorial Day	\$198.58
Printing and Distributing Town Reports	396.52
Care of Other Municipal Property	170.88
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	100.00
Telephone	712.71
	<u>\$1,578.69</u>

LEGAL EXPENSES:

Wm. N. Cronin vs. Town of Kingston	\$108.80
Med. for Injury—Claim of Mrs. Mildred McLean	144.50
Works Progress Administration	10,643.93
	<u>10,897.23</u>

Total Unclassified \$12,475.92

Total Recreation and Unclassified \$15,059.34

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

WATER DEPARTMENT:

Administration:	
Superintendent	\$1,950.00
Superintendent's Assistant	1,040.00

Commissioners Salary	150.00	
Commitment Clerk	250.00	
Printing, Stationery & postage	50.82	
		\$3,440.82

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Power and Light	\$1,335.10	
Labor	135.50	
Fuel for Station	70.00	
Equipment	52.05	
Repairs	127.22	
M. V. Registration	2.00	
Supplies	31.85	
		\$1,753.72

SUPPLIES:

Truck Operation	\$288.69	
Truck Storage	26.00	
Supplies	208.11	
		\$522.80

MATERIALS:

Pipe and Fittings	\$238.94	
		\$238.94

Total Water Dept. and Maintenance \$5,956.28

SPECIAL WATER

WATER—ADDITIONAL WELLS AND PUMPS:

Labor	\$298.40	
Drafting	6.50	
Driving Wells	383.25	
Pipe and Fittings	475.51	
Supplies	39.02	
		\$1,202.68

WATER MAIN EXTENSION—PEMBROKE STREET:

Labor	\$771.72	
Materials	59.47	
Pipe and Fittings	1,640.51	
		\$2,471.70

DRAIN ON SMITH'S LANE EXTENSION:

Labor	\$14.00	
Supplies	36.61	
		\$50.61

Total Special Water \$3,724.99

ALEWIFE COMMITTEE:

Labor	\$60.00	
		\$60.00
Total Public Service Enterprises		\$9,741.27

INTEREST AND DEBT

INTEREST:

Anticipation of Revenue Loans	\$53.17	
Public Service Loans, Water	763.13	
		\$816.30

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Anticipation of Revenue Loans	\$60,000.00	
Public Service Loan, Water	7,500.00	
		\$67,500.00

Total Interest and Debt \$68,316.30

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

AGENCY:

State Tax	\$12,060.00	
Veterans' Exemption	15.34	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	302.20	
State Parks and Reservations	172.36	
		\$12,549.90
County Tax	\$7,100.34	
Plymouth County Hospital-Mainten- ance	2,165.20	
Powder Point Bridge Repairs	707.56	
Dog Licenses	624.00	
		10,597.10
Total Agency		\$23,147.00

TRUST:

PUBLIC TRUST:

Income William H. Willis Fund	\$169.95	
Income Thomas Prince Benevolent Fund	845.82	
Income School Funds for Lectures	504.20	
Income School Funds for Cash Prizes	25.16	
Income Lucy Prince Ames Memorial Fund	425.73	

Income Madella E. Witherell Fund	4.00	
		<u>\$1,974.86</u>
Total Public Trust		\$1,974.86
PRIVATE TRUST:		
Guarantee Deposits	\$900.00	
		<u>\$900.00</u>
Total Trust		\$2,874.86

REFUNDS

Taxes	\$86.49	
Excise Taxes	138.11	
Water Rates	15.33	
		<u>\$239.93</u>
Total Refunds		\$239.93
Total Payments		\$249,936.18
Cash, December 31, 1939		<u>4,348.27</u>
		\$254,284.45

BILLS PAYABLE

Fire Department Maintenance	\$19.00
Health	132.50
Highway	132.02

1,974.86
 1,974.86
 \$900.00
 \$2,874.86
 \$239.93
 \$230.93
 \$249,936.18
 4,348.27
 \$254,284.45

DEBT STATEMENT

Name of Loan	Issued	Amount	Rate	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1939	Paid 1939	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1939	Due 1940
Water Loan, 1920	May 1, 1920	\$10,000.00	5 1/4 %	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Water Loan, 1923	May 21, 1923	18,000.00	4 3/4 %	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Water Loan, 1936	Aug. 15, 1936	9,000.00	1 1/4 %	5,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00
Water Loan, 1937	Nov. 15, 1937	35,000.00	1 3/4 %	31,000.00	4,000.00	27,000.00	4,000.00
				\$40,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$32,500.00	\$7,500.00

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Ledger Accounts

	Balance Jan. 1, 1939	Appropriations	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue, Etc.	Balance Dec. 31, 1939
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
Moderator		\$25.00				\$25.00	\$25.00		
Selectmen		1,250.00		\$1.33		1,251.33	1,172.35	\$78.98	
Accountant and Auditor		1,675.00				1,675.00	1,720.90		\$45.90 Dr
New Equipment		125.00				125.00	125.00		
Treasurer and Collector		2,100.00		64.00		2,164.00	2,163.12	.88†	
New Equipment	\$.89					.89		.89	
Tax Title Foreclosures	10.00	50.00		60.00		120.00	73.45		46.55
Assessors		1,550.00				1,550.00	1,549.73	.27	
Prep. of Lists	86.00					86.00		86.00†	
Town Clerk		300.00				300.00	299.65	.35	
Election and Registration	6.14	325.00		25.75		356.89	347.14	9.75†	
Finance Committee		10.00				10.00	2.00	8.00	
Town House Maintenance		1,100.00				1,100.00	1,115.64		15.64 Dr
Fixtures	38.96					38.96	26.65		12.31
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY									
Police		2,905.00				2,905.00	2,891.83	13.17	
New Equipment	34.35					34.35			34.35
Ambulance Equipment		1.50				1.50			1.50
Dog Officer		50.00				50.00	32.00	18.00	
Shellfish		1,450.00				1,450.00	1,411.10	38.90	
New Equipment	10.00					10.00			10.00
Harbor Master		50.00				50.00	48.06	1.94	
Fire—Maintenance		2,000.00		225.00		2,225.00	2,214.52	10.48†	
Maintenance 1938	88.00					88.00	42.94		45.06
New Hose		225.00				225.00	225.00		
Scaler of Weights and Measures		300.00				300.00	290.72	9.28	
Suppression of Moths	2.38	700.00			24.70	724.70	650.55	74.15	2.38
Moths—New Hose		400.00				400.00	395.32	4.68	
Tree Warden		700.00		216.45		916.45	916.45		
New Equipment	50.00	50.00		125.00		225.00	225.00		
Clearing Woods Roads		150.00				150.00	150.00		
Bounties on Seals		30.00				30.00		30.00	
Insurance — Municipal Bldgs. & Property		1,600.00		530.00		2,130.00	2,104.79	25.21†	
Workmen's Compensation Ins.	413.10	107.68				520.78	520.78		
Workmen's Compensation Ins.		1,695.00				1,695.00	858.69		836.31
Municipal Bldg's Ins. Fund		400.00				400.00	400.00SB		
HEALTH AND SANITATION									
Health		1,575.00				1,575.00	1,574.81	.19	
1938	35.00					35.00			35.00
Free Bed, Jordan Hospital		500.00				500.00	500.00		
Unpaid Bill, W. DeLage	214.50					214.50	214.50		
Inspector of Animals		150.00				150.00	150.00		
Inspector of Slaughtering		25.00				25.00	25.00		
Mosquito Control Maintenance		400.00				400.00	400.00		
HIGHWAYS									
General Highway		6,100.00			45.81	6,145.81	5,404.03	741.78	
Road Machinery, Operation and Repairs		1,138.91		150.00		1,288.91	1,278.93	9.98†	
Traffic Beacon		40.00				40.00	40.00		
New Equipment		80.00				80.00	40.00		40.00
New Guard Fences		100.00				100.00			100.00
Street, Direction and Danger Signs		100.00				100.00	42.18	57.82	
Snow Removal		2,500.00		48.65		2,548.65	2,548.65		
Street Lighting		2,750.00				2,750.00	2,736.83	13.17	
Elm Street—Chap. 90	1,663.67		1,249.18			2,912.85	1,038.80	1,663.67\$	210.38

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—Continued

	Balance Jan. 1, 1939	Appropriations	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Balance Dec. Revenue, Etc. 31, 1939
Permanent Sidewalks	204.50					204.50	43.50	161.00
Cole Street Drainage	11.35					11.35		11.35\$
Smith's Lane—Special Repairs	51.49					51.49		51.49\$
Crescent and Prospect Streets	4.15					4.15		4.15\$
Grove Street Culvert	3.20					3.20		3.20\$
Cole and Oak Streets	32.55					32.55		32.55
Land Damage—Wapping Road	35.80					35.80		35.80
Landing Road	15.25					15.25		15.25
Pembroke Street	104.00					104.00		104.00
Main Street	10.00					10.00		10.00
CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS BENEFITS								
Public Welfare—Admin- istration		1,200.00				1,200.00	1,036.16	163.84
Assistance		15,300.00			3.00	15,303.00	13,956.11	1,287.40
Unpaid Bills	15Dr	1,325.93				1,325.78	527.74	59.49
A.D.C. Administration		25.00				25.00		798.04
A.D.C. Fed. Grant Ad- ministration			66.62			66.62		25.00
A.D.C. Assistance		2,975.00				2,975.00	1,827.75	66.62
A.D.C. Fed. Grant As- sistance	58.72		610.00			668.72	645.50	1,146.25
O.A.A. Administration		25.00				25.00	2.00	23.22
O.A.A. Fed. Grant Ad- ministration	127.37		440.26			567.63	414.78	23.00
O.A.A. Assistance		16,475.00			17.50	16,492.50	15,947.37	152.85
O.A.A. Fed. Grant As- sistance	102.43		13,209.79			13,312.18	12,714.00	545.13
Soldiers Relief and Burials		1,750.00			12.00	1,762.00	1,756.57	598.18
Soldiers Relief—Unpaid Bill	6.00	12.00				18.00	6.00	5.43
								12.00

