TOWN OF LEE, MASSACHUSETTS

1997

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

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AMBULANCE - FIRE - POLICE

EMERGENCY DIAL - 911

24 Hour Non-emergency Or After Office Hours - 243-2100

Town Board Meetings

Board of Assessors	Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Health	2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Airoldi Building
Board of Public Works	1st, 3rd & 5th Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m.
Board of Selectmen	2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
Building Inspector	8 a.m. to 12 noon daily, Monday 7:00-9:00 p.m. 1st & 3rd Saturday 7:30-9:30 a.m.
Council on Aging	2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. Airoldi Building
Housing Authority	3rd Tuesday of the month, 4:30 p.m. Brown Court
Planning Board	1st, 3rd & 5th Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m.
School Committee	2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m.
Veterans Agent	By appointment only
Youth Commission	2nd Monday of the month, 8:00 p.m.

Business Hours of Town Officers

Hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Accountant	243-5510
Administrator	243-5501
Assessors	243-5512
Board of Selectmen	243-5500
Building Inspector	243-5518
Council on Aging	243-5545
Downtown Manager	243-5511
Department of Public Works	243-5520
Health Department (Tri-town)	243-5540
Library	243-0385
Planning Board	243-5517
Sewer Plant	243-5525
Tax Collector	243-5515
Tobacco Awareness Program	243-5543
Town Clerk/Treasurer	243-5505
Veterans Agent	243-5510
Youth Association	243-5535
Zoning Board of Appeals	243-5517

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Location:	Western Massachusetts, Berkshire County
First Settlement:	Dodgetown, 1760's
Incorporated:	October 21, 1777 Named after Major General Charles Lee
Government:	***First Congressional District*** John Olver ***Fourth Berkshire District*** State Senator, Andrea Nuciforo State Representative, Christopher J. Hodgkins ***Representative Town Meeting*** Six districts, 54 members
Town Meeting:	Second Thursday in May
Population:	5,697
Registered Voters:	3,498
1997 FISCAL TAX:	$14.90 per thousand

Area:

Square Miles	27
Land	.55% (98.8%)
Water	0.60% (2.2%)
State Highways	11.39 miles
Town Highways	53.25 miles
Sidewalks	16.00 miles

Geographical Features: Highest Elevation - 2,050 (October Mountain)
Lowest Elevation - 888 (Steps of Memorial Hall)
Housatonic River, 4 lakes, ponds, 2 mountains (October Mountain State Forest, Beartown Mountain State Park), lime quarry, marble quarry

Services:
Electric - Western Mass. Electric Co.
Gas - Berkshire Gas Co.
Cable - Century Berkshire Cable
Bus - Berkshire Regional Transit Authority
Fire Department - Volunteer
Ambulance Department - Volunteer

Distances:
9 Miles to Pittsfield
122 Miles to Boston
138 Miles to New York City

TOWN OF LEE
TOWN ELECTION MAY 12, 1997
TOWN REPRESENTATIVES

District I

David E. Brown 2000
225 Washington Mt. Rd. (243-2986)
Edward D. Forfa 2000
45 Maritta Ave. (243-1569)
Elizabeth Leahey 2000
172 Reservoir Rd. (243-2893)
David Fitzgerald, **Chair.** 1999
26 Reservoir Rd. (243-0083)
George Inman, Jr. 1999
65 Paul Dr. (243-1579)
James Castegnaro 1999
111 Woodland Ave. (243-3128)
Dennis Kelly 1998
540 East St. (243-1353)
Edith Parker 1998
104 E. Center St. (243-0359)
Vacancy 1998

District II

William E. Noonan, **Chair.** 2000
60 Cliffwood St. (243-0263)
Bill F. Tyer 2000
36 E. Center St. (243-0888)
Vacancy 2000

Neil F. Clarke 1999
85 Orchard St. (243-3649)
Robert Giarolo 1999
145 Tamarack Ave. (243-1556)
John DeVarennes 1999
25 St. Mary's Ave. (243-0478)
Magaret E. Biron 1998
25 Housatonic St. (243-0489)
David S. Bravo, Jr. 1998
P.O. Box 321 (243-3649)
Thomas D. Kennedy 1998
30 Hartwood Rd. (243-1698)

District III

Ottavio J. Biasin 2000
515 Marble St. (243-3328)
John B. Giarolo 2000
500 Marble St. (243-3465)
Susan Horsford 2000
155 Silver St. (243-3261)
Helen Linton, **Chair.** 1999
75 Birch St. (243-2090)
Mayme Peltier 1999
140 Old Pleasant St. (243-0603)
John Coty, Jr. 1999
50 First St., Box 74 (243-2813)
Patricia Simmons 1998
45 Cone Ave. (243-0365)
Mary McDarby 1998
425 Marble St. (243-2967)
Mary Coty 1998
P.O. Box 74 (243-2681)

District IV

Gordon D. Bailey 2000
734 Pleasant St. (243-3110
Edward M. Briggs 2000
715 Fairview St. (243-3244)
Joseph F. DuPont 2000
395 Fairview St. (243-9834)
Stephen A. Cozzaglio 1999
60 Davis St. (243-3204)
Arthur A. Mack 1999
130 Highfield Dr. (243-2156)
Joan A. Piacquadio 1999
170 Fairview St. (243-0663)
Robert W. Lester 1998
P.O. Box 336 (243-2612)
Sandra E. Parker, **Chair.** 1998
55 West Rd. (243-2344)
Kathleen Daoust 1998
165 Highfield Dr. (243-3667)

District V

Richard Burns 190 W. Park St. (243-3548)	2000
Dedre Consolati 57 Main St. (243-2318)	2000
Pauline E. Pollard 121 High St. (243-0252)	2000
Kathleen P. Corbitt 46 Railroad St. (243-2021)	1999
Vacancy	1999
Thomas Unsworth 15 Academy St. (243-2988)	1999
Larry Maffuccio 20 Prospect St. (243-0482)	1998
William Enser, Jr. 49 School St. (243-0669)	1998
Vacancy	1998

District VI

Charlotte P. Davis 35 Navin Ave. (243-1092)	2000
Martin V. Deely, **Appt.** 60 Pease Terrace (243-2720)	2000
Robert D. Boynton 225 Prospect St. (243-1131)	2000
Frank A. Consolati 5 Debra Ave. (243-2364)	1999
Francis D. Foley, Jr., **Chair.** 45 Pease Terrace (243-1383)	1999
John Glomb, **Appt.** 85 Theresa Terrace (243-1916)	1999
William F. Derrick 225 Summer St. (243-1489)	1998
James F. Nolan 155 Laurel St. (243-0298)	1998
Jerome J. Scully 460 Devon Rd. (243-2660)	1998

Members at Large

Nelson Daley 135 Maple St. (243-1065)	1999
Aldo V. Pascucci 450 Devon Rd. (243-1113)	2000
William J. Maroney, Jr. 150 Stockbridge Rd. (243-1688)	1998
Christopher Hodgkins 100 Franklin St. (243-2022)	1998
Patricia D. Carlino 80 East Center St. (243-2825)	
David Parker 55 West Rd. (243-2344)	

ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR
One Year Term

Christopher J. Hodgkins	1998

SELECTMEN
Three Year Term

Aldo V. Pascucci	2000
Nelson L. Daley	1999
William J. Maroney, Jr.	1998

CONSTABLES
Three Year Term

Stephen Cozzaglio	2000
John Piacquadio	2000
Pauline Pollard	2000
Dennis B. Forshee	2000

HOUSING AUTHORITY
Five Year Term

Francis Foley	2002
Frank McCarthy	2001
Diane Shepardson	2000
William O'Brien	1998
Rosemary Hughes (State Appointee)	1998

PLANNING BOARD
Five Year Term

Patricia Carlino	2002
Aldo V. Pascucci, Chairman	2001
Robert A. Zeif	2000
Robert W. Birch	1999
Ann Deely	1998

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Three Year Term

Jeanne Davidson	2000
Margaret Biron	2000
Edward Lahey	1999
Diane Wespiser	1999
Carol LePrevost, Chairman	1998
John Ranzoni	1998

MODERATOR APPOINTMENT
FINANCE COMMITTEE
9 Members, 3 year term

Town By-law 2.69, MGL 39-16

2001	David Parker
2001	Malcom Chisholm, Jr..
2001	Marylou Antoniazzi
2000	Joseph Furgal, Jr.
2000	Maynard Clemons
2000	Anthony Caropreso
1998	John W. Graziano
1998	John W. Philpott
1998	Joann M. Sullivan (Unexpired term of Edward Forfa)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT
(Department Heads and Town Officials)

Fiscal Year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

Ambulance Director	Ken LaBier
Animal Control Officer	James L. Shea
Civil Defense Director	Ken LaBier
Communications Director	Ken LaBier
Council on Aging Director	Norma Maroney
D.P.W. Superintendent	Donald Chester
Fire Chief	Ronald J. Driscoll
Deputy Fire Chief - Lee	Alan Sparks
Deputy Fire Chief - South Lee	Richard Ford
Inspector of Buildings	Daniel Keenan
Asst. Inspector of Buidings	James Toomey
Inspector, Gas	Paul Jakacky
Inspector, Plumbing	Paul Jakacky
Inspector, Wiring	Charles Grady
Asst. Inspector, Wiring	David Comalli
Lee Library Director	Georgia Massucco
Lee Youth Director	David Canterbury
Police Chief	Ronald Glidden
Principal Assessor	Timothy Taylor
Sealer/Weights & Measures	Gerald Cahalan
Secretary, Sel., Town Admin.	Lisa McCusker*
Town Accountant	Mary Lou Dadak
Town Clerk	Patricia D. Carlino
Assistant Town Clerk	Suzanne M. Scarpa
Town Collector	Janice Smith
Assistant Town Collector	Eleanor Baumann
Town Treasurer	Patricia D. Carlino
Assistant Town Treasurer	Suzanne M. Scarpa
Veterans Agent	Mary Lou Dadak

* Effective July 14, this position will be assumed by Suzanne M. Alderman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS
(Town Counsel & Multi-Member Boards)

Fiscal Year July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

Town Administrator
Frank E. Abbondanzio

(Special Legislation)
(Chief Financial Officer)

ONE YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS

Town Counsel
MGL 40:5-15
Attorney Jerome Scully

Cable Television Commission
3 Members
John LeProvost, Chairman
Edward Lahey
Clark Nichols

Capital Planning Committee
(Capital Outlay Committee)
Town By-law 2.3
Board of Selectmen, Wm. J. Maroney, Jr.
Planning Board, Aldo V. Pascucci
Board of Public Works, Dana P. LaDuke
Finance Committee members (5)

Cemetery Committee
Millard R. Eckert, Co-chairman
Charlotte P. Davis, Co-chairman
Peter R. Biasin
John J. Kelly
Susan E. Kelley, Secretary
Joseph Rock
Don Chester, DPW Advisor
Edward Thomas, Advisor

Planning Board Associate Member
MGL 40A, 9 - One member only
Ronald Smith

Personnel Board
Town By-law, MGL Ch. 40, 41
Maryann Fanning
Susan Bartini Brown
Anne Opperman
John DeVarennes, Advisor
David Parker, Advisor

Recycling Committee
Maynard Clemons, Chairman
William O'Brien, Vice Chairman
Caroline Young, Secretary
Karen Horak

Sandy Beach Committee
Deidre Consolati, Chairman
Linda Cysz
Bill Abderhalden
David Dobson
David Babcock

Juvenile Diversion Committee
Ronald C. Glidden, Police Chief
Paul Collins
Erin O'Brien
Kathy Bort

School Building Commission
Town By-law 2-163 to 166
Minimum 5, Maximum 9 Members
Robert Boynton, Chairman
Gordon Bailey
Richard Burns
Edward Lahey
Henry Zukowski
James Gralla
Donna Toomey
John DeVarennes
Neil Merwin

Traffic Committee
Ronald Glidden, Police Chief
Gerald LeProvost, Chairman
Edward Forfa
Robert Lester
Robert Giaroli

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TWO YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS

Board of Public Works
MGL 40-69D, Enabling Act, Ch. 438- Seven Members

Robert Bartini, Chairman
Maurice Leahey
Michael Field
David Forrest

BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS

THREE YEAR TERM APPOINTMENTS

Board of Assessors
MGL 41-24 - Three Members
2000 - William Derrick, Chairman
1999 - Edward Briggs
1998 - Dayton DeLorme

Board of Health
MGL 41-1, 21 - 3 Members
2000 - Karen Norton
1999 - Dr. Barry Kellogg
1998 - Dr. Robert Wespiser

Board of Registrars
2000 - Sandra Cozzaglio
1999 - Frank McCarthy
1998 - Donald Filio

Conservation Commission
MGL 40-8C - Minimum 5, Maximum 7
2000 - James M Leahey, D.V.M.
2000 - John Rohane
1999 - Marilyn Hansen
1999 - Deborah Garry
1999 - Joan Clemons, Vice Chairman
1998 - Stuart Dalheim, Chairman
1998 - Jan Kegler

Council on Aging
2000 - Helen Botto
2000 - Val Baldisserotto
2000 - Maurice Larrivee
1999 - Lester Clarke
1999 - Stephen Cozzaglio
1999 - Val Masiero
1999 - Amelia Zatorski
1998 - Alma Allen, Chairman
1998 - Angelo Esoldi

Historical Commission
MGL 40-8D, Minimum 3, Maximum 7
2000 - Barbara Allen*
2000 - Robert Macintosh*
1999 - Patricia LaChapelle*
1999 - Jim Shaw
1998 - Mary Morrissey*
1998 - Caroline Young, Secretary
Advisor - DeeDee Consolati
Charlotte Davis
Betty Dennis
Florence Consolati
*Rotating Chairs

Lee Cultural Council
MGL 962 CMR 2 - Two 3 Year Terms only - Min. 5, Max. 22 Members
2000 - Frances Steinert
2000 - Sarah Atchley
2000 - Freda Grim
2000 - Mario Arnold
1999 - Gloria Arnold
1999 - Mary Theresa Valleri
1999 - Alexandra Heddinger
1998 Sharon E. MacDonald, Chairman

Lee Youth Commission
2000 - Margaret Biron
1999 - Sandra Parker
1998 - Carol LeProvost
1998 - Patricia Carlino

Zoning Board of Appeals
2000 - George A. Inman, Jr.
1999 - Timothy O. Taylor, Chairman
1999 - William Bean
1998 - William O'Brien
1998 - Sheila Wood
Alternates - Pauline Pollard
Robert W. Lester

BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPOINTMENTS

AD-HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Golf Course Study Committee

Dayton DeLorme
Tom Unsworth
Louis Scaramuzzi
Helen Gasparian
Clare Lahey
Dan Sullivan
Dan Soules
Frank Consolati
Peter Scolforo

Golden Hill Road Bridge Committee

Charlotte Davis
Robert Bartini
Henry Holt
Avelina Truchero
Martin Barinski
Timothy Gray
Ronald Robitaille
Don Chester, DPW Supt., Advisor

Town Administrator Search Committee

Tom Unsworth, Chairman
David Parker
Stephen Cozzaglio
Dana LaDuke, Sr.
John Philpott
John Toole
William Noonan

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Lee:

The Fiscal year 1998 was a very positive year in the history of a very active and energetic town. We point to welcome additions in the private business sector as follows:

1. ***Quarry Hill Park,*** off of Route 102, was completed and is ready for its first occupant. This project, that has come to reality through the efforts of our C.D.C., has the potential to provide a location for as many as 12 new businesses in our town. The Board of Selectmen and the taxpayers of Lee are very appreciative of the time and talents expended by Chairman John Toole and his C.D.C. board. Mr. Richard Vinette's contribution as Executive Director has been instrumental in the ready completion of the park.

2. ***The Village at Laurel Lake*** has broken ground and is expected to house its first clients in early 1999. When completed, this state-of-the-art nursing/congregate living home will offer the finest of services in its field.

3. With what was probably the grandest "Grand Opening" in our town, the ***Berkshire Outlet Village*** opened its 70 odd doors to business on June 27th. The Board of Selectmen were privileged to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremonies which were attended by a large number of townspeople. Since its opening, the Village has proved to be a very popular destination for shoppers from all of New England and the Northeast. Many businesses in downtown Lee have enjoyed some increases in activity which, in part, may be attributable to the Village attraction. These additions have or will provide welcome increases to our town's tax base. These projects only increase the opportunity to look to our community with pride. Lee is a great place to live in and do business.

In the public sector, we found our Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator active in the following:

1. A contract has been awarded to R.H. White Construction of Auburn, MA for the new ***water treatment facility.*** Water quality will be decidedly improved and the installation of customer water meters is expected to result in increased water conservation. The new plant is scheduled to be operational in June of 1998.

2. A ***Golden Hill Bridge Committee*** was formed by the Board. The committee worked efficiently and expeditiously which resulted in a firm recommendation to replace the bridge with a metal span. The recommendation is under consideration by the Mass Highway Department.

3. ***Eaton Street/Riverfront Park*** improvement plans were completed and accepted by the town. Completion is expected in mid summer 1998. This exceptional improvement will be totally funded by grant money from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

4. A $100,000 grant from the Department of Historical Management is in the process of acceptance. These funds would be expended to make improvements to the ***Town Common.*** Special thanks are extended to the Congregational Church for providing the necessary easement for the grant process to proceed. Our Town Administrator is recognized for his efficiency in garnering grants.

5. ***Gateway Project-Housatonic Street*** improvements are expected to commence in the Spring of 1998. This project will provide new lighting and a new tree belt from the Turnpike overpass to the intersection of Park and Main Streets. The project is fully funded by state grants. Mass. Highway and the availability of PEWD grants are much appreciated.

6. ***The Downtown Facade Program,*** which is funded by state grants, has made for some outstanding improvements on Main Street. This town program has been well administered by Ann Vedder, Manager of L.E.A.D., Berkshire Housing Authority and the Town Administrator.

All of the listed activities and projects result from the efforts of a very dedicated group of people. We appreciate the dedication of the town employees, all of the elected officials and the many who volunteer for various committees and commissions.

There were major personnel changes in FY98.

Mrs. Lisa McCusker resigned as the Selectmen's Secretary effective July 1st. Mrs. Suzanne Alderman was appointed Selectmen's Secretary on July 1st. Mrs. Alderman has been a very welcome addition to our staff.

Frank Abbondanzio, Town Administrator, tendered his resignation effective December 19, 1997. The Board of Selectmen appointed seven residents to serve as a Town Administrator Search Committee. The committee reviewed 31 applicants which resulted in submitting the names of four finalists for the Board's consideration. It is expected that a Town Administrator will be employed by mid-March 1998. This dedicated committee is to be commended for the excellent results in screening and interviewing. The Board expresses its gratitude for a very professional effort.

Mrs. Patricia Carlino resigned from her positions as Town Treasurer and Town Clerk. The resignation was to be effective January 5, 1998. As a result of Mrs. Carlino's departure, the following transfer/promotions were to be made effective January 5, 1998:

1. Mrs. Susan Kelley to be appointed Town Treasurer
2. Mrs. Suzanne Scarpa to be appointed Town Clerk
3. Ms. Lisa Stanton to be appointed DPW secretary
4. Mrs. Kathy Arment to be approved Assessors' secretary

Other items of note:

The Lee Ambulance Squad presented an award to Mr. Thomas Consolati for his efforts in providing medical assistance to a heart attack victim. Mr. Consolati recognized Earl Barnett, Bill Maroney, III, Jack Piacquadio and Stan Doust for their emergency, as well as his efforts at the scene.

The Board of Selectmen, at the request of the Superintendent and the School Committee, reactivated the School Building Committee. It was hoped that the town meeting representatives would approve funds to be expended for a school space feasibility study.

Lee Ambulance building dedication was held on April 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A large turnout of townspeople viewed the new facility and extended congratulations to Mr. Ken LaBier and his very fine ambulance squad. Our town is very fortunate to have them.

The Board declared May 3rd as "Lee High Lady Wildcats Day" in recognition of our unprecedented fifth state basketball championship. The young ladies are not only championship basketball players, but they are also outstanding students. Our town is very proud of them and all of our students.

Building Inspector, Daniel Keenan, was commended by the Board for his expeditious handling of the 70 odd building permits at the Outlet Village. It was an outstanding job with very short deadlines.

The Board of Selectmen addressed the problem of skateboarding facilities with Mrs. Linda Cysz acting as a spokesperson for the young skateboarders. Mrs. Cysz, through the assistance of local businesses, was able to provide lumber to build the necessary ramps. The skateboarders built the ramps and placed them at the town athletic field. The Department of Public Works and the Board of Selectmen were very supportive of the activity and commend Mrs. Cysz for her efforts.

The Board commended Mrs. Charlotte Davis of the Historical Commission for the many hours she expended in sorting and organizing many and various historic files that were in disarray in the Town Hall archives. Mrs. Davis has cataloged town records dating back to the year 1777.

The Board of Selectmen consider it a very unique privilege to serve our town along with the town team made up of employees and volunteers. It is our intention that the progress and improvements continue to expand and add to our community's successes.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Maroney, Jr., ***Chairman***
Nelson L. Daley
Aldo V. Pascucci

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I am pleased to submit the annual report of the Town Administrator for the calendar year ending December 31, 1997. Regretfully, this report is the last that I will submit as your Town Administrator, as my resignation was effective on December 5, 1997. My resignation brings to a close five and one half years of public service, in which I served as Lee's first Town Administrator. My experience in Lee has been personally rewarding, and I leave the Town with the knowledge that I have accomplished many of the objectives that I set when I first arrived. I am particularly proud of the contributions that I have made to the Town's successful Downtown Revitalization Program, to the Town's progress and economic development, in general, and to the creation of the Town's financial and personnel management systems. All of this would not have been possible without the strong leadership exercised by the Boards of Selectmen during my tenure, the cooperation of a very capable staff and the commitment of the many volunteers on Town boards and committees who have given unselfishly to Town government. I will miss the many friends that I have made in Lee, both in Town Hall and on Main Street.

When I arrived in Lee in July of 1992, I was faced with the task of addressing numerous management issues that had been identified by Dr. David A. Booth in his study entitled Town in Transition: A Feasibility Study Relating to the Possible Establishment of an Appointed Town Administrator in the Town of Lee, Massachusetts (July 1988) Some of the problems identified in this study were lack of accountability, absence of full-time administrative management, lack of communication, absence of coordination of Town's boards and officials, lack of a personnel system, inadequate and uneven budget process, poor recordkeeping, absence of a capital planning process, lack of centralized purchasing, and a failure to take advantage of funding opportunities. The Study recommended that the Town hire a Town Administrator and outlined ten goals.

- Establishing a full time presence in Town Hall and establishing goals
- Facilitating the effectiveness of the Board of Selectmen
- Providing follow through on discussions, decisions and policies
- Increasing accountability and supervision
- Providing a liaison with other governments
- Improving relationship between the Selectmen and Town Meeting
- Better budget making
- Developing a personnel system
- Facilitating citizen inquiries and complaints
- Filing applications for grants

It took nearly four years to implement the first step recommended by the consultant, the hiring of a Town Administrator; and when the votes were counted, the mandate for the position was very slim indeed: 50.4% of the voters. Support for the position has grown steadily over the past five and one half years, as the value of full time management capacity has been demonstrated.

