

Eighty-Fourth
Annual Statement

of the

Receipts and Expenditures

of the

Town of Norfolk
Massachusetts

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953



With Reports of

TOWN OFFICERS, SCHOOL COMMITTEE

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

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TOWN OF NORFOLK

Incorporated 1870

Norfolk County

Population—(1950 Census) 2617

Actual Population 1719 Prison Colony Population 898

Senators in Congress

Hon. John J. Kennedy of Boston

Hon. Leverett Saltonstall of Dover

Congressional District—14th

Hon. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Congressman

State Senatorial District—Middlesex and Norfolk

State Senator—Charles Olson of Ashland

State Representative District—9th Norfolk

Clarence Telford of Plainville—Representative

Councillor District—Third

David Williams of Concord—Councillor

County Seat—Norfolk County, Dedham

County Commissioners

Frederick A. Leavitt—Chairman

Russell T. Bates

Clayton W. Nash

County Treasurer

Raymond C. Warmington

County Engineer

Wallace S. Carson

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In Memoriam

SYDNEY G. CARPENTER

TOWN COUNSEL
REPRESENTATIVE OF GENERAL COURTS
SELECTMAN
MODERATOR



JOHN P. CONROY

SELECTMAN



JOHN T. HOLMES

SELECTMAN

TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1953

MODERATOR

Walter T. Holmes

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH

Term expires 1954

Charles H. Weeber, Jr.

Term expires 1955

Walter T. Holmes

Term expires 1956

George A. Carr

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Term expires 1954

Ethel Bartell

Term expires 1955

Robert Campbell

Term expires 1956 (resigned)

Francis T. Dineen

(Appointed to fill unexpired term) Russell A. Quist

TOWN CLERK

George F. Campbell

TOWN TREASURER

Clarence S. Fuller

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Clarence S. Fuller

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Term expires 1954

Harry G. Coulter

Term expires 1955

Eva L. Holmes

Term expires 1956

Alvin J. Freeman

ASSESSORS OF TAXES

Term expires 1954

Weston Bonney

Term expires 1955

Henry Schultz

Term expires 1956

Harry Richardson

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Term expires 1954

Edna T. Hubbard

Term expires 1955

Ethel Bartell

Term expires 1956

Elizabeth C. Foss

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Term expires 1954

Fred J. Meda

Term expires 1955

Charles H. Weeber, Jr.

Term expires 1956

Arthur F. Bremilst

TREE WARDEN

Edmund T. Buckley

CONSTABLES

Nels T. Carlson

Alvin B. Callahan

TRUSTEES OF JOSIAH WARE FUND

Term expires 1955 (removed)

The Town Treasurer

Term expires 1954 (removed)

Alice Cotter

M. Gertrude Murphy

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN AND QUALIFIED

TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Harris E. Loring, Jr.
APPEAL BOARD	
Term expires 1956(resigned)	Chairman, George F. Campbell (replaced by) Henri J. Beauchemin
Term expires 1957	Lewis Rawls
Term expires 1956	George Gehman
Term expires 1954	Clerk, Browning Baker
Term expires 1955	Carl L. Fredrickson
Associate Member	Joseph F. Roche
TOWN COUNSEL	Sydney Carpenter
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE	Raymond Hallett
DOG OFFICER	Louis Drowne
FIRE ENGINEERS	Harold E. Campbell
Raymond Cataldo	John McCormack
Fred Howard	William Sullivan
FOREST WARDEN (to appoint his own deputies)	Harold E. Campbell
GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT	Edmund T. Buckley
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS	Nels T. Carlson
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS	Joseph F. Roche, Jr.
MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK	William T. Ray
INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING	Paul W. Manning
POLICE OFFICERS AND SPECIAL POLICE:	
John J. Allen	George E. Howard
Frank Bartell	Lawrence Hassler
George Bentley	John McDermott
Edmund T. Buckley	Joseph L. Cassidy
Albert Campbell	Alfred Green
Harold E. Campbell	George L. Parker, M.D.
Robert Campbell	Walter M. Hobbs
George A. Carr	Nels Carlson
Raymond Cataldo	William Parkman
Roland Chamberlain	James Johnston
Ross Connors	Carl Kuphal
Louis Drowne	George Lockwood
Clarence S. Fuller	Louis Mariani
Frank R. Greeley	Ralph W. Mason
Leslie Guild	Fritz Olson
Raymond Hallett	Eldred Readell
Olga Pitt	Frank Sullivan
Joseph Foley	Frederic Woodworth
Maurice Desley	Richard Woodworth

FIELD DRIVER

Roger Callahan

PUBLIC WEIGHERS AND WEIGHERS OF COAL

Carl L. Fredrickson
Warren R. Gilmore
Elmer Hassler

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

F. R. Greeley

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Term expires 1954

William D. Purdon

Term expires 1955

Leon Starkey

Term expires 1953

Carl L. Fredrickson

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Clarence W. Evans

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS (resigned) Frederic A. Woodworth
(appointed) A. J. Kay

CUSTODIAN OF VETERANS' GRAVES

William B. Pitt

COLLECTOR OF WATER RATES (resigned)

Evelyn Loring
(appointed) Roy Jacobson

JURY LIST

John D. Alexander
Henri J. Beauchemin
William F. Bishop
Reginald Beaver
Elmer Hassler
Dwight M. Church
Franklyn B. Cornell
Charles Curran
Francis Dineen
Philip Lukens
John Evans

B. Hartley O'Brien
J. Henry Shibley
Richard W. Moulton
Francis A. Kerr
Earl F. Lang
Albert A. Leverone
Bernard Mollenhauer
Olaf Olsen
Walter A. Patscheider
Gustaf E. Pearson

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alvin J. Freeman
Olive H. Day

Douglas A. Saunders
Walfred Carlson

Olaf Olson

ZONING AND BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Joseph Roche, Jr. Ernest St. Francis
Stanley Newcombe Roy Jacobson
Russell Carlson

ADVISORY BOARD

Term expires 1956 Term expires 1954
Richard W. Moulton B. Hartley O'Brien
Seth Armen Franklyn B. Cornell
James Longmead Charles Curran
Term expires 1955
Roy Carlson
J. Henry Shibley
Dr. Philip H. White

REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meetings 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8 P.M.

The Medway Branch has been purchased by the Town and is now the only Town Dump. A sum of money should be appropriated to take care of the road going in and the dump itself. Cooperation of the townspeople is required in dumping at the proper place.

The Honor Roll appropriation is still held over. The Board has been unable to compile a complete and accurate list of veterans eligible to be inscribed on the board. This task has been more difficult than was anticipated, but considerable progress has been made and completion is expected soon.

The sidewalk appropriation is held over in order to complete the necessary land taking with work starting as soon as weather permits.

The Town purchased a 1953 International Forest Fire Truck which has proven of great value to the department.

In December the Town purchased an ambulance which is available to anyone for emergency use. It is equipped with a modern inhalator and oxygen tanks.

Main Street construction has continued with another dangerous piece of road eliminated.