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES								
Schools—Maintenance		40,000.00				40,000.00	39,992.45	7.55
Cobb School	2.00					2.00		2.00\$
Vocational Education		500.00				500.00	450.89	49.11
Public Library		1,775.00				1,775.00	1,666.54	108.46
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED								
Playground		2,500.00				2,500.00	2,440.06	59.94
Unpaid Bills	99.45	18.62				118.07	114.94	3.13
Special Repairs to Bldg.	240.86					240.86		240.86
Special Repairs to Plumbing and Heating	10.00					10.00		10.00\$
Care of Town Green and War Memorial Plot		65.00				65.00	28.42	36.58
Care of Other Municipal Property		200.00				200.00	170.88	29.12
Observance of Memorial and Armistice Days		200.00				200.00	198.58	1.42
Town Reports		400.00				400.00	396.52	3.48
Legal Expenses and Other Contingencies		600.00				600.00	253.30	346.70
Telephone		700.00		25.00		725.00	712.71	12.29\$
Town Records	50.00					50.00		50.00
County Aid to Agricul- ture		100.00				100.00	100.00	
Works Progress Admin- istration	1,615.98	8,400.00				10,015.98	6,696.03	3,319.95
Reserve		2,400.00				2,400.00	1,983.35	416.65\$
Revolutionary Grave Markers	.03					.03		.03\$
ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES								
Water—Maintenance		5,500.00		444.60		5,944.60	5,934.85	9.75\$
Maintenance 1938	2.70					2.70	2.70	
New Equipment	110.30					110.30	18.73	91.57

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—Continued

	Balance Jan. 1, 1939	Appropriations	Receipts	Transfers	Refunds	Total	Expended	Closed to Revenue, Etc.	Balance Dec. 31, 1939
Additional Wells and Pump	1,317.90					1,317.90	1,202.68		115.22
Committee Expenses	44.88					44.88		44.88§	
Pumping Station Dam		300.00				300.00			300.00
Extension of Mains—Pembroke Street		3,585.00				3,585.00	2,471.70		1,113.30
Drain on Smith's Lane Extension				68.90		68.90	50.61		18.29
Alewife Committee		60.00				60.00	60.00		
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT									
Interest — Temporary									
Loans		125.00				125.00	53.17	71.83	
Public Service Loans		763.13*				763.13	763.13		
Maturing Debt		7,500.00*				7,500.00	7,500.00		
NON REVENUE									
High School Addition	297.70					297.70			297.70
500,000 Gal. Stand Pipe	3,978.69					3,978.69		3,925.69	53.00
8" Main Across Jones River	23.12					23.12		23.12	
W.P.A. Special Pipe Laying		3,948.81				3,948.81	3,947.90		.91
INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS									
William H. Willis Fund	116.90		271.32			388.22	169.95		218.27
Thomas Prince Bener Fund	307.69		444.76			752.45	845.82		93.37 Dr
Arthur F. Wadsworth Fund	201.72					201.72			201.72
School Funds for Lectures	412.16		268.17			680.33	504.20		176.13
School Funds for Books	30.56		23.63			54.19			54.19
School Funds for Prizes	25.16		23.64			48.80	25.16		23.64

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Lucy Prince Ames Memorial Fund	.39		426.38			426.77	425.73		1.04
Maddella E. Witherell Fund			4.00			4.00	4.00		
ASSESSMENTS*									
State Tax	6,030.00Dr	18,090.00				12,060.00	12,060.00		
Veterans' Exemptions	9.23Dr	20.84				11.61	15.34	.54§	4.27 Dr
Audit Municipal Account		302.20				302.20	302.20		
State Parks	2.07Dr	204.29				202.22	172.36	10.00§	19.86
County Tax	15.11Dr	7,115.45				7,100.34	7,100.34		
Plymouth County Hospital Maintenance		2,165.20				2,165.20	2,165.20		
Powder Point Bridge Repairs		707.56				707.56	707.56		

* Assessment
† Dog Fund
‡ Overlay Surplus
§ Surplus Revenue
Dr Debit Balance
SB Savings Bank

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Town of Kingston
Balance Sheet—December 31, 1939

General Accounts

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash	\$4,348.27	Tailings	\$131.93
Accounts Receivable:		Proceeds of Dog Licenses—Due County	11.40
Taxes:		Tax Title Receipts Reserved—	
Levy of 1938	\$8,982.66	Section 79, Chapter 60, General Laws	36.71
Levy of 1939	32,479.30	Sale of Tax Possessions	891.57
	41,461.96	Guarantee Deposit on Contract Bid	10.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		Income from Trust Funds:	
Levy of 1938	\$14.49	William H. Willis Charity	
Levy of 1939	118.26	Fund	\$218.27
	132.75	Arthur F. Wadsworth	
Tax Titles	1,460.48	Welfare Fund	201.72
Tax Possessions	1,054.43	Lucy P. Ames Cemetery	
Departmental:		Fund	1.04
Moth	\$24.50	School Fund	253.96
Public Welfare	1,203.16		674.99
Aid to Dependent children	449.69	Reimbursements from Estates:	
Old Age Assistance	2,323.31	Old Age Assistance	371.50
Playground	58.00	Road Machinery Fund	533.32
Alewife	30.00	Federal Grants:	
	4,088.66	Old Age Assistance:	
Water:		Administration	\$152.85
Rates and Charges 1939	461.02	Assistance	598.18
Underestimated 1939:		Aid to Dependent Children:	
Veterans' Exemptions	4.27	Administration	66.62
Overdrawn Accounts:		Aid	23.22
Thomas Prince Benevolent Fund Income	\$93.37		840.87
Accountant and Auditor	45.90	Overestimate 1939:	
		State Parks and Reservations Assessment	19.86

Town House Maintenance	15.64	154.91
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Unexpended Appropriation Balances:	
Tax Title Foreclosures	\$40.55
Town House Fixtures	12.31
Police:	
Ambulance Equipment	\$1.50
New Equipment	34.35
	35.85
Fire Maintenance	45.06
Moth—new hose	2.38
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	836.31
Health—Salaries and Expenses	35.00
Shellfish—new equipment	10.00
Highway—new equipment	40.00
New Guard Fences	100.00
Elm Street—Chapter 90	210.38
Permanent Sidewalks	161.00
Grove Street Culvert	3.20
Land Damages:	
Cole and Oak Streets	\$32.55
Wapping Road	35.80
Landing Road	15.25
Pembroke Street	104.00
Main Street	10.00
	197.60
Public Welfare:	
Unpaid bills of 1938	\$798.04
Unpaid bills of 1939	59.49
	857.53
High School Addition	297.70
Playground—Repairs to Building	240.86
Town Records	50.00

BALANCE SHEET--Continued

W. P. A.:		
Projects	\$3,319.95	
Pipe Laying	.91	
		3,320.86
Water:		
New equipment	\$91.57	
Additional Wells		
and New		
Booster Pump	115.22	
Pumping Station		
Dam	300.00	
Extension of		
Water Mains-		
Pembroke St.	1,113.30	
Drain on Smith's		
Lane Extension	18.29	
Standpipe, etc.	53.00	
		1,691.38
Reserve Fund--Overlay Surplus		\$8,193.97
Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		510.17
Levy of 1938	\$526.35	
Levy of 1939	419.74	
		946.09
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$132.75	
Tax Title	1,460.48	
Tax Possession	1,054.43	
Departmental	4,088.66	
Water	461.02	
		7,197.34
Surplus Revenue		32,797.03

\$53,166.75

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Debt Accounts

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$32,500.00	Water Loan 1920	\$500.00
		Water Loan 1923	2,000.00
		Water Loan 1936	3,000.00
		Water Loan 1937	27,000.00
	\$32,500.00		\$32,500.00

Trust Accounts

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities:		William H. Willis Charity	
In Custody of:		Fund	\$9,540.51
Town Treasurer	\$73,430.19	Thomas Prince Benevolent	
Trustees	10,246.26	Fund	27,542.78
Library Trustees	27,472.02	Arthur F. Wadsworth Wel-	
		fare Fund	2,477.83
		Frederick C. Adams School	
		Fund	5,000.00
		Rosa A. Cole School Fund	1,000.00
		Annie C. Thomas School	
		Fund	5,000.00
		Elizabeth F. Glover Drink-	
		ing Fountain Fund	552.29
		Lacy P. Ames Cemetery	
		Fund	20,281.14
		St. Joseph Cemetery Per-	
		petual Care Fund	49.20
		Evergreen Cemetery Perpet-	
		ual Care Fund	112.97
		Municipal Building Insur-	
		ance Fund	1,340.08
		Workmen's Compensation	
		Insurance Fund	533.39
			\$73,430.19

BALANCE SHEET—Continued

Ichabod Washburn Benevolent Fund	10,246.26
Frederick C. Adams Library	
Fund	\$20,726.39
Rosa A. Cole Library Fund	5,098.13
Annie C. Thomas Library	
Fund	1,041.02
Byron C. Quinby Library	
Fund	570.48
	<u>27,472.02</u>
	<u>\$111,148.47</u>
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	<u>\$111,148.47</u>

REPORT OF STATE AUDITOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston

February 6, 1940

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Horace C. Weston, Chairman
Kingston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Kingston for the year ending December 31, 1939, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Kingston, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1939, and report thereon as follows:

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were checked with the treasurer's records and with the records of other depart-

ments of the town collecting money or committing bills for collection, while the recorded payments were compared with the selectmen's warrants to the treasurer. The appropriations as listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, as well as the transfers as shown on the records of the finance committee, were checked with ledger accounts.