Filing of Applications for Grants

I am particularly proud of the success that the Town has enjoyed in obtaining state and federal grants over the past five and one half years. During this period I was personally responsible for close to $2 million in successful grants. These included the initial Downtown Partnership Grant of $115,000 which enabled the Town to hire a

Downtown Manager and the initial facade restoration program, which I designed prior to hiring of Richard Beatty. I was also successful in obtaining $795,000 in Public Works Economic Development Grant Funding for the Main Street Streetscape improvements, $568,000 for the Berkshire Gateway Improvements Program (Housatonic Street beautification), and a $100,000 state grant for the Town Common restoration. Credit is also due to the Berkshire Housing Development Corporation whose grantsmanship was responsible for the balance of $600,000 in funding needed to complete the Main Street Streetscape improvements and several other community development activities which were included in their grant applications. I would personally like to thank Elton Ogden and Tom Webb for their roll in this important program. Special thanks also goes out to Senators Jane Swift and Andrea Nuciforo for their role in assisting the Town.

Improvements in the Budget Process and Capital Planning

Major strides have also been made in the improvement of the Town's financial management system including the introduction of program budgeting and the creation of a capital improvement planning process. During this period, the Town also converted its accounting system to the UMAS and computerized its financial management process. These measures were designed to provide for greater efficiency in the budgeting process and, in general, to introduce a long term planning focus. The end result is also that the budget is now more of a management tool for the executive branch (the Administrator and the Board of Selectmen).

Greater Accountability and Supervision

Greater accountability and supervision of employees has been assured through the creation of a personnel management system. This system includes a pay and classification scale, a performance-based appraisal system and a personnel policies and procedures manual, all of which were developed entirely in-house.

Better Relations Between the Selectmen and Town Meeting

Progress has also been made in improving relations between the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting. One of the greatest improvements has been the provision of timely information to Town representatives. This includes a commitment to provide an in-depth package of explanatory material on any special and annual Town Meeting Warrant one month prior to the meeting. This office has also used the Baby-Town Meetings to maximum advantage as a vehicle to educate the representatives specific issues. A Town Meeting handbook was also developed by my office to give Town Meeting representatives a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

Increasing the effectiveness of the Selectmen's Office

The most significant impact of the changes that were made has been in the Selectmen's Office. This is reflected not only in improved recordkeeping and procedures, but also in the nature of discussions. This year, for the first time, the Board of Selectmen adopted Town-wide policies, goals and objectives which relate directly to departmental missions, programs and budgets.

These are just some of the many important initiatives which have put in place since the Town voted to approve the Town Administrator form of government. As I leave office, I would like to extend to the Town wishes for continued prosperity and success.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank E. Abbondanzio
Town Administrator

DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Four short years ago many of us came together to enhance our community. Since then, tremendous steps forward have taken place. More than $2 million in public funds have been invested in downtown Lee which has triggered significant private investments in the downtown. The Massachusetts Historical Commission designated downtown Lee as one of the "Ten Most Endangered Historic Sites in Massachusetts". But thanks to the successful efforts of L.E.A.D., that designation was reversed to "Saved". No other site had ever been deemed "Saved".

Organizational changes within L.E.A.D. included the hiring of a new Downtown Manager, Ann Vedder. The Board of Directors voted to expand its membership which was reflective of the organizations membership growth.

The Facade Improvement Program continues to be very popular. The owners of 51 Park, Locker Room, Sammy Brown's, Pietros, Lakeside Carpet, Sullivan Station, Cactus Cafe, 176 Main Street and 10 Park Place all completed their facade/signage improvements and have drawn down their funds. There are three other approved applications for the remaining FY95 funds and two approved applications for FY96 funds, leaving only $45,000 uncommitted.

While Berkshire Outlet Village was negotiating with the Town's Planning Board for its signage needs, members of L.E.A.D., who were also downtown merchants, organized a sign committee with a liaison from the Planning Board. Their task was to address the signage needs for downtown merchants which would give them increased visibility in the wake of the Berkshire Outlet Village's opening. This task was mostly completed this summer and major changes have been incorporated into the zoning by-laws. There is still work remaining for the sign committee including incorporation of conformance with the BCDC district for the rest of the town, especially Housatonic Street, and the development of guidelines for a review committee to oversee new and changes to the existing neon sign applications.

The grand opening of the Berkshire Outlet Village took place in late June. It was a celebratory event for all. Prior to this, L.E.A.D., the Town of Lee Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen spent many hours in negotiation with the Horizon Group coming up with solutions for promoting downtown Lee. Today, these three remaining issues are still unresolved: A trolley for shoppers to get to Lee's downtown; the information booth's realized vision; and a new signage directing traffic to Historic Lee at the Berkshire Outlet Village's exit. TranSales Company has been hired to evaluate the feasibility of the trolley. L.E.A.D. takes this opportunity to extend its gratitude to Mary McGinnis, current President of the Chamber of Commerce, for making the Information Booth as organized and effective as it is.

Lee Arts Committee has held meetings throughout the year regarding the design, mailing and follow-up of an Arts Directory. This culminated in a large mailing to the "arts community" in Southern Berkshire, which is on-going. Organizational and nominating committees have begun with the hope of development of a more formalized committee in 1998.

L.E.A.D hired Rick Segel, a retail marketing consultant, to develop four workshops, "Getting ready for the Retail Rumble, The Art of Running a Sale, Ways

to WOW Your Customers and Keep them Coming Back and Million dollar Advertising on a Shoestring Budget" and offering consultation to individual businesses in the downtown, particularly in light of the opening of the Berkshire Outlet Village. Rick has spent months meeting with individual retail businesses and giving consultation while at the same time developing and targeting workshop conferences for them and the general public. His caring and professional, planned approach to the individual consulting, as well as his personalized conferences, were quite well done. It would be interesting to have him back now that the Outlet Mall has been in operation for six months.

The New Riverwalk Park design and subsequent meetings has taken a considerable amount of time and resources of L.E.A.D. in 1997. The project has evolved slowly, with public input, and now is ready to go out to bid. Construction will begin in the spring of 1998 and completion is projected late summer 1998. It will be the center of many community activities, especially Founders' Weekend and the beginning of what eventually will be a county long parkway along the Housatonic River.

The Town Common preliminary plans have been developed. The Congregational Church has voted to grant the town the easement necessary to inject the designated public monies into this project. the Town of Lee was awarded an additional $100,000 over a two-year period for this project. This project could also be bid out this spring and begin in the fall of 1998.

Founders' Weekend is a unique event for Lee celebrating its past history and current time with historical events, as well as parades. Three years ago, Pat LaChapelle, then President of the Lee Chamber of Commerce and a L.E.A.D. board member, spearheaded Lee Founders' Weekend. Continuing on this past success, planning meetings occurred throughout the year for this year's event. It is a unique opportunity for Lee's civic organizations (Boy Scouts, Blue Birds, etc.) to make money selling foods and games as well as for Chamber sponsored events, such as the "Taste of Lee", scarecrow contests, Civil War minstrels, Berkshire Hillsmen Barber Shop Quartet, etc. L.E.A.D. supported the chairwoman of the event, Denise Talabach, in whatever way possible and paid for the banner and flyers which announced the weekend, as well as organized a children's parade and awards ceremony. One of the issues from a recreation study just completed in the Town of Lee, was the dearth of family-centered activities in Lee. Watching smiling families run down the new sidewalks with homemade pies from the pie sale is the beginning of fulfilling that need.

Main Street's Westside Project addresses the reconfiguration of the westside commercial district (Eaton Street to the Housatonic River from Price Chopper to Sullivan Station). Okerstrom-Lang, Ltd. was selected to spearhead this project. The plan will be completed by late spring and utilized to secure additional funds to bring the project to fruitation.

The Board of Directors and Downtown Manager have developed a comprehensive townwide/corporate investment fundraising strategy. Implementation will occur in early 1998.

L.E.A.D. sponsored an appreciation reception for the Lee Garden Group that took care of the flowers in the window boxes downtown and organized the Christmas decorations (wreaths and lighting). We also made up certificates of appreciation for the volunteers and hope next year's group will be as active and enthusiastic.

L.E.A.D. celebrated its 1997 annual meeting November 15th. L.E.A.D. President, Chris Hodgkins, led a group on a walking tour of our downtown to demonstrate first-hand the accomplishments and improvements since the inception of L.E.A.D. We then regrouped at Sullivan's Station Restaurant where we witnessed a slide presentation of before and after shots. This celebration crystallized how much we have to be proud of in downtown Lee. Our thanks to board member Marilyn Kelly for hosting this event.

12 Days of Christmas this year was spearheaded by L.E.A.D. We decided to take what activities were ongoing in downtown (traditionally), add a few additional activities and put together a schedule of events in Lee before Christmas. Lee received a great deal of publicity from local papers and an enthusiastic response from Lee residents.

The future will bring many long dreamed of projects to fruitation. the Gateway Project, which will beautify and enhance Housatonic and Park Streets, will begin this spring. Jacob's Ladder will wrap up its Route 20 beautification project as it moves from the Pioneer Valley to the "1,000 islands" in Lee. Riverwalk Park will be completed this summer and Phase I of the Town Common Project, in place by years end. We will be looking for money to implement the design plan for Main Street's westside.

L.E.A.D. will continue its annual fundraising efforts for the Downtown Partnership, since 1998 marks the end of the state's support.

Downtown Lee's revitalization could not be possible without all of the town's support and cooperation with the Downtown Partnership

Respectfully submitted,

L.E.A.D. Board of Directors
Chris Hodgkins, ***President***
Marilyn Kelly, ***Secretary***
Denise Talabach, ***Treasurer***

Stuart Bowen	Jim Conroy
Pat LaChapelle	Bunny Larson
Pam Loring	Don Raiche
Tom Unsworth	

Ann Vedder, ***Downtown Manager***

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Combined Balance Sheet
30 June 1997

Schedule 1

ASSETS:	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES General Fund	Special Revenue	Water/ Sewer	Capital Projects	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Long-Term Debt	Totals
Cash	**$559,830**	**$904,498**	**$1,097,211**	**$91,196**	**$179,725**	**$178,991**		**$3,011,451**
Personal Property Taxes Receivable 1997	2,524							2,524
Personal Property Taxes Receivable Prior	2,449							2,449
Real Estate Taxes Receivable 1996	7,051							7,051
Real Estate Taxes Receivable 1997	307,924							307,924
Tax Liens Receivable	243,668							243,668
Motor Vehicle Excise Receivable	29,875							29,875
Other Excise Receivable	695							695
Sewer User Fees Receivable			32,360					32,360
Water User Fees Receivable			65,349					65,349
Sewer Liens Receivable			2,000					2,000
Water Liens Receivable			2,927					2,927
Departmental Receivable	51,359							51,359
Amount to be Provided for Debt.							3,868,200	3,868,200
Due From Commonwealth		228,417						228,417
Loans Authorized							8,193,692	8,193,692
Tax Foreclosures Receivable	11,830							11,830
Taxes in Litigation Receivable	1,530							1,530
Deferred Taxes R. E. Receivable	4,499							4,499
TOTAL ASSETS:	$1,223,234	$1,132,915	$1,199,847	$91,196	$179,725	$178,991	$12,061,892	$16,067,800

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES:

Payroll Withholdings Payable	15,883							15,883
Due to Other Governments	0							0
Notes Payable			515,000				3,868,200	4,383,200
Due From Tel. Vendors	(1,488)							(1,488)
Deferred Revenues	533,437	228,417	102,636					864,490
Overlay	129,968							129,968
Fund Balance Reserved for Appropriation	(20,472)							(20,472)
Loans Authorized & Unissued							8,193,692	8,193,692
Fund Balance Reserved for Encumbrances	181,470	692	98,480					280,642
Fund Balance Reserved for Overlay Deficit	(29,523)							(29,523)
Fund Balance Reserved for Expenditure	65,000	251,416	280,000		6,500			602,916
Fund Balance Reserved for Over/Under Ass.	361							361
Undesignated Fund Balance	348,599	652,390	718,730	(423,804)	173,225	178,991		1,648,132
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BAL:	$1,223,234	$1,132,915	$1,199,847	$91,196	$179,725	$178,991	$12,061,892	$16,067,800

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Special Revenue Funds

Schedule 1-A

FUND:	Balance 1 Jul 96	Revenues	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 30 Jun 97
Ambulance			$90,052	$76,986	$ 13,066	
Tri Town Health O.J.T.	(186)	186				0
Tri Town Health		80,200	47,392	120,377	6,523	692
Elections/Registrations		806		806		0
Highway: Chapter 85	63,522	247,773		327,779		(143,528)
MA Relief						0
Building Inspector	40,246	39,449		41,313	2,897	35,485
Wire Inspector	810	7,890		5,235		3,465
Gas Inspector		4,704		3,973		731
Sealer W & M	1,560	3,190		2,396		2,354
Plumbing Inspector	46	7,709		5,272		2,483
Small Cities and Towns Grant	5,814	305	23,899		27,964	2,054
MSCP Community Dev.	62	142,386		142,386		62
CDAG Lee Business Park	89,962	130,581			221,090	(547)
PWED 95	(269,123)	386,184	23,866	116,976		23,951
MSCP Community Dev		558,518			558,518	0
Peer to Peer Assist. Program		810			810	0
HUD 107	500					500
Rural Business Development		23,713			23,713	0
CDAG Admin. Funds		3,861			2,750	1,111
Reimbursed Expenditures	(19,262)	27,608			6,647	1,699
Compostin Bins	572	400				972
L.E. Block Grant		2,520		2,814		(295)
Drug Task Force	86				79	8
Police Vests		441		441		0
COPS More	1,125	2,460		3,890		(305)
County Dog Fund	1,317					1,317

Sale of the Real Estate	1,336					1,336
Sale of Cemetery Lots	20,092	4,660				24,752
Conservation Commission	838	2,568			2,490	917
Ambulance	181,435	80,842	11,170	286	90,052	183,109
Sewer Easement	1,610					1,610
Library Dog Fund	1,171					1,171
Land Easement	1					1
SBAB Reserve for Debt	473,298				120,000	353,298
Landfill Closure	18,987				18,987	0
State Aid to Libraries	3,443	6,050			9,143	351
Arts Lottery Council	5,892	3,656			2,400	7,148
Council on Aging	2	4,255			5,080	(823)
Community Policing	1,967				1,967	0
Police D.A.R.E.	484				484	0
Community Policing 97		4,500			0	4,500
Title V Septic		32,756		22,907		9,849
Cops Fast	(4,553)	22,421			25,625	(7,757)
DARE 97	10,000	8,000			17,945	55
School Lunch	16,688	223,555			231,019	9,224
School Athletic	3,729	15,711			15,359	4,080
Adult Education	8,658	12,477			10,531	10,604
Industrial Arts	3,823	12,485			14,329	1,980
School Book Damage	1,265	5,773			6,210	829
Greenhouse	1,421	3,568			4,666	324
Berkshire Alliance	23,255	11,250			11,843	22,661
Music	3,662	1,962			5,011	613
Drama	5,023	7,269			7,876	4,416
Reading	1					1
Tennis	21	1,200				1,221
Preschool		12,625		12,625		0
Student Fund	4,185	20,271			19,493	4,963
School Choice	214,784	327,085			208,519	333,350

Cable TV	60					60
Mead Specialty		5,000		4,876		124
Chapter I	172	56,249		56,421		0
Learning Disabled	654	57,852		58,506		0
Chapter II		2,012		2,012		0
MA High School Alliance	9,405	30,000		34,482		4,922
Title II EESA	219	2,907		3,126		0
Adult Basic Ed.	(11)	43,888		55,406		(11,529)
BTEP Summer	4,959	6,600		7,268		4,291
Drug Free Schools	226	4,450		4,676		0
AP Calculus/AP Physics	429			429		0
Rainbow Alliance	10					0
Curriculum Enrichment		7,425		7,425		0
Health Project		20,881		18,687		2,194
Curriculum Frameworks		2,900		2,900		0
Curriculum Study Group		3,000		3,000		0
Safety Through Acceptance		1,000		1,000		0
Palms Grant		3,924		3,924		0
Emergency Immigration		1,720		1,720		0
Early Literacy		6,500		6,500		0
Goose Pond	1,803			1,803		0
Police D.A.R.E.	1,442	2,310		4,249		(497)
Explorers Donation	344					344
Sandy Beach Raft		877				877
Flag Donation		150				150
Sandy Beach Donation	20	75		95		0
Hazardous Waste Donation	510	815		1,244		81
Ambulance Donation	36,154	8,467			44,621	0
TOTALS:	$975,965	$2,765,605	$106,328	$1,089,275	$1,724,562	$907,007

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Capital Projects Fund
30 June 1997

Schedule 1-B

FUND:	Balance 1 Jul 96	Receipts	Transfers In	Expenses	Transfers Out	Balance 30 Jun 97
Bossidy Block	$ 71,134	$ 83,000			$ 11,866	0
Landfill Well Testing	15,000			1,924		13,076
Union Street / Sewer Line				92,101		(92,101)
Fire Truck	(110,466)	195,000		84,508		26
Woodland Bridge	45,886	26,225			51,897	20,214
School Roof	46				46	(0)
School Roof Eng.	48				48	0
Stockbridge Road	1,038					1,038
School Underground Tank				34,265		(34,265)
School Computer Lab		70,000			70,000	0
208K Watershed	15,000					15,000
Washington Mountain	22,101					22,101
S.H.L.D.	25,044					25,044
Sewer #7	2,251					2,251
Ambulance Garage		618,412		606,498		11,913
Water Filtration		1,650,000		1,839,264		(189,264)
40K Watershed	722					722
Water Meters	26,684					26,684
Water Testing	16,623					16,623
Landfill Closure				262,866		(262,866)
TOTALS:	$131,112	$2,642,637	0	$2,921,426	$133,858	($423,803)

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Trust Funds
30 June 1997

Schedule 1-C

FUND:	Balance 1 Jul 96	Revenues	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Expenses	Balance 30 Jun 97
Cemetery	$142,000					$142,000
Morgan Jones	4,700					4,700
St. Mary's	5,870					5,870
A.A. Jones	1,000					1,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED	$153,570					$153,570
Cemetery	3,797	8,175		6,500		5,472
Gravestone Repair	247	8				255
A.A. Jones	96	20				116
Morgan Jones	663					663
Lee Players Club	794	21			51	764
Law Enforcement	123	878			100	901
Lee Historical	789	1,010			968	831
St. Mary's	274				274	0
Conservation	3,297	103				3,399
Stabilization	7,038	219				7,257
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED	$17,116	$10,433		$6,500	$1,393	$19,656
TOTALS:	$324,256	$10,433	0	$6,500	$1,393	$326,796

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Agency Funds
30 June 1997

Schedule 1-D

FUND:	Balance 1 Jul 96	Revenues	Expenses	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Balance 30 Jun 97
Police Outside Detail		$92,180.05	$90,711.95			$1,468.10
Conservation Commission	287.50					287.50
Town Collector Fees	97.00	10,167.62	9,088.62			1,176.00
Hoff	1,171.98	35.86			0.08	1,207.76
Fraser	3,414.22	85.29			6.95	3,492.56
Davis	287.62					287.62
Tri Town Health		12,896.92	12,896.92			0.00
Deputy Fees		1,870.00	1,773.00			97.00
Horizon Landscaping		40,095.45	40,095.45			0.00
Horizon Pediment Bond		30,071.58	30,071.58			0.00
Horizon Conservation		50,119.32	50,119.32			0.00
Horizon HVAC Bond		30,071.58	30,071.58			0.00
Horizon Traffic		160,000.00				160,000.00
Berkshire Village	10,283.11	871.49				11,154.60
TOTALS:	$15,541.43	$428,465.16	$264,828.42		7.03	$179,171.14

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Schedule 3

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
For the Fiscal Year Ended 30 June 1997

	Balance from 1996	FY 1997 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	Balance to Source	Balance to 1998
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:						
Moderator						
Salaries		$ 150.00		$ 150.00		
Selectmen						
Salaries		26,407.38	402.15	26,314.30	495.23	
Expenses		7,600.00		6,104.34	495.66	1,000.00
Town Administrator						
Salaries		49,168.00	983.13	50,151.13		
Expenses		3,978.00		3,978.00		
Town Reserve fund						
Transfers		20,000.00	10,000.00	27,820.51	2,179.49	
Finance Committee						
Expenses		2,679.49		305.79	2,373.70	
Town Accountant						
Salaries		21,695.00	434.00	22,129.00		
Expenses	150.00	15,450.00		14,346.87	1,253.13	
Assessors						
Salaries		44,361.00	723.00	44,133.76	870.24	
Expenses	2,700.00	47,555.00		10,899.60	12.35	39,343.05
Town Treasurer						
Salaries		22,510.00	450.00	22,960.00		
Expenses		3,647.00	1,855.00	5,271.60	230.40	
Town Collector						
Salaries		35,264.00	705.06	35,969.05	0.01	
Expenses		13,172.74		12,942.34	228.40	

	Balance from 1996	FY 1997 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	Balance to Source	Balance to 1998
Town Counsel						
Salary		$ 13,000.00		$ 13,000.00		
Expenses	1,797.30	2,525.00		766.60	3,555.70	
Raises		11,398.00	3,912.00	14,710.00	600.00	
Data Processing						
Expenses		4,590.00		4,510.00	80.00	
Administrative Assistant						
Salary		13,070.00	261.40	12,937.84	446.56	
Expenses						
Town Clerk						
Salaries		26,620.00	533.00	27,153.00		
Expenses		1,325.00		1,257.76	67.24	
Board of Registrars						
Salaries		5,700.00		6,593.25		
Expenses	250.00	4,480.00		4,831.46	205.29	
Conservation Commission						
Salaries		1,216.00		1,235.17		
Expenses		1,225.00		860.05	345.78	
Planning Board						
Expenses	4,996.81	3,425.00		2,762.65	89.16	5,570.00
Board of Appeals						
Expenses		1,045.00	73.01	1,118.01		
Community Development						
Expenses		500.00		500.00		
Airoldi						
Salaries		9,341.00	180.00	9,453.08		
Expenses	5,000.00	32,750.00		25,113.24	1,379.68	11,325.00
Memorial Hall						
Salaries		8,273.00		7,785.57	487.43	
Expenses	7,000.00	27,100.00		24,350.11	3,617.00	8,000.00

	Balance from 1996	FY 1997 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	Balance to Source	Balance to 1998
Town Reports						
Expenses		2,550.00		2,500.00	50.00	
Copy Machine						
Expenses		3,060.00	975.00	4,006.89	28.11	
Staff Training						
Expenses		1,500.00		885.20	614.80	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT:	$21,894.11	$488,330.61	$21,486.75	$449,806.17	$19,705.36	$65,238.05
PUBLIC SAFETY:						
Police Department						
Salaries		502,694.57	1,130.84	503,788.78	36.63	
Expenses	285.57	73,280.00		73,107.16	172.84	
Fire Department						
Salaries		13,451.54		13,277.63		
Expenses		46,727.00		46,734.53	166.38	
Ambulance						
Salaries		31,250.00		27,794.70	3,455.30	
Expenses		58,802.00		49,191.72	9,610.28	
Dispatch Services						
Expenses	266.68			225.00	41.68	
Civil Defense						
Expenses	453.63	570.00		647.02		376.61
Dog Officer						
Salaries		8,760.00		8,760.00		
Expenses		1,302.00				