There was no State audit made in the Town in 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. WEEBER, JR.,
Chairman

WALTER T. HOLMES
GEORGE A. CARR

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Proceedings Annual Town Meeting—Monday, March 2, 1953

For the Year Ending December 31, 1953

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, held in the New School, Monday, March 2, 1953, at 9:00 in the forenoon under a warrant issued by the Selectmen and dated February 12, 1953, duly attested and posted by Nels T. Carlson, a Constable of Norfolk, action was taken on the articles after the Election Officers were sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. To choose by ballot the following town officers, viz: One Moderator, for one year; one Selectman, for three years; to act as Board of Health; one member of Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Town Clerk, one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, one Tree Warden, two Constables, each for one year; one Trustee of Public Library, one member School Committee, one Water Commissioner, each for three years, one Assessor for three years.

Under Article 1 the following were elected:

MODERATOR—Walter T. Holmes

SELECTMAN, BOARD OF HEALTH, for 3 Years—George A. Carr

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, for 3 Years—Francis T. Dineen

TOWN CLERK—George F. Campbell

TOWN TREASURER—Clarence S. Fuller

ASSESSOR OF TAXES, for 3 Years—Harry R. Richardson

SCHOOL COMMITTEE, for 3 Years—Alvin J. Freeman

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY, for 3 Years—Elizabeth A. Foss

TAX COLLECTOR—Clarence S. Fuller

CONSTABLES—Alvin B. Callahan, Nels T. Carlson

TREE WARDEN—Edmund T. Buckley

WATER COMMISSIONER, for 3 Years—Arthur F. Bremilst

Article 2. To grant and appropriate money for all necessary Town expenses as follows, viz:

Voted to grant and appropriate:

1. Schools	\$82,937.00
2. Public Library	350.00 plus Dox Tax
3. Memorial Day	350.00
4. Electric Lights	2,841.23
5. Bonds for Town Officers	223.25
6. Interest	100.00
7. Snow Removal	3,800.00
8. General Relief	4,750.00
9. Roads—Chapter 81	
To be considered under Article 7.	
10. Fire Department	5,000.00
11. Law Enforcement	4,050.00
12. Maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital	6,409.36
13. General Expense	3,000.00
14. Extermination of Gypsy Moth and Insect Control	1,011.00
15. Soldiers' Relief	1,000.00
16. Old Age Assistance	16,500.00
17. Tree Trimming	700.00
18. District Nurse	450.00
19. Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00
20. To Pay the Salary of a Clerk for the Selectmen	300.00
21. For Reserve Fund	1,000.00
22. Veterans' Administration	200.00
23. Water Department Notes and Interest	6,970.00
24. Norfolk County Retirement System	904.08
25. O.A.A. Administration and Social Worker Salary	1,000.00
26. Board of Health	1,300.00
27. County Tax	(estimated) 3,500.00
28. School Notes and Interest	16,080.00
29. Assessors—\$1,600.00; Expenses—\$300.00	1,900.00
30. Treasurer—Salary, \$750.00; Expenses, \$350.00	1,100.00
31. Tax Collector	1,375.00
32. Town Clerk	550.00 plus fees
33. Town Accountant	970.00
34. Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00
35. Inspector of Animals	75.00
36. Inspector of Buildings	100.00
37. Election Officers	100.00
38. Registrars of Voters	250.00
39. Water Collector	100.00
40. Tax Titles	50.00

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town, Moderator, Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Water Commissioners, School Committee, and raise and appropriate a sum of money thereto.

Voted the Salaries to Town Officers as follows:

Moderator	\$1.00
Selectmen	600.00
Treasurer	750.00
Town Clerk	300.00 plus fees
Water Commissioners	225.00
Tax Collector	1,000.00
Tree Warden	1.50 per hour
Assessors	1,600.00
Board of Public Welfare	300.00
School Committee	225.00

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,125.00.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway, or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$5,400.00.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Revenue received in 1952 a sum of money for Water Department Maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer \$3,800.00 from 1952 Water Revenue to Water Department Maintenance.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Maintenance Account or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer \$2,200.00 from the Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance Account.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to provide quarters for the American Legion Post No. 335 or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$250.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate from Surplus Revenue the amounts of the State and County share on Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 projects with a proviso that the sums received from State and County are credited back to Surplus Revenue upon receipt, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer \$20,100.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the adjustments in State and County Tax and overdrafts listed below:

1. School Department	\$273.44
2. Water Department Interest	840.00
3. Norfolk County T.B. Hospital	484.79
4. General Relief	1.02

Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,599.25 to pay the above adjustments and overdrafts. Unanimous vote.

Article 13. Voted to instruct the Moderator to appoint a permanent committee of three members, to be known as the Regional School District Committee. Such committee shall contain at least one member of the School Committee.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to obtain working drawings and specifications for the construction of a 4 classroom addition to the Norfolk Central School Building.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,500.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to re-appoint for another year, the members of the School Building Committee for the purpose of proceeding with preliminary plans for additions to the Norfolk Central School Building.

Voted.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote, raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for improvements at the Pondville Cemetery or take any other action in relation thereto.

No action.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for road construction work on Malcolm Avenue and construction on Geneva Street or take any other action in relation thereto. (Petition)

Voted to raise and appropriate \$600.00.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury \$800 to tar and gravel 2,000 feet of Leland Road from intersection at Priscilla Road or take any other action in relation thereto. (Petition)

Voted to raise and appropriate \$800.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for sidewalk construction on Rockwood Road from Main Street to Boardman Street and on Boardman Street from Rockwood Road to the School or any parts thereof, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer \$1,000.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the construction of a Ball Field at the Central School, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer \$600.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a road sweeper or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted no action.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to purchase additional two-way radio equipment, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer \$600.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a fire truck and authorize the Selectmen to trade or otherwise dispose of one 1921 Reo and one 1925 Reo fire trucks or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer \$2,500.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a new Police Car or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted no action at this time.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town road Carlson Circle extending northerly from Main Street 280' with a width of 40'. Said road running parallel to Rockwood Road on land now of Walfred Carlson or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to accept.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town Road Kingsbury Road running westerly from Miller Street a distance of 1,408', more or less, to a cement marker between land of Curran and Lanois in the Populatic area or take any action in relation thereto.

Voted to accept.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease to Lt. William P. Horan, Post No. 9688, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States the building known as Home Economics Building for a term of five years at \$1.00 per year or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to lease.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Water Commissioners to enter into an agreement with the Town of Wrentham to permit the Town to connect with the Wrentham water system and purchase water from same or take any other action in relation thereto.