The ledger accounts were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1939, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The footings of the cash book were proved, and the recorded receipts were compared with the accountant's books and with the records of the departments making payments to the treasurer. The payments as recorded were checked with the warrants issued by the selectmen authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds.

The cash balance on January 20, 1940, was proved by a reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The payments on account of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investments of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer and trustees were examined and listed. The income was proved. The transfers to the town were verified, and the disbursements were compared with the approved vouchers on file.

The tax title deeds on hand were listed and the amounts transferred to the tax title account were verified. The reported redemptions, foreclosures, and disclaimers were checked, and the deeds as listed were reconciled with the accountant's ledger, and checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The tax, departmental, and water accounts were audited; the commitments were proved, the collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were proved with the records in the departments authorized to grant

abatements, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.

The outstanding tax, departmental, and water accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received thereto it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial accounts of the town clerk were examined. The records of dog and sporting licenses were checked; the payments to the State being verified with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer being compared with the treasurer's cash book.

The records of licenses, permits, and grants issued by the selectmen were examined and checked and the payments to the treasurer were verified.

The surety bonds filed by the town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the accounts mentioned, the records of all other departments collecting money for the town were examined and checked.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, and tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

For the cooperation extended by the several town officials during the audit, I wish, on the behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,
Assistant Director of Accounts.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1939	\$10,217.68	
Receipts	244,066.77	
		\$254,284.45
Payments	\$249,936.18	
Balance December 31, 1939	4,348.27	
		\$254,284.45
Balance January 1, 1940	\$4,348.27	
Receipts January 1 to 20, 1940	4,836.89	
		\$9,185.16
Payments January 1 to 20, 1940	\$4,141.94	
Balance January 20, 1940		
Cash in office, verified	\$348.52	
The Plymouth National Bank	4,694.70	
		5,043.22
		\$9,185.16

The Plymouth National Bank

Balance January 20, 1940, per statement	\$5,935.10
Balance January 20, 1940, per check register	\$4,694.70
Outstanding checks January 20, 1940, per list	1,240.40
	\$5,935.10

PROPERTY TAXES — 1923

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$1.80
Abatements 1939	\$1.80

PROPERTY TAXES — 1924

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$12.80
Abatements 1939	\$12.80

PROPERTY TAXES — 1925

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$30.00
Abatements 1939	\$30.00

PROPERTY TAXES — 1926

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$12.00
Abatements 1939	\$12.00

PROPERTY TAXES — 1927

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$31.90
Payments to treasurer 1939	\$6.84
Abatements 1939	25.06
	\$31.90

PROPERTY TAXES — 1929

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$17.32
Abatements 1939	\$17.32

PROPERTY TAXES — 1930

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$22.44
Abatements 1939	\$22.44

PROPERTY TAXES — 1931

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$17.76
Abatements 1939	\$17.76

PROPERTY TAXES — 1932

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$14.24
Abatements 1939	\$14.24

PROPERTY TAXES — 1933

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$13.28
Abatements 1939	\$13.28

PROPERTY TAXES — 1934

Tax titles disclaimed 1939	\$16.64
Abatements 1939	\$16.64

POLL TAXES — 1937

Abatement and payment, refunded 1939	\$2.00
Abatement 1939	\$2.00

PROPERTY TAXES — 1937

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$8,369.62
Payments to treasurer 1939	\$8,282.42
Abatements 1939	78.64
Tax titles taken 1939	8.56
	\$8,369.62

POLL TAXES — 1938

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$54.00
Payments to treasurer	\$48.00
Abatements	4.00
Outstanding December 31, 1939 and January 20, 1940, per list	2.00
	\$54.00

PROPERTY TAXES — 1938

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$29,705.17
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Abatements and payments and overpayments, refunded	22.80	
		\$29,727.97
Payments to treasurer	\$19,984.91	
Abatements	126.40	
Added to tax titles	636.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	8,980.66	
		\$29,727.97
Outstanding January 1, 1940		\$8,980.66
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$453.49	
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	8,527.17	
		\$8,980.66

POLL TAXES — 1939

Commitment, per warrant	\$1,988.00	
Abatements and payments refunded	4.00	
		\$1,992.00
Payments to treasurer	1,742.00	
Abatements	236.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	14.00	
		\$1,992.00
Outstanding January 1, 1940		\$14.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$12.00	
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	2.00	
		\$14.00

PERSONAL TAXES — 1939

Commitment, per warrant	\$4,072.36	
Payments to treasurer	\$2,509.73	
Abatements	6.10	
Personal taxes 1939 reported as real taxes 1939	348.07	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	1,208.46	
		\$4,072.36
Outstanding January 1, 1940		\$1,208.46
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$51.00	
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	1,157.46	
		\$1,208.46

REAL TAXES — 1939

Commitment, per warrant	\$105,522.68	
Abatements and payments, refunded	57.34	
Personal taxes 1939 reported as real taxes 1939	348.07	
		\$105,928.09
Payments to treasurer	\$73,724.28	

Abatements	929.89	
Added to tax titles	17.08	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	31,256.84	
		\$105,928.09
Outstanding January 1, 1940		\$31,256.84
Abatements and payments, to be refunded	92.72	
		\$31,349.56
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$1,420.53	
Abatements January 1 to 20, 1940	92.72	
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	29,836.31	
		\$31,349.56

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1937

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$23.88
Payments to treasurer 1939	\$23.88

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1938

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$198.24
Additional commitment, per warrant	30.11
Abatement and payment, refunded	.35
	\$228.70
Payments to treasurer	\$176.04
Abatements	38.17
Outstanding December 31, 1939	14.49
	\$228.70

Outstanding January 1, 1940	\$14.49
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$6.00
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	8.49
	\$14.49

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES — 1939

Commitment, per warrant	\$5,490.38
Abatements and payments, refunded	137.76
	\$5,628.14
Payments to treasurer	\$5,180.21
Abatements	329.67
Outstanding December 31, 1939	118.26
	\$5,628.14
Outstanding January 1, 1940	\$118.26
Additional Commitment, per warrant, January 1 to 20, 1940	17.00
	\$135.26

Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$88.25	
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	47.01	
		<u>\$135.26</u>

INTEREST ON TAXES

Collections 1939:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1923	\$8.00	
Levy of 1927	16.36	
Levy of 1937	623.69	
Levy of 1938	613.24	
Levy of 1939	45.96	
		<u>\$1,307.25</u>
Motor vehicle excise taxes:		
Levy of 1937	\$5.00	
Levy of 1938	5.11	
Levy of 1939	4.33	
		<u>14.44</u>
		<u>\$1,321.69</u>
Payments to treasurer 1939		<u>\$1,321.69</u>

Collections January 1 to 20, 1940:

Taxes:		
Levy of 1938	\$20.49	
Levy of 1939	18.98	
		<u>\$39.47</u>
Motor vehicle excise taxes:		
Levy of 1938	\$6.00	
Levy of 1939 .....	.50	
		<u>1.10</u>

Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$40.57	
		<u>\$40.57</u>

COSTS ON TAXES

Collections 1939:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1937	\$22.05	
Levy of 1938	4.55	
Levy of 1939	31.15	
		<u>\$57.75</u>
Payments to treasurer 1939		<u>\$57.75</u>
Collections January 1 to 20, 1940:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1939	\$1.40	
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$1.40	
		<u>\$1.40</u>

TAX TITLES

Balance January 1, 1939		\$3,396.63
Tax titles taken:		
Taxes 1937	\$8.56	
Interest and costs	12.48	
		<u>21.04</u>
Added to taxes:		
Taxes 1938	\$636.00	
Taxes 1939	17.08	
Interest	16.29	
		<u>669.37</u>
		<u>\$4,087.04</u>
Payments to treasurer		\$1,506.44
Tax titles foreclosed		885.68
Tax titles disclaimed:		
Taxes 1923	\$1.80	
Taxes 1924	12.80	
Taxes 1925	30.00	
Taxes 1926	12.00	
Taxes 1927	31.90	
Taxes 1929	17.32	
Taxes 1930	22.44	
Taxes 1931	17.76	
Taxes 1932	14.24	
Taxes 1933	13.28	
Taxes 1934	16.64	
Interest and costs	44.26	
		<u>234.44</u>
Balance December 31, 1939 and January 20, 1940, per list		<u>1,460.48</u>
		<u>\$4,087.04</u>

TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance January 1, 1939	\$725.36	
Tax titles foreclosed	885.68	
Selling price in excess of book value on sale of tax possessions	334.96	
		<u>\$1,946.00</u>
Payments to treasurer	\$891.57	
Balance December 31, 1939 and January 20, 1940, per list	1,054.43	
		<u>\$1,946.00</u>

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1939:		
Males 198 @ \$2.00		\$396.00
Spayed females 50 @ 2.00		100.00

Females	39 @ 5.00	195.00	
			\$691.09
Payments to treasurer 1939		\$633.60	
Fees retained 1939		57.40	
			\$691.00
<i>Sporting Licenses</i>			
Cash balance January 1, 1940		\$55.25	
Licenses issued January 1 to 20, 1940		127.75	
			\$183.00
Payment to Division of Fisheries and Game Jan- uary 1 to 20, 1940		\$49.75	
Fees retained January 1 to 20, 1940		5.50	
Cash in office January 20, 1940, verified		127.75	
			\$183.00