	Balance from 1996	FY 1997 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	Balance to Source	Balance to 1998
Communications						
Salaries		108,013.46	2,160.16	109,488.59		
Expenses		11,900.00		10,551.72	233.11	1,800.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY:	$1,005.88	$856,750.57	3,291.00	$843,566.85	$13,716.22	$2,176.61
EDUCATION:						
Lee School Department						
Expenses	6,770.03	5,400,417.00		5,389,372.24	5,115.76	12,698.03
TOTAL EDUCATION:	$6,770.03	$5,400,417.00		$5,389,372.24	$5,116.76	$12,698.03
PUBLIC WORKS:						
Highway Department						
Salaries		22,333.00	844.00	22,119.33	1,057.17	
Expenses		1,740.00		532.78	1,207.22	
Highway Construction & Maintenance						
Salaries		70,630.00		67,436.76	3,193.24	
Expenses	25,483.01	137,300.00		170,512.21	(3,428.21)	19,988.79
Snow and Ice Removal						
Salaries		61,908.00	8,000.00	77,617.63	(7,709.63)	
Expenses		77,900.00	(8,000.00)	78,786.18	(8,886.18)	
Street Lights						
Expenses	6,900.00	55,000.00		47,409.14	14,490.86	
Forestry						
Salaries		1,000.00		988.70	11.30	
Expenses	12,000.00	11,550.00		14,515.52	9,034.48	

	Balance from 1996	FY 1997 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	Balance to Source	Balance to 1998
Sanitary Landfill						
Salaries						
Expenses	17,218.99			13,658.82	601.44	2,958.73
Cemetery Department						
Salaries		3,000.00	3,000.00	6,265.36	(265.36)	
Expenses	4,500.00	30,000.00	(3,000.00)	34,682.66	(182.66)	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS:	$66,102.00	$472.361.00	844.00	$534,525.09	$9,123.67	$22,947.52
HUMAN SERVICES:						
Board of Health						
Salaries		1,760.00		1,760.00		
Expenses		255.00		250.96	4.04	
Tri-Town Health						
Salaries		80,200.00	47,392.00	102,461.75		
Expenses				24,436.41	1.81	692.00
Visiting Nurse Association						
Expenses		18,411.00		18,411.00		
Berkshire Mental Health						
Expenses		1,989.00		1,989.00		
Council on Aging						
Salaries		16,863.00	337.26	17,200.26		
Expenses		12,301.00		12,283.46	17.54	
Lee Youth Commission						
Salaries		30,252.00	578.42	30,830.42		
Expenses		1,013.00		954.12	58.88	

	Balance from 1996	FY 1997 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	Balance to Source	Balance to 1998
Veterans' Services						
Salaries		3,443.00	69.00	3,512.00		
Expenses		15,200.00	7,553.45	18,012.15	4,741.30	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES:	$ 0.00	$181,687.00	55,930.13	$232,101.53	$4,823.60	$692.00
CULTURE & RECREATION						
Lee Library Association						
Salaries		37,740.00	754.58	38,494.58		
Expenses		103,408.00		103,408.00		
Sandy Beach						
Salaries		11,795.00	252.00	12,106.08	187.92	
Expenses	305.39	4,031.00		4,772.06	133.33	
Playgrounds						
Salaries		4,540.00		4,599,63		
Expenses	2,522.26	14,850.00		14,181.90	1,630.73	1,500.00
Historical Commission						
Expenses		485.00		471.82	13.18	
Golf Course Study						
Expenses	2,285.76					2,285.76
Memorial Day						
Expenses		1,380.00		1,380.00		
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION:	$5,113.41	$178,229.00	$1,006.58	$179,414.07	$1,965.16	$3,785.76
DEBT SERVICE						
Maturing Debt & Interest						
Principal Long-Term Debt		404,700.00		404,700.00		
Interest Long-Term Debt		76,734.00		76,733.98	0.02	
Interest Short-Term Debt	13,239.19	30,000.00		55,108.73		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	$13,239.19	$511,434.00		$536,542.71	$0.02	$0.00

	Balance from 1996	FY 1997 Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures	Balance to Source	Balance to 1998
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:						
State Assessments						
Energy Conservation				56.00		
Berkshire Regional Transit				34,129.00		
Air Pollution Control				1,377.00		
School Choice				236,101.00		
RMV Charges				4,020.00		
Criminal Justice				1,800.00		
County Assessments						
Berkshire County. Reg. Plng, Comm.		2,746.00		2,745.52	0.48	
County Tax				45,269.06		
TOTAL STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS:		2,746.00		$325,497.58	$ 0.48	
MISCELLANEOUS:						
Berkshire County Retirement		264,665.00		264,665.00		
Employee Benefits		336,130.00		287,295.09	48,834.91	
Liability Insurance		49,702.00		49,742.00		
Other Insurances		17,601.00		17,601.00		
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS:		$668,098.00		$619,303.09	$48,834.91	$ 0.00

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Debt Schedule
30 June 1997

Schedule 5

PURPOSE:	Outstanding 30 Jun 96	Issued This Year	Retired This Year	Outstanding 30 Jun 97	Interest Paid
Inside Debt Limit					
Memorial Hall	$ 270.000		$ 95,000	$ 175,000	$ 19,575
Fire Truck			195,000	195,000	
Computer Lab		70,000		70,000	
TOTALS:	$ 270,000	70,000	$440,000	$440,000	$19,575
Outside Debt Limit					
SHLD	$74,700		$ 74,700	0	$ 1,924
Watershed	20,800		20,800	0	536
Sewer Town's Share	133,600		33,400	100,200	6,680
Sewer #7	94,500		94,500	0	2,433
Marble/George/The	44,000		11,000	33,000	2,200
High School Roof	930,840		120,370	810,470	36,359
Stockbridge Rd.	229,160		29,630	199,530	8,951
Water Filtration		1,650,000		1,650,000	
Hyde Wing Roof		44,000		44,000	
High School Parking Lot		41,000		41,000	
TOTALS:	$1,527,600	1,735,000	$384,400	$2,878,200	$ 59,083
TOTAL DEBT:	$1,797,600	2,005,000	$824,400	$3,318,200	$78,658

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Water & Sewer Department
Balance Sheet
30 June 1997

	Water	Sewer	Totals (Memorandum)
ASSETS:			
Cash			0
Water User fees Receivable	$65,349		$65,349
Water Liens Added to Taxes 1997	2,927		2,927
			0
Sewer User Fees Receivable		32,360	32,360
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes 1997		2,000	2,000
			0
TOTAL ASSETS:	$68,277	$34,360	$102,637
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES:			
Deferred Revenue	$ 68,277	$ 43,360	$ 102,637
Reserved for Encumbrances	84,177	17,812	101,989
Fund Balance Designated	245,000	35,000	280,000
Undesignated Fund Balance	514,066	199,477	713,542
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES:	$911,519	$286,649	$1,198,168

Statement of Revenue Receipts
June 30, 1997

GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES:		
Personal Property Taxes 1996	$ 3,029.10	
Personal Property Taxes 1997	266,756.86	
Real Estate 1994		
Real Estate 1995	34,958.44	
Real Estate 1996	249,741.54	
Real Estate 1997	5,127,346.50	
Tax Liens Redeemed	17,217.47	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1994	806.46	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1995	6,427.66	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1996	98,749.80	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1997	274,238.33	
Prior Years	576.67	
Stumpage Excise	4,074.80	
Other Excise	23.50	
Rolled Back Taxes	5,805.04	
Hotel/Motel Revenue	187,161.00	
In Lieu of Taxes	26,001.10	
Interest on Taxes & Excises	56,979.17	
		$6,356,909.34
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:		
Cemetery	12,552.00	
Fees		
Municipal Lien Fees	3,575.00	
Trailer Park Fees	6,768.00	
		$10,343.00
Other Charges for Services		
Other Departmental	6,200.96	
Tri Town Health Fees	17,525.04	
Tuition	271,640.00	
Other Fees		
		$295,366.00

LICENSES AND PERMITS

ALCOHOLIC		
All Alcoholic	$17,750.00	
Other Licenses	4,448.00	
		$22,198.00
REVENUES FROM STATE (CHERRY SHEET)		
Tuition State Wards	408.00	
Abatements to the Elderly	50,812.00	
Loss of Taxes: State Owned Land	24,436.00	
Veterans' Benefits	5,888.04	
School Aid Chapter 70	1,188,870.00	
Pupil Transportation	36,353.00	
Lottery, Beano, Charity	479,419.00	
Highway Reconstruction	76,649.00	
Other	32,776.00	
		$1,895,611.04
REVENUES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS:		
Court Fines	39,455.00	
Other Fines & Forfeits		
Parking Tickets	1,175.21	
		$40,630.21
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:		
Rental: Post Office	12,700.71	
Earnings on Investments	94,086.90	
Other Miscellaneous	46,549.17	
		$153,336.78
TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS:		$8,774,394.37

TOWN CLERK REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As I write this, my final Annual Town report, I cannot help but reflect on some of the many changes that have taken place in the town over the last twenty years.

From carbon paper to copy machines; from typewriters to computers; from mailing every letter to faxing; from a town run by elected officials to a town run by one office, from a gateway to somewhere else to a real destination spot, the Town of Lee has experienced changes both good and bad.

Change takes place every day. And while some changes make our lives easier, some just make them more complicated. But one thing that has remained constant over these last twenty years is the flavor of Lee itself. The residents, the businesses, the schools, the volunteers, the organizations, all of what make Lee a family town, and just a great place to live.

I have been truly blessed at having the opportunity to work for my community, to serve the residents of Lee. I leave with a tremendous amount of love and pride I've left behind. As I move on to future endeavors, I would like to thank the people of Lee for the courtesies extended to the Town Clerk's office during my tenure, and to the many town officials, both in the past and present, that I have had the pleasure to work with over the years.

In closing, while changes do take place every day, rest assured that the Town Clerk's office, under the caring eye of Suzanne Scarpa, will remain a stable and constant influence in the years to come.

Thank you to everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Carlino
Town Clerk

Vital Statistics 1997

Number of Births	56
Number of Marriages	60
Number of Deaths	77
Registered Voters	3,356
Population	5,804
Raffle Permits Issued	5
Business Permits Issued	82
Inflammable Certificates Issued	20

Resident:		
Fishing	230 @ 22.50	$ 5,175.00
Hunting	110 @ 22.50	2,475.00
Sporting	185 @ 40.00	7,400.00
Minor Fishing	21 @ 6.50	136.50
Hunting Duplicate	3 @ 2.00	6.00
Sporting over 70	94 @ Free	0
Fishing Blind/Paraplegic	30 @ Free	0
Fishing, Age 65-69	23 @ 11.25	149.50
Hunting, Age 65-69	6 @ 11.25	67.50
Sporting, Age 65-69	8 @ 20.00	160.00
Sporting Duplicates	3 @ 2.00	6.00
Fishing Duplicates	1 @ 2.00	2.00
Fishing, 3-day	4 @ 7.50	30.00
Hunting Minor	11 @ 6.50	71.50
Hunting Paraplegic	1 @ Free	0
Resident Wildlands:		
Conservation Stamps	568 @ 5.00	$ 2,840.00
Non-Resident		
Fishing	50 @ 32.50	1,625.00
Fishing - 3 days	19 @ 18.50	351.50
Hunting - big game	2 @ 94.50	189.00
Non-resident Wildlands:		
Conservation Stamps	73 @ 5.00	365.00
Miscellaneous		
Archery Stamps	25 @ 5.10	127,50
Waterfowl Stamps	25 @ 5.00	125.00
Primitive Firearms Stamps	56 @ 5.10	285.60
Total		**$21,563.60**
Payments made to Division of Fisheries & Wildlife		21,220.25
Fees Retained		343.35
Total		**$21,563.60**

DOG LICENSE REPORT

Males	41 @ 10.00	$ 410.00
Males - Neutered	123 @ 4.00	492.00
Females	14 @ 10.00	140.00
Females - spayed	163 @ 4.00	652.00
Kennels	1 @ 40.00	40.00
Total		**$1,734.00**
Payments made to Berkshire County Treasurer		1,477.50
Fees Retained		256.50
Total		**$1,734.00**

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, the Lee Zoning Board of Appeals met as needed throughout the year. The Board received one (1) Special Permit Application (Flood Plain District), three (3) petitions for Variance and four (4) Appeals. The Special Permit and two Variances were granted; and one Variance application was withdrawn without prejudice. Four Appeals were entered; one, carried over from last year, was denied; one was rendered moot by the Town's adoption of a change in the Zoning By-Lay; one was withdrawn without prejudice; and one is still to be heard next year.

Members attended several training sessions sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as informative meetings of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. As the laws of the Commonwealth change or are reinterpreted, Board members must stay current of developments.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy O. Taylor, ***Chairman***
William O'Brien
Sheila Wood
George Inman, Jr.
William Bean
Pauline Pollard, Alternate
Robert W. Lester, Alternate

TOWN COLLECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my annual report covering fiscal year July 1, 1996 – June 30 1997.

	Collected	Balance as of June 30, 1997
Real Estate Taxes		
1995	$ 34,958.44	0
1996	249,741.54	7,051.35
1997	5,127,346.50	307,923.53
Personal Property Taxes		
1993	0	2,448.82
1996	3,029.10	0
1997	266,756.86	2,523.88
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax		
1986	10.00	0
1987	21.15	0
1988	67.50	0
1989	13.75	0
1990	148.75	226.02
1991	20.94	1.19
1992	202.08	707.20
1993	92.50	300.32
1994	806.46	1,352.58
1995	6,472.66	2,109.80
1996	98,749.80	11,037.57
1997	274,238.33	14,140.10
1995 Water Lien Added to Tax	114.00	0
1995 Sewer Lien Added to Tax	105.00	0
1996 Water Lien Added to Tax	1,245.50	0
1996 Sewer Lien Added to Tax	1,065.00	0
1997 Water Lien Added to Tax	9,322.99	2,927.41
1997 Sewer Lien Added to Tax	6,529.00	2,000.00
Farm Animal Excise	23.50	695.00
Trailer Park Fees	6,768.00	
Interest Added to General Fund	50,110.42	
Parking Tickets	1,375.21	
Forest Products Tax	34.80	
Stumpage Fees	4,040.00	

	Collected	Balance as of June 30, 1997
Municipal Lien Certificates 143 issued @ $25.00 each	3,575.00	
Registry of Motor Vehicles Fees 99 marks cleared @ $20.00 each	1,980.00	
Tax Taking Advertisement	216.00	
Small Claims Court Fees	28.00	
Chapter 60 Roll Back Tax	1,405.04	
Chapter 61A Conveyance Tax	4,400.00	
Water Receipts	534,855.43	
Sewer Receipts	423,652.15	
	$7,113,522.39	

Added to Tax Title in Fiscal 1997	
Real Estate Tax	$56,166.66
Water Lien Added to Tax	1,991.00
Sewer Lien Added to Tax	2,115.00
Water Repair Lien	694.00

Fiscal 1997 real Estate Taxes Deferred	$2,912.36
(Fiscal 1996 Tax deferred in F 1996	1,586.82)
Total deferred and due	$4,499.18

Respectfully submitted,

Janice G. Smith
Town Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER
July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997

BALANCE IN TREASURY JULY 1, 1996	4,128,690.56
Receipts July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997	20,108,473,10
Less Payments July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997	20,942,286.46
Balance June 30, 1997	**3,294,877.20**

DEPOSITORIES

First Trade Savings	210.814.40
Boston Safe Deposit Money Market account	958,805.59
Boston Safe Collateralized	687.49
Bank/Boston	601,211.91
Fleet Bank	25,283.49
First National Bank of the Berkshires Money Market	51,182.01
First National Bank of the Berkshires Checking account	92,966.75
Lee Bank Sale of Lots	24,352.47
Lee Bank Money Market	6,706.24
Lee Bank Operating Account	4,050.14
Lee Bank CDBG account	11,451.19
Lee Bank General Funds	464,611.05
State Street Bank and Trust Co.	9,067.93
Citizens Bank	339,437.00
U.S. Trust Co.	10,613.51
Bay Bank Collateralized	123,395.83
Boston Safe Stabilization Fund	7,256.79
AA Jones	1,115.84
Gravestone Repair	254.75
Morgan Jones	5,362.57
St. Mary's Perpetual Care Account	5,870.00
Conservation Commission Trust Fund	3,397.51
Historical Trust Fund	1,798.93
Lee Players Fund	764.22
Fairmount Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	153,971.56
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	900.92
Fraser Escrow	3,492.56
Hoff Escrow	1,207.76
Davis Dog Fund	287.62
Horizon Conservation Commission Bond	11,154.60
Horizon Traffic Mitigation Bond	160,000.00
Lee Bank Cultural Council	3,404.57
TOTAL DEPOSITORIES	**3,294,877.20**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Carlino
Treasurer

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This year has been very busy for the Assessor's office. Personal property data was recollected during the summer for the first time since 1989. The Board visited all properties with building permits for projects costing over $1,000 and the Principal Assessor continued the residential revisiting program mandated by the state. We also contracted for the gathering of commercial and industrial data in preparation for re-certification of assessed values by the State Department of Revenue in the summer of 1998.

There have been several personnel changes this year. On July first, Barbara Thompson moved over to the Building Inspector's office and Lisa Stanton became the new part-time Assessor's clerk. In December, Frank Abbondonzio made his last action as Town Administrator the moving of people to fill the gap created by Patty Carlino's resignation. Lisa became the full-time secretary to the DPW. We hired Kathy Arment as our new Clerk, starting December fifteenth.

The tax rate was approved in October at $14.90 per thousand dollars valuation, a decrease from last year's $15.28 in spite of increased spending. The biggest contributor to this success was the addition of the Berkshire Outlet Village to the tax rolls, although we had considerable additional sources of growth as well. Tax bills were mailed October 31st, the earliest date in three years.

We have continued our program of getting maximum participation from our over-70 taxpayers who qualify in the elderly tax exemption program. This reduction in taxes paid by senior citizens is the Commonwealth's recognition of their many contributions over the years. The Town is reimbursed by the state for all exemptions granted. In 1997, a total of 168 exemptions were granted for the elderly, the blind, and disabled veterans.

In addition to all our other activities, the Principal Assessor was responsible for the setting up of a local area network of the computers on the second floor. We are still exploring the possibilities this creates for exchanging information between offices and avoiding duplication of effort.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Derrick, ***Chairman***
Dayton F. DeLorme, ***Appointed Assessor***
Edward M. Briggs, ***Appointed Assessor***
Timothy O. Taylor, ***Principal Assessor***
Kathy Arment, ***Clerk***

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

1997 brought new improvements and expanded operations department wide. The Department took back in-house maintenance operations in Fairmount Cemetery (see separate report as prepared by the Cemetery Committee elsewhere in this publication).

The Highway Department continued to maintain roadways, roadsides, parks, playgrounds and the capped Landfill. Activities included patching potholes, mowing and brush cutting, tree trimming, ditch cleaning, street sweeping, snow and ice removal and drainage improvements. A significant drainage project was started in the Abby Court area, including 5,000 feet of drainage ditch dredging, installation of 1000 feet of 12" drain pipe and six catch basins, reconnection of three "mystery drains" encountered during construction, and road and lawn restoration. The project will be completed in 1998 and will allow 35 homes to connect to the new storm drain system by gravity and will eliminate the need to pump basements into the sewer system.

New equipment enhanced other departmental operations. Liquid chloride storage tank, saddle tanks and injection equipment on each sander now afford us the opportunity of snow fighting with another weapon. The new municipal tractor has a snowblower attachment that can load snow directly into dump trucks; this unit also comes with a boom flail mower attachment which will facilitate roadside and over the guard rail mowing.

Outside contracts performed in 1997 included resurfacing West Park Street, Spring Street, Summer Street, Orchard Street, St. Mary's Avenue and portions of Greylock Street and Hartwood Drive. Labrie Asphalt of Easthampton placed 5,500 tons of bituminous concrete pavement. Caracas Construction of Ludlow installed new sewer on Elm Street and portions of Main Street, and under another contract installed water and sewer on Union Street. Dodge Construction installed a water main extension on Stockbridge Road. Baltazar Contracting of Ludlow completed roadway, sidewalk and underground utility projects on Via Maria Extension and at the new Quarry Hill Business Park. Vermont Tennis Courts resurfaced the tennis courts at the Athletic Field, Touponce, Inc. resurfaced basketball courts at Marble Street and Bradley Street Parks, and Berkshire Fence installed a new fence at the Bradley Street Park. Lee Oil installed propane fired heat and hot water at the Dog Pound. New England Pipe Cleaning Company performed sewer point repairs on leaking pipe and manholes on East Street and East Center Street. This work was performed as part of an ongoing program to mitigate infiltration and inflow into the sewer collection system, especially with the additional flows created by the Berkshire Outlet Village and anticipated from the Berkshire Hills North Nursing Home. the "trenchless" technology employed by NEPCCO is extremely effective and minimizes disruption to the public. In 1998, under Mass Highway administration, Caracas will be reconstructing Center, Columbia, Bradley and Mill Streets.

1997 brought us a D.E.P. grant to furnish and install a paint exchange shed at the closed and capped sanitary landfill on Willow Hill Road. On five Saturdays in summer and autumn, a total of 112 gallons of paint was surrendered by residents of Lee. 55 gallons of latex paint was batched for reuse and donated to community service groups. 57 gallons were properly disposed of through Tri-town Health's Household Hazardous Waste Collection in October. In 1998, we hope to implement a

paper recycling program to schools, Town buildings and local businesses in Lee, a joint venture of the School Department, Tri-Town Health, the D.P.W., the Center for Ecological Training and Cadmus & Cascades.

Construction began in 1997 and continues on the new Water Filtration Facility on Reservoir Road. Designed and inspected by Tighe & Bond, with dissolved air flotation technology and equipment by Krofta, this facility, being built by R.H. White of Auburn, MA, is scheduled for completion in May, 1998. When this plant becomes operational it will allow us to use water from any of four sources (Vanetti, Leahey, Schoolhouse Lake and October Mountain Lake). Water meters will be installed in all homes and businesses in Lee in 1998, which will allow for a much more equitable distribution of costs to water and sewer users.

The coming year will bring the start of design for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade. Following the development, submittal to and approval by the D.E.P. of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, design will commence for the 30 year old plant. The plant is in serious need of improvement, as capacity and process capabilities are extremely limited.

A sincere thanks to each and every D.P.W. employee in the Highway, Cemetery, Water and Wastewater Divisions. Without your unselfish dedication, things would not have gotten done and done properly in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald A. Chester, P.E. ***Superintendent***
Robert Bartini, ***Chairman***
Mike Field
Dave Forrest
Maurice Leahey

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Recycling Committee has been inactive since the closing of the recycling center at the town landfill. The members look forward to the reopening of the transfer station and recycling center some time soon.

Currently the committee is working with the school system and the Center for Ecological Technology to bring recycling back to Lee High School and Central School.

Special thanks to all the members of the community who have maintained their interest in recycling throughout this inactivity.

Respectfully submitted,

Maynard Clemons, ***Chair***
William O'Brian, ***Vice Chair***
Caroline Young, ***Secretary***
Karen Horak

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Traffic Commission had a very active year with many traffic issues discussed and implemented.

- Heavy traffic during the summer was addressed, and the use of our summer patrolmen to watch over special intersections, (Center and Main, High and Park, and West Park and Main).
- The use of traffic barriers on West Park for right turn only on to Main Street helped during the summer.
- No Parking issues on Prospect Street both sides near Nursing Home. Lee DPW installed ten signs.
- No Parking was posted by Mass Highway in front of Dunkin' Donuts and Pizza Hut.
- Stop sign was installed by Mass Highway at the end of Marble Street and Route 102.
- Lee DPW installed stop signs at Greylock/Maple intersection for westbound traffic.
- Lee DPW installed stop sign at Greylock/Columbia intersection north bound.
- Lee DPW removed poles and No Parking signs on north side of Center Street to enable merchants to have more parking for businesses.