Favorable action.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to install street lights at any or all of the following locations:

1. Boardman Street near Rockwood Road
 2. King Street—last pole on street
 3. Alice Avenue—front of residence of A. Randall
 4. Ash Road—centrally located
 5. Carlson Circle—Corner of Center Lumber.
 6. Rockwood Road—in front of Bedard's Garage.
- or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to install all 6 and raise and appropriate the sum of \$180.00.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or by a bond issue a sum of money, to extend the water mains in the Mirror Lake section to the residences of the petitioners under the guarantee conditions of Article 17 as voted at the Annual Town Meeting on March 6, 1950. (Petition)

Voted to raise by Bond issue \$35,000.00 and to transfer from unappropriated available funds \$6,000.00. Unanimous vote.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to pay the principal and interest on the bonds voted in Article 30, becoming due in 1953.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$11,516.00.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise by bond issue a sum of money to extend the water mains from Main Street on Seekonk Street and on Needham Street to the residence of Wililam Evans under the conditions of Article 17 as voted at the Annual Town Meeting on March 6, 1950. (Petition)

Petition withdrawn.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to pay the principal and interest on the bonds voted in Article 32, becoming due in 1953.

No action.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to Surplus Revenue the sum of \$2,200.00 now carried as Sale of Real Estate Funds and the sum of \$5,833.46 in the Overlay Surplus Account or take any other action in relation thereto.

Voted to transfer to Surplus Revenue the sum of \$2,200.00 and \$5,833.46, making a total of \$8,033.46.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to amend its by-laws or adopt new by-laws or amend its Zoning By-laws or adopt new Zoning By-laws or take any other action relating thereto.

ADJOURNED TOWN MEETING

March 23, 1953

Opened by the Moderator at 8 P.M.

The report and recommendations of the By-Law Committee were read and taken up by sections and changes and corrections made; finally voted unanimously that they be adopted as corrected.

Article 36. To see if the Town will choose any Committee or to hear or act on the report of any Committee or Town Officer or to instruct any Committee or Town Officer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

A true copy.

Attest:

GEORGE F. CAMPBELL,
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, July 29, 1953

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk qualified to vote in Town Affairs, held in the Central School Wednesday, July 29, 1953 at 8:00 P. M. under a warrant issued by the Selectmen and dated July 20, 1953 duly attested and posted by Nels T. Carlson, Constable of Norfolk, action was taken on the following article,

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 434 of the Acts of the General Court of Mass. for the calendar year of 1953, "An Act Relative to Rent Control", such vote to include a declaration that a substantial shortage of rental housing accommodation exists in the Town of Norfolk, and that the control of rents in said Town is necessary in the public interest.

Meeting opened by Walter T. Holmes, Moderator, at 8:00.

Voted unanimously not to have any controls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

A true record. Attest:

GEORGE F. CAMPBELL,
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Monday, October 5, 1953

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either Constable in the Town of Norfolk, in said County,
Greetings:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn inhabitants of Norfolk, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Central School on Monday, October 5, 1953 at 8:00 P. M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing an addition to the Norfolk Central School Building and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town road, Spring Street, running in an easterly direction from Alice Avenue to Seekonk Street, and 200' running in a westerly direction from Alice Avenue or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to change its Zoning By-Laws by changing from a residential district to an industrial district the following: Two lots of land totaling approximately 8½ acres on property known as the Franklin-Norfolk Airport and shown on Plan of Land in Norfolk by Ernest W. Branch, C.E., August 7, 1952 and further described as follows: First Lot approximately 8.35 acres having upon it a hangar building and smaller buildings and bounded as follows: Southerly 325 feet by lot A1 shown on said Plan: Northerly by various lots shown on said Plan 369.75 feet: Westerly by various lots shown on said Plan 1,202 feet. Second Lot A-395 on said Plan.

Hereof, fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town this 17th day of September.

CHARLES W. WEEBER, JR., Chairman
WALTER T. HOLMES
GEORGE A. CARR

Selectmen of Norfolk

Norfolk, Mass., September 24, 1953.

By virtue of the within warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk to meet in the Central School Monday, October 5, 1953, for the purpose within mentioned by posting attested copies in the several places as provided in the By-Laws of the Town.

NELS T. CARLSON,
Constable of Norfolk

A true copy; Attest:

GEORGE F. CAMPBELL,
Town Clerk

Meeting opened by the Moderator, Walter T. Holmes, at 8:00 P.M.

Article 1. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing an addition to the Norfolk Central School Building and to determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or by borrowing under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Vote: Voted unanimously that the sum of \$105,000 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing an addition to the Norfolk Central School Building, all substantially in accordance with a plan submitted to the Building Committee by M. A. Dyer & Company; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$15,000.00 to be transferred from surplus revenue and that the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$90,000 under authority of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and to issue bonds or notes of the town therefor payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first bond or note. Be it further Voted: That the Building Committee appointed under Article 15 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held on March 16, 1953, be authorized to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements to carry out the work. Unanimous vote.

Article 2. Unanimously voted to accept as a Town road, Spring Street, running in an easterly direction from Alice Avenue to Seekonk Street and running in a westerly direction from Alice Avenue 200 feet.

Article 3. Unanimously voted to change its Zoning By-Laws by changing from a residential district to an industrial district the following: Two lots of land totaling approximately 8½ acres on property known as the Franklin-Norfolk Airport and shown on plan of Land in Norfolk by Ernest W. Branch, C. E. August 7, 1952 and further described as follows: First Lot approximately 8.35 acres having upon it a hangar building and smaller buildings and bounded as follows: Southerly 325 feet, by Lot AI shown on said plan, Northerly by various lots shown on said Plan 369.75 feet, Westerly by various lots shown on said plan 1,202.85 feet. Second Lot A-395 on said plan.

Adjourned 8:30 P.M.

A true copy. Attest.

GEORGE F. CAMPBELL,
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

Monday, December 28, 1953

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either Constable in the Town of Norfolk, in said County,

Greetings:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn inhabitants of Norfolk, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble in the Central School on Monday the 28th day of December, 1953 at 8 P. M. then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to purchase an ambulance with permission granted to trade the present Town Ambulance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Hereof, fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

GEORGE A. CARR
WALTER T. HOLMES
CHARLES H. WEEBER, JR.
Selectmen of Norfolk

Norfolk, Mass., Dec. 19, 1953

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk to meet in Central School on Monday, December 28, 1953, for the purpose within mentioned by posting attested copies in the several places as provided in the By-Laws of the Town.

NELS T. CARLSON
Constable of Norfolk

The meeting opened at 8 P. M. by the Moderator.