Departmental Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$3,965.72	
Commitments	32,791.41	
Collections in excess of commitments	7.05	
		\$36,764.18
Payments to treasurer	\$19,964.51	
Abatements	12,711.01	
Outstanding December 31, 1939 and January 20, 1940, per list:		
Moth	\$24.50	
Public welfare	1,203.16	
Aid to dependent children	449.69	
Old age assistance	2,323.31	
Playground	58.00	
Alewife	30.00	
	4,088.66	
		\$36,764.18

Licenses, Permits and Grants

Outstanding January 1, 1939	\$55.00
Licenses, permits and grants issued:	
Automobile dealer's	\$10.00
Beer, wine and liquor	1,808.00
Camping and parking	30.00
Clam	4.00
Junk	16.00
Pedlars'	32.00
Revolver	8.50
Roller skating rink	5.00
Shellfish	120.00

Slaughtering	2.00	
Sunday	12.00	
Transient vendor's	10.00	
Victuallers'	14.00	
		\$2,071.50
Payments to treasurer	\$2,055.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	71.00	
		\$2,126.50
Outstanding January 1, 1940	\$71.00	
Licenses and permits issued January 1 to 20, 1940:		
Automobile dealers'	\$15.00	
Beer, wine and liquor	200.00	
Revolver	.50	
Victualler's	1.00	
		216.50
		\$287.50
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$226.50	
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	61.00	
		\$287.50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees 1939	\$75.67
Payments to treasurer 1939	\$75.67

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Licenses

Licenses issued 1939:	
Milk and cream	\$8.00
Oleomargarine	1.50
	\$9.50
Payments to treasurer 1939	\$9.50

LIBRARY

Cash balance January 1, 1939:	
Petty cash advance	\$20.00
Fines, etc.	12.74
	\$32.74
Fines, etc.	145.20
	\$177.94
Payments to treasurer	\$134.92
Loss through theft	10.75
Cash balance December 31, 1939:	
Petty cash advance	\$20.00

Fines, etc.	12.27	
		32.27
		<u>\$177.94</u>
Cash balance January 1, 1940	\$32.27	
Fines, etc., January 1 to 30, 1940	10.23	
		<u>\$42.50</u>
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 30, 1940	\$12.27	
Cash balance January 30, 1940	30.23	
		<u>\$42.50</u>

WATER RATES AND CHARGES — 1937

Outstanding January 1, 1939		\$17.60
Payments to treasurer 1939	\$16.30	
Abatements 1939	1.30	
		<u>\$17.60</u>

WATER RATES AND CHARGES — 1938

Outstanding January 1, 1939		\$258.20
Payments to treasurer 1939	\$225.50	
Abatements 1939	32.70	
		<u>\$258.20</u>

WATER RATES AND CHARGES — 1939

Commitment, per warrants	\$15,038.60	
Abatements and payments, refunded	15.33	
		<u>\$15,053.93</u>
Payments to treasurer	\$14,377.08	
Abatements	215.83	
Outstanding December 31, 1939	461.02	
		<u>\$15,053.93</u>
Outstanding January 1, 1940		\$461.02
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$74.85	
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	386.17	
		<u>\$461.02</u>

WATER RATES AND CHARGES — 1940

Commitment, per warrant, January 1 to 20, 1940		\$6,844.79
Payments to treasurer January 1 to 20, 1940	\$1,892.90	
Abatements January 1 to 20, 1940	44.00	
Outstanding January 20, 1940, per list	4,907.89	
		<u>\$6,844.79</u>

WILLIAM H. WILLIS CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$8,105.31	\$1,440.00	\$9,545.31
On hand at end of year 1939	\$8,100.51	\$1,440.00	\$9,540.51
On hand January 20, 1940	\$8,100.51	\$1,440.00	\$9,540.51

1939

Receipts

Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$4.80
Income	266.52
	<u>\$271.32</u>

Payments

Transferred to town	\$271.32
	<u>\$271.32</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

Income	\$33.50
Transferred to town	\$33.50

THOMAS PRINCE BENEVOLENT FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$27,294.28	\$27,294.28
On hand at end of year 1939	\$27,542.78	\$27,542.78
On hand January 20, 1940	\$27,542.78	\$27,542.78

1939

Receipts

Income	\$693.26
	<u>\$693.26</u>

Payments

Added to savings deposits	\$248.50
Transferred to town	444.76
	<u>\$693.26</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ARTHUR F. WADSWORTH WELFARE FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$2,405.13	\$2,405.13

On hand at end of year 1939	\$2,477.83	\$2,477.83
On hand January 20, 1940	\$2,477.83	\$2,477.83

1939			
Receipts		Payments	
Income	\$72.70	Added to savings deposits.	\$72.70

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

FREDERICK C. ADAMS SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
On hand at end of year 1939	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
On hand January 20, 1940	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
	1939		
Income	<u>\$118.17</u>	Transferred to town	<u>\$118.17</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ROSA A. COLE SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$1,030.23	\$1,030.23
On hand at end of year 1939	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
On hand January 20, 1940	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

1939	
<i>Receipts</i>	<i>Payments</i>
Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$30.23
Income	31.13
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	\$61.36
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January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ANNIE C. THOMAS SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
On hand at end of year 1939	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
On hand January 20, 1940	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

	1939	
	Receipts	Payments
Income	\$135.91	Transferred to town \$135.91

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ELIZABETH F. GLOVER DRINKING FOUNTAIN FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$536.09	\$536.09
On hand at end of year 1939	\$552.29	\$552.29
On hand January 20, 1940	\$552.29	\$552.29

On hand January 20, 1939		1939		
	<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$16.20		Added to savings deposits	\$16.20

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

LUCY P. AMES CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$20,176.38	\$20,176.38
On hand at end of year 1939	\$20,281.14	\$20,281.14
On hand January 20, 1940	\$20,281.14	\$20,281.14

		1939		
<i>Receipts</i>			<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$531.14		Added to savings deposits	\$104.76
			Transferred to town	426.38
	<u>\$531.14</u>			<u>\$531.14</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$47.77	\$47.77
On hand at end of year 1939	\$49.20	\$49.20
On hand January 20, 1940	\$49.20	\$49.20

1939

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$1.43	Added to savings deposits	\$1.43

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

EVERGREEN CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$113.54	\$113.54
On hand at end of year 1939	\$112.97	\$112.97
On hand January 20, 1940	\$112.97	\$112.97

1939

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$57	Transferred to town	\$4.00
Income	3.43		
	<u>\$4.00</u>		<u>\$4.00</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

MUNICIPAL BUILDING INSURANCE FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$920.31	\$920.31
On hand at end of year 1939	\$1,340.08	\$1,340.08
On hand January 20, 1940	\$1,340.08	\$1,340.08

1939

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Town appropriation	\$400.00	Added to savings deposits	\$419.77
Income	19.77		
	<u>\$419.77</u>		<u>\$419.77</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE FUND

In Custody of Town Treasurer

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$520.31	\$520.31
On hand at end of year 1939	\$533.39	\$533.39
On hand January 20, 1940	\$533.39	\$533.39

1939

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$13.08	Added to savings deposits	\$13.08

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ICHABOD WASHBURN FUND

In Custody of Trustees

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities Par Value</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$268.69	\$10,000.00	\$10,268.69
On hand at end of year 1939	\$246.26	\$10,000.00	\$10,246.26
On hand January 20, 1940	\$246.26	\$10,000.00	\$10,246.26

1939

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Withdrawn from savings deposits	\$22.43	Beneficiaries	\$240.00
Income	307.57	Surety bond	75.00
		Expense	15.00
	<u>\$330.00</u>		<u>\$330.00</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

FREDERICK C. ADAMS LIBRARY FUND—PRINCIPAL

In Custody of Trustees

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Securities Par Value</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$5,986.21	\$5,980.00	\$11,966.21
On hand at end of year 1939	\$5,986.21	\$5,980.00	\$11,966.21
On hand January 20, 1940	\$5,986.21	\$5,980.00	\$11,966.21

1939

Receipts

Income	\$482.42	Transferred to income account	\$482.42
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Payments

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

FREDERICK C. ADAMS LIBRARY FUND—INCOME

In Custody of Trustees

	<i>Cash</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$154.07	\$8,599.75	\$8,753.82
On hand at end of year 1939	\$62.34	\$8,733.84	\$8,796.18
On hand January 20, 1940	\$62.34	\$8,733.84	\$8,796.18

1939

Receipts

Transferred from principal account	\$482.42	Added to savings deposits	\$134.09
Income	224.25	Library expenses	664.31
Cash on hand January 1, 1939	154.07	Cash on hand December 31, 1939	62.34
	<u>\$860.74</u>		<u>\$860.74</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ROSA A. COLE LIBRARY FUND

In Custody of Trustees

	<i>Cash</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$75.67	\$5,000.00	\$5,075.67
On hand at end of year 1939	\$98.13	\$5,000.00	\$5,098.13

On hand January 20, 1940	\$98.13	\$5,000.00	\$5,098.13
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1939

Receipts

Income	\$125.28	Library expenses	\$137.02
Dividend on fire insurance	34.20	Cash on hand December 31, 1939	98.13
Cash on hand January 1, 1939	75.67		
	<u>\$235.15</u>		<u>\$235.15</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ANNIE C. THOMAS LIBRARY FUND

In Custody of Trustees

	<i>Cash</i>	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$41.02	\$1,000.00	\$1,041.02
On hand at end of year 1939	\$41.02	\$1,000.00	\$1,041.02
On hand January 20, 1940	\$41.02	\$1,000.00	\$1,041.02

1939

Receipts

Income	\$25.00	Library expense	\$25.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1939	41.02	Cash on hand December 31, 1939	41.02
	<u>\$66.02</u>		<u>\$66.02</u>