We are presently addressing other traffic issues to make traffic flow smoother and more safely for our pedestrians.

Thank you for the cooperation of the town residents and boards.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald H. LePrevost, ***Chairman***
Edward Forfa
Robert Lester
Robert Giarolo
Ronald C. Glidden, ***Police Chief***

CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Police Department experienced a 6% increase in overall calls for police assistance in 1997. The new Berkshire Outlet Village added somewhat to these statistics, however this increase caused no major problems for the Department.

We were able to fully staff our community policing program this past Summer. Seasonal Officers patrolled Main Street on foot from early morning until midnight to provide assistance and prevent crime in that area. At least partially, as a result of these patrols, the once common juvenile problems encountered on Main Street were almost nonexistent this year. A special thanks to the citizens, business owners and Town Meeting Representatives who continue to support his effective community policing effort.

Traffic problems, particularly on Friday afternoons, increased noticeably during the Summer. Several traffic control experiments were attempted and met with varying results. The Department will continue to solicit public input and work with the Traffic Safety Committee on this annual problem.

In a new community policing initiative designed to increase public accessibility, the department went "on-line" for the first time in 1997. With an e-mail address of "leepd@taconic.net", residents can send questions or suggestions, provide crime tips, or voice their concerns and comments to the department through their personal home computer. We are currently developing a web page that will continuously provide information, answers to frequently asked questions, and certain forms to anyone on the Internet.

The D.A.R.E. program was expanded this year by the addition of Sgt. Joseph Buffis to the department's D.A.R.E. teaching staff. Sgt. Buffis and Officer Adrian Kohlenberger currently instruct fourth and sixth grade classes with further expansion planned for both a high school and a parent component of the D.A.R.E. program.

The department's Crime Prevention Officer, James Loring, fully implemented a new "File For Life" program this year. This program provides emergency first responders with important medical information about senior citizens who participate in the program. This program is available to all Lee senior citizens either through the Lee Council on Aging or by contacting Officer Loring.

During the past year, we applied for and received several grants including a D.A.R.E. grant for $8,000, a Community Policing grant for $8,500, and a federal Violence Against Women Act grant in the amount of $7,983.

In closing, I would like to thank the officers of the Lee Police Department for their continued professionalism, and service to this Department and the community. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support. In addition, I would like to thank all of the dispatchers, firemen, EMT's, and area local and state police for their assistance. Finally, I would like to thank the various department heads, committees, and Town Representatives for their continued assistance.

On the following page is a summary of calls the Lee Police Department responded to in 1997:

1997 Statistical Summary

Total Incidents Handled	*5,311*
Homicide	0
Sex Offense	2
Robbery	1
Assault & Battery	31
Breaking & Entering	10
Larceny	37
Motor Vehicle theft	2
Vandalism	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	185
Motor Vehicle Fatalities	0
Motor Vehicle Citations	456
Drug Arrests	28
Driving Under the Influence	13
Total Arrests	83
Medical Assistance	0
Parking Tickets	131
Alarms Answered	241

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald C. Glidden, ***Chief of Police***

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Lee Fire Department responded to 195 calls in 1997:

Structures	6	Mutual Aid	7
Chimney	2	Fire Alarm Activated	60
Jaws of Life	2	Mass. Turnpike	4
Fuel Spills	4	Grass & Brush	19
Vehicle (Accident/Fire)	16	Medical / Defibrillator	3
Service Calls	2	Wires Down	6
False Alarms	14	CO Detector	18
Oil Burner	10	Miscellaneous	18
Electrical	4		

Members volunteered 3,514 hours for these calls, training and upkeep of equipment.

All Engines have passed pump testing. Some repairs were needed to achieve this. No repairs were major.

Carbon Monoxide calls have increased. A second meter has been put into service on Engine #2, located in South Lee.

The Lee Volunteer Ambulance Service has trained 20 firemen in the use of a Semi-Automatic Defibrillator, which is used to help restart the heart of an individual suffering a cardiac arrest. As a result, both Departments now respond to cardiac arrests and certain other medical calls. A new defibrillator unit has been placed on Engine #6 at Central Station and an older unit on Engine #2 in South Lee.

Work has started to upgrade the heating system at Central Station. Air handlers and duct work are being installed in the apparatus room. Repairs are needed in the kitchen area of Central Station. Both Stations need inside painting. The new windows for the Central Station have not been installed.

Work has started on putting together specifications for a new pumper to replace the 1974 Maxim. It is my goal to be able to put this truck out for bid in May. No money for this truck can be spent before July 1, 1998.

The number of volunteers is down some in each Station. The need for volunteers is becoming an important factor to this Department.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the officers and men of the Lee Fire Department for the numerous hours of volunteer time needed for Incidents, Training and Practices. I also extend my appreciation to the Lee Ambulance squad, Lee Police Department, Lee Dispatch Center and to all the fire departments from other towns that assisted us during the year. I extend my thanks to the people of the town for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Driscoll, ***Chief***

TRI-TOWN HEALTH DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the calendar year 1997.

Title 5 Septic Management Program: In January, 1997, the Tri-Town Health Department acquired new computer equipment for the purpose of storing and managing all existing and future septic system and private well information. Currently, data from well over 1,000 separate properties can be readily accessed either individually or in groups per specific criteria generated by the user. The Boards of Health for Lenox, Lee and Stockbridge voted to adopt regulations requiring training for contractors applying for a license to install septic systems. Training programs will be conducted by Tri-Town Health Department on an ongoing basis in an effort to provide contractors with not only a basic understanding of existing requirements, but also to keep them abreast of new changes and technologies.

Permitting System: During the summer of 1997, this office began implementing a new computer system for issuing all applications, licenses and permits. This new system which is now fully functional, is much more efficient than our previous system, in that it allows for quicker and more accurate information compilation and distribution related to the 500 establishment and personal records we must maintain.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: A Household Hazardous Waste Collection was held on Saturday, October 25, at the Tri-Town Health Department, in Lee. The towns of Lenox and Stockbridge participated in this year's event. A total of 101 households brought hazardous material such as pesticides, automotive fluids, cleaners and varied chemicals which could otherwise harm the environment if improperly disposed. The collection was performed by Laidlaw.

Food Service Sanitation Program: The Lenox, Lee and Stockbridge Boards of Health voted to adopt regulations requiring all food service establishments to have at least one employee successfully complete a food sanitation training program by August 1, 1998. The Health Department worked out an arrangement with 3 local certified instructors who will schedule a sufficient number of courses at varied times to meet the needs of all establishments.

Reportable Diseases: Diseases reported directly to the Tri-Town Health Department for calendar year 1997 is as follows: Campylobacter jejuni - 1, Shigella sonnei - 1, Hepatitus C - 1, Varicella - 6, Meningitis - 1.

Certified Pool & Spa Operator Courses: Two Certified Pool & Spa Operator Courses were offered this year at the Oak N' Spruce Resort in Lee. The courses were taught by Robert Freligh and Karen Hartley, of Nationwide Aquatics Consulting. The purpose of the training is to better equip pool and hot tub operators with the knowledge to safely and efficiently manage their facilities while maintaining compliance with State and local regulations. This program has been sponsored by the Health Department for the past 4 years and since that time many of the facilities in the tri-town area have sent employees for certification.

Internships: The Tri-Town Health Department sponsored two student interns in the spring of 1997. Kerry Gifford, a graduate of the University of Mass. at Amherst, began her internship in September of 1996, and left in May 1997. Her areas of learning included bacteriological analysis of water and wastewater, laboratory operations, various inspections, site analysis for septic system installation and computer operations. Kerry is now residing in Michigan and is continuing her post-graduate education. Raysa Espino, a native of the Domincan Republic, was with the

Health Department from January to June of 1997. Her internship was one of many projects required by the Central American Student Program at Berkshire Community College. Her area of study at BCC was Environmental Sciences and she completed a solid waste/recycling survey for the Health Department. Raysa graduated with an Associate's Degree in May and returned to her country in July where she found employment with a large environmental firm.

Tobacco Awareness Program: The Tobacco Awareness Program completed it's fourth year with the Tri-Town Health Department. This past year much time was spent on educating our youth on the dangers of tobacco use through speaker's programs, pledge signing basketball events, youth run broadcasts on local cable and varied health displays. We are very thankful to Chief Dave Berkel for his invaluable assistance in our ongoing tobacco sale compliance checks. Those stores found selling tobacco products to minors had their permits to sell tobacco products temporarily suspended and fines were levied. Hopefully the message is clear that tobacco sales to minors will not be tolerated by the Board of Health. Smoking cessation counseling and related events were in great demand during 1997. The Tobacco Awareness office received numerous phone calls from residents and area businesses requesting support for the implementation of a smoke free environment plan. Our goal for 1998 is to incorporate other public health related issues into our tobacco education activities.

Seminars/Conferences Attended: National Environmental Health Association - 35th Annual Yankee Conference on Environmental Health, Massachusetts Health Officers - 30th Annual Conference, Marine Studies Consortium-Task Force for Decentralized Wastewater Management, Food and Environmental Inspectors' Association-Spring and Fall Meetings, Marine Studies Consortium-New Tools for Community Wastewater Management, Mass D.E.P. -1997 Forum on Hazardous Household Products, Berkshire Board of Health Association-Spring and Fall Meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Health for their continued support, the many Town departments and staff for their assistance and my dedicated staff for their exceptional performance during the year.

Laboratory/Water Supplies: (Lee only bacteriological analysis)

Town water	104
Wastewater	39
Swimming facilities	5
Lakes & Rivers	2
Quality Control & Proficiency	46

Subsurface Sewage Disposal 310 CMR 15.00 Title:

Disposal Works Construction Permits	55
Disposal Works Installers Permits	28
Septage Haulers Permit	6
Title 5 Inspections-Property Transfers (Lee only)	9
Soil Evaluations/Percolation Tests (Lee only)	6

Private Wells:

Permits	14

Children's Camps:

Inspections	6

Food Service Inspections: (Lee only)

Food Service/Restaurants	79
Retail Food	34
Bed & Breakfast	14
Mobile Food	9
Frozen Desert	6

Massage:

Practitioners	5
Health/Fitness/Massage Establishments	1

Miscellaneous Complaints/Nuisance: 29

Garbage/Refuse Haulers: 3

Tobacco Sales: 18

Housing Inspections/Chapter II: 12

Budget/Revenue Information Fiscal 97/98:

Lee Total Budget – $48,802.00
Revenue Generated – $19,766.82

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Kolodziej, R.S.,
Director/Sanitarian
Tri-Town Health Department

BUILDING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the calendar year 1997:

Permit Category	**Issued**	**$ Value**
New Dwellings	10	1,249,676.00
Additions/Alterations	54	623,390.00
Garages	8	89,950.00
Pools	8	1,550.00
Commercial	101	10,502,873.50
Porches/Decks/Roofs	29	106,842.50
Sheds/Barns	8	33,100.00
Demolition	1	50.00
Certificate of Occupancy	72	1,800.00
Wood Stoves	4	N/A
Signs	190	N/A
Total Permits Issued and Value	484	$12,667,382.00
Permit Fees Collected		$ 37,801.82

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel C. Keenan
Building Inspector

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

APPLICATIONS FOR WIRING	NO. OF PERMITS
New Services	2
Service Upgrades	12
Temp. Services	1
Addition to Homes	6
Wiring of New Homes and Condominiums	7
Wiring of New Commercial Industrial Buildings	3
Miscellaneous Wiring Residential	16
Miscellaneous Wiring Commercial & Industrial	18
Oil & Gas Burners	10
Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs	2
Smoke Detectors & Alarm Systems	2
TOTAL	79

Fees Collected from July 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997 **$3,940.00**

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Grady,
Electrical Inspector

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The inspection and sealing of 115 weighing devices, 91 liquid dispensers, 1 footage meter and 2 rejects for the calendar year 1997 has generated $2,989.00 fees collected and turned into the treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald J. Cahalan,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This year I responded to one hundred forty two (142) complaints, not including radio calls, five (5) dog bites and two (2) cat bites. Special thanks to Dr. James Leahey, the Lee Police Department, Department of Public Works and Ken LaBier. All animal bite reports were turned over to Dr. Bernard Collins, Animal Inspector. I have received notice from the Department of Public Health that rabies has returned and coyotes have been added to their list of "High Risk" animals which includes bats, raccoons, skunks, woodchucks, foxes, opossums and stray dogs and cats.

Respectfully submitted,

James L. Shea,
Animal Control Officer

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The 1997 annual inspection in town found 180 cows, 72 heifers and calves. In beef cattle, 34 cows, 16 heifers and calves and 2 steers. There are also 61 horses, 10 ponies, 2 goats, 57 sheep, 40 lambs,16 swine, 6 chickens, 16 game birds and 30 rabbits.

Quarantines were issued for 31 cats and 10 dogs.

All livestock shipped in from out of state examined. Extreme efforts were performed regarding rabies control.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard M. Collins, VMD,
Animal Inspector

CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for 1997.

Civil Defense today, (Emergency Management) is concerned mainly with meeting and maintaining certain State/Federal mandates dealing with public safety, hazardous materials response and evacuation procedures.

While not in the public eye, a fair amount of time is spent in maintaining and updating required protocols and procedures for dealing with man-made and natural incidents, the re-location of displaced persons, severe weather notification, and elements of the right-to-know and SARA Title III requirements.

In addition, Civil Defense is locally responsible for immunization programs for our emergency services departments, as well as exposure/contamination protection and documentation of emergency workers.

We have not had to publicly utilize these programs for some time, and hopefully will not in the future. Our new ambulance building is outfitted with an emergency generator and is actually the only Lee public building designated and suitable for citizen relocation if needed, however its capacity would be nowhere suitable for a widespread winter power outage for example.

It's a fact no one wants to address such needs, much less consider funding them, it can't happen here! I certainly hope not, because our response would be minimal. All the more reason I continue to support a suitable generator and plan for a building such as our High School, and ask that our residents and Town Officers support the same.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. LaBier,
Civil Preparedness Director

LEE AMBULANCE SERVICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During 1997 the ambulance service responded to a total of 678 requests for medical assistance, resulting in the transport of 634 patients to area hospitals.

A breakdown of the locations and types of calls is as follows:

LOCATION		TYPE OF CALL	
Lee	457	Motor vehicle related	83
Stockbridge	132	Injury, Non MVA	173
Tyringham	23	Illness/Transport	108
Turnpike	24	Cardiac/Resp.	180
Mutual Aid	42	Misc.	134

Of these calls 143 required Intermediate EMT response with 139 requiring a Paramedic level response. Our second unit was utilized 46 times.

Without a doubt, daytime manpower continues to be our prime concern. This issue is common with a great many Towns. As this report is being written in January, it is hoped that by the end of this month I will gave an idea if the hiring of a second daytime EMT, full/part time or per diem will be necessary, it is hoped not. Every effort is being made to attract new members for daytime coverage, but people simply are not available, have numerous personal commitments, or are turned away by the training required of an EMT.

Towards the end of 1997 we joined forces with our Lee Fire Department to train 20 firemen in the use of a Semi-Automatic Defibrillator, which is used to help restart the heart of an individual suffering a cardiac arrest. As a result both departments now respond to cardiac arrests, and certain other medical calls. I am extremely pleased with the cooperative effort of the two departments, and feel that the Town should be proud of and support their efforts, for the common good of our citizens. A new defibrillator unit has been placed in Central Station, with an older unit in South Lee, it is hoped that we can upgrade the South Lee unit this year.

By mid year we will have five members completing an EMT Intermediate level course, and hopefully they will be on line in late '98.

In September of this year we replaced our 1990 ambulance with a new unit, purchased as a demonstrator, at a $10,000 savings, our second unit is now four years old, and replacement will be two to three years away.

At the end of 1997 word was received from Western Mass. E.M.S. that a number of our members were cited for making a SAVE. This means that their direct intervention was responsible for saving a life, through Pre-hospital emergency measures. An award outlining their achievement will be made later this year.

1997 Citizen Save Award:

For 1997 the Ambulance Service presented to Mr. William Navin of East Center Street its Citizen Save Award for action Mr. Navin took in his direct intervention of dislodging a foreign body which was blocking the airway passage of a co-worker. His immediate action prevented this situation from turning into respiratory and possibly cardiac arrest. Action by community members shows the importance of learning CPR and its related lifesaving techniques.

In closing I wish to extend my appreciation to our Dispatchers, Fire and Police Departments, our Stockbridge Members, Emergency agencies in surrounding towns, and to all our members for their dedication in giving Lee a quality emergency medical service.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth LaBier
Director

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Our dispatch center operates 24 hours a day. In 1997 it handled approximately 1400 emergency 9-1-1 calls, dispatching for our Town's emergency services as well as the Tyringham Fire Department.

Additionally our dispatchers answer numerous questions of an informational nature, as well as directing callers to various Town Departments. We are generally the front line for individuals calling, whether it be for information or a complaint.

For many years I have attempted to gain recognition and appropriate compensation for our dispatchers, administration and finance have always been understanding and agreeable as far as the importance of the job our dispatchers perform, but monetary compensation has never really been gained. This year the dispatchers petitioned to be recognized as a bargaining unit. It is unfortunate that this means was necessary.

The dispatch center is there to assist the residents in whatever way possible, however please do not dial 9-1-1 for general information, teach your children what 9-1-1 is and that it should not be dialed for the fun of it. Usually this results in a cruiser arriving at your house, especially if no one answers our call back attempt. The general number for information and non-emergency purposes is **243-2100.**

I wish to express my appreciation to our Emergency Services Departments, and to the Department of Public Works for their continued assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth J. LaBier
Communications Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Conservation Commission administers the State Wetlands Protection Act and the new Rivers Protection Act. In that capacity, the Commission processes applications to perform work in and near wetlands, flood plains, rivers, banks, surface waters and other resource areas. We also act in a planning and advisory capacity with other municipal boards on conservation issues relating to those other boards' areas of responsibility. Commission members are also active in community groups and associations concerned with natural resources and environmental protection, such as the Lee Land Trust, the Housatonic River Initiative, the Housatonic Valley Association, and the Kampoosa Bog Stewardship Committee. Members also regularly attend several seminars offered by the State Department of Environmental Protection.

Over the past year, the Commission has processed ten Notices of Intent, 11 Requests of Determination of Applicability, and two requests for Certificate of Compliance. Each application requires a public hearing, review of plans, site inspections, a Commission order and overseeing of project work. Throughout the year, regular meetings and site inspections were held on the following projects: Berkshire Outlet Village. Lee Industrial Park, Berkshire Hills North Nursing Home. We have worked jointly with the Lenox Conservation Commission on projects involving Woods Pond and Laurel Lake. Numerous site inspections were also conducted in response to reports of possible wetland violations.

The Commission assisted in the revision of Lee's Open Space and Recreation Plan. Several Commission members are members of the Lee-Lenox Master Plan Task Force.

The Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. In the event of a Monday holiday, the meeting is held on the following evening. On each non-meeting Monday, a Commission member is in the office from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. to assist applicants and to sign off on Building Permit applications.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Delheim, ***Chair***
Joan Clemons, ***Vice Chair***
Deborah Garry
Marilyn Hansen
Jan Kegler
James M. Leahey, D.V.M.
John Rohane
Audie Furgal, ***Administrative Assistant***

COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Lee Council on Aging respectfully submits the following report of services and activities which took place during the year January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997.

The Council on Aging Board and Director meet the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

All residents of Lee, 60 years of age or older, are invited to participate in programs, activities and services. Programs and activities are staffed by a Director, Senior Aide office staff, Senior Aide driver and many volunteers who assist the Director in the various programs and services.

Nutrition Luncheon staffed by volunteers is served at the Center every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. Special educational and social programs and parties are offered on these days.

This department offers two programs for transportation of Lee residents. Transportation is offered to in-town service three days a week and is offered four days a week to out of town medical appointments.

In cooperation with the Lee Visiting Nurse Association, free Blood Pressure Clinics and Flu Clinics are held at the center. An on-going Outreach Program to identify the needs of our elderly and setting up programs to meet these needs is one of the main goals of this department. The Council on Aging offers Health Insurance counseling as well as referral service to/from other agencies in the aging network.

Members of the Senior Citizens Club along with staff and many volunteers schedule special events and fund raisers to supplement the finances for our programs.

Special social events include Lunches, Bingo, Line-dancing and Bus Trips which are open to all area seniors.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Maroney, ***Director***
Alma Allen, ***Chairwoman***
Hellen Botto
Val Baldisserotto
Lester Clarke
Stephen Cozzaglio
Angelo Esoldi
Maurice Larrivee
Val Masiero
Amelia Zatorski

RECREATION COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Lee Recreation Committee was organized in the fall of 1996 to bring together recreational providers to evaluate the future recreational needs of Lee. Meeting monthly, these providers discussed their programs, needs and concerns related to their individual programs. After gathering all information, an open space and recreation study team was formulated to take this information and put it's findings in written form to be included in the Lee five year plan. The Recreation Committee met with the Selectmen in September to present it's findings and recommendations (The full report is available through the Selectmen's office).

The Committee felt that the community's needs and requirements would be met through the building of a Recreational Complex at the existing Athletic Field. This would include Community Center, swimming pool, all purpose gym, tennis courts, basketball court, skateboarding area, playground, etc. The Selectmen and then Town Administrator recommended that the Recreation committee submit a Capital Expenditure Request for a feasibility study that would more fully examine the entire project. This was done in January and is pending approval for submission at the Lee Annual Town Meeting. It is the committee's feeling that such a recreational complex would provide the residents of Lee family oriented recreational opportunities that would be in keeping with the town's recreational goals.

As part of our evaluation process, we discovered that the recreational providers have done an outstanding job through volunteerism to provide a wide variety of passive and active recreational activities for it's residents. We commend these organizations and wish to thank all those involved for their countless hours of dedicated service to provide our families with outstanding recreational opportunities. We look forward to building on these foundations to provide even more comprehensive opportunities in the future.

I would like to thank all those that have served on the Recreation Committee this past year and especially Sharon Terry who was Chairperson of the original committee. Her leadership provided a great foundation for our future plans and development.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Pascucci, ***Chairman***

LEE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The ***Lee Community Development Corporation*** is a private non-profit corporation organized to promote community and economic development and job growth in the Town of Lee. It is supported in part by grants from federal, state, and local government and by direct contributions from its membership and supporters.

During 1997 the Lee Community Development Corporation reached several important milestones.

• **Quarry Hill Business Park Construction**

Construction of the Lee Business Park Project, now officially named ***Quarry Hill Business Park***, was completed in November of 1997. Quarry Hill is a 52 acre, eleven site project located on Route 102 and zoned for light industrial/office use. With the completion of the roadways and utilities, the Lee CDC as project developers will be marketing this prime industrial property to attract new and expanding businesses to Lee to create an estimated 40 jobs over the next seven years.

Quarry Hill Project Summary

• Construction Cost	$1,017,774.85
• Design, development, engineering and acquisition costs	790,916.75
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	**$1,808,691.60**

Sources of Funding:

• State Government Grants	
- Dept. of Housing & Community Development	$ 745,000.00
- Dept. of Transportation & Construction (MA Highway)	600,000.00
• Private Debt Financing	
- Lee Community Development Corporation financing (Mass Development Loan)	400,000.00
• Local Financing	
- Town of Lee, 1997 Appropriation	63,691.60
Total Funding	**$1,808,691.60**

• **Grants and Awards, 1997**

CEED

In December 1997, the Lee CDC was awarded a $17,000 ***Community Enterprise Economic Development*** ("CEED") grant from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development in support of its activities and expansion. In addition, the Lee CDC received a grant of $4,400 in collaboration with the CDC of South Berkshire to pursue small business and entrepreneurial training efforts in 1998. During 1997 CEED funded activities amounted to $15,000.00 for the Lee CDC capacity building and development.