Voted: The town transfer the sum of \$2500.00 from available money to purchase the former Town of Wrentham ambulance and to turn in the present town ambulance in trade.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

A true record. Attest:

GEORGE F. CAMPBELL,
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

General Laws, Chapter 46, Sec. 6

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born. Blanks may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN NORFOLK DURING 1953

Date	Name of Child	Names of Parents
1952		
November—		
10—	Patricia Ann Taylor	Paul W. and Virginia Taylor
1953		
January—		
17—	Glen Edward Beaver	Reginald R. E. and Miriam D. Beaver
21—	Barbara Packard	John M. and Jo-Ann M. Packard
21—	Joyce Lea Neal	Harold and Priscilla R. Neal
22—	Joyce Ann Corkran	Donald and Thecla P. Corkran
28—	Terence Riley	Thomas P. and Mary H. Riley
February—		
16—	Eleanor Marie Farrell	James R. and Eleanor F. Farrell
March—		
12—	Mary Elaine Lang	Earl and Josephine C. Lang
13—	William Ezio Zaccardi, Jr.	William E. and Pheobe E. Zaccardi
April—		
5—	JoAnn Lee Preston	Harold N. and Evelyn A. Preston
8—	Deborah Jean Robbins	John H. and Patricia L. Robbins, Jr.
18—	Janet Mary Cribby	James H. and Marjorie J. Cribby
20—	Constance Mary Stacey	James A. L. and Constance C. Stacey
29—	Nelle Elizabeth MacQuarrie	Russell and Ann A. MacQuarrie
May—		
6—	Steven Philip Lang	Edward J. and Winifred P. Lang
7—	Peggie-Lynn Lutke	Howard C. and Margaret F. Lutke
7—	Stephen Douglas Lutke	Howard C. and Margaret F. Lutke
31—	Wendy Lee Pink	Edwin and Agnes B. Pink
31—	Linda Elaine Lavallee	Ovilla and Barbara T. Lavallee

Date	Name of Child	Names of Parents
June—		
5—	Paul Arne Palo	Arne L. and Esther R. Palo
10—	Martha Jane Connors	Paul M. and Mary M. Connors
23—	Lynn Carol Collins	Thomas and Ruth M. Collins
25—	Kathleen Mullaney	William and Imelda M. Mullaney
July—		
13—	Paul James Murphy	Wm. Florian and Eileen E. Murphy
14—	David Paul Saunders	Douglas L. and Ellen M. Saunders
15—	Terry Allan Morton	Walter W. and Irene S. Morton
31—	Joan Frances Cronin	Arthur F. and Doris W. Cronin
August—		
1—	Walter Elliot Ross	Leonard J. and Dorothy M. Ross
11—	Ginger Lee Packard	William D. and Doris A. Packard
12—	Dennis Leonard Power	George W. and Mary E. Power
15—	Janice Anne Hallett	Russell S. and Eleanor A. Hallett
24—	Lawrence Alan Drowne	Louis and Jeannett B. Drowne
25—	Peter Wells VanVoorhis	Lee B. and Francena VanVoorhis
30—	Dennis Alexander Wait'ch	Albin and Mary P. Waitkevich
September—		
8—	Christopher Evans Mackey	Alan A. and Shirley E. Mackey
18—	Paul Thomas Sullivan	Arthur T. and Jane F. Sullivan
21—	Diane Eleanor Candela	Frank J. and Catherine C. Candela
21—	Nancy Ellen LaGrange	Daniel J. and Marjorie E. LaGrange
22—	Ronald Creighton Tibbetts	Harmon N. and Carol Tibbetts
26—	John Keith Gagliani	George A. and Phyllis K. Gagliani
October—		
10—	Elizabeth Ann Burns	William E. and Helen L. Burns
13—	Janice Kozak	Paul L. and Mary M. Kozak
19—	Jean Marie Pelletier	Raymond A. and Marietta Pelletier
19—	Joan Marie Pelletier	Raymond A. and Marietta Pelletier
23—	Christopher Armen	Seth A. and Eloise B. Armen
30—	Robin Christen Church	Dwight and Edith L. Church
31—	Ruth Elizabeth Bremilst	Robert L. and Mary C. Bremilst
31—	David Alan Eisner	Chauncey A. and Christine C. Eisner
November—		
2—	Dale Susan Swenson	Eric A. and Madelyn B. Swenson
9—	John Alan Charbonneau	Thomas E. and Ellen B. Charbonneau
11—	Linda Claire Perron	Joseph and Lina C. Perron
11—	Margaret Jean DiSciullo	Sabatino and Elizabeth A. DiSciullo
12—	Geraldine Lee Callahan	Alvin R. and Dorothy E. Callahan
13—	John Donald Lang	Donald and Elinor J. Lang
14—	Sandra Jean Campbell	Robert L. and Agnes L. Campbell

Date	Name of Child	Names of Parents
December—		
14—	Donald Russell Mugford	Douglas H. and Cora M. Mugford
24—	Charlane Caroline Sharon	Charles W., Jr. and Alice Smith
5—	Robert Call Loring	Harris E. Loring and Evelyn E. Call

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1953

Date	Names	Residence	Married By
1953			
January—			
28—	Francis Paul Abbate Florence Martha Molloy	Islington Norfolk	Edward C. Bailey, Priest
February—			
10—	Robert L. Campbell Agnes P. Luke	Norfolk W. Medway	Maurice P. Meade, Priest
March—			
28—	Francis H. Lavelle Ethel Jean Smith	New Haven, Conn. Norfolk	Carl F. Hall, Minister
April—			
4—	E. Arnold Swenson, Jr. Madelyn N. Brothers	Norfolk Whitinsville	Francis D. Taylor, Clergyman
25—	George A. Bernier Norma W. Jacques	Wrentham Norfolk	Carl Franklin Hall, Clergyman
May—			
9—	Joseph T. Ravinski Margaret M. Calmaza	Norfolk Norfolk	Edward C. Bailey, Priest
22—	Melvin L. Getchell Corinne Snell Radley	Stoughton Brockton	G. F. Campbell, Justice of Peace

Date	Names	Residence	Married By
June—			
6—	Walter Martin Bailey Phyllis Ann Coulter	Belva, W. Va. Norfolk	H. G. Andersen, Clergyman
7—	John D. Cronin Mary C. Hill	Norfolk Walpole	H. G. Andersen, Clergyman
9—	Max Lorand Anoush Condayan	Norfolk Rutland	Emil N. Winkler, Justice of Peace
20—	Albert C. Campbell Florence Mary Owen	Norfolk Foxboro	Thomas P. Fallon, Priest
20—	Virgil Blake Willard, Jr. Lois Marguerite Carlson	Wrentham Norfolk	Carl F. Hall, Clergyman
27—	Arthur Felix Bremilst, Jr. Naomi Velda Hutchinson	Norfolk Wrentham	Kenneth S. Hatch, Clergyman
28—	Thomas J. Donnelly Teresa Kelly	Boston Norfolk	Alfred A. Mullen, Priest
July—			
18—	James Thomas Weir Agnes Ruth Novick	Norwood Walpole	George F. Campbell, Justice of Peace
August—			
1—	S. Sgt. Allan W. Jellison Nancy C. Campbell	Watertown Norfolk	Gretchen H. Hall, Clergyman
3—	Paul Withington Manning Anne Marie Senften	Norfolk Bedford	Leon Converse Fay, Minister
7—	Mariano A. Verrochi Cecelia M. Trank	E. Walpole Norfolk	Joseph C. O'Brien, Priest
8—	Glenn Herbert Minnick Ruth Elizabeth Campbell Strickland	Norfolk Walpole	William M. Connell, Justice of Peace
September—			
4—	Thomas William Allen Natalie Anne Follis	Aliquippa, Pa. Norfolk	G. F. Campbell, Justice of Peace
14—	Charles Woodward, Jr. Elizabeth Kelsey	Walpole Walpole	George F. Campbell, Justice of Peace
19—	David R. Freeman Elsa R. White	Norfolk Norfolk	J. A. Samuelson, Clergyman
October—			
3—	Anthony Perry Mary A. Blizes	Norfolk E. Vandergrift, Pa.	Rudolph Masciarelli, Priest