January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

BYRON C. QUINBY LIBRARY FUND

In Custody of Trustees

	<i>Savings Deposits</i>	<i>Total</i>
On hand at beginning of year 1939	\$553.75	\$553.75
On hand at end of year 1939	\$570.48	\$570.48
On hand January 20, 1940	\$570.48	\$570.48

Receipts

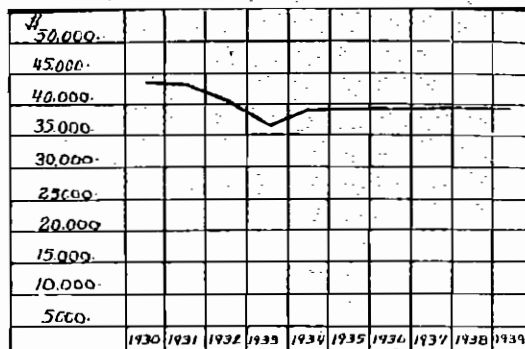
Income	\$16.73	Added to savings deposits	\$16.73
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January 1 to 20, 1940

No transactions recorded

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

EXPENDITURES OF SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, 1930-1939



SCHOOL DIRECTORY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ruth H. Bailey, Chairman	Term expires 1941
Clarence S. Ertman, Secretary	Term expires 1942
P. Cabot Rushton	Term expires 1942
Jacob H. Dries	Term expires 1941
Frank J. Keefe	Term expires 1940

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles W. Lawrance, S.B.	Residence, Kingston, Mass.
Carrie Dunbar Holmes, School Committee Clerk,	
	Telephone, Kingston 75

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term	January 2 to February 16, 1940
Second Winter Term	February 26 to April 12, 1940
Spring Term	April 22 to June 21, 1940
Fall Term	September 4 to December 20, 1940

In addition to all legal holidays, schools will be closed Good Friday, March 22, the Friday following Memorial Day (1940); for Teachers' Convention, Friday, October 25; Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving at 12 noon, and the following Friday.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL will be given over the fire alarm system by one long blast, pause, one long blast; repeated twice. Also by radio announcement over WNAC, between 7 and 8 A. M.

Signal for all Grades at 7:15 A. M.

Signal for Grades 1-6 at 7:30 A. M.

7 and 8 A. M. repeated twice, the fire alarm sounded on Monday preceding the closing of Good Friday (1940); for the first time since September 30, 1940.

Name	Degree	College	Degree	Graduate Work	School
Raymond G. McCarthy, Principal	A.B.	Boston College	A.M., Ed.M.	Harvard University	High
Lucy Treat	A.B.	Colby College			High
Dorothy W. Oliver		Burdett College		Northeastern University	High
Hazel Hill	A.B.	Tufts College		University of Maine	High
William A. Kean	A.B.	Boston College	Ed.M.	Boston Teachers College	High
Daniel R. Appleton	B.S., A.M.	Boston University	Ed.M.	Harvard University	High
Lottie G. Corneally		Regina Sask. Normal		Boston University	High
Francis M. Moran	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Teachers College		Boston University	High
Ruth E. Hall	B.S. in Ed.	Salem Teachers College		Boston University	High
Dorothy Whittemore	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Teachers College			High
Helen B. Cushing, Principal		Bridgewater Teachers College	B.S. in Ed.	Fitchburg Teachers College	Cobb
Mary A. Curran		Bridgewater Teachers College		Boston University	Cobb
Florence S. Blume		Curry School of Expression		Boston University	Cobb
Narda D. Anti		Keene Teachers College		Boston University	Cobb
Ardelle Leonard	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Teachers College			Cobb
Elsbeth Hardy		Salem Teachers College		Boston University	Howland's Lane
Esther DiMarzio		Fitchburg Teachers College		Boston University	Howland's Lane
Barbara Polsey	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Teachers College			Howland's Lane
Rena E. King	B.S. in Ed.	Lowell Teachers College			Maple Avenue
Marion R. Lupica	B.S. in Ed.	Bridgewater Teachers College			Maple Avenue

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee considers that the school system has been operated most efficiently this year. Much credit is due to our fine teaching staff. For the first time in many years, the Committee has employed its own clerk, independent of the Union. The records, repairs, and purchasing have been directly in charge of the Committee. By its vote, the principal of the high school and the principal of the elementary grades were requested to attend the School Committee meetings. A greater understanding and a closer cooperation was gained by this action.

This year the Finance Committee voted a sub-committee of three members to work with the School Committee to learn firsthand about the school needs. The Committee felt greatly encouraged to have this effort made to understand its problems. This committee went through all the school buildings noting existing conditions and repairs needed. With the reorganization of the Parent-Teacher Association the Committee hopes that others will take a more active interest in the schools.

The Committee again, wishes to call the attention of the voters to the necessity of taking some action in regard to the future needs of the schools. In the following reports of the superintendent, Mr. Lawrance, and of the principal of the high school, Mr. McCarthy, many needed things are emphasized.

The Committee extends its appreciation to all who have in any way assisted in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH H. BAILEY, Chairman
CLARENCE ERTMAN,
JACOB DRIES,
FRANK KEEFE,
CABOT RUSHTON.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

January 8, 1940.

The Kingston School Committee
Kingston, Mass.

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen:

I present herewith the annual report of the School Department for your consideration and for the citizens of Kingston, Mass.

Kingston's Enrollment Stabilizing. Kingston's enrollment has been shrinking for a number of years from the high point of 520 to a low point of about 480 where it appears to be stabilizing. There will not be any further shrinking of numbers that will carry it below this figure, from any sign that can be seen now. Comparison of the school memberships on October 1st of each year will show that for the past four years this total figure is about 480 pupils.

Entering classes in Grade I are steadily about 40 pupils, a figure far too many for one teacher for effective teaching and learning in the smallest children who are least able to help themselves.

Also the "bulge" in large classes, which has been in the grade schools for the past six years is almost entirely passed into the high school. One more large class of 60 children will enter in Grade VII in September. The total enrollment that can be expected in the high school building at that time is 230, an increase of 21 from the corresponding date in 1939.

This means that for the next five years the pressure of numbers will be felt in the high school, to the point of overcrowding the space and heavily overtaxing the equipment and facilities of the present building. More equipment and a still more varied program of studies must be offered to the pupils who are now in these grades and coming in the next few years.

The class rooms and facilities of the first six grades, which for years have been severely overtaxed, are at last getting a little relief. Even so they are crowded far beyond normal working loads for teachers. We should not expect to curtail or economize at the expense of the grade schools, below the present standards.

Our Present Old Buildings Hamper School Program. Mr. McCarthy's report points out many places where the present High School program is blocked and hampered. We can not do at all well the work that is essential education at the present secondary school level of a very large proportion of high school pupils. We need especially SHOP ROOMS (for drafting, wood-working, and finishing), DOMESTIC SCIENCE ROOMS (for cooking, sewing and home planning and management), and SCIENCE ROOMS (for Jr. High general science, Biology) also vastly improved facilities for Physics and Chemistry, both the pure science phases for college preparation, and also applications of science for the non-college group. The Library-Study Hall is well established and capably managed, but will need far better facilities than are available at present.

The High School grades are in dire need of at least three more rooms, all properly equipped for the present numbers in school and the larger numbers to be expected. Our present equipment is far too outmoded and inadequate to do the job that is necessary for Kingston's own children.

The primary grades have been seriously overloaded until this last Fall. Through good management during the present year, for which the School Committee deserves the credit, it was found possible to employ an assistant teacher in the first two grades. 75 to 80 small children for two teachers, no matter how courageous they are, is far too great a load for them to carry continuously year after year. These children are the smallest in size and age, the most dependent on their teachers for properly learning to read, which is a very intricate and skillful process. The classes should never exceed 30 under the very worst conditions, and 20 to 25 is the usual normal load per teacher. Miss Barbara Polsey, of Attleboro and Bridgewater State Teachers College, has given her full time to groups of children from grades I and Grade II. The results already indicate far greater learning progress for a greater number than has been possible before.

This plan should be continued without fail as its results are too valuable to lose.

The Remedial reading teacher in the intermediate grades is proving a vital help to the children who need this work in these grades. This also should be continued, in spite of the cramped space for the work in the teachers' room in the Cobb School.

The elementary grades need two full sized rooms, in addition to the present number. Also the policy should be to abandon the Howland's Lane School Building as soon as possible.

It will be impossible for your School Department to do all of the work expected of it with its present buildings and too few rooms, scattered in small units in their present locations. All of them need very extensive repairs, alterations and some extensions.

Citizens are Recognizing Handicaps. A growing group of citizens, beyond the circles of our School Committees are becoming more and more aware of the conditions of our buildings. They are seeing the handicaps in work in the schools that these buildings impose on our children, and the financial burden laid on the tax-payers to operate them and make normal repairs. Even more citizens are seeing the very heavy outlays needed to put these into proper shape for the school work of the next two decades.

The School Committee has lists of items for repair and maintenance, even for overcoming fire hazards, totalling several thousands of dollars. These will include such items as painting buildings inside and out and many others, all deferred for lack of sufficient funds. In addition, estimates have been given for certain major alterations, such as boiler and heating plant alterations, so that we could heat and ventilate our bigger buildings with less expensive soft coal and automatic firing. Our neighboring towns of Plymouth, Duxbury and Pembroke can furnish us with concrete examples of big savings in heating costs per room and total costs per year with this system.

More and more people are becoming convinced that each year of deferring brings us closer to bigger and more radical steps to be taken in solving Kingston's School housing problem. The

time is coming soon when action must be undertaken and carried out.

An adequate building plan for modern FIRE-PROOFED buildings must be decided on. It can be carried out a part at a time, with the best educational advantage to the children and the least financial strain to the town.