Rural Development Award

In November 19, 1997 the Lee CDC received an award for "outstanding achievement in rural development" from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston at the New England Partnership Expo at the Centrum in Worcester, Massachusetts. As

one of six non-profit recipients, one from each New England State, the CDC received the award for Massachusetts, along with a $2,500.00 unrestricted grant for general operating support.

Fund Raising Activities

In 1997 the Lee CDC kicked off its first private fund raising campaign. A goal of $100,000.00 was established and Lee Bank, leading the way, pledged $20,000.00 to support the CDC's strategic economic development planning initiatives over the next three years. Support from Berkshire Bank, City Savings Bank, Pittsfield Cooperative Bank, and Country Curtains have resulted in pledges currently totaling over $50,000.00.

• **Other Programs and Activities, 1997**

The CDC's ***Small Business Loan Program*** provided "gap" financing for new and expanding businesses in Lee and loaned a total of $40,000.00 to businesses in Lee in 1997, committing to the creation of ten new jobs. The Lee CDC provided valuable technical assistance to several small businesses. In October of 1997 the CDC transferred over $21,000.00 to the town in program loan income which was used by the town for other Community Development Block Grant eligible activities. A restructuring of the CDC loan program is expected to take place in 1998, and it is hoped that the small business loan pool can be extended to meet the needs of small business concerns in Lee.

Special thanks to retiring board member and Treasurer ***William Napolitano*** for his many years of service, and special thanks also to the Town of Lee Town Representatives in their support of the Lee CDC.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Toole
Chairman

Board of Directors

John Toole, ***President***
Don C. Hunter, Esq., ***Vice President***
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David Duquette
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Richard H. Vinette, Jr., Esq., ***Executive Director***
Wendy Menatti, ***Administrative Assistant***

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The commission was representated on the Golden Hill Bridge Committee, and helped bring that issue to an agreeable conclusion.

The commission hosted a public hearing for the Massachusetts Historical Commission on the proposed South Lee Historic District. Approval of the district is still pending.

The commission approved numerous facade and sign designs submitted by LEAD for the facade restoration project.

Members participated in Founders Weekend by leading Walking Tours of Main Street and marched in the parade in colonial period costumes.

The commission continues to provide plaques to owners of historical properties in Lee.

The commission has been very active in the Park Square (Town Common) restoration project. This is an ongoing project and so that participation will be greater in the coming year.

Also, members presented a Holiday House Tour of five houses in the High & Franklin Street area for the Christmas season. This was a huge success. All 50 tickets available for the tour were sold. Homeowners who participated in the Tour were very positive about the experience. The commission intends to develop more House Tours in the future.

Special thanks to all members of the commission who donated their time and energy to this year's projects and activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Allen*
Mary Morrissey*
Patricia LaChapelle*
Robert Macintosh*
Caroline Young, ***Secretary***
Jim Shaw
DeeDee Fraser
Charlotte Davis
Betty Dennis
Florence Consolati

Rotating Chairs

LEE HOUSING AUTHORITY

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Housing Authority had a very productive year. The exterior of Brown Memorial Court was painted by D.P. Kelley Painting. They did a great job. This was funded by the Small Cities Grant received by the Town of Lee in 1996.

The 1997 budget was right on target with the help of Mother Nature keeping the snow removal at a minimum.

We have been running Clarke Court, Brown Memorial Court and the two Department of Mental Retardation homes at 100% capacity. All of these places are running well.

Officer James Loring of the Lee Police Department has spoken twice to the tenants on the Senior Awareness Program.

The roofs at Brown Memorial Court are in need of replacing. The Town of Lee was not awarded the grant which the roof funding would have been a part of. We would like to thank Frank Abbondanzio, who was the Town Administrator for writing this grant application and all his efforts.

We have just received notice that the Department of Housing and Community Development has agreed this Housing Authority does have an emergency situation and will help fund the new roofs in 1998.

When dealing with the state for much needed repairs we are all learning to have patience, which hopefully is making us better people. All in all it was a very good year.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Shepardson, ***Chairperson***
Rosemary Hughes, ***Vice Chairperson***
William O'Brien, ***Treasurer***
Frank McCarthy
Frank Foley

LEE LAND TRUST

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Over the past three years, the Lee Land Trust Worked with the Tri-Town Greenway Commission to build a pedestrian bridge project for Wood's Pond. The bridge was completed last August with state and local officials attending the opening. The bridge links Lenox and Lee hiking trails and provides access to October Mountain State Forest from Crystal Street in Lenoxdale. This was a good example of what towns and local conservation groups working together can do to enhance the area.

A focus of the Lee Land Trust has been the Housatonic River. The river enhances the town through its gorgeous vistas and historical heritage. We again this year sponsored a Housatonic River clean-up day last September. An enthusiastic crowd turned out to haul garbage out of the river and clean the area where the river park will be. Tim Hickey's environmental class from Lee High School led the charge with many of his students participating. Thanks Tim!!!

This spring "riverpark" will be built. This project has been in the works for a number of years and is finally due to be built this spring. This is a beginning of the broader vision of creating a riverwalk to encourage and provide access to the river.

The Lee Land Trust received a $2,500.00 grant from the Berkshire Taconic Foundation for the development of the riverwalk concept in Lee. The Land Trust has to match the grant to be able to use the funds. So far about half of the money has been raised. This project is exciting as the Lee High Environmental class has been helping out with the planning of the project. The students are learning about planning processes and how to work with others to research and develop a plan.

The Land Trust has conducted many local nature walks that have been well attended by Lee residents and others from surrounding communities. These walks have provided a keen insight into the many wonderful natural places we already have protected in our town.

The Land Trust has been active in the Kampoosa Bog Stewardship Committee and the Housatonic River Initiative. This year has been a historic year as far as the clean-up of the river is concerned. The first PCBs were actually removed from the river. This was the most concentrated area of PCB contamination ever discovered in the river. Although just a beginning, it signals that the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Dept. of Environmental Protection is serious about addressing the chemical contamination that has plagued the river.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Gray, ***President***

LEE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

To the Board of Directors and members of the Lee Library Association, I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997:

Total Circulation	49,486
Circulation of Books	44,187
Cassettes, Records, and Video	2,710
From WMRLS (ILL)	140
From WMRLS (Bookmobile)	2,449
Category of material circulation:	
Fiction	24,731
Biography	734
History	1,769
Literature	577
Arts	1,830
Applied Science	2,503
Pure Science	877
Language	59
Social Science	1,502
Religion	207
Philosophy	309
Video and Cassettes	2,710
Paperbacks	2,188
General	4,191

Of the total circulation 38,106 were from the adult shelves and 11,380 were from the children's shelves. A total of 8,348 circulations were by non-residents. 7,210 were to Massachusetts residents from certified towns. An additional 965 circulations were to residents from non-certified towns (Tyringham - 959; Alford - 6; Out-of-state - 173).

Books added during the year:	1,234 Adult	385 Children	Total: 1,619
Books withdrawn:	1,408 Adult	85 Children	Total: 1,493

Number of volumes owned	58,263
Records and Cassettes	738
Video	47
Filmstrips	29
Units of Microfilm	29
Serials (Magazine subscriptions (10 magazines are gifts from Lee Bank)	96
Newspapers (6 weekly, 4 daily, 1 monthly)	11

Our beautiful porch boxes, donated by Tim Gray and Wendy Barash lead the list of donations by our many wonderful supporters this year. We also received donations of new books and subscriptions, audio-cassettes, a storytelling program by Denise Talabach of Apple Tree Books, an oil painting by Byron DeVarran titled "Homeward Bound" from Vanita Harvey, a generous gift from the Greater Berkshire Foundation

of the new Berkshire Bank, and many other donations of monetary gifts.

Memorial gifts were received in the names of: Dr. Frank Devanny, Robert Lucy, John A. MacGregor, Frank Parker, Vanita Harvey, Dorothy B. Perkins, Aline Colton Whiteside, Jean Eisenberg and Shiloh.

The 1996 Summer Reading Club "Catch the Summer Spark" was enjoyed by 102 members who read over 1250 books. This program ended in August with 56 children and their guests enjoying the imagination stories of Diane Edgecomb, who was sponsored by a grant from the Lee Cultural Council. Linda Taylor of Berkshire Science Resources was able to conduct two StoryScience series this year, also sponsored by the Lee Cultural Council. (Programs sponsored by the Lee Cultural Council include funding form the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.) "Catch the Sparkle" was offered in the summer and "Discover the Magic" was offered in the fall.

We were the recipients of a grant from the Family Support Network of the Children's Health Program to purchase some Spanish language children's books for the Betty Dennis Children's Room. A Spanish-language story time was also a part of this grant. Ana Vreeland conducted these sessions in the fall.

The Southern Berkshire Literacy Network (SBLN) continues to thrive in their office at the library. This was the second year that they have supported themselves entirely from funds raised in Berkshire County. They are struggling financially and receive donations from many sources such as individuals, corporations, and private foundations. The many requests for tutors to assist with reading instruction, GED help, and ESL instruction keep arriving daily. So, their need is not only for continuing financial support, but for volunteer tutors as well.

The library purchased a microfilm reader/printer this year which will help preserve our paper copy of the Valley/Berkshire Gleaner (which date from 1857 to 1944) by allowing patrons to use the microfilm instead of the bound pages.

Due to the HVAC (heating and ventilation and air-conditioning) change in the building a couple years ago, the environment in the basement has changed. It was necessary to purchase a de-humidifier for the summer. It seems to work pretty well by taking out the excess moisture that was starting to cause mold to form downstairs.

In preparation for work to be done on the roof, we had commissioned a building survey to see what kind of damage was happening to the building and what type of remediation would be necessary to stop the deterioration. This survey was submitted in February as part of the Pre-Application for funding from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. We subsequently learned in June that we have been invited to submit a full-application this coming fall to compete for funds from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF). In May, the Town Meeting voted $55,000.00 for this project. We hope to receive a 50% reimbursement from MPPF.

Mary Philpott was the chairperson of our booksale that we held in February. We are selling our weeded, discarded books hoping to find new homes for them and raising money for the library.

The preservation specialist from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, Gregor Trinkhaus-Randall, has installed "dataloggers" at the library to monitor environmental conditions within the library for five months. A computerized document will then be generated that will help us see what conditions exist within the building that may affect our collections adversely. We will then be able to develop a plan to address these specific conditions should any exist.

Finally, we have had our Massachusetts Library Information Network (MLIN) computer connected to provide an internet connection for our library patrons. This is

a free service. We have one connection that is shared by the staff and the public. Patrons can locate books in the other library collections, find local, state, and federal information, or search for topics related to their interests and needs.

A warm "Thank You" to all of the people who keep our library running! We had two dedicated volunteers Bill Sinico and Luz Salazar that helped with outside and inside work. Our staff continues to work hard to help everybody who comes in to the library to find the information they need. The Western Massachusetts Regional Library System continues to offer expertise, bookmobile books and interlibrary loan services. Our Board members help us to run our library good. I extend my personal thanks to all of you – and to all of our patrons.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia A. Massucco, ***Library Director***

LEE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures

Balance on hand in checking account 7/1/96:		$2,733.99
RECEIPTS:		
Appropriation	$141,902.58	
Fines	1,352.55	
Copier	5,746.36	
Sale of Books	746.22	
Interest received in Checking Account	472.42	
Dividends in Checking Account	244.12	
Donations and Gifts	2,623.00	
LIG/MEG/NRCO Grants	9,142.87	
Books Lost/Damaged/Refunds	306.46	
Fax	2.00	
Access Center Grant	384.67	
Lee Cultural Council Grant	200.00	
Total Receipts:		163,123.25
Total monies available		165,857.24

EXPENDITURES:		
Salaries	94,104.06	
Books and Materials	27,123.99	
Library Supplies	2,181.02	
Oil	3,002.33	
Electric	8,553.29	
Telephone	1,356.35	
Water and Sewer	252.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	9,356.36	
Social Security Taxes (FICA)	4,254.15	
Computer	1,611.25	
Xerox (Maintenance and Supplies)	829.50	
Conferences and Dues	7.00	
Binding	1,525.00	
Mass. D.E.T. Health Insurance	66.00	
Workman's Comprehensive Insurance	670.00	
Transfers to CD & MM	7,182.09	
SBLLN Telephone	145.24	
Miscellaneous	983.37	
Total Expenditures:		163,203.00
Balance on hand in Checking Account 6/30/97:		$2,654.24

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Lee Cemetery Committee has had a very busy year. We have met twice a month during the summer season but only once a month in the winter and always to accommodate Don Chester, our DPW advisor. We all spent untold hours inspecting all sections of the cemetery that revealed many problems.

The largest cost item is lawn mowing. During the summer of 1997, the crew kept it mowed well but at the cost of many work hours and a large repair bill for lawn mower blades. There are so many lot "corner stones" that are above the ground and it takes time to mow around each one. These small stones should be put back flush in the ground. The other large problem is "sink holes" - big ones. The solution is simple - fill in these large deep holes and seed it down.

We tried using prisoners but found they need good constant supervision. We did manage to get 12 "corner stones" put into the ground correctly. We have many more to go. The prisoners also trimmed the shrubbery but allowed the weed trees to remain.

Beginning in November, the DPW decided we should put the grave digging out to contract for the winter due to fear that all DPW workers could be busy plowing snow. This arrangement will continue until April when the town backhoe will be available again to dig all graves and will continue until next November.

Fairmount Cemetery has a section over 200 years old and it must be treated differently. That is - no "weedwackers". The reason is obvious - they cut into the old soft stones at the bottom, their weakest point. The Committee is studying and learning how other old cemeteries solve this problem.

Fairmount Cemetery is to receive a small strip of land from the Turnpike. It has been surveyed and the bill paid by the Cemetery Committee. This will be a strip 50 feet wide along the South border and 446 feet in length.

We hope you will take a copy of Lee's Policies to be found on the table at the Town Hall entrance. We will not only try to keep you informed but will strive to keep the town cemeteries in the best condition possible. We do appreciate our townspeople's patience and assistance in helping keep the area neat and respectable.

Respectfully submitted,

Millard R. Eckert, ***Co-Chairman***
Charlotte P. Davis, ***Co-Chairman***
Peter R. Biasin
John J. Kelly
Joseph Rock,
Susan E. Kelley, ***Secretary***
Don Chester, ***Advisor***
Edward Thomas, ***Advisor***

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This is my tenth report as the Superintendent of Schools. I thank the School Committee, the Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Finance Committee, the Schools' administrators and councils, the students, the teachers, the Town's Representatives and the Townspeople for approving a FY '97 budget. The budget presented to and approved by the Representatives was a 1.9 percent increase over the FY '96 budget but was supplemented by an allocation of School Choice money.

Kristen Brouker was selected as the Student Representative to the School Committee. Margaret Biron replaced Mary Bradbury on the Committee. The Committee and I thank Mrs. Bradbury for the three years that she served. Her expertise in business and in education was invaluable. Edward Lahey was elected the School Committee Chairman and John Ranzoni was elected Vice Chairman.

Our schools continue to attract more incoming than outgoing School Choice students. Yet the higher per student expenditures is reflected in the costs paid for outgoing students. Our current school enrollment is higher than last year. School Choice legislation allowed State reimbursement to parents who transport out-of-district students to our schools. Bertha DiGrigoli in my office has assumed full responsibility for preparing and forwarding all records to eliminate these tasks from the parents.

The School Committee requested that the Selectmen reactivate the School Building Commission. An article on last year's Town Warrant allowed the Commission to contract with Alderman & MacNeish to conduct a Feasibility Study of the school's building and athletic field facilities, project space needs and a program-subject analysis. The Commission's Chairman, Robert Boynton, will present the completed study to the School Committee within the near future.

The full-day Kindergarten program was successful. It required hiring an additional teacher. The program has attracted out-of-district students.

Mr. Gralla and Mr. LeProvost collaborated in developing a Technology Plan that entitled our district to receive a grant of $30 for each student. The money had to be directed into forwarding the plan. We opened two new computer labs in the business wing, and we have updated all the computers with Windows 95 operating systems and on-line technologies.

Our school's computer laboratories and media center are tied into Internet through a combined agreement of General Dynamics and the Central Berkshire Chamber of Commerce. The arrangement will not continue beyond the end of this school year. The County's Superintendents are studying various plans to replace our previous vendors.

Mr. Bourdon and Mrs. Failla assisted in our Town's receipt of $37,000 under a Unisys program. These funds were sent to the Town's General Fund.

Mr. Gralla, Mr. Grogan, Mr. Salinetti, Mrs. Bort, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Norton and Mr. Reynolds have written Federal and State Grants that are used to fund special programs or add funds to existing programs. A grant was approved to refund the Town for $27,000 for the removal of the high school's oil storage tank. The Central School's tank must be removed prior to January, 1999.

The school's extra curricula programs continue to flourish and expand. Our drama, music, art, peer education, and athletic programs attract many of our students.

The School Committee approved a position for a Vocal/Choral Instructor and Mrs. Patricia Feldman was appointed. Mr. DiNunzio merits special commendation for his forty years of dedicated service to our Music program which reflects favorably on our schools and community.

You are invited to visit our schools at your convenience. Our School Committee requests your attendance and input at our regularly scheduled and special meetings. Do not hesitate to contact me at any time if you have any questions relating to our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry T. Zukowski
Superintendent of Schools

LEE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Since the passage of the Educational Reform Act of 1993, academic standards in our state have been developed in seven areas; English, mathematics, science and technology, history/social studies, world languages, arts and health. These new and rigorous standards have been approved by the MA Board of Education. The goal of the Department of Education is to improve curriculum and instruction throughout the state so that our students will be able to compete academically with children from all regions of the country.

At Lee High School we are applying the State Curriculum Frameworks to our academic programs. In each classroom we are challenging students to do better because of the belief and expectation that there is a core of knowledge and skills that each student must possess.

In May of 1998 full MCAS tests will be administered to all grade 10 students in English, mathematics, science and technology. A pilot test will be given in history/social studies. In following years, all 10th graders will be tested in all subjects. Beginning in the year 2001, the class of 2003 (today's 7th graders), in addition to meeting local requirements, will have to pass MCAS tests in order to receive a high school diploma.

In the spring of 1997, Lee High sophomores took the Iowa Tests of Academic Development and scored at the 69th percentile of all students who took the test. In December of 1977, all Lee High sophomores took the Pre ACT PLAN test and scored at the 62nd percentile national norm.

In keeping with the demands of society, the business world, colleges and technology, two additional computer labs were developed. Each lab consists of; a teacher presentation station and 20 pentium student stations with direct Interned and World Wide Web access. A complete teacher training program for staff inservice was developed. Also, scheduling, student records, guidance and administration will be computerized in the spring of 1998.

Several staff changes occurred during the past year. Mrs. Mary Verdi was hired in the English department replacing Mrs. Mary Carroll who relocated to Maine. Mr.

John Euchler was hired in the science and math departments. Mr. David Duquette was hired in math, drafting and guidance to replace Mr. Gary Blanchette, who accepted a teaching job in Longmeadow.

The School Advisory Council members for the 1997/98 school year are: Richard Salinetti, Principal and Co-chairperson; Dawn Fillio, parent representative and Co-chairperson; Christine Coons and Kathleen Bort representing the high school faculty; Judy Brittain representing parents; Joseph Savery and Robin O'Herin representing the community; and Johanna Brock and Meagan Buratto representing the students.

The Lee High School Vocational House Carpentry Program completed construction of a single family, 1400 sq. ft. two story colonial with a two car garage on Greylock Street. This project is sponsored by the Lee Kiwanis Club.

The local House Carpentry Student winners of the "ServiStar, Tools for Tomorrow" award were Chad Heath, John Kennedy, Don Chaffee, Chad Brighenti, Jason New, Mike Warden, David Sampson and Carlos Mendez.

The following grant monies were received from the Federal Government to support Occupational and Vocational training:

Carl D. Perkins – Vocational Education Act, PL98-524 – Technology Education	$ 7,761.00
Comprehensive Health Grant	20,881.00
Berkshire Training and Employment Program Summer Vocational Training Program	8,400.00
Massachusetts Educational Technology Bond Act grant for Massachusetts mandated administrative technology improvement	27,870.00

In October, ten students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Members inducted from the class of 1999 are Johanna Brock, Autumn Clark, Sarah Gale, Lee Ann Skowron, Josh Winters, Meagan Buratto, Justin Davidson, David Rice, Tanya Scarpa and Kadan Swift. Students participate in the following projects: "Good Deeds for the Elderly," OXFAM for World Hunger, student tutorial programs, homework assistance, and a Heart Association Phon-a-thon. These students will learn that the four qualities of scholarship, character, leadership and service can lead to a successful and fulfilling life.

The following are the Lee High School student officers and representatives for the 1997–1998 school year:

Student Council – Kristen Brouker, President; Robin Cody, Vice President; Lisa Puleri, Secretary; and Johanna Brock, Treasurer. Members – Brian Wade, Amanda Hess, Erin McDarby, Jen Brittain, Matt Fillio Jeb Peterson, Justin Davidson, Meagan Buratto, Adrian Bailey, Michelle Cuevas, Nicole Webster, Andrea Brock and Joanna Bort.

Officers of the class of 1998 – Emmy McManmon, President; Robin Cody, Vice President; Erin McDarby, Secretary; and Jodie Pixley, Treasurer.

Officers of the class of 1999 – David Rice, President; Meagan Buratto, Vice President; Lee Skowron, Secretary; and Jeb Peterson, Treasurer.

Officers of the class of 2000 – Michelle Cuevas, President; Kate Bort, Vice President; Adrian Bailey, Secretary; and Nicole Webster, Treasurer.

Members of the Student Health Council are – Jodie Pixley, Robin Cody, Marissa Consolati, Jeb Peterson, Kate Bort, Nicole Webster, Andrea Brock and Joanna Bort.

Student Representatives to the School Committees – Lee, Kristin Brouker;

Tyringham, Nick DeSantis. Advisory Council members are – Jodie Pixley, Jeb Peterson, Justin Desmond and Nicole Webster.

Student Representation to the State Board of Education – Amanda Hess and Johanna Brock.

Thirty students have participated in Peer Education programs where they have learned problem solving, communication and program planning skills. Leadership students have conducted freshmen orientation, hosted parent conferences, and are currently working on parent workshops, a bloodmobile, and safe schools programs. The peer counseling students have attended training and career presentations. They work as peer helpers during the second half of this year.

Mrs. Kathleen Bort is the director of the Lee High School Student's Against Drunk Driving (SADD) chapter. The purpose of this group is to educate fellow students on the dangers of drunk driving.

For the 10th consecutive year, the Lee High Drama Club participated in the annual Fall Shakespeare Festival at Berkshire Community College. Under the direction of professionals from Shakespeare and Company of Lenox, the Drama Club presented "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The Shakespeare and Company staff also offered workshops and classes in acting to all students in English classes. The winter production is the musical entitled "Carnival." It is being directed by co-advisor, Mrs. Mary Verdi. Ms. Monica Celli is also co-advisor.

The annual Superintendent's Award for Academic Excellence was awarded to Erica Walczak. Kristen Brouker was selected by the faculty and senior class as Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen for the 1997/98 school year.