Date	Names	Residence	Married By
November—			
21—	John Robert Faulkner Esther A. Orr	Houlton, Me. Norfolk	Frederick M. Meek, Minister
27—	John C. Bennett Mary Nell Wheeler	Norfolk Austin, Tex.	Lionel A. Whiston, Minister
December—			
19—	Donald W. Frink Vivian Gladys LeBlanc	Millis Norfolk	Robert I. Howland, Clergyman
19—	Anthony Francis Vozzella Marjorie Ruth Gillis	Norfolk Stoneham	David M. Burke, Priest
23—	Robert F. Eagles Marion (Barton) Schifino	Canton Canton	George F. Campbell Justice of Peace
26—	James Mathew Phelan Carol Anna Swanson	Norfolk Quincy	Leo B. Flynn, Priest

DEATHS RECORDED IN NORFOLK DURING 1953

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days	Cause
January—					
2—	Burgess T. Callahan	72	1	27	Carcino of breast
21—	Herman Nispel	84	10	19	Lobar pneumonia
22—	Jesse M. Piper	62	6	17	Lobar pneumonia
February—					
8—	Eva M. Faulkner	73	2	6	Auto accident
8—	Frank Johnson	82	8	2	Auto accident
9—	Francis L. Baro	61	1	25	Carcinoma of lung
March—					
21—	John Paul Conroy	59	11	21	Carcinoma of liver
April—					
10—	Frederick M. Callahan	76	7	9	Coronary occlusion
May—					
8—	Ovila Crochire	81	0	0	Chronicendocarditis
July—					
5—	Bessie M. Brett	73	6	11	Cerebral hemorr'ge
August—					
1—	Rosaline Perry	69	0	0	Myocardial infrac.
6—	Frederick Paulette	37	0	25	Auto accident
9—	John Thomas Holmes	80	0	0	Coronary thro'bosis
28—	Edward B. Robinson	72	2	29	Cerebral hemorr'ge
October—					
2—	George Hurley	32	2	23	Auto accident
11—	Francis A. Nicolls	62	8	21	Coronary thro'bosis
November—					
9—	Albert Carboney	55	2	22	Acute cor. throm.
18—	Leonard George Ehnes	83	7	24	Diabetis
25—	Sadie M. Dunton	55	5	20	Rheum. heart dis.
27—	Helene Seymour Rockwood	78	3	4	Cong. heart failure
December—					
22—	Stella M. Pacuk	56			Cerebral hemorr'ge
23—	Leda G. Hall	68			Coronary thro'bosis

In addition deaths were recorded of one hundred two non-residents who died either at Pondville Hospital or at the Prison Colony.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Assessors of the Town of Norfolk herewith respectfully submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1953:

Total appropriations to be raised by Taxation	\$178,059.67	
Total appropriations to be taken from available funds	34,586.45	
	\$212,646.12	
	1953 Esti- mates	1952 Under Estimates
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of previous year	\$24.55	
		24.55
State:		
Tax and Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations	209.55	24.27
State Audit of Munic. Accts.	782.82	34.92
	992.37	59.19
		1,051.56
County:		
Tax and Assessments:		
County Tax	3,013.77	
Tuberculosis Hospital	5,546.20	484.79
	8,559.97	
		9,044.76
Overlay of Current Year		5,700.58
		228,467.57
Gross Amount to Be Raised		
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:		
Income Tax	\$17,814.48	
Corporation Taxes	9,248.90	
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	10,489.55	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	661.64	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	8,243.00	
Licenses	1,533.00	
Fines	120.00	
General Government	204.00	

Charities	3,979.00	
Old Age Assistance	12,163.00	
Veterans' Benefits	80.00	
Schools	6,797.00	
Libraries	72.00	
Public Service Enterprises	3,425.00	
Interest	248.00	
State Assistance for School Construction	6,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		\$81,078.57
Overestimates to Be Used as Available Funds:		
County Tax	332.18	
Amount voted to be taken from Available Funds	34,586.45	
Total		\$34,918.63
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds		\$115,997.20
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on Polls and Property		112,470.37
Number of Polls	478 @ \$2.00 each Poll Tax	\$956.00
Total Valuation:		
Personal Property	\$340,837.00	
Real Estate	2,137,260.00	
Total		\$2,478,097.00
Personal Property Tax		\$15,337.67
Real Estate Tax		96,176.70
Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property		\$112,470.37

1953 Tax Rate—\$45.00 per thousand

Respectfully submitted,

WESTON H. BONNEY
HENRY C. SCHULTZ
HARRY R. RICHARDSON
The Board of Assessors

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Calls received	112
Building fires	17
Brush fires	39
Auto fires	5
Out of town fires	2
Dump fires	6
Other emergency calls	5
Missing persons	9
Ambulance calls	29

Equipment in good condition, with the exception of Engine 2 and Engine 3. Both pieces are 1929 Fords and should be replaced in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. CAMPBELL
WILLIAM F. SULLIVAN
FREDERIC HOWARD
JOHN J. McCORMACK
RAYMOND CATALDO

NORFOLK FIRE ALARM STATIONS

12—Center	25—Baltimore and Holbrook Sts.
13—Stoney Brook	32—State Prison Colony
14—Pondville	33—Cleveland and Holbrook Sts.
15—Highland Lake	34—Pondville Hospital
16—Cleveland and Seekonk Sts.	41—Popolatic Lake
21—City Mills	42—Mirror Lake
23—Bush District	5—House Call
24—River End	2-2-2-2—No School Signal

DIRECTIONS

In case of fire call Franklin 145-J; give name, exact location of fire, also nature of fire.

Building Fires — Two rounds of nearest box number will be sounded.

Forest or Brush Fires — Two blows followed by nearest box number.

No School Signal 2-2-2-2—Sounded at 7:30 A. M. means no school, all schools, all day. Sounded at 7:45 A.M. means no school for grammar school.

Firemen's Meeting—On first Thursday of each month. House call will be sounded at 7 P. M.

Boy Scouts Emergency Assembly—One blow repeated four times at one minute intervals. Scouts report to Scout Masters.

Test Blow—May be sounded at 12:00 Noon to test condition of signal system or at other times if warranted.

Police and Fire—Tel. Franklin 145-J.

Highway—Tel. Franklin 1011-J.

Visiting Nurse Association—Dover, Medfield, and Norfolk: Tel. Medway 25, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Tel. Medway 119 after 5:00 P.M.