Kingston may prefer to have a survey and a long term educational and building plan prepared by outside and unbiased educational experts. Such a plan has many advantages and a few disadvantages. Its cost would be about \$300.

General Considerations for any School Plan. A few important facts should be kept in mind: (1) Kingston's population (about 2600 permanent residents) is concentrated in the northeast corner of the township on or near Kingston Bay, and almost entirely on two main streets and the smaller cross streets that lead from them. A glance at a population map for Kingston will prove this point. (2) The school population is nearly equally divided by the Jones River, for both elementary grades and secondary grades. (3) Our elementary school buildings are located to serve both groups of elementary children, although a great advantage has been gained by concentrating these children in the Rocky Nook District. These school centers are about 2 1/4 miles apart, and on the same Main Street. (4) All of the secondary school pupils (grades 7 through 12) come to the Kingston Center District by foot-travel or by school bus. (5) Our present school buildings are so old and so constructed that it is impossible to operate them with the economy possible in modern Class I fire-proofed buildings.

School Plan Is Now Essential. A long-range plan to centralize most of our schools, and to erect proper buildings over a period of years, is the first essential. The advantages of centralization of pupils, their teachers, their equipment for learning and activities are so many and so widely recognized, that they do not need be advanced here. A site should be chosen, large enough to eventually centralize all schools in one locality, except possibly the primary grades. The site should be large enough to hold all of the school buildings, and their necessary yards and play grounds. Suitable attention should be paid to accessibility by foot-travel and bus, nearness to established streets with their

services of water, electricity and gas. Also careful consideration of surface drainage and sewage disposal is necessary.

The entire building program for Kingston's schools for the next two decades can be planned to be built by building units, and built over a period of years as other buildings wear out completely, or expansion demands. One such building unit, with at least six class rooms should be built almost immediately, to supply the present shortage of rooms and to replace the Howland's Lane Building, which is long past its usefulness as a school building.

Only one important further consideration must be kept in mind. In planning for all of our age groups, the buildings must be so arranged that they keep the four major age groups separate in class rooms, corridors and toilets and playgrounds. For instance, the primary grades (ages 6-9) should not be constantly mingled in these facilities with the children of the intermediate grades (ages 9-12.) These in turn are best educated if they are separated from the junior high grades (ages 12-15), and these in turn separated from the senior high grades (ages 15-18). It is the unwise mingling of these groups that destroys many of the advantages and raises some of the disadvantages of centralization of school children.

Staff Changes at Lowest. During the year no changes were made in the teaching staff of class-room teachers. Miss Barbara Polsey was elected to serve as assistant teacher in the primary grades, a most important improvement. After much discussion the School Committee decided to change the plan for School Music, aiming to produce far greater values for the pupils. Under the former plan, Miss Marguerite Kane taught vocal music in all of the grades, and Mr. Donald Hayward taught instrumental music in intermediate grades through high school. Each teacher gave one day per week to this work. The Committee voted to close the separate positions and consolidate them into one, which was expanded to three days per week, Mr. Edward Berberian being elected to the position. So far very interesting and valuable results are appearing.

Health Services Effective this Year. The reports of the School Physician Dr. Oscar Swope and the School Nurse Miss Emma J. Mange, both show statistics of the year's work in curbing com-

municable diseases, and in the constant check to correct defects of pupils. The full statistical report is on file with the School Committee records. During the Spring we were faced with a most baffling epidemic of Scarlet Fever. Effective assistance was rendered by the Nurse provided by the Local Chapter of the American Red Cross to enable us to keep close contact with every home of children where scarlet fever might appear.

Thanks Where It Is Richly Due! During the past year the work in every class-room and by every principal went forward with full vigor and broad vision. My thanks go out to all who have made this year one of high achievement in spite of every difficulty.

I also extend my thanks to the committee members who have given so much time and thought to aiding and improving our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. LAWRANCE,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent of Schools,
Kingston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lawrance:

I wish to submit my fourth annual report as principal of Kingston High School.

PUPIL ENROLLMENT, DECEMBER 1, 1939

Grade	7A	7B	8A	8B	9	10	11	12	Total
Girls	13	7	14	11	19	14	15	12	105
Boys	14	12	9	15	13	22	9	10	104
Totals	27	19	23	26	32	36	24	22	209

The enrollment in Grades 7 to 12 is higher than it has been for some years, and will continue to increase. Our largest classes are in Grades 7, 8, 9. Graduating classes which grew smaller in 1933-1938 are now becoming larger. This trend is in line with the shift in elementary and secondary school enrollments throughout the country. Two sections in all subjects have been required in Grades 7 and 8, and two sections of Grade 9 English. The testing program in Grades 7 and 8 has been continued as in past years. In the higher grades the Cooperative Test Service in English, Language, Science, Mathematics and History has been extended. A statistical analysis and summary of all test data is available in the office files.

As a result of a two year study of the marking system in use in Grades 9 to 12, it was thought advisable, on the recommendation of the faculty, to institute certain changes. By vote of the School Committee, the following regulations are now in effect:

A, Excellent; B, Good; C, Average; D, Unsatisfactory, Passing; F, Failure, No credit. A student must earn 16 credits for graduation, of which at least 12 credits shall be at the level of C

or higher. Not more than one credit at the level of D in English will be accepted. The significant change in the revised scale is in granting full credit for D work, with a restriction on the number of credits at this level which will be accepted toward graduation. The majority of students can be expected to do average work which is at the Grade of C. A few will do better than this, while others will be below average. Some of those below average are entitled to full credit, and it is this group of students who will benefit from the revision. The change will in no way influence the standard of scholastic work for the school as a whole.

Through the cooperation of Mrs. Katherine Cahalane, District N. Y. A. Supervisor, a secretarial worker was assigned to the school office and library from January to September. In addition, since September, the school cafeteria has been operating as a N.Y.A. project directed by Miss Dorothy Holzworth, assisted by Miss Florence Whitely. Miss Lucy Treat, of the school faculty, supervises the work.

Under the Student Aid Program of the N. Y. A., five high school students are employed twenty hours per month on projects which include repairs to equipment, mimeograph work, library cataloguing, and typing. Each student may earn up to \$6 monthly.

As a result of the National Clerical Ability Tests administered at Braintree in May, Mary Smith of the Class of 1938 was granted a certificate of proficiency in Stenography and Typing. Miss Smith was also the recipient of the D. A. R. Good Citizenship Award.

Because the Reed Community Playground was being resurfaced during May and June, it was necessary for our baseball team to find another playing field. Through the cooperation of the Plymouth Cordage Company, permission was received to use the Cordage Field for practice and games. Girls' field hockey and six-man football were abandoned during the fall months while the Community Field was undergoing repairs. These sports will be resumed in 1940.

By vote of the Playground Committee and after approval by the School Committee, use of the Community Building has been granted to the high school basketball teams for the 1940 season, and the boys and girls squads have been practicing for

several days. Much credit is due Mr. Francis Moran for many hours of work which he devoted to drawing plans, and securing specifications for laying out the basketball court.

The Adams Lecture Committee has made available for use in our classes six transcriptions of radio broadcasts prepared by the United States Office of Education under the general topic "Americans All—Immigrants All." The committee also has purchased a sound projection machine for community and school use.

During the past year, our teachers have worked consistently to solve the problem of individual differences. We have demanded a superior standard of achievement from the able pupil, while recognizing the need for a particular type of teaching for some others. Among all pupils, in all grades, stress has been laid on fundamentals. We subscribe to the theory that most high school graduates should have acquired the basic skills. Particular attention has been directed toward improving standards of reading and spelling, and encouraging vocabulary development. Where it is possible, provision is being made for the retention of skills and desirable habits acquired in the lower grades.

One weekly period in Grades 7 and 8 has been devoted to Safety Education. In the higher grades, similar work is being carried on indirectly in connection with our Home Economics, Shop, Social Studies and Science classes. Twenty-seven pupils are enrolled in a Driving Club, organized under the recommendation of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Pupils completing this course satisfactorily will be excused from the oral examination which is part of the procedure in securing a driver's license.

With the appointment of a music supervisor handling both instrumental and choral work, and teaching three days weekly, it has been possible to expand our music program. Two periods of chorus are offered each week in Grades 9 to 12 and two elective classes in Music Appreciation and Theory are given.

It is gratifying to be able to report that sixty-two pupils in Grades 10 to 12, took the Chadwick Test for tuberculosis as arranged by the school nurse. Of the six pupils reacting positively, none showed active symptoms of the disease after X-ray and examination. I feel that this is due to the excellent follow-up work which has been done in the past few years by the school doctor and nurse.

The organization of a Kingston Parent-Teacher Association in October gives promise of an increasingly sympathetic understanding of the problems of the schools, both elementary and secondary. For some time, I have felt the need for a closer relation between school and community. The first step toward establishing the desired relationship was made in the organizing of an active Alumni group. It is impossible to stress too vigorously the significance of such groups. Our schools represent one of the fundamental social forces in the community, and at the same time, one of major financial importance. Yet so often our activities involve intangibles, such as personal relationships and human emotions. These characteristics are not a matter of books and supplies or teaching procedures. Our work will benefit immeasurably from the intelligent appreciation which will follow closer relationship among teachers, parents, and friends of the school.

During the year, a school banking program was set up in cooperation with Plymouth banks in which approximately 30 of our students are participating. More than \$300 is on deposit to the account of our pupils.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I have previously called attention to the need for an organized physical education program. No member of our staff is trained for this type of work, and indeed no teacher-time is available. There exists a pronounced need for corrective work among many of our pupils, particularly in posture.

2. The problem of caring for coats and wraps during the winter months is still awaiting a solution. I believe the answer will be found only when lockers are provided to accommodate those pupils for whom no hooks are available.