Members of the Quiz Team are Erica Walczak, captain, Dorothy Sekowski, Kate Bailey and Jon Walker; Matt Fillio, captain Amanda Hess, Kristen Bartini and Jen Brittain; Sarah Towne, Captain, Andy Bartini and Mike Hebert; Kristen Brouker, captain, Tina Katritsis, Amanda Fillio and Bill Newton. The Decathlon team had a successful year; Honors members are Erica Walczak, Kristen Brouker and Sarah Towne who won a silver medal in essay. Scholastic team members are Jen Brittain, Kristen Bartini and Sean Wellington. Varsity team members are Mike Hebert, Andy Bartini and Tina Katritsis. TV team members are Erica Walczak, captain, Sarah Towne, Kristen Brouker, Jon Walker and Matt Fillio, alternate. Lee will compete against Williston Northampton and Ludlow in the spring on "As Schools Match Wits." All three teams are coached by Mrs. Kathleen Hall.

A $39,000 federal grant supports the adult Basic Education program offered at the high school. Adults study English, math, writing and GED preparation as well as English as a Second Language. The ESL program continues to grow and over 60 non-English speaking adults took advantage of this program during the past year.

Enrichment classes also offered included keyboarding, computers, aerobics, art, and woodworking.

The Communications Club is in its fourth year of existence. The Club produces "Lee Live," a news show about the students and activities at Lee High School. It also films school events and activities, and produces live broadcasts on channel 11. The advisor of the Club is Mr. Sam Sorrentino who succeeds Dr. Cheryl Nelsen.

The Lee High School Band of 50 members, 15% of the school population, began it's school year by participating and performing in several fall activities. The band participated in the Lee Founders Day parade, the Fall Foliage parade in North Adams (and received a bronze medal), and performed a holiday concert. Several students in the band participated at the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Festival.

These students were: Emily Horsford, Courtney Lockenwitz, Corie McDermott, Shane Morris, Patrick Shaw and Richard Whitman. Emily Horsford, Patrick Shaw and Richard Whitman were named to All State.

Guest clinicians worked with Lee High band members. These clinicians, professional musicians and educators, came to the school to rehearse specific sections of the band.

At the time of this writing, the band is scheduled to appear, participate or attend the following: A broadway musical in New York City, a spring concert, the Great East Music Festival, the Lee Memorial Day parade and graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Cynthia Koch is the new band director. She succeeds Mr. Charles DiNunzio who retired after 42 years of service in the school district.

In athletics, the following were the highlights for Lee High School for the 1995/96 season:

Girls Basketball: Record 20-5 State Division III Champions – beat Foxboro 65-56
Western MA Champions
All Berkshire
Jessica Wilcox
Dana Korn
All Western MA
Dana Korn
Jessica Wilcox

Boys Basketball: Record 12-8 – Lost to Turners Falls in Sectional Quarter Finals.
All Berkshire
Jim Burns
All Western MA
Jim Burns

Alpine Skiing: The boys finished in 8th place and the girls finished in 6th place in the Berkshire Conference.

Girls Tennis: Record: 12-4 – Southern Division champions. Lost in Western MA Semi-finals.

Boys Tennis: Record: 9-6 – Southern Division champions. Lost in Western MA Quarterfinals.

Baseball: Record: 8-12

Golf: Record 10-6
All Berkshire
Dan Blaisdell
All Western MA
Dan Blaisdell

Softball: Record 13-9 – Lost in Quarter Finals of Western MA tournament to Pioneer.

Girls Soccer: Record 15-2 Southern Berkshire champions – Western MA Division III Runnerup. Beaten by St. Mary's in an overtime shootout.

All Berkshire
Jessie Arment
Emmy McManmon
Jodie Pixley

All Western MA
Jessie Arment
Emmy McManmon
Jodie Pixley

All State
Jessie Arment

Boys Soccer: Record 2-11-2

Football: Record 3-6

All Chamberland Division
Todd Sparks
Matt Bunnell
Mike Porrini
Aaron Plaquet
Jim Sandhu
Ben Tyer
Ryan Lucy

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Salinetti
Principal

LEE HIGH SCHOOL – 1997 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

1. Lee Kiwanis Club Scholarship	$4,000.00
Amie Schaefer - **Christopher Newport University** (Four year college)	2,400.00
Harry Desmond – **University of Massachusetts (Stockbridge School of Agriculture)** (Two Year College)	1,000.00
David Sampson – **Springfield Technical Community College** (Technical School)	600.00
2. Lee Lime Corporation Scholarship in Memory of John M. Deely and Claude M. Haggarty	3,600.00
Stina Brock – **Dartmouth College**	1,200.00
Kristen Scheurer – **Boston University**	1,200.00
Amie Schaefer –	1,200.00
3. Mary Voght Memorial Scholarships	3,000.00
Stina Brock –	300.00
Kristen Scheurer –	300.00
Courtney Sparks – **Westfield State College**	300.00
Christine Arment – **University of Mass. Amherst**	300.00
Laura Schneider – **University of Mass. Amherst**	300.00
Alan Hebert – **Union College**	300.00
Chanda Shepardson – **Berkshire Community College**	300.00
Brendan Walsh – **University of Maryland**	300.00
James Burns – **Union College**	300.00
Amie Schaefer –	300.00
4. Schweitzer-Mauduit Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship	2,500.00 Per Year
Kristen Scheurer –	
5. Minnie L. Baird Scholarship in Memory of Lena Beal	2,000.00
Courtney Sparks –	1,000.00
Christine Arment –	1,000.00
6. Martin Abderhalden Memorial Scholarship	2,000.00
Terri DiGrigoli – **Worcester State College**	500.00
David Forest –	500.00
Eric Wells – **Berkshire Community College**	500.00
Kristen Shepardson – **Emmanuel College**	300.00
7. Academic Competition Scholarships given by Mr. & Mrs. William R. Hall, Sr.	1,950.00
In memory of Eileen Kelly:	
Jonathan Kelly – **University of Massachusetts**	50.00
David Sampson –	50.00
David Forrest – **Western New England College**	50.00

In memory of Catherine DiGrigoli:
Kevin Bartini – **Berkshire Community College** 100.00
Christine Arment – 100.00
Joseph Nichols 100.00

In memory of William Mahoney:
Brian Duval – **Mount Ida College** 200.00

In memory of Gene Trombley:
Laura Schneider – 350.00

In memory of Dorothy Salinetti:
Alan Hebert 450.00

In memory of Robert Lucy:
James Burns – 500.00

8. South Lee Fire Department Scholarship 1,500.00

Allison Height - **Christopher Newport University** 2,400.00

9. Silvio O. Conte Memorial Scholarship 1,200.00

Stina Brock –

10. Tri-Town rotary Scholarship in Memory of Maurice Boulanger 1,200.00

Courtney Sparks –

11. Rick Baruzzi Memorial Scholarship 1,100.00

Andrea Smith – **Bentley College**

12. Mead Specialty Paper Division Scholarship 1,000.00

Alan Hebert –

13. Robert Lucy Memorial Scholarship 1,000.00

Laura Dignard – **Sienna College**

14. Century Cable Community Scholarship 1,000.00

Stina Brock –

15. Girl's Inc. of Pittsfield Scholarship 1,000.00

Sarah Nichols – **Berkshire Community College**

16. Lee Volunteer Fire Company Scholarship 1,000.00

James Burns – 333.00
Terri DiGrigoli – 333.00
Courtney Sparks – 333.00

17. Lee Bank Employees Scholarship in Memory of Ann Hawkins 1,000.00

Amie Schaefer –

18. Pease Memorial Scholarship given to a student entering the Medical Profession 1,000.00

Paula Ranzoni – **University of New England at Westbrook**

19. Lee Band Parents Scholarships	1,000.00
Alan Hebert –	150.00
Kristen Scheurer	150.00
Sarah Fix – **University of Massachusetts Amherst**	100.00
Scott Haviland – **Berkshire Community College**	100.00
Jesse Horsford – **University of Massachusetts Amherst**	100.00
Carolyn Qubeck – **Nova Southeastern University**	75.00
Laura Schneider	75.00
Christine Arment	50.00
Kelly Doherty – **University of Massachusetts Amherst**	50.00
Kristen O'Neil – **Berkshire Community College**	50.00
Stina Brock –	25.00
David Forrest –	25.00
Gregg Krupa – **Emerson College**	25.00
Michael Lenfest – **Northeastern University**	25.00
20. Lee Education Association in Memory of Arthur Welcome	1,000.00
Kelly Doherty –	500.00
Sarah Nichols –	500.00
21. Jeff Cuene and Steve Weslowski Memorial Scholarship given by The Bukos Ball, family and friends	1,000.00
Sarah Nichols –	500.00
Candy Scapin – **Berkshire Community College**	500.00
22. Otis Kiwanis Scholarship Fund	1,000.00
Dorothy Angers – **East Carolina University**	
23. Lee High School Student Council Scholarships	800.00
Stina Brock –	200.00
Dana Korn Ciechanski – **Suffolk University**	200.00
Daniel Blaisdell –	200.00
Kristen Shepardson –	200.00
24. Gridiron Club Scholarships	800.00
Timothy Tyer – **Hudson Valley Community College**	200.00
Jonathan Kelly –	200.00
Scott Walker – **Berkshire Community College**	200.00
David Forrest –	200.00
25. G. Marconi Lodge #1620 Order sons of Italy Scholarship in Memory of Mabel Baluk	750.00
James Burns –	
26. Stedman-Myers Memorial Fund Scholarship	700.00
Sarah Fix –	
27. Dorothy Wright Trufant – Class of 1937 Scholarship	700.00
Brendan Walsh –	

28. Scholarship given by Comalli Electric in Memory of James Mougin and George Comalli — 500.00

Paula Ranzoni – 250.00
Kevin Bartini – 250.00

29. Scholarship in Memory of Dr. Charles W. Stratton — 500.00

Jessica Wilcox – **Springfield College**

30. Richard C. Brunell Memorial Scholarship — 500.00

Rebecca Bliss – **Berkshire Community College**

31. Berkshire Community College President's Scholarship — 500.00

Chanda Shepardson –

32. Scholarship in Memory of David Bailey — 500.00

Laura Schneider – 250.00
Dawn Donnelly – **University of Massachusetts Amherst** 250.00

33. Pittsfield Cooperative Bank Scholarship — 500.00

Mindy Drury – **Berkshire Community College**

34. East Lee Civic Association Scholarship in Memory of Olive Cordonier and Edward Gagne — 500.00

Jesse Horsford –

35. Kiwani-Anne Club of Otis Scholarship — 400.00

Carolyn Qubeck –

36. Lee Youth Association Scholarship — 400.00

Terri DiGrigoli –

37. Griffin Memorial Athletic Scholarship — 300.00

Michael Lenfest –

38. The Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts Independent Order Of Odd Fellows Memorial Scholarship — 300.00

Stina Brock –

39. Michael Whalen, Irene Whalen Wheeler and Gram Whalen Memorial Scholarship — 250.00

Jessica Wilcox –

40. John M. Huska Memorial Scholarship — 250.00

James Burns –

41. Lee and Trust Scholarship — 250.00

Nicole Peetros – **Berkshire Community College**

42. Michael R. Coty Memorial Scholarship — 200.00

Michael Hopkins – **Berkshire Community College**

43. Scholarship in Memory of Gertrude T. Bailey	200.00
Laura Dignard –	
44. Retzel Memorial Athletic Scholarship	300.00
James Burns –	
45. Lee Lions Club Scholarship	300.00
Laura Schneider –	
46. Maurice Boulanger Memorial Scholarship	250.00
Michael Lenfest –	
47. Dr. John T. Cinella Memorial Scholarship	300.00
Dana Korn – **Suffolk University**	100.00
Jessica Wilcox –	100.00
Terri DiGrigoli –	100.00
48. Lee Chamber of Commerce Scholarship	300.00
Daniel Blaisdell – **Bently College**	150.00
Benjamin Hunter – **University of Massachusetts Amherst**	150.00
49. Mystic Lodge of Masons Scholarship	300.00
Jonathan Kelly –	
50. Class of 1965 Scholarship given in Memory of Silvio Biasin, Dennis Fontana, Billy Navin, Lucy Consolati Finkle, Mary Ann O'Brien Housington and Bernice O'Brien Kane	300.00
Kelly Doherty –	100.00
Benjamin Hunter –	100.00
Cristina Consolati – **Keene State College**	100.00
51. Heather Helen Hawley Memorial Scholarship	250.00
Meghann Hawley – **Newbury College**	
52. Scholarship in Memory of Classmates – Michael Baluk, Mark Beam, Fred LaGrant, Dennis Pacquin and David Tyer from the Class of 1972	250.00
Laura Dignard –	
53. First National Bank of the Berkshires Scholarship	250.00
Alan Hebert –	
54. Scholarship in Memory of Joseph T. Loring, Jr.	250.00
John Kennedy – **Berkshire Community College**	
55. Abner Rice Memorial Scholarship	250.00
Harry Desmond –	
56. Scholarship in Memory of Carl J. Shirley	250.00
Sarah Fix –	

57. Kathleen Olds Mindle Sunshine Bowling League Scholarship 225.00

Richard Buker – **Westfield State College** 150.00
Brendan Walsh – 75.00

58. Class of 1975 Scholarship in Memory of Dan Montini and Jeff Cuene 300.00

Kevin Bartini – 75.00
Lee Ann Bartini – **Lynn University** 75.00
Amie Schaefer – 75.00
Michael Warden – **STCC** 75.00

59. Lee High School Chapter of Students Against Drunk Drivers 200.00

Stina Brock – 100.00
Cristina Consolati – 100.00

60. Lee High School Drama Club Scholarship 200.00

Sarah Fix – 100.00
Kevin Bartini – 100.00

61. Morning Star Chapter #217 Order of Eastern Star Scholarship 200.00

Lee Ann Bartini –

62. Kelly Coty Memorial Scholarship 200.00

Rebecca Bliss –

63. Williamson Family Scholarship in Memory of Jennifer 200.00

Emily Borsody – **Suffolk University**

64. Michael A. Curley Memorial Scholarship donated by his parents, Francis and Mary Curley 200.00

Terri DiGrigoli –

65. Scholarship in Memory of Virgina Farina 200.00

James Burns – 100.00
Terri DiGrigoli – 100.00

66. Lee Senior Citizens Club Scholarship in Memory of Peter Gajewski 200.00

Sarah Bunnell – **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

67. Lee Youth Football Scholarship 200.00

Scott Walker –

68. Dorothy Finnegan Award given to a graduating senior who will be entering the teaching profession 150.00

Cristina Consolati –

69. Eugenio Bonafin Memorial Scholarship Fund Award Class of 1936 150.00

Scott Haviland –

70. Bruce and John Stevenson Memorial Scholarship 100.00

Scott Walker –

71. Lee High School Scholarship in Memory of Albert and Mary Vinatier 100.00
Dawn Donnelly –

72. Scholarship in Memory of Harry Wheeler 100.00
David Forrest –

73. Churchward Davis Memorial Scholarship 100.00
Jonathan Kelly –

74. Ardella Donnell Memorial Award – Class of 1933 U.S. Savings Bond 100.00
Daniel Blaisdell –

75. Scholarship in Memory of Marialana Impoco 100.00
Mindy Drury –

76. Class of 1977 in Memory of Kate Baldisseroto and John Killackey 100.00
Harry Desmond –

77. Class of 1968 Scholarship in Memory of Ann DeVarennes 100.00
Kristen Shepardson –

78. Class of 1989 Scholarship in Memory of Michael Coty 100.00
Candy Scapin –

79. J.B. Kain Physical Therapy Scholarship 100.00
Jessica Wilcox –

80. Suburban Medical Scholarship in Memory of Dolores "Dolly" Passetto 100.00
Meghann Hawley –

81. The Forfa Family Scholarship given to a boy or girl who participated in varsity basketball 100.00
Daniel Blaisdell –

82. Class of 1966 Scholarship 100.00
Jonathan Kelly –

83. Ladies Auxiliary VFW Scholarship 100.00
James Burns –

84. Lee town Players in Memory of Cora Carrington 50.00
Kevin Bartini –

85. Alan Wurtzbach Award – given to the girl and boy who made the greatest progress during their four years of high school 50.00
Candy Scapin – 25.00
Joseph Woods – 25.00

LEE CENTRAL SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

There were a number of changes in the staff for the 1997 calendar year. Mr. Alex Nardacci, Mr. Allan Towle and Mr. Charles DiNunzio retired after many years of outstanding service to the school district. Mr. Dan Sullivan replaced Mr. Towle in the science department and Mrs. Rosalyn Cohen replaced Mr. Nardacci at the fifth grade level. Ms. Cynthia Koch was hired to teach instrumental lessons at Lee Central School and as band director at Lee High School. Mrs. Kelly DeVarennes, formally Kelly Simmons, joined the seventh grade staff as a social studies teacher. Mrs. Sue Farley-Turner is the new Chapter I math teacher. Mr. Brian Baker joined the staff as a special education teacher. Mrs. Cindy Brouker and Mrs. Linda Taylor are teaching eighth grade health. In October, Mrs. Pat Feldman was hired to teach general music to students in grades kindergarten through grade five. Mrs. Leslie Hickey and Ms. Judy Duquette are working on the playground during recess. Mrs. Melissa Strezynski and Mrs. Rose John were hired as special education aides. Mr. Louis Puleri was hired as a full-time custodian.

The enrollment in grades Pre-kindergarten through 8 of Lee Central School as of October 1, 1997 was 5990 students. This enrollment hasn't changed significantly over the past few years. The largest class in the school was the seventh grade which had 85 students.

The Lee School Council was very active during 1997. The Council which consists of four community and four staff members met on the second Wednesday of each month. The School Council developed goals and implementations plans in order to involve the parents more in the management of the school. The council members include Donna Toomey, Marylou Antoniazzi, Joan Angelo, Karen Consolati, Paula Duhon, Estelle Graziola, Robert Hotchkiss, Rosalyn Cohen, Dorinda Moffatt, Michael Bullock, Denise Talabach and Ray Grogan.

One of the goals of the School Improvement Plan of the School Council was "to provide an accommodating physical plant (cleanliness)". A committee of citizens and staff members was formed to study the existing physical plant and make recommendations for improvement. One of the recommendations was to have a work volunteer day to clean, paint and repair the school. On Saturday, March 22, under the leadership of Mary-Lou Antoniazzi, community and staff members made major improvements at the school.

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Lee, a new regulation size basketball court has been constructed on the playground at LCS. The new court has been enjoyed by many students during the short time is has existed.

The music program at Lee Central School was very active during 1997. The program currently maintains a Beginner Band (mostly fifth graders), Sixth Grade Band, Junior High Concert Band (7th & 8th graders), and a Junior High Jazz Band (grades 608). There are currently 136 students enrolled in the instrumental music program in grades 5-8. Ten students were accepted to the Massachusetts Music Educators Western District Music Festival Band. Students from Central School also participated in the University of Massachusetts Youth Wind Ensemble. This is an organization for advanced music students from around the state, Vermont, and New Hampshire who gather weekly at the University for rehearsals. Both of the above mentioned Organizations require students to audition for acceptance and placement in the organizations. The district students will be rehearsing on two Saturdays in March followed by a concert, and the UMass Youth Wind Students rehearse weekly during both the fall and spring semesters and perform once a semester with a University Ensemble.

The Central School Concert Band attended the Great East Music Festival in Agawam this past May. The band performed three pieces for adjudicators who scored our performance and then rated the organization. The Categories available are Merit Certificate – Good, Bronze – Very Good, Silver – Excellent, and Gold – Outstanding. For the second year in a row, the Central School Band received a rating of **Gold**, Outstanding. Our awards are on display in the Central School lobby near the main office.

The band continues to hold three large concerts each school year: Winter Concert (December), Music In Our Schools Month Concert (March combined with the Lee High School Music Department), and a Spring Concert (June). The band also performed in two parades this past season, the Founders Day Parade in October and the annual Memorial Day Parade in May. We also hold a small Ensemble Concert for small groups, solos, duets, trios, etc. during the month of April. We also have several students taking private lessons on their own time!

The Summer Music Program employed 7 teachers and involved 72 students this past year. We involved 26 students in the Summer Jazz Band and the Advanced Jazz Band.

The library continues to be the heart of the school. Book circulation at the Lee Central School Library reached a total of 16,784 during the 1996-97 school year. During the first four weeks of school this year, an average of 159 books were circulated per day, and 117 students were assisted with selection each day. Technology has not had a negative effect on book circulation. The librarian has instructed all students in grades 3 – 6 in the use of the new computerized card catalog and the electronic encyclopedia for use in school research. The new Computer Lab made this possible. Students have been instructed in the use of many CDRom programs. Approximately 500 books were repaired, 299 new books were cataloged for circulation. We are continuing to adds full records to our on-line catalog and we are working on a new inventory of all video, computer files, CDRom and AV equipment. 7,094 Accelerated Reader tests were monitored during the 1996-97 school year on books by 403 participating students. This averaged 41 tests taken each day or 17.6 books read and tested on per student per year.

The PTO continued to sponsor outstanding programs for the students at Lee Central School. The PTO ran the Santa's Workshop, rollerskating parties, family fun nights, book fairs, and special programs/assemblies. David Grover was a big hit with our students when he presented a special program in December. The PTO also provided field trips for all of our students. The support from the PTO was a very important factor in providing a quality educational program for the students at Lee Central School.

The fourth annual Community Reading Day was held in March. Many community members came to Lee Central School and read to the students. The program was very successful.

Forty-one students in grades eight and seven staff members visited washington, D.C. for three days in May. The students visited many historical sites including the U.S. Capitol, the White House, Smithsonian Institute, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. The trip was very educational and successful.

The staff at Lee Central School would like to thank Superintendent Henry Zukowski, the Lee School Committee, Lee School Council, and the citizens of Lee for their continued support of the Lee Public Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Grogan
Principal

LEE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 1997

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATED	TRANSFERS	EXPENDED	BALANCE
School Committee	16,800.00	(684.68)	16,115.32	
Superintendent's Office	87,642.00	(733.51)	86,908.49	
Transportation	135,000.00	(1,350.00)	133,650.00	
Fixed Charges	376,125.00	(13,636.66)	362,488.34	
Supervisory	125,978.00	(3,864.66)	122,113.34	
Adult Services	2,925.00	3,696.30	6,621.30	
Principal's Office	218,899.00	1,804.84	220,631.70	72.14
Instruction	2,825,321.00	11,172.60	2,836,151.00	342.33
Other Services	179,379.00	(4,436.67)	174,942.33	
Maintenance	494,608.00	8,311.39	502,918.82*	.57
Acquisition/Replacement of Equipment	46,455.00	10,461.23	56,799.72	116.51
Programs With Others	64,532.00	(11,927.83)	52,604.17	999.55
Special Education	806,753.00	1,187.65	806,941.10	
TOTALS	$5,380,417.00	.00	5,378,885.90	1,531.10 **

* $7,500 was paid to the Town of Lee against the paydown on the School Energy Project. This was the final payment.