Emergency Ambulance Service—Tel. Franklin 145-J.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Following shows main portion of work sheet for Police Department for year 1953:

Investigations:

Motor Vehicle Accidents	73
Deaths	5
With Motor Vehicle Department	27
Outside Police Departments	96
F.B.I.	5
Welfare	4
Hospital and Doctor Trips	16
Missing Persons	
Adults	5
Children	9
Dog Damage	3
District Court Appearances	164
Superior Court Appearances	14
Federal Court Appearances	2
Emergency Messages Delivered	26
Motor Vehicle Fatalities (1953)	3

Summary of Court Cases:

Failing to Stop at Stop Sign	14
Speeding	8
Drunk	5
Operating Under the Influence	2
Assault and Battery	1
Accosting	1
Trespass	2
Larceny	1
Failing to Slow at Intersection	2
Assault and Battery with Dangerous Weapon	1
Indecent Exposure	2
Driving So as to Endanger	4
Failing to Stop for Signal of Officer	1
Violation—Chap. 140, Sec. 137 (Failure to license dog)	2
Disturbing the Peace	2
Non-Support of Wife and Minor Child	2
Escape—Wrentham State School	3
No Motor Vehicle Sticker	1
Army Deserter	1
Setting Fire in Open Without Permit	1
Total	52
Town reimbursed for Court Fines, 1953	\$260.00
Motor Vehicle Violators Reported to Registry	62

Would like to call to the attention of residents of the Town the increase such as listed below:

Arrests:

1951	27
1952	35
1953	52

As work sheet shows, an officer has been in one of three Courts 180 days during the year 1953. In addition, said officer must have additional time applying for Court complaints and making necessary reports before and after Court appearances. We would also like to bring to your attention that the Department must cover church services and social events.

This Department feels as a result of the increase as shown above and the over-all Police business that for an efficiently run Department more funds should be appropriated for full-time officers.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. CAMPBELL
Police Officer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The Board of Public Welfare submits its report for 1953.

The total amount spent for Old Age Assistance in 1953 was \$33,805.65. Of this amount \$32,800.83 was aid rendered to the aged living in Norfolk and \$1,004.82 was spent aiding Norfolk settled cases residing in other towns. The total number of cases aided in 1953 was 42.

The combined total of monies spent on Aid to Dependent Disability Assistance and General Relief was \$6,909.09.

A new medical care plan has been established by a group from the Department of Public Welfare in correlation with the Massachusetts Medical Society. This plan will be statewide in its scope and compliance with this medical care plan is mandatory on local Boards of Public Welfare. This Medical Care Plan will be put into practice in 1954.

This Board of Public Welfare will interview any recipient or prospective recipient at its regular meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Town Offices at 7:30 in the evening.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL BARTELL, Chairman
RUSSELL QUIST
ROBERT CAMPBELL

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT AND TREE WARDEN

The elm trees are rapidly dying around town and constitute a dangerous situation and must be removed. Considerable more money should be appropriated for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. BUCKLEY,
Moth Superintendent
and Tree Warden

ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

The Advisory Board, consisting of nine members, appointed by the Moderator, met eleven times in 1953. Six meetings were held to study the Annual Town Warrant, and published recommendations were submitted to the townspeople before the Annual Town Meeting.

Five special meetings were held at which time transfers were made from the Reserve Fund of \$2,200.00 to meet the following emergencies:

September 23	Machinery Maintenance	\$700.00
November 11	Soldiers' Relief	\$225.00
	Expenditures	\$925.00
	Balance December 31	\$1,275.00

The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of the Town Officers and heads of the departments.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD W. MOULTON, Chairman
DR. PHILLIP H. WHITE
FRANKLYN B. CORNELL
ROY CARLSON
SETH ARMEN
HENRY SHIBLEY
CHARLES L. CURRAN
JAMES F. LANGMEAD
B. HARTLEY O'BRIEN, Secretary

REPORT OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

The center of the Town is supplied with water from the Prison Colony. In renewing this contract we will strive to get an increase in the amount of water allowed as we are now a little above the allotted daily gallonage. This restriction could automatically stop any further extensions of the system in the center of the Town.

The Mirror Lake project has been completed at a very favorable cost. The water for this extension is purchased from the Town of Wrentham. The cost of the water to the Town of Norfolk is higher than the cost from the Prison Colony, but we are not limited in the amount of water we may use. The water is excellent and the pressure is very high. There are 40 families taking water from this new system and more are expected.

These two systems combined now serve 183 families.

The water commissioners met with the Town of Franklin's Board to find out what the future possibilities would be for buying water from Franklin to serve the City Mills area. The Franklin board favors this plan but cannot supply the water at this time, due to the fact that they need a new well and need to construct another mile of water main to reach the Norfolk line.

The petition for a water extension on Needham Street and Seekonk Street was withdrawn.

Due to the rising cost of materials the board has raised the deposit required for installation from \$50.00 to \$75.00. This is a deposit only. The final cost may be more or less, depending on the cost of installation.

With the growth of the department the cost of operation automatically increases. We now employ a part-time superintendent, Mr. Edwin Pink. He gets assistance from the road department in maintaining the system.

Mrs. Evelyn Loring has resigned as collector and Mr. William Cavanaugh has resigned as deputy collector. Mr. Roy Jacobson of Boardman Street was appointed as collector. All payments and questions about water bills should be sent to Mr. Jacobson.

The board recommends an increase in salary for the Collector of Water Revenue due to the fact that the amount of work and the number of customers keeps increasing.

CHARLES H. WEEBER, JR.
FRED J. MEDA, Chairman
ARTHUR F. BREMILST, Clerk
Board of Water Commissioners

REPORT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR

Total number of permits issued		37
15 Dwellings—Valuation:	\$86,500.00	
22 Alterations, etc.	23,650.00	

Please remember it is a violation of the Zoning By-laws to start construction of any kind in the Town of Norfolk, without first obtaining a **permit**.

Violation of these by-laws may mean moving or removing of structure thus started.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. ROCHE, JR.,
Building Inspector

COLLECTOR OF TAXES REPORT

Jan. 5, 1954

Board of Selectmen
Town of Norfolk
Norfolk, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find annual report for the Town Report covering the Collector of Taxes for the year 1953. I am not submitting a suggested 1954 appropriation as I do not intend to be a candidate for this office. A new Collector of Taxes might have different ideas so I feel it is his obligation to make his own appropriation.

Please be advised the Town Treasurer cannot submit his annual report for the Town Report until his books are closed for the year 1953. I believe you will have another 1953 Warrant for me to pay on January 11, 1954. I will make up my report as soon as possible after this date and present my 1954 appropriation at the same time.

It might be well for you to know that as Collector and Treasurer I have one (18 year old) typewriter, one (just as old) adding machine, one safe and one cabinet to hold town books, which were given to me when I became Collector of Taxes. When I became Treasurer I received only the Treasurer's books and no equipment.

Respectfully,

CLARENCE S. FULLER,
Collector and Treasurer

Dec. 31, 1953

Taxes collected during the year 1953

	Tax	Interest
1949 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	\$ 2.00	\$.04
1950 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	2.00	.04
1950 Personal Property taxes	6.80	.31
1951 Poll taxes	2.00	.02
1951 Personal Property taxes	147.60	6.87
1951 Real Estate taxes	2,011.30	150.21
1951 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	36.79	.46
1952 Poll taxes	18.00	.27
1952 Personal Property taxes	444.81	10.24
1952 Real Estate taxes	6,830.29	190.92
1952 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	2,046.04	10.57
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	\$11,547.63	\$ 369.95

Total taxes and interest collected for the years 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952 equal (\$11,917.58) Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents.