3. I recommend that the inadequate lighting facilities in several of our rooms be corrected.

4. Under the existing arrangement, the high school building receives three hours weekly of the time of the Drawing Supervisor. Because of seating difficulties, Mr. Warner is compelled to teach simultaneously two rooms of more than forty pupils in both Grades 7 and 8. Additional time should be provided so that the supervisor will be able to give more individual pupil attention.

5. Our home economics classes continue to operate with inadequate equipment and insufficient space. I recommend that a section of the basement be remodelled for Shop work, and that the present Shop be turned over to the Home Economics department. This change will necessitate moving the boys' toilet to some other section of the building.

6. Tests have demonstrated that the average life of a typewriter in school use is three years. Several of our machines were purchased six years ago, and are worn beyond economical repair. Some arrangement should be made to replace obsolete machines, and provide for regular replacement of all machines systematically over a period of years.

I wish to express my appreciation for cooperation I have received from the faculty and supervisors, and from Mrs. Helen Cushing, Supervisor of Elementary Grades. I have found Mr. Thurber of the Plymouth and Brockton Street Railway Company extremely helpful in all matters relating to bus transportation of pupils.

May I express to you and to the School Committee my thanks for the encouragement and cooperation which has been given me.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND G. MCCARTHY.

KINGSTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

	Requested Budget 1940	Expended 1939	Expended 1938	Expended 1937	Expended 1936	Expended 1935	Expended 1934	Expended 1933	Expended 1932
<i>Instruction:</i>									
Teachers' Salaries	\$24,900.00	\$24,511.94	\$23,988.38	\$23,825.87	\$23,120.11	\$23,568.69	\$21,841.62	\$21,979.83	\$25,826.50
Supervisors' Salaries	1,300.00	1,210.00	1,150.00						
Books, Supplies, etc.	2,500.00	2,522.66	2,466.50	2,573.79	2,564.59	2,572.90	2,351.76	2,531.07	2,588.93
<i>Operation of Plant:</i>									
Janitors' Wages	2,440.00	2,236.00	2,236.00	2,161.68	1,938.82	1,938.82	1,876.87	1,999.84	2,286.60
Janitors' Supplies and Light	460.00	399.19	446.72	459.76	472.42	432.18	321.00	230.20	350.86
Fuel	2,000.00	2,096.83	1,999.50	1,913.50	2,148.25	1,925.37	1,475.40	1,177.60	1,406.30
Repairs	500.00	1,045.04	1,221.62	1,019.58	1,679.29	1,216.76	2,039.81	767.90	996.46
Insurance			283.10	314.91	292.14	333.82	336.34	301.48	296.98
Typewriters	560.00								
<i>Auxiliary Agencies:</i>									
Health	1,212.00	1,213.23	1,210.00	1,215.60	1,146.95	1,148.95	1,119.20	1,119.09	1,122.00
Transportation	2,460.00	2,366.00	2,467.60	2,517.95	2,516.25	2,691.50	2,688.50	2,544.85	3,691.45
<i>General Control:</i>									
Supt. Salary, Travel, Clerk, Stationery, Census, Grad. Exp.	2,132.50	2,125.72	2,115.63	2,099.02	2,092.66	2,063.25	2,027.15	2,060.98	2,177.33
New Equipment	450.00	265.92	305.72	496.74	683.08	375.69	224.40	194.50	588.25
Fence				400.00	300.00		83.86		
	\$40,914.50	\$39,992.53	\$39,890.77	\$38,998.40	\$38,954.56	\$38,267.93	\$36,385.91	\$34,899.34	\$41,331.66
Outside State	1.00		27.12			30.00		31.18	
REIMBURSEMENTS									
		1939	1938	1937	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932
Mass. School Fund, Part 1		\$3,440.00	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,180.00	\$3,480.00	\$3,480.00
Salary and Expense of Supt.		749.17	749.17	749.17	749.17	749.17			
State and City Wards		852.01	740.14	886.22	1,036.90	913.94	625.50	452.15	220.80
Vocational Education		271.80	193.89	31.68			47.50		

Tuition and Telephone, Pembroke, Plympton, Halifax				65.38	110.64	147.81	263.53	261.43
Misc. Receipts and Refunds	8.00		2.00					1,421.30
Total Reimbursements	\$5,320.98	\$4,933.20	\$4,919.07	\$5,351.45	\$5,273.75	\$4,000.81	\$4,195.68	\$5,383.53
Total Expenditures		39,890.77	38,998.40	38,954.56	38,267.93	36,385.91	34,899.34	41,331.39
Net Cost to Town		34,957.57	34,079.33	33,603.11	32,994.18	32,385.10	30,703.66	35,947.86
<i>Special Appropriations:</i>								
(1) Maple Ave. roof and fire escape			\$505.30(1)	\$529.80(2)				
(2) Boiler Cobb				798.00				
(3) Heating Cobb						\$835.00(3)		

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

September, 1938-June, 1939

	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12
Pupils Enrolled	281	201
Average Membership	271	194
Average Attendance	250	186
Per cent of Attendance	92.21	95.87

SCHOOL CENSUS

October 1, 1939

	Boys	Girls	Total
Persons under 5 years of age	75	75	150
Persons 5 years of age and under 7 years	31	33	64
Persons 7 years of age and under 16 years	207	175	382
Persons 16 years of age and under 21 years	83	69	152
	396	352	748

SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP

October 1, 1939

Grade	Year											
	1939	1938	1937	1936	1935	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930	1929	
1	40	37	42	43	54	57	57	60	62	57	51	
2	38	40	38	51	59	45	58	53	56	46	46	
3	38	42	49	57	54	60	55	57	51	48	44	
4	45	50	52	47	51	47	53	43	45	43	49	
5	49	54	51	50	44	39	37	48	37	47	48	
6	60	53	48	43	37	35	40	39	41	53	58	
7	46	51	45	36	35	31	41	36	52	54	35	
8	51	42	36	32	27	32	33	41	44	27	48	
9	32	35	35	33	33	24	38	43	35	45	39	
10	36	31	26	29	24	34	36	30	38	40	17	
11	25	19	22	18	29	33	24	37	35	15	29	
12	21	19	18	26	29	18	33	33	18	27	23	
P. G.	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ungraded	..	..	19	16	16	36	..	..	..	..	..
Totals	481	473	483	481	492	491	505	520	514	502	487	

MEMBERSHIP, OCTOBER 1, 1939

School	Age																		Total
	Gr.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18				
Howland's	1	9	30		1														40
Lane	2		7	27	4														38
Cobb	3			8	25	4	1												38
	4				4	16	8	3	1										32
	5					5	18	9											33
	6						5	18	6	4	3								36
Maple	4				2	6	2	3											13
Avenue	5					4	9	2	1										16
	6						2	9	5	6		1	1						24
	7							7	25	8	6								46
	8								10	24	14	1	2						51
High	9									10	16	4	2						32
	10										1	18	10	6	1				36
	11												4	14	5	2			25
	12													9	9	3			21
Total		9	37	35	36	35	45	51	48	53	57	21	34	15	5				481

PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY

September, 1938 to June, 1939

High School

Cecelia Bouchard	Laura Benea
Amina Cabral	Marie Mahler
William Lawrance	Lois Sloan
Josephine Finney	Dorothy Walsh
June Hezlitt	Sylvia Walter
Geraldine Higgins	Ralph Santaro
Anna Balekjian	Warner Tison
Nicholas Vernazzaro	Alton Borghesani
Beverly Baker	Warren Brooks
Jane Chandler	Manual Lopes
Norman Bouchard	William Santaro
Edgar Keene	Lucile Tison
Henry Kelly	Albert Raimondi
Mario Vernazzaro	

Maple Avenue

Alice Bradford	Ethel Finney
Harriet Briggs	George Balekjian
Charles Hunter	Edward Whitley
Doris Chandler	

Cobb

Marie Contelli	Richard Krueger
Robert Calkin	Christian Lopes
Robert Dunn	Robert Zinsius
Ben Iannucci	Valerie Krueger

KINGSTON HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 1939

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Wednesday Evening, June Fourteenth

Nineteen Hundred Thirty-nine

at Eight o'clock

Reed Community Building

Kingston, Massachusetts

ADAMS PRIZES

Raymond Merry	Leella Brooks
Leslie Maglathlin	Amina Cabral
Earle Cavicchi	Mary Mark
William Lawrance	Coeli Tarantino
Fred Loring	Marie Mahler

WASHINGTON AND FRANKLIN MEDAL

for excellence in the study of United States History,
awarded to

Cecelia Bouchard

D. A. R. GOOD CITIZENSHIP MEDAL, Awarded to

Mary Smith

Class Motto: Best Control is Self Control

Class Colors: Nile Green and Silver

GRADUATING CLASS

June 14, 1939

*Cecelia Mary Bouchard	Commercial
*Leella Estelle Brooks	Commercial
Amina Susanna Cabral	General
Robert Nangle Cronin	General
Nelson Merritt Ferrell	General
Robert Leon Fontaine	General
Primo John Garuti, Jr.	General
*Nancy Jean Hardy	College
*Edward Henry LaFleur	College
Thomas Richard May	General
Raymond Burton Merry	General
John Arthur Ryll	General
Louise Roland Sassi	College
*Mary Helen Smith	Commercial
Anita Clarke Stegmaier	College
Ulber Francis Tarantino	General
George Joseph Walter	General
Frederick Joseph Wareham, Jr.	General

* Honor Group

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

GREETING:

Plymouth ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Kingston:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the TOWN HOUSE on

Saturday, the Second Day of March Next, 1940

for the following purposes, viz:

Art. 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers, the following officers are to be chosen on one ballot—viz: A Moderator, three Selectmen, a Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, a Town Clerk, two Constables, a Tree Warden, three members of the Board of Public Welfare, all for one year. One Assessor, one member of the School Committee, two Trustees of the Public Library, two members of the Playground Commission, one Water Commissioner, all for three years.