** $1,531.00 was returned to the Town of Lee.

LEE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 1997

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATED	EXPENDED	BALANCE
School Committee	17,800.00	9,390.63	8,409.37
Superintendent's Office	133,456.00	70,737.31	62,718.69
Transportation	144,900.00	57,960.00	86,940.00
Fixed Charges	7,375.00	4,780.00	2,595.00
Supervisory	183,707.00	76,614.60	107,09240
Adult Services	2,925.00	.00	2,925.00
Principal's Office	219,826.00	112,764.13	107,061.87
Instruction	2,911,066.00	1,102,077.92	1,808,988.08
Other Services	192,993.00	74,228.19	118,764.81
Maintenance	399,888.00	189,267.19	210,620.81
Acquisition/Replacement of Equipment	39,337.00	13,697.50	25,639.50
Programs With Others	64,532.00	25,341.02	39,190.98
Special Education	793,330.00	346,489.73	446,840.27
TOTALS	5,111,135.00	2,083,348.22	3,207,786.78

LEE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
GRANTS & REVOLVING ACCOUNTS
December 31, 1997

ACCOUNT	APPROPRIATED	EXPENDED & ENCUMBERED	BALANCE
GRANTS			
Title I	58,311.00	19,938.26	38,372.74
Title VI	2,525.00	285.00	2,240.00
SPED 94-142	83,025.00	37,432.08	45,592.92
Drug Free	5,343.00	2,500.85	2,842.15
Teacher Training Math/Sci.	3,136.00	84.20	3,051.80
SPED Early Childhood	14,210.00	1,460.29	12,749.71
BTEP – Summer Program	12,691.46 *	9,682.92	3,008.54
Adult Basic Ed	39,585.00	19,989.99	19,595.01
Health Services Project	22,947.26 *	5,120.25	17,827.01
High School Alliance	30,922.42 *	15,246.67	15,675.75
Curriculum Study Groups	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00
PALMS	1,433.00	.00	1,433.00
Gifted & Talented	7,500.00	2,145.00	5,355.00
AP Calculus & Physics	5,000.00	.00	5,000.00
Safe Schools	1,200.00	.00	1,200.00
Essential Skills Dropout	10,000.00	.00	10,000.00
IT Bond Technology	27,870.00	.00	27,870.00
Mead Specialty Grant	124.25	.00	124.00
BCC Tech Prep	2,000.00	1,900.00	100.00
Palms Mini Grant	1,101.05	1,101.05	.00
REVOLVING ACCOUNTS			
Adult Evening	16,284.35 *	9,532.09	6,752.26
Athletics	9,786.44 *	892.28	8,894.16
Industrial Arts: - High School	1,730.98 *	1,485.56	245.42
- Elementary	2,130.53 *	918,61	1,211.92
Greenhouse	1,206.55 *	582.87	623.68
Band	613.35 *	25.00	588.35
Drama - Elementary	200.00 *	.00	200.00
Drama - High School	9,290.87 *	5,831.65	3,459.22
Lost Book	3,458.19 *	2,170.06	1,288.13
School Choice	340,973.46 *	299,950.36	41,023.10
Cable Revolving	60.25 *	.00	60.25
Reading	.63	.00	.63
Tennis	1,370.97	.00	1,370.97
Student Fund	13,553.83	5,399.42	8,154.41
Preschool	1,194.09	279.12	914.97
Berkshire Alliance	31,815.49 *	6,976.58	24,838.91
Cafeteria	99,748.51 *	85,429.56	14,318.95
TOTALS	863,842.93	537,859.72	325,983.21

* The appropriated balance reflects the balance carried forward from the prior fiscal year, plus the receipts that have been received through the end of December.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS			
High School Gym Roof	100,000.00	33,845.00	66,155.00
Computer Lab	100,000.00	71,731.05	28,268.95
Central School Playground	25,000.00	1,259.38	23,740.62

LEE HIGH SCHOOL
1997 – GRADUATES

Darcy L. Angers
Christine Marie Arment
Rebecca A. Bachelder
Kevin A. Bartini, Jr.
Lee Ann Bartini
Adam Joseph Bedard
Daniel John Blaisdell
Rebecca Michelle Bliss
Matthew P. Bombardier
Emily Kate Borsody
Chad E. Brighenti
Eva Kristina Brock
Richard Alan Buker II
Sarah L. Bunnell
James Joseph Burns
Don A. Chaffee III
Dana Korn Ciechanski
Heather E. Conkling
Cristina Marie Consolati
Dmitri John Consolati
Patricia S. DelaCruz
Harry -J Desmond
Laura Marie Dignard
Terri Leigh DiGrigoli
Kelly Marie Doherty
Dawn Christa Donnelly
Mindy L. Drury
Brian Richard Dupras
Brian Michael Duval
Sarah Christine Fix
David Michael Forrest
Daniel James Hassett
Scott W. Haviland
Meghann Elizabeth Hawley
Chad E. Heath
Alan Mark Hebert
Alison R. Height
Michael John Hopkins
Jesse Edward Horsford
Benjamin Turton Hunter
Jonathan Robert Kelly
John W. Kennedy
Joshua E. Koloski
Gregory R. Krupa
Michael Christoplher Lenfest
Kristopher G. McDonough
Carlos Antonio Mendez
Nicole Elizabeth Morris
Jason T. New
Joseph Paul Nichols
Sarah Elizabeth Nichols
Kristen Marie O'Neil
John Henry Palmer
Tanya Marie Palmer
Nicole Marie Alexsis Peetros
Carolyn Janet Qubeck
Christopher Allan Qubeck
Paula Jean Ranzoni
David P. Sampson
Igreet K. Sandhu
Candy Lynn Scapin
Amie Rose Schaefer
Kristen Nicole Scheurer
Laura Rose Schneider
Chanda Jean Shepardson
Kristen Rebecca Shepardson
Andrea Dianne Smith
Katie J. Soules
Courtney Elizabeth Sparks
Timothy Joseph Tyer
Scott William Walker
Brendan Robert Walsh
Michael H. Warden
Eric M. Wells
Jessica May Wilcox
Joseph Daniel Woods

SCHOOL HEALTH REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

This health report will be reminiscence of past health reports. It will be my last report.

When I first began assisting Helen Brunnell with school nursing in 1967, there were five outlying schools or partial buildings being used for elementary school space besides the main building on High Street and the high school on Greylock Street. Also, weekly visits were made to the Tyringham School. In 1969 we had 144 children enter Kindergarten. From the sixties through the seventies, we found ourselves inundated with the "baby boomers". We focused our care on mandated programs, such as hearing, visions, record keeping, first aid and of course, traveling from school to school. In 1975, the new wing was added and classroom space was consolidated into the present two buildings. This made caring for the students more organized.

Gradually, the focus of school health changed as society changed. As more mothers entered the work force, the role of the school nurse expanded to take on more functions that were previously taken care of in the home. Excerpts from the Health Policy manual's philosophy are as follows: The nurse is a part of the professional team employed to aid children and youth to develop to their full potential. School health services, as part of the total school program is a constructive and effective approach to the development of a healthy society. To this end, the nurses and school physician have maintained and updated immunizations, done physical exams, and made health policy. They have kept current with new procedures by attending seminars.

Over the last thirty years, we have seen many extraordinary changes in school health. Inclusion of children with severe physical and mental handicaps who would have been kept at home or institutionalized, are now attending school. These technologically supported changes opened another vista that the nurses had to cope with.

The addition of preschool for three and four year olds to be better prepared for school also added to the nurses duties. While the population of students reached a peak and began to decline in the nineteen eighties, the work force of mothers continued to increase. Today, it is a rare household that has a parent at home during the school day.

The nurse now became watchdog of illness, dispenser of medication and TLC. This was in addition to doing the mandated programs, attending meetings, developing a crisis intervention policy with guidance personnel, and working on such items as the Health Curriculum. This year we dispensed 7593 doses of prescription medications, mostly at the elementary level.

For the lower grades, we wrote grants for the LAMO and Fluoride Program, both of which have been a success since their inception in 1981. At the high school five years ago, a Health Clinic was opened. This was supported be a grant written by Kathleen Bort. This is the first clinic of its kind in Berkshire County. Two years later, a second site was established at Lee Central School. One of the reasons for setting up these clinics was again societal changes. More working people are hard pressed to maintain adequate health care today.

I have been impressed by the wonderful cooperation and enthusiasm shown for

Health Center (Lee Family Practice) and their physicians: Dr. Robert Wespiser and Dr. Michael Kaplan (originally) and now assisted by Dr. Thomas Consolati, Dr. Siohban McInally, Terri Ribadenyra P.A.C., Patricia McKeon P.A.C. (formerly) and nurse practitioner Anne Hutchinson.

I wish to thank the Administrators, Principals, School Committees and Mrs. Cinella for their support throughout the more than twenty-five years that I have served this community as school nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Piacquadio, R.N.
Lee High School

Diane Cinella, R.N.
Lee Central School

LEE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Lee Youth Association (LYA) is in its seventeenth year of providing services for the young people and families of Lee and South County.

Most of the town's youth participate in a variety of activities and programs made available by the LYA as well as a yearly summer playground program provided by the town. We offer programs in recreation, social development, arts and crafts, and career training. For adults we have adult recreation and reasonable alternatives for daycare.

The LYA is an affiliate of Girls, Inc., and we offer girls programs to improve self-esteem and self-confidence, develop career awareness, increase sensitivity to others and increase community involvement.

For the past nine years the LYA has offered a state licensed after-school program for kindergarten, first and second grade children under the coordination of Janis Monachina. Now in its fifth year, the LYA offers a state licensed pre-school for children 2 years, 9 months to 5 years. As the result of a Department of Education grant, the LYA is able to offer pre-school at a guaranteed sliding fee scale determined strictly by income. Many older children take advantage of the after-school drop in program, or our early morning wake-up program.

Athletic activities have always been an important part of the Lee Community. The LYA runs all community basketball under the direction of Bob Daley as League Coordinator. This league serves over two hundred youths in grades five through eight, and another one hundred kindergarten through fourth graders participate in our biddy- and mini-basketball programs. Our gymnastics program has now grown to over one hundred young people, and is most successful, as is our biddy-baseball program serving 120 children.

Other important programs and activities offered through the LYA are an Under-Five Club, where pre-school children and parents socially interact with each other, our summer day camp, and Friday night dances.

The LYA has been able to continue the Latino Advocacy Program, under the direction of Doris Orellana, as a result of aid from the Berkshire United Way and other sources.

The LYA Social Adjustment Counselor programs work closely with Lee Central School in an effort to help children at risk and their families adjust and work out problems that effect children at school, the LYA, and at home. This program is coordinated by Carleen Johnson.

We would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Lee School Committee, School Administrators and faculty, the residents and businesses of the Town of Lee. We would especially like to thank the Berkshire United Way, Catholic Stewardship, Lee Kiwanis, Kimberly Clark, Mead Corporation, Kay Bee Toys, Berkshire Century Cable, The Toole Agency, Mr. William Noonan, and all those who help make the L.Y.A. Annual Appeal a great success. Without this support, many programs would not be possible.

Respectfully submitted,

David Canterbury
Executive Director
L.Y.A. Board of Directors

PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

During the year January 1, 1996, to December 31, 1996, the Lee Planning Board acted upon thirteen (13) Form A Applications (Plans Not Requiring Approval under the Subdivision Control Law), twelve were approved and one was denied. The Board also made decisions concerning four (4) Special Permit Applications; a fifth Application for Special Permit was withdrawn without prejudice. The Planning Board reviewed all applications for permanent signs. Several site plans were also brought before the Board for hearing and comment.

The Lee Commercial Development Corporation presented its Preliminary Subdivision Plan (Form B) for its LEE BUSINESS PARK and followed with its Definitive Plan (Form C) which was approved under covenant on October 6, 1997.

A Preliminary Subdivision Plan (Form B) was advanced for development of a residential subdivision of 21 lots, "700 Devon Road". On October 20, 1997, after considerable input of Town Boards and interested citizens during several meetings, the form B was approved with four conditions.

Work on the completion of the Outlet Village has been progressing throughout 1997. It is expected that the final details prior to the permanent Certificate of Occupancy will be accomplished to the Board's satisfaction within the first half of 1998. The Board notes with pride that the consensus of opinion on the project has been very positive.

Several changes to the Sign regulations in the Zoning By-Law were approved by Town vote on April 22, May 5, and later on June 26, 1997. Also, on April 22, 1997, the Town approved a moratorium governing "Wireless Communications Facilities". A zoning By-law to regulate the siting and building of such facilities is ready for Town vote at the first Town Meeting in 1998.

The Towns of Lee and Lenox have won a grant from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for cooperative planning in crafting up-to-date Master plans and Open Space Plans for each community. The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission will administer the project and provide planning services.

The Planning Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Ann Deely, effective as of December 31, 1997. Her helpful encouragement and expertise will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

Aldo Pascucci, ***Chairman***
Robert Birch
Robert Zeif
Patricia Carlino
Ronald Smith, ***Associate***

SANDY BEACH COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Arriving at Sandy Beach on Monday, June 9th, was the Sheriff's work crew from the Berkshire County House of Correction. Their arrival has come to symbolize the start of the summer beach season for the Town of Lee. In the yearly work event, the beach comes out a winner. Six able-bodied crew members work an average of seven hours per person each day for a week. In exchange, the Beach Committee provides coffee, donuts and soda along with a barbecue on the last day and a chance to catch our breath and look around and see what we've accomplished. It's always a good feeling.

This time we concentrated on the picnic grove. We gave each of the 11 tables two coats of stain, a muted color to blend in with the wooded grove. A new layer of mulch was laid down to protect young feet from the uneven ground. We broke up an old dock and converted it to a platform for the portable toilets. These we moved to a new, more private spot at the edge of the woods. We painted the beach furniture and mounted the ladders on the new docks and floated them. We cleaned the beach house, installed the volleyball net, filled 11 clay pots with flowers, planted two gardens, cut the grass and cleaned the shoreline. So you see, we were busy.

Maintenance person Ed Handberg made and installed a set of shelves in the guard room. Committee member Linda Cysz donated a weather scanner to the beach in memory of her mother. This and upgraded uniforms and supplies, a waterfront cleared of underwater hazards by the Divers of Western New England, and a well-marked area for boaters to land, made us confident that we have one of the best equipped beaches in Berkshire County.

During the summer, the beach received favorable publicity as we celebrated the 10th anniversary of our restoration work. Feature stories in the South Advocate and the Berkshire Eagle gave us the satisfaction that our hard work has not gone unnoticed.

The traditional last-day-of-school popcorn and watermelon day was held on Friday, June 20th. Ten years of beach work gives us perspective: Kids we remembered in grade school . . . eating watermelon and grinning from ear to ear . . . are now college students who return faithfully for a game of volleyball in the evening. This is a popular happening with Generation X.

We changed our approach to swim classes this year. We hired a professional teacher, Cathy Maroney Wilson of Dalton, to take over the classes in their entirety from pre-registration to the final day. We lent her an assistant from among the guard staff. Our use of a professional assures Lee parents that we are providing fine swim training for their children. In the past, the burden of giving classes has rested with the guards, with varying degrees of success. Good teaching required maturity that may be too much to expect from a staff whose average age is 20 years. Cathy did her job in a professional manner and we hope she is available next year.

The Beach Committee continued working with the Conservation Commission on storm water runoff and erosion. This is a fact of life given the topography of the land and hills. We refined our berm work with the help of the Lee DPW and Highway Department. The berms cut across the parking lot above the beach to divert runoff from the higher spot during rainstorms and again across a driveway near the beach house sending the water to the rear of the garden, not on the beach. Pete Naventi donated gravel and limestone which we used beneath the eaves of the beach house to catch rain water.

Our lifeguarding staff consisted of Head Guard Steve Laurin (back for his ninth year), David Forrest, Greg Krupka and Katie Daoust. Another guard, Sarah Knowles, resigned from her job for personal reasons in late July and was competently replaced by Karen Brack. The staff performed nine rescues and treated a number of minor injuries and sunburns. There were no major accidents.

Lee Central Pre-School held their annual picnic at the beach in early June. The South Lee Fire Department scheduled a picnic in July but, sadly, were rained out. We urge present and former Lee families and their guests to use the picnic grove for their outings, birthdays and reunions.

There are so many people to thank we apologize in advance for those we may have missed. Even the tiniest act of kindness has not gone unnoticed even though it may not be recognized here. Our gratitude goes to the H. George Wilde family of High Lawn Farm for the use of their peerless land, to Gordon Griffin and staff at Schweitzer-Mauduit International for their helpfulness while the public uses their road, town officials and representatives and their very patient town hall staff, Henry's Electric, George Inman and family, Tim Gray, Wendy Barash and Callie and Corey, the County Commissioners for prompt weeding, Lee Hardware, Dresser Hull, Jack's Department Store, Lee Kiwanis and Knights of Columbus for their yearly clean-up, hardworking Rita and Dick at Dupras Liquor Store, Price Chopper, Penny Saver and Sharon Davenport for help with flowers.

One more season of blue water, blue hills, colorful flowers and the shout of happy swimmers has gone. One more to look forward to.

Respectfully submitted,

DeeDee Consolati, ***Chair***

Beach Committee Members:
Linda Cysz
Bill Abderhalden
Dave Dobson
Dave Babcock

VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

Appropriations:

Veterans' Benefits	$22,153.45
Expended	17,412.32
Returned to Treasury	4,741.13
75% Returned from State	13,059.24
Cost to Town of Lee	4,353.08

Appropriations for Administrative Expenses:

Salary	3,512.00
Office	600.00
Expended	599.83
Returned to Treasury	.17

The Veterans' Services office continues to fluctuate from year to year. Most inquiries for assistance in the past year have been referred to other agencies which handle specific needs of the individuals. Veterans looking to retirement always have questions regarding benefits available to them at this time. Lost discharge papers are on of the most requested items handled through the office especially when seeking retirement benefits.

Although unemployment rates are down in the area, there are still a certain number of veterans who seem to fall into the cracks of the system and need assistance until their circumstances change.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Dadak
Veterans' Agent

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the services performed in the Town of Lee during the calendar year 1997.

HOME VISITS	VISITS
Skilled Nursing	3,841
Physical Therapy	485
Speech Therapy	6
Occupational Therapy	207
Medical Social Work	109
Nutritionist	5
Maternal Child Health	29
Home Health Aide	5,448 visits (6,783 hrs.)
Homemaker	43 visits (42 hrs.)
Personal Care Attendant	114 visits (114 hrs.)
SCHOOL NURSING/ST. MARY'S	146.25 hrs.
OFFICE VISITS	1
HEALTH PROMOTION VISITS/HOME	1
ASSESSMENT VISIT/HOME	3

CLINICS	SESSIONS	ATTENDANCE
Flu/Pneumonia	5	435/27
Blood Pressure	71	964
Immunization	6	60

In addition the Lee Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. provided flu immunizations for the employees of Boyd Converting.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Schutzmann, RN, MSN, ***Executive Director***
Betty Chludzinski, RN, MS, ***Associate Director***

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BERKSHIRE, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Lee, Greetings:

In the name of said Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify all of the inhabitants of the Town of Lee, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the **Lee High School** on **Thursday, May 14, 1998 at the hour of 7:30 p.m.** in the evening, for the purposes then and there, to take action upon the following Articles, namely:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1 - To receive the reports of the Selectmen, Town Accountant and the other officers, boards, commissions and committees of the Town:

ARTICLE 2 - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for any other necessary changes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
114 Moderator				
Salaries	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 114	***150.00***	***150.00***	***150.00***	***150.00***
122 Selectmen				
Salary Full Time	20,014.30	20,919.00	21,547.00	21,547.00
Salaries Elected Officials	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,30.00	6,300.00
Expenses	5,017.16	5,329.00	5,435.00	5,435.00
Total 122	***31,331.46***	***32,548.00***	***32,282.00***	***32,282.00***
123 Town Administrator				
Salaries	50,151.13	51,208.00	54,000.00	54,000.00
Expenses	3,978.00	4,058.00	4,138.00	4,138.00
Total 123	***54,129.13***	***55,266.00***	***58,138.00***	***58,138.00***
131 Finance Committee				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	305.79	500.00	500.00	500.00
Total 131	***305.79***	***500.00***	***500.00***	***500.00***
132 Reserve Fund				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total 132	***20,000.00***	***20,000.00***	***20,000.00***	***20,000.00***
135 Town Accountant				
Salaries	23,563.00	24,209.00	24,935.00	24,935.00
Expenses	15,346.87	15,759.00	16,035.00	16,035.00
Total 135	***38,909.87***	***39,968.00***	***40,970.00***	***40,970.00***

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
141 Assessors				
Salary - Full time	32,773.00	36,772.00	37,875.00	37,432.00
Salaries - Officials	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00
Salary - Clerk	4160.76	9,910.00	18,746.00	18,802.00
Expenses	10,767.65	16,905.00	17,240.00	15,040.00
Total 141	***54,901.41***	***70,787.00***	***81,061.00***	***78,474.00***
145 Treasurer				
Salaries	22,960.00	23,419.00	19,408.00	24,733.00
Expenses	5,271.60	4,370.00	5,250.00	5,250.00
Total 145	***28,231.60***	***27,789.00***	***24,658.00***	***29,983.00***
146 Collector				
Salary F/T	28,270.09	28,835.51	36,463.98	29,701.00
Salary P/T	7,698.96	7,852.94	8,344.80	8,089.00
Expenses	12,944.34	13,436.55	13,705.29	13,705.29
Total 146	***48,913.39***	***50,125.00***	***58,514.07***	***51,495.00***
151 Town Counsel				
Salaries	13,000.00	13,800.00	14,800.00	14,214.00
Expenses	494.00	2,036.00	1,075.00	1,075.00
Total 151	***13,494.00***	***15,836.00***	***15,875.00***	***15,289.00***
155 Data Processing				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	4,510.00	4,682.00	9,500.00	6,600.00
Total 155	***4,510.00***	***4,682.00***	***9,500.00***	***6,600.00***
156 Interdepartmental Asst.				
Salaries	12,937.84	13,598.00	13,598.00	14,006.00
Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 156	***12,937.84***	***13,598.00***	***13,598.00***	***14,006.00***
161 Town Clerk				
Salaries - Part Time	27,153.00	27,696.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Salaries - Full Time	0.00	0.00	26,923.00	26,923.00
Expenses	1,352.00	1,352.00	1,330.00	1,330.00
Total 161	***28,410.00***	***29,048.00***	***29,253.00***	***29,253.00***
163 Licensing/Registration				
Salaries	6,593.25	5,700.00	6,600.00	6,600.00
Expenses	4,831.46	4,684.00	4,950.00	4950.00
Total 163	***11,424.71***	***10,384.00***	***11,550.00***	***11,550.00***
171 Conservation Commission				
Salaries	1,235.17	1,265.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Expenses	860.05	1,225.00	1,225.00	1,225.00
Total 171	***2,095.22***	***2,490.00***	***2,825.00***	***2,825.00***
175 Planning Board				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	2,463.66	3,294.00	3,386.00	3,564.00
Total 175	***2,463.66***	***3,294.00***	***3,386.00***	***3,564.00***
176 Zoning Board				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	1,118.01	1,066.00	1,087.00	1,087.00
Total 176	***1,118.01***	***1,066.00***	***1,087.00***	***1,087.00***

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
188 Lee C.D.C.				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	500.00	510.00	520.00	500.00
Total 188	***500.00***	***510.00***	***520.00***	***500.00***
195 Town Reports				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total 195	***2,500.00***	***3,000.00***	***3,000.00***	***3,000.00***
196 Copy Machine				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	4,006.89	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total 196	***4,006.89***	***4,500.00***	***4,500.00***	***4,500.00***
197 Staff Development				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	885.20	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Total 197	***885.20***	***1,500.00***	***1,500.00***	***1,500.00***
Total General Government	**361,218.18**	**387,041.00**	**411,075.00**	**406,541.00**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
210 Police				
Salaries	49,248.90	49,893.00	51,170.00	
Wages - Full Time	426,232.01	453,928.00	494,318.00	
Wages - Part Time	28,307.87	25,994.00	26,103.00	
Total Personal Service	***503,788.78***	***529,815.00***	***571,591.00***	
Expenses	51,236.16	54,219.00	55,819.00	
Total 210	***555,024.94***	***584,034.00***	***627,410.00***	***627,410.00***
221 Fire Department				
Salaries/Wages	13,277.63	13,720.56	14,132.00	14,132.00
Total Expenses	46,734.53	48,274.44	49,240.00	49,240.00
Total 221	***60,012.16***	***61,995.00***	***63,372.00***	***63,372.00***
231 Ambulance				
Salaries	27,794.70	31,405.00	31,405.00	32,155.00
Expenses	31,493.32	30,096.00	30,700.00	30,700.00
Total 231	***59,288.02***	***61,501.00***	***62,105.00***	***62,855.00***
291 Civil Defense				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	647.02	500.00	550.00	550.00
Total 291	***647.02***	***500.00***	***550.00***	***550.00***
292 Animal Control Officer				
Salaries	8,760.00	8,936.00	9,204.00	9,204.00
Expenses	1,302.00	2,527.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
Total 292	***10,062.00***	***11,463.00***	***11,454.00***	***11,454.00***

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
299 Communications				
Wages - Full Time	97,214.01	103,664.00	103,664.00	103,664.00
Wages - Part Time	12,274.58	8,914.00	8,914.00	8,914.00
Total Personal Service	***109,488.59***	***112,578.00***	***112,578.00***	***112,578.00***
Expenses	10,551.92	10,100.00	10,300.00	10,300.00
Total 299	***120,040.51***	***122,678.00***	***122,878.00***	***122,878.00***
Total Public Safety	805,074.65	842,171.00	887,532.00	888,382.00

EDUCATION

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
300 Education				
School Committee		17,800.00	19,250.00	19,250.00
Superintendent's Office		138,719.00	144,312.00	144,312.00
Transportation		144,900.00	144,900.00	144,900.00
Fixed Charges		7,375.00	7,375.00	7,375.00
Adult Services - Salary		3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Principal's Office		222,234.00	229,401.00	229,401.00
Instruction		3,050.132.00	3,060,630.00	3,060,630.00
Other Services		208,224.00	195,494.00	195,494.00
Maintenance Operations		520,634.00	500,180.00	500,180.00
Acquis./Replace Equipment		39,337.00	34,292.00	34,292.00
Programs with Others		64,532.00	55,252.00	55,252.00
Special Education		817,109.00	851,232.00	851,232.00
Less School Choice		(315,221.00)	(98,877.00)	(98,877.00)
Total Education		5,111,135.00	5,341,136.00	5,341,136.00

PUBLIC WORKS

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
421 B.P.W. Administration				
Salaries	22,339.33	25,252.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
Expenses	532.78	1,790.00	1,826.00	1,800.00
Total 421	***22,872.11***	***27,042.00***	***24,826.00***	***24,800.00***
422 Highway Const. & Maint.				
Wages	67,436.76	84,685.00	87,225.00	87,225.00
Expenses	87,905.27	78,100.00	79,662.00	79,130.00
Total 422	***155,342.03***	***162,785.00***	***166,887.00***	***166,355.00***
423 Snow and Ice				
Wages	77,776.63	81,655.00	84,093.00	84,093.00
Expenses	78,626.18	69,850.00	71,247.00	67,412.00
Total 423	***156,402.81***	***151,505.00***	***155,340.00***	***151,505.00***

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
424 Street Lighting				
Salaries & Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	47,409.14	56,100.00	57,222.00	57,222.00
Total 424	***47,409.14***	***56,100.00***	***57,222.00***	***57,222.00***
425 Forestry				
Wages	988.70	1,000.00	1,030.00	1,030.00
Expenses	14,755.52	11,800.00	12,036.00	12,036.00
Total 425	***15,744.22***	***12,800.00***	***13,066.00***	***13,355.00***
440 Water Pollution Control - Sewer				
Salaries & Wages	103,100.08	118,543.00	122,445.00	122,445.00
Expenses	143,044.27	246,900.00	270,238.00	270,238.00
Total 440	***246,144.35***	***365,443.00***	***392,683.00***	***391,629.00***
442 Sewage Coll. & Maint.				
Wages	4,486.38	16,000.00	16,480.00	16,480.00
Expenses	689.10	4,000.00	4,080.00	4,000.00
Total 442	***5,175.48***	***20,000.00***	***20,560.00***	***20,480.00***
443 Pumping Station				
Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	10,253.14	13,050.00	13,331.00	13,050.00
Total 443	***10,253.14***	***13,050.00***	***13,331.00***	***13,050.00***
452 Water Distribution				
Salaries & Wages	131,241.87	174,914.00	185,507.00	199,517.00
Expenses	320,455.03	505,200.00	467,704.00	504,278.00
Total 452	***451,696.90***	***680,114.00***	***653,211.00***	***703,795.00***
491 Cemeteries				
Wages	6,265.36	38,000.00	39,140.00	39,140.00
Expenses	34,682.66	13,720.00	15,629.00	15,629.00
Total 491	***40,948.02***	***51,720.00***	***54,769.00***	***54,769.00***
654 Parks & Playgrounds				
Wages	4,599.63	4,540.00	4,676.00	4,676.00
Expenses	14,181.00	15,150.00	15,453.00	15,453.00
Total 654	***18,780.63***	***19,690.00***	***20,129.00***	***20,129.00***
192/193 Public Buildings				
Wages	17,238.65	17,980.00	18,520.00	18,335.00
Expenses	42,288.35	45,850.00	46,760.00	44,866.00
Total 192	***59,527.00***	***63,830.00***	***65,280.00***	***63,201.00***
Total Public Works	1,230,295.83	1,624,079.00	1,640,879.00	1,680,229.00

HUMAN SERVICES

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
511 Board of Health				
Salaries - Part Time	1,706.00	2,010.00	2,010.00	2,010.00
Expenses	250.96	255.00	255.00	255.00
Total 511	***1,956.96***	***2,265.00***	***2,265.00***	***2,265.00***

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
519 Tri-Town Health				
Salaries - Full Time		33,962.00	35,874.00	34,981,00
Salaries - Part Time		8,851.00	9,117.00	9,117.00
Total Personal Service		***42,813.00***	***44,991.00***	***44,098.00***
Expenses		5,989.00	5,569.00	5,569.00
Total 519		***48,802.00***	***50,560.00***	***49,667.00***
522 Lee V.N.A.				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	18,411.00	18,779.00	19,155.00	19,155.00
Total 522	***18,411.00***	***18,779.00***	***19,155.00***	***19,155.00***
523 Berkshire Mental Health				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	1,989.00	2,029.00	2,070.00	2,070.00
Total 523	***1,989.00***	***2,029.00***	***2,070.00***	***2,070.00***
541 Senior Center				
Salaries	17,200.26	17,544.00	17,544.00	18,070.00
Expenses	12,283.46	12,547.00	12,797.00	12,797.00
Total 541	***29,483.72***	***30,091.00***	***30,341.00***	***30,867.00***
542 Lee Youth Commission				
Salaries	29,510.42	30,148.00	31,648.00	31,052.00
Wages	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00
Total Personal Service	***30,830.42***	***31,468.00***	***32,968.00***	***32,372.00***
Expenses	954.12	1,013.00	1,013.00	1,013.00
Total 542	***31,784.54***	***32,481.00***	***33,981.00***	***33,385.00***
543 Veterans' Services				
Salaries	3,512.00	3,582.00	3,582.00	3,689.00
Expenses	18,012.15	15,504.00	15,615.00	15,615.00
Total 543	***21,524.15***	***19,086.00***	***19,197.00***	***19,304.00***
Total Human Services	105,149.37	153,533.00	157,569.00	156,713.00

RECREATION & CULTURE

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
610 Lee Library				
Salaries - F/T	37,740.00	38,880.00	38,880.00	39,463.00
Salaries - P/T	8,055.00	6,833.00	7,011.00	7,038.00
Wages - P/T	49,509.00	53,056.00	57,093.00	57,093.00
Total Personal Services	***95,304.00***	***98,769.00***	***102,984.00***	***1-3,567.00***
Expenses	48,816.00	52,089.00	55,663.00	55,663.00
LIG/MEG Grant	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	-5,000.00	-5,000.00
Total 610	***139,120.00***	***153,858.00***	***153,647.00***	***154,257.00***
620 Sandy Beach				
Wages	12,106.08	12,900.00	13,158.00	13,287.00
Expenses	4,805.99	4,830.00	4,927.00	4,927.00
Total 620	***16,912.07***	***17,730.00***	***18,085.00***	***18,214.00***

Recreation & Culture (Continued)

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
691 Historical Commission				
Communications	77.24	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses	394.58	285.00	285.00	285.00
Total 691	***471.82***	***485.00***	***485.00***	***485.00***
693 War Memorials				
Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Expenses	13,80.00	2,000.00	2,040.00	2,040.00
Total 693	***1,3,80.00***	***2,000.00***	***2,040.00***	***2,040.00***
Total Recreation & Culture	157,883.89	166,073.00	174,257.00	174,840.00

DEBT SERVICE

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
700 Debt Service				
Retirement of Debt	404,700.00	404,400.00	379,400.00	379,400.00
Long Term Interest	76,733.98	108,319.00	86,987.00	86,988.00
Short Term Interest	55,108.73	30,000.00	45,000.00	59,400.00
Total 700	***536,542.71***	***542,719.00***	***511,387.00***	***525,788.00***

INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
810 Intergovernmental				
Berkshire Regional Planning Commission	2,745.52	2,801.00	2,884.00	2,884.14
Total 810	***2,745.52***	***2,801.00***	***2,884.00***	***2,884.14***

MISCELLANEOUS - (Fixed Costs)

Code Number		Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
910 Employee Benefits					
911 Medicare	(5173)	35,974.63	33,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
911 Unemployment	(5174)	235.25	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
911 Berk County Retirement	(5177)	264,665.00	256,737.00	297,444.00	297,444.00
912 Health Insurance	(5171)	269,889.11	685,184.00	718,000.00	718,000.00
912 Life Insurance	(5175)	4,533.15	14,500.00	14,500.00	14,500.00
912 Worker's Comp	(5176)	860.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
912 Police Medical	(5177)	1,012.33	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total 910		***577,169.47***	***1,042,421.00***	***1,122,944.00***	***1,122,944.00***

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
945 Liability Insurance				
Gen/Pro/Vehicle Liab. (5742)	48,142.00	48,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
School Board Liability (5743)	1,600.00	1,500.00	1,600.00	1.600.00
Total 945	***49,742.00***	***49,500.00***	***51,600.00***	***51,600.00***
946 Other Insurances				
Police Accident (5745)	9,164.00	9,625.00	9,625.00	9,625.00
Fire/Ambulance (5746)	8,437.00	8,437.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
Total 946	***17,601.00***	***18,062.00***	***18,125.00***	***18,125.00***
Total Miscellaneous	644,512.47	1,109,983.00	1,192,669.00	1,192,669.00

TOTALS BY CODE

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm. FY 1999
100 General Government	361,218.18	387,041.00	411,075.00	406,541.00
200 Public Safety	805,074.65	842,171.00	887,532.00	888,382.00
300 Education	0.00	5,111,135.00	5,341,136.00	5,341,136.00
400 Public Works	1,230,295.83	1,624,079.00	1,640,879.00	1,680,290.00
500 Human Services	105,149.37	153,533.00	157,569.00	156,713.00
600 Recreation & Culture	157,883.89	166,073.00	174,257.00	174,840.00
700 Debt Service	536,542.71	542,719.00	511,387.00	525,788.00
800 Intergovernmental	2,745.52	2,801.00	2,884.00	2,884.00
900 Miscellaneous	644,512.47	1,109,983.00	1,192,669.00	1,192,669.00
Total Operating Budget	3,843,422.62	9,939,535.00	10,318,822.21	10,369,661.14

ARTICLE 3 - To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 4 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriations, the amount of $62,855.00, or any other amount, for the Ambulance Department operating budget, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Finance Committee recommends approval.

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm.
231 Ambulance				
Salaries	27,794.70	31,405.00	31,405.00	32,155.00
Expenses	31,493.32	30,096.00	30,700.00	30,700.00
Total	***59,288.02***	***61,501.00***	***62,105.00***	***62,855.00***

ARTICLE 5 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Conservation Commission receipts, the amount of $2,528.00, or any other amount, for the Conservation Commission operating budget, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 6 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Available Surplus Account the sum of $222,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of providing funding towards the Water Department Operation and Maintenance Account No. 452, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 7 - To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994, for the ***Building Inspector Department*** FY 1999 operating budget, in the amount of $57,106.00, or any other amount, and that the receipts of the Building Inspector be designated to this account, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm.
241 Building Inspector				
Salaries	32,873.35	32,632.00	33,610.00	33,610.00
Wages P/T	6,511.88	9,910.00	10,207.30	10,207.00
Fringe Benefit	4,690.66	8,128.00	8,128.00	5,534.00
53rd Week	0	0	0	1,571.00
Total Personal	***44,075.89***	***50,670.00***	***51,946.00***	***53,922.00***
Expenses	2,776.82	3,126.00	3,184.00	3,184.00
Total	***46,852.71***	***53,796.00***	***55,130.00***	***57,106.00***

ARTICLE 8 - To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994, for the ***Gas Inspector*** FY 1999 operating budget, in the amount of $4,605.00, or any other amount that the receipts of the Gas Inspector be designated to this account, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm.
242 Gas Inspector				
Salaries P/T	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,605.00	3,605.00
Expenses	473.41	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	***3,973.41***	***4,500.00***	***4,605.00***	***4,605.00***

ARTICLE 9 - To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994, for the ***Plumbing Inspector Department*** FY 1999 operating budget, in the amount of $6,585.00, or any other amount that the receipts of the Plumbing

Inspector be designated to this account, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm.
243 Plumbing Inspector				
Salaries P/T	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,635.00	4,635.00
Expenses	772.20	1,950.00	1,950.00	1,950.00
Total	***5,272.00***	***6,450.00***	***6,585.00***	***6,585.00***

ARTICLE 10 - To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994, for the ***Sealer, Weights & Measures Department*** FY 1997 operating budget, in the amount of $2,427.00, or any other amount, and that the receipts of the Sealer, Weights & Measures Department be designated to this account, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm.
244 Sealer				
Salaries	1,950.00	1,9000.00	1,957.00	1,957.00
Expenses	445.64	460.00	470.00	470.00
Total	***2,395.64***	***2,360.00***	***2,427.00***	***2,427.00***

ARTICLE 11 - To see it the town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the ***Wiring Inspector Department*** FY 1999 operating budget in the amount of $5,848.00, or any other amount, and that the receipts of the Wiring Inspector be designated to this account, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

Code Number	Expended FY 1997	Budget FY 1998	Requested FY 1999	Finance Committee Recomm.
245 Wiring Inspector				
Salaries	4,600.00	4,600.00	4,738.00	4,738.00
Expenses	636.73	1,112.00	1,120.00	1,120.00
Total	***5,236.73***	***5,712.00***	***5,848.00***	***5,848.00***

ARTICLE 12 - To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town departments with the knowledge of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $40,000.00, or any other amount, to the Stabilization Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 14 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of $49,700.00, or any other amount, to reduce the principal amount of short term debt, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 15 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Ambulance Account Reserved for Appropriations, the sum of $65,025.00. or any other amount for the second years' payment due on the ambulance building, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Capital Improvements Committee and Finance Committee recommend approval.

ARTICLE 16 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of $24,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 17 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $8,155.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of changing the Police Secretary to a full-time position at 35 hours per week, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee does not recommend approval.

ARTICLE 18 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $2,400.00, or any other amount, to match a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety for upgrading the police department's Criminal Justice Information System computer in conjunction with the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 19 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of $6,000.00, or any other amount, for the purchase of three (3) new air paks for the Fire Department.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 20 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,700.00 for the purchase of a new computer system for the Town Treasurer office, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 21 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $7,826.00 for the purpose of matching a L.E.A.D. expenditure of the same amount to purchase "The Fort" structure for the Lee Athletic Field, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee does not recommend approval.

ARTICLE 22 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or provide from other funds, the sum of $2,500.00 or any other amount, for the expenditures of the Lee School Building Committee.
Finance Committee does not recommend approval.

ARTICLE 23 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash, the sum of $52,000.00 or any other amount, but not more than the actual amount received as reimbursement for Special Education students covered by Medicaid, for the purpose of funding a Special Education Director's position for Fiscal Year 1999, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee did not vote on this article.

ARTICLE 24 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of $35,000, or any other amount, for the School Department's purchase of a one (1) ton pickup truck equipped with a dump body, a plow and a sander, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Capital Improvements Committee and Finance Committee recommend approval.

ARTICLE 25 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of $75,000.00 or any other amount for the removal of the Central School's buried oil storage tank.
Capital Improvements Committee and Finance Committee recommend $75,000 from borrowing.

ARTICLE 26 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of $75,000.00 for the purpose of funding the acquisition and installation of computer hardware, software and peripherals in the schools as part of a comprehensive technology program, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Capital Improvements Committee and Finance Committee recommend $25,000.00.

ARTICLE 27 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the sum of $3,800.00, or any other amount, for the purchase of a four (4) bay swing set and related construction needs, or take any other action in respect thereto.
Finance Committee does not recommend.

ARTICLE 28 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $9,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing a new heavy duty copier, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 29 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $15,000.00, or any other amount, for consulting fees to evaluate and make recommendations concerning recreational plans and facilities in the Town of Lee, or to take any other action thereto.
Finance Committee does not recommend approval.

ARTICLE 30 - To see if the town will vote to raise, or appropriate, or to transfer from the available funds in the Treasury, the sum of $19,976.00, or any other amount, for the purposes of establishing an operation budget for the manning of the Information Booth at the Berkshire Outlet Village, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 31 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of $80,000.00, or any other amount necessary, to adjust drainage structures and construct a sidewalk on Fairview Street from the corner of West Park Street and Fairview to Via Maria. To meet this appropriation either by transferring from available funds, raising and appropriating, or borrowing, or to take any other action

relative thereto.
Capital Improvements Committee and Finance Committee recommend $40,000.00 without borrowing.

ARTICLE 32 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of $10,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of completing ceiling, lighting, overhead door and bathroom renovations and improvements at the Highway Garage, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval of the amount without borrowing.

ARTICLE 33 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of $10,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing flooring in the Senior Center and painting the exterior of the Airoldi Building, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval of the amount without borrowing.

ARTICLE 34 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of $12,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing a plow, frame and hitch, central hydraulics and a dump body for the DPW, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval of the amount without borrowing.

ARTICLE 35 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of $8,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing a commercial mower for the DPW, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval of the amount without borrowing.

ARTICLE 36 - To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $200,000.00 for the purpose of financing the planning of improvements to the wastewater Collection and Treatment System, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow $200,000.00 and issue bonds and notes thereof under Chapter 29C of the General Laws, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof and that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works and other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.
Finance Committee did not vote on this article.

ARTICLE 37 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Available Surplus Account the sum of $150,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of providing engineering services for the design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 38 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Available Surplus Account the sum of $20,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of

repairs and improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plan and Sewer Collection System, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 39 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Available Surplus Account the sum of $50,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing broken valve hydrants and undersized piping in the water distribution system, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto
Capital Improvements Committee and Finance Committee recommend approval.

ARTICLE 40 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of $150,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of establishing and implementing a sidewalk improvement program for the DPW, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Capital Improvements Committee does not recommend approval. Finance Committee recommends $10,000.00 without borrowing.

ARTICLE 41 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of $25,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing the south foundation headwall on the Devon Road Bridge, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee does not recommend approval.

ARTICLE 42 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of $5,000.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of resurfacing basketball courts at the Athletic Field and at the East Lee Playground, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee does not recommend approval.

ARTICLE 43 - To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of $287,196.00, or any other amount, from Chapter 90 funds as provided under the 1998 Transportation Bond Bill, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Capital Improvements Committee and Finance Committee recommend $287,196.00.

ARTICLE 44 - To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Department of Public Works to establish a revolving fund for the Home Composting Bins under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994, in the amount of $1,172.00, and the receipts of said Home Composting Bins be designated to this account, or to pass any vote or votes relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 45 - To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amount of $120,000.00 from the School Building Assistance Program, as a reimbursement of expenditures made on the Lee High School Room Replacement Project, to reduce the tax rate, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 46 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of $18,810.00, or any other amount, to pay salaried employees on the fifty-third week that falls in Fiscal Year 1999, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Finance Committee recommends approval.

ARTICLE 47 - To see if the Town will vote to accept and approve the codification of the bylaws of the Town of Lee in the format presented by General Code Publishers Corp., which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said codification contained in the renumbering, recaptioning and repositioning of the present bylaws with no substantive changes. Such codification of the bylaws, along with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Health or any other board or agency whose regulations appear in said codification, shall be known as the "Code of the Town of Lee", or to take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 48 - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Byaws of the Town of Lee in the following manner:

Amend Section 1 - DEFINITIONS

ADD: "Dwelling, multiple, conversion: A residential building constructed prior to 1962 and originally designed and built as a single family dwelling and converted for occupancy by three (3) or more families, with the number of families in residence not exceeding the number of dwelling units provided."

Amend Section 3.12 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS CORRIDOR (CBC)

1. Permitted Uses:

ADD: "b. Multiple dwelling conversion by special permit from the Board of Selectmen, subject to all applicable provisions of this bylaw and in compliance with the special requirements set forth in Section 7 herein, providing that no more than four (4) dwelling units shall be permitted on a lot."

ARTICLE 49 - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map of the Town of Lee by rezoning

From "Conservation - residential CR", and **from** "Industrial I" **TO** "residential R-20" the following lots fronting on Pine Street, Willow Street and Meadow Street and bounded on the north by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Rail Road and the Housatonic River, (Assessors' Map 29, Parcels No. 94, 95, 96,97, 99, 124, 120, 121, 122, 133, 132, 130, 130A, 129, 127, 119, 117, 111, 110, 108, 118, 107, 106, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 112, 113, 114, 115, 115A, 116, 118, 118A, 123, and 126 and Assessors" Map 34, Parcels No. 4, 5, 6 and 7). The proposed change is indicated on the Town of Lee Zoning Map dated January 5, 1998 and signed by the Planning Board of the Town of Lee, the original of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 50 - To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Lee by adding a bylaw entitled: "Town of Lee Wireless Communication Bylaw", dated October 20, 1997, and amended May 4, 1998, and filed with the town Clerk on May 5, 1998, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereon.

You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Lee qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Airoldi Building on Railroad Street, in

Lee, on Monday, ***May 18, 1998*** at 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to cast their votes for the following officers.

Moderator	One for the term of one year
Selectman	One for the term of three years
School Committee Members	Two for the term of three years
Planning Board Member	One for the term of five years
Lee Housing Authority Member	One for the term of five years

To vote for Town Meeting Representatives as follows:

District I	Three for three years
District II	Three for three years
District III	Three for three years
District IV	Three for three years
District V	Three for three years One for one year
District VI	Three for three years One for two years One for one year

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof, in three public places within the Town of Lee, seven (7) days at least, before the day and hour of holding said meeting.

Therefore, Fail Not and make due return of said Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk of the Town of Lee, at or before the day and hour of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands at Lee, this ____ day of May 1998.

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William J. Maroney, Jr., Chairman

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Nelson L. Daley

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Aldo V. Pascucci

As per instruction in this Warrant, I have posted same,
this day of May, 1998 in three public places.

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Constable

In Memoriam

This report is dedicated to the following persons with gratitude for their many years of service to the Town of Lee

Anthony Simone
Gas Inspector

Dorothy Perkins
Planning Board