1953 Poll taxes	\$ 908.00	\$.23
1953 Personal Property taxes	14,855.75	2.00
1953 Real Estate taxes	85,059.82	24.46
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	12,490.55	5.74
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	\$113,314.12	\$ 32.43

Total taxes and interest collected for the year 1953 equals (\$113,346.55) One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Forty-six Dollars and Fifty-five Cents.

Paid Treasurer a total of (\$125,264.13) One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-four Dollars and Thirteen Cents in taxes and interest during the year 1953.

Taxes remaining unpaid December 31, 1953

1949 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	\$ 2.00
1950 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	8.42
1951 Poll taxes	2.00
1951 Personal Property taxes	8.20
1951 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	7.62
1952 Poll taxes	6.00
1952 Personal Property taxes	45.00
1952 Real Estate taxes	1,634.83
1952 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	17.10
1953 Poll taxes	20.00
1953 Personal Property taxes	322.20
1953 Real Estate taxes	8,547.41
1953 Motor Vehicle Excise taxes	1,453.38

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. FULLER,
Collector of Taxes

TREASURER'S REPORT 1953

Balance on hand January 1, 1953	\$ 47,368.31	
Receipts during the year 1953	297,503.93	
		\$344,872.24
Payments, 1953		
Selectmen's warrants, No. 1 through No. 32	\$281,046.74	
Balance, December 31, 1953		
Norfolk County Trust Co.	\$61,823.56	
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	694.93	
Treasurer's Office	1,307.01	
	63,825.50	\$344,872.24

In order to prevent duplication of figures in this town report the Treasurer's Report has been summarized. For a complete analysis of the Treasurer's Receipts and Expenditures refer to the Town Accountant's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE S. FULLER,
Town Treasurer

1953 TRUST FUNDS

Josiah Ware Fund—Care of Town Hall		
On hand January 1, 1953		\$2,968.93
Interest earned during the year		85.32
On hand December 31, 1953		\$3,054.25
Maria Frances Mann High School Fund		
On hand January 1, 1953		\$1,058.07
Interest earned during the year		10.53
On hand December 31, 1953		\$1,068.60
Helen A. Ward Library Fund		
On hand December 31, 1953		\$ 500.00

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Place Main Street

Hours Open

Monday	7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Wednesday	7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Friday	2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Closed Holidays

Books loaned	2314
Magazines loaned	166
Number of borrowers	475
Added this year	25
Fines	\$44.60

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDWARD McCLURE,
Librarian

As a supplement to the Librarian's report the Trustees wish to call attention to the grading which has been done in order to help preserve the building. We shall endeavor to take care of any further improvements this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

ETHEL BARTELL
EDNA HUBBARD
ELIZABETH FOSS

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Norfolk:

The Norfolk school district planning committee wishes to submit its annual report.

The immediate need for our school population has been met by your authorization for the building of a four room addition to the present Norfolk Central School. This addition is expected to take care of our elementary school needs for about three to five more years.

The future plans for our high school population might be considered in the light of the following factors:

(1) Walpole will continue taking Norfolk high school students as long as possible. They guarantee this only on a year to year basis.

(2) As our enrollment in grades 9 through 12 increases—it will be about 140 in 1957—it may become more difficult for Walpole to house our students, in addition to their own.

(3) A regional Junior-Senior High School, embracing grades 7 through 12, can offer our 7th and 8th grades a more complete curriculum, and gives us the desired total enrollment for economical operation at an earlier time.

(4) The town of Wrentham has joined with us to form a Regional School District Planning Board. Wrentham is very interested in a regional junior-senior high school and has taken consideration of that possibility in developing its building program for the elementary grades.

(5) A regional school gives all member towns an active part in the direction and management of the school.

Bearing in mind the above factors, we feel that at some time within three to five years, the citizens of Norfolk will find the educational, economic, and social advantages of a Junior-Senior Regional High School a strong inducement to make such a change in our educational system a distinct reality.

Respectfully submitted,

SETH A. ARMEN, Chairman
HARRY G. COULTER
PHILIP W. LUKENS, Secretary

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT

During 1953 we organized an Auxiliary Police Unit, consisting of 25 members, under the direction of Rowland Chamberlain, and had regular classes of instruction in Police work.

All those who signed up in this unit were given Police appointments.

We established a communications headquarters at the Fire Station and conducted drills from there, by the assignment of Auxiliary Police Units to specified places and through the medium of mobile units we were able to communicate with them.

Our headquarters at the Fire Station gives us an emergency outlet for communications with Walpole, Wrentham, Franklin, Foxboro, Norwood, Westwood, Sharon, and to Civil Defense Headquarters in East Bridgewater.

We now have organized groups for Auxiliary Police, Communications, First Aid, and Rescue.

We hope to continue building our programs of medical aid and nursing, also evacuation and transportation.

Due to personnel changes during the past year, we have been handicapped in the structure of Civil Defense, but I believe that we have learned the value of organization through the activity of Civil Defense Groups in the Worcester tornado disaster.

Organized groups of this type are an asset to any community in any emergency.

Even though hostilities have ceased, we should be prepared for any eventuality.

We hope that we will be able to increase our activities during 1954 and with continued interest, I am sure we will.

I wish to thank Mrs. MacBride and the teachers at Norfolk Central School for their splendid cooperation in organizing and conducting drills during our regional alerts.

I also wish to thank Dr. Parker at Pondville Hospital for his real-live program there, and his cooperation with us at all times.

The Norfolk Police and Fire Departments have our thanks also for their help and cooperation.

I wish to thank Dwight Church for his help as the Deputy Director of Civil Defense.

I extend an invitation to all to join and help us in our program for 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. HALLET,

Director of Civil Defense for Norfolk

REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Annual Report of Receipts for Year 1953

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1953 \$ 47,368.31

Receipts:

C. S. Fuller, Taxes and Interest	\$125,264.26
Water Collectors	7,052.96
Licenses	1,533.50
U. S. Government—Federal Grants:	
Old Age Assistance	13,754.50
Old Age Assistance Refund	3,496.66
Aid to Dependent Children	1,278.31
Health Subsidies	581.43
Corporation Business Tax	9,128.90
Commonwealth of Mass. State Grants:	
Old Age Assistance	14,955.43
Aid to Dependent Children	966.97
Disability Assistance	979.09
Veterans' Benefits	311.06
Reimbursement of Loss on Taxes	10,961.31
Reimbursement of Imposed Tax	2,830.60
Reimbursement of High School Transportation	7,669.35
Massachusetts School Aid	6,099.53
Chapter 81	9,420.71
Chapter 90	4,999.92
Income Tax	17,268.88
Old Age Tax—Meals	814.05
Disability Assistance	492.75
County Grants:	
Chapter 90	2,999.95
Dog Licenses	452.43
Public Welfare from Cities and Towns	1,717.91
Norfolk County Retirement Fund	1,439.99
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Fund	1,704.82
Massachusetts Teachers Annuities	11.50
Federal Withholding Tax	7,704.05
Community Milk Fund	985.25
Highway Machinery Fund	2,498.14
Tax Titles Redeemed	275.88
Permits—Building	76.00

Fees—Sealer of Weights and Measures	28.15	
Fees—Dog Licenses	731.00	
Fines—Library	42.20	
Sale of Fire Truck	40.00	
Rent of School Auditorium	80.00	
Discharge of Mortgage	540.00	
Municipal Liens	10.00	
Interest on Helen A. Ward Fund	13.13	
Checks Cancelled on Old Age Assistance	453.39	
Checks Cancelled (Returned to cash)	5.00	
Reimbursement—Parker Paul	60.31	
Court Fines	260.00	
Interest and Fees—Tax Title	88.61	
Insurance Dividends	321.40	
Bond Issue: Mirror Lake Water	35,000.00	
Accrued Interest	104.65	
		<u>297,503.93</u>
Total Cash Available		<u>\$344,872.24</u>

REPORT OF SELECTMEN'S EXPENDITURES

Schools

George C. Roy	\$ 3,049.92	
Teachers' Salaries	33,526.00	
Committee Salaries	225.00	
Nurse	608.00	
School Health	116.17	
Janitors' Salaries	2,412.00	
		<u>\$39,937.09</u>
Transportation:		
Bus	8,585.44	
Train	291.78	
Miscellaneous	40.00	
		<u>8,917.22</u>
Tuition:		
Walpole High	25,715.06	
Boston Trade	679.92	
		<u>26,394.98</u>
Text Books	1,216.46	
Supplies	2,753.44	
Fuel	969.47	

Lights	763.79	
Gas	46.50	
Traveling Expenses	495.86	
Telephones	216.84	
Insurance	509.41	
School Census	50.00	
Repairs	514.72	
New Furnishings	54.00	
General Expenses	345.96	
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		7,936.45

Total School \$83,185.74

Spec. and Drawings: School Addition 2,500.00
School Ball Field 471.47

Library

Librarian	\$ 245.00	
Books and Periodicals	346.01	
Supplies	22.04	
Fuel	94.50	
Janitor	27.00	
Insurance	14.50	
Landscaping	52.90	
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Total Library		\$ 801.95

Town Officers

Selectmen	\$ 600.00	
Town Clerk	300.00	
Recording Fees	130.00	
Supplies	118.81	
Town Treasurer	750.00	
Supplies	330.93	
Miscellaneous	9.48	
Tax Collector	1,000.00	
Supplies	282.98	
Deputy	61.00	
Surety Bond	5.00	
Miscellaneous	2.00	
Assessors	1,600.00	
Supplies	110.31	
Clerk	130.25	
Registry of Deeds	58.76	
Board of Welfare Adm.	299.98	
Water Commissioners	225.00	

Water Collector	100.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00	
Inspector of Animals	75.00	
Inspector of Buildings	100.00	
Election Officers	86.00	
Registrars of Voters	228.50	
Miscellaneous	4.80	
Town Accountant	720.00	
Supplies	57.26	
Equipment	165.00	
Miscellaneous	3.48	
Selectmen's Clerk	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,904.54

Memorial Day

Flowers	\$ 39.00	
Franklin Band	100.00	
General Expense	210.27	
	<hr/>	\$ 349.27

Chapter 81 Roads — Town

Wages	\$ 1,413.60	
Insurance	609.16	
Equipment and Repairs	30.84	
All Other	43.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,096.95

Chapter 81 Roads — State

Wages	\$ 8,832.80	
Shovel Hire	192.00	
Machinery Fund	921.25	
Stone, Gravel and Sand	2,264.28	
Equipment and Repairs	220.09	
Oil and Tar	3,267.46	
All Other	52.12	
	<hr/>	\$15,750.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance—1953

Wages	\$ 1,689.11	
Asphalt, Gravel, etc.	1,185.36	
Machinery Fund	125.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,999.97

Chapter 90 Construction—1953

Wages	\$ 2,672.85	
Shovel Hire	743.50	
Asphalt, Gravel, etc.	477.01	
Machinery Fund	1,458.25	
Materials	253.14	
All Other	6.82	
		\$ 5,611.57

Leland Road

Wages	\$ 523.80	
Materials	275.77	
		\$ 799.57

Malcolm Street

Wages	\$ 377.10	
Materials	64.32	
		\$ 441.42

Snow Removal

Wages	\$ 2,267.55	
Repairs	368.28	
Equipment	534.68	
Gas and Oil	355.80	
Materials	99.61	
Miscellaneous	25.13	
		\$ 3,651.05

Machinery Maintenance

Gas and Oil	\$1,350.30	
Repairs	713.03	
Equipment	801.36	
All Other	22.04	
		\$ 2,886.73

New Equipment

New Fire Truck	\$ 2,444.63	\$ 2,444.63
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Street Lighting

Boston Edison Company	\$ 3,076.15	\$ 3,076.15
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Bonds for Town Officers

Treasurer, Clerk, and Tax Collector	\$ 223.25	\$ 223.25
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Fire Department

Wages	\$ 2,412.00	
Fuel	240.12	
Lights	111.63	
Telephone	145.15	
Insurance	445.66	
Supplies	672.94	
Gasoline	79.86	
Equipment	536.60	
Repairs	266.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,910.46

Law Enforcement

Wages	\$ 2,784.00	
Town of Franklin: Police Radio	377.40	
Gas and Oil	190.94	
Equipment	217.51	
Repairs	68.47	
Fuel and Lights	23.50	
Telephone	128.23	
Insurance	179.34	
Other Expenses	79.74	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,049.13

Gypsy Moth and Tree Trimming

Wages	\$ 1,325.04	
Insecticides	166.00	
Insurance	101.23	
Supplies	118.73	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,711.00

Water Maintenance

Wages	\$ 711.15	
State Prison—Water	663.99	
Town of Wrentham—Water	18.63	
Dues	10.00	
Shovel Hire	167.00	
Insurance	45.87	
Pipe and Fittings	572.98	
Equipment	53.16	
Printing and Other Expenses	51.77	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,294.55

Water—Carlson Development—Final

Outside Contractors	\$ 11.43	\$ 11.43
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Water—Holbrook Street—Final

Outside Contractors	\$ 65.29	\$ 65.29
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Water—Mirror Lake Extension

Wages	\$ 1,514.75	
Shovel Hire	381.00	
Equipment	2,633.32	
Pipe and Fittings	21,382.84	
Engineers' Services	1,672.92	
Outside Contractor	6,778.39	
All Other	150.50	
	<hr/>	\$34,513.72

Public Welfare

General Relief:		
Direct Aid	\$ 4,714.35	
Hospitals, Doctors (Norfolk Cty. Hosp.)	625.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 5,339.35
Old Age Assistance—Town Funds	\$16,500.00	
Old Age Assistance Adm.—Town Funds	988.18	
Old