Art. 2. At the close of the Election and after the announcement of the results of the election, the meeting will stand adjourned until SATURDAY, the NINTH day of MARCH following, at 1:30 P. M. at the REED COMMUNITY BUILDING when such officers as are to be nominated from the floor will be chosen.

Art. 3. To hear and act upon the report of Town Officers.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to fix the salaries of elected officers.

Art. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges.

Art. 6. 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 January 1, 1940, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chap. 44, General Laws.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money with which to acquire by purchase or to take by eminent domain under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, (Ter. Ed.) a parcel or parcels of land on which to erect a building to be used for school purposes.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to make necessary repairs to school houses.

Art. 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$150.00 for the purchase of a lot of land, designated as Lot 42, Block 6 on the Assessors' map of the Town of Kingston, and adjacent to the Highway Department Building on Evergreen Street for the use of the Highway Department.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of Wapping Road, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the state or county or both for this purpose or take any action relative thereto.

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And you are required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 6th day of February, 1940.

A true Copy. Attest:

Constable.

HORACE C. WESTON,
WILLIAM M. POST,
SAMUEL C. BONNEY,
Selectmen of Kingston.

TOWN OF KINGSTON FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 1940

To the Citizens of Kingston:

Your Finance Committee recommended in 1939 a number of drastic cuts in departmental requests fearing an abrupt rise in the tax rate for that year. Due to the fact that the State Assessment was greatly overestimated and that in addition the town received unexpected refunds and receipts the anticipated rise did not occur. However in all probability the recommended cuts necessitated some of the transfers from the reserve fund which are listed below.

Transfer from overlay surplus to reserve	\$2,400.00
Accounts transferred to:	
Water Department	\$513.50
Tax Title Foreclosures	60.00
Election and Registration	25.75
Forest Fire Department	341.45
Insurance of Municipal Buildings	530.00
Treasurer and Collector	64.00
Fire Department	225.00
Road Machinery	150.00
Telephone	25.00
Snow Removal	48.65
	<u>\$1,983.35</u>
Balance	\$416.65

Due to the splendid cooperation and the economical viewpoint adopted by all the departments in their requests for 1940, the Finance Committee has found it neither necessary nor advisable to recommend any sizable reductions from the budgets submitted. In forming this opinion the Committee gave due consideration to the modern demands for service which are placed upon the various departments by the taxpayers.

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With reference to the Warrant Articles, on Article 7 we do not favor the lot of land that has been suggested and also feel that a plan for a building should accompany the proposal. In regard to Articles 13, 15 and 16 we feel that the increase in highway maintenance costs that would result from favorable action is not consistent with the necessity for accepting these ways.

Using the available figures we estimate the tax rate for the coming year to be in the neighborhood of \$23.00, if the recommendations of the Finance Committee are followed.

We thank you for your support in the past and trust that you will find our recommendations sufficiently acceptable as to warrant your continued favor.

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	Appropriated 1939	Expended 1939	Requested 1940	Recommended 1940
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
1. Moderator, Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
2. Selectmen, Salaries and Expenses	1,250.00	1,172.35	1,225.00	1,225.00
3. Accountant and Auditor, Salaries and Expenses	1,675.00	1,720.90	1,720.00	1,720.00
4. Accountant and Auditor, Overdraft			45.90	45.90
5. Treasurer and Collector	2,164.00	2,163.12	2,159.00	2,159.00
6. Tax Title Foreclosures	120.00	73.45	150.00	150.00
7. Treasurer and Collector, Typewriter			126.00	none
8. Assessors	1,550.00	1,549.73	1,550.00	1,550.00
9. Town Clerk	300.00	299.65	305.50	305.50
10. Election and Registration	356.89	547.14	600.00	600.00
11. Finance Committee	10.00	2.00	10.00	10.00
12. Town House—Maintenance	1,100.00	1,115.64	1,200.00	1,200.00
13. Town House—Overdraft			15.64	15.64
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:				
14. Police	\$2,905.00	\$2,891.83	\$3,680.00	\$3,680.00
15. Police—New Cruiser Car			840.00	840.00
16. Dog Officer	50.00	32.00	50.00	50.00
17. Shellfish (Cultivation, propagation and protection, Chap. 130, Sec. 55, requires two-thirds vote)	1,450.00	1,411.10	595.00	595.00
18. Shellfish—New Motor			125.00	75.00
19. Harbor Master—Channel Markers	50.00	48.06	50.00	50.00
20. Fire Department—Maintenance	2,225.00	2,214.52	2,240.00	2,240.00
21. Fire Department—Unpaid Bill			19.00	19.00
22. Sealer of Weights and Measures	300.00	290.78	300.00	300.00
23. Moths, Suppression of	700.00	626.05	1,000.00	500.00

BUDGET 1940—Continued

	Appropriated 1939	Expended 1939	Requested 1940	Recommended 1940
24. Tree Warden	400.00	395.32	675.00	500.00
25. Forest Fires, Prevention and Extinguishment	916.45	916.45	1,040.00	700.00
26. Forest Fires, Pump			500.00	none
27. Forest Fires, 1,000 ft. Hose and Fittings			285.00	none
28. Forest Fires, Truck			350.00	250.00
29. Bounties on Seals	30.00		25.00	25.00
30. Insurance of Municipal Buildings and Property	2,130.00	2,104.79	1,225.00	1,225.00
31. Workmen's Compensation Insurance	1,695.00	858.69	200.00	200.00
32. Municipal Buildings Insurance Fund	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION:

33. Health, Salaries and Expenses	\$1,575.00	\$1,574.81	\$1,340.00	\$1,340.00
34. Health, Unpaid Bill			132.50	132.50
35. Inspector of Animals	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
36. Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00	25.00	50.00	50.00
37. Mosquito Control Maintenance	400.00	400.00	300.00	300.00

HIGHWAYS:

38. General Highway (Ordinary Repairs, Salary of Supt. and Care of Bldg. for Equip.	\$6,100.00	\$5,358.22	\$5,570.00	\$5,470.00
39. Road Machinery Operation, Equip. and Repairs (From Road Machinery Fund)	1,288.91	1,278.93	533.32	533.32
40. Road Machinery (From Tax Levy)			666.68	666.68
41. Street, Direction and Danger Signs	100.00	42.18	150.00	150.00
42. Snow Removal	2,548.65	2,548.65	2,500.00	1,750.00
43. Street Lighting	2,750.00	2,736.83	2,800.00	2,750.00
44. Highway—New Equipment	80.00	40.00	100.00	none
45. Highway—Unpaid Bill (Stone for Smith's Lane, 1938)			132.02	132.02

CHARITIES:

46. Public Welfare—Administration	\$1,200.00	\$1,036.16	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
47. Public Welfare—Assistance	15,300.00	13,953.11	13,950.00	13,750.00
48. Aid to Dependent Children—Administration	25.00		25.00	25.00
49. Aid to Dependent Children—Assistance	2,975.00	1,828.75	1,475.00	1,475.00
50. Old Age Assistance—Administration	25.00	2.00	25.00	25.00
51. Old Age Assistance—Assistance	16,475.00	15,929.87	16,475.00	16,475.00
52. Soldiers' Relief and Burials	1,750.00	1,744.57	1,750.00	1,650.00

SCHOOLS:

53. Schools—Maintenance	\$40,000.00	\$39,992.45	\$42,554.50	\$41,000.00
54. Typewriters for Schools			560.00	none
55. Vocational Education	500.00	450.89	500.00	500.00
56. Library (Raised by Tax Levy)	1,292.84	1,184.38	1,260.22	1,185.22
57. Library (Transfer from Dog Fund)	482.16	482.16	514.78	514.78

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:

58. Parks	\$2,500.00	\$2,440.06	\$2,622.00	\$2,482.00
59. Playground, Salaries and Expenses			150.00	150.00
60. Playground, Power Mower	65.00	28.42	25.00	25.00
61. Care of Town Green and War Memorial Plot	200.00	170.88	50.00	none
62. Care of Other Municipal Property	200.00	198.58	200.00	200.00
63. Observance of Memorial and Armistice Day	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
64. Ply. County Aid to Agriculture	400.00	396.52	375.00	375.00
65. Town Reports, Preparation, Printing and Distribution	600.00	253.30	400.00	400.00
66. Legal Expenses and Other Contingencies	725.00	712.71	700.00	700.00
67. Telephone for all Departments	10,015.98	6,696.03	7,780.05	7,680.00
68. Works Progress Administration			2,000.00	1,500.00
69. Reserve (Raised by Tax Levy)	2,400.00	1,983.35T	500.00	500.00
70. Reserve (From Overlay Surplus)				

BUDGET, 1940—Continued

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ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES:				
71. Water—Maintenance	\$5,944.60	\$5,934.85	\$5,525.00	\$5,700.00
72. Water—New Truck			775.00	750.00
73. Water—Belt			175.00	none
74. Water—Dipping Needle			15.00	none
75. Water—Hydrants			62.12	none
76. Alewife Committee	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
INTEREST:				
77. Interest—Temporary Loans	\$125.00	\$53.17	\$125.00	\$125.00

ASSESSMENTS:

The following items are to be raised by the Assessors in addition to those appropriated:

State Tax	\$10,720.00
Veteran's Exemption	15.34
State Audit	302.20
State Parks	172.36
County Tax	7,100.34
County Hospital	2,217.17
Powder Point Bridge Repairs	644.73
Maturing Debt	7,500.00
Interest on General and Public Service Loans	594.38

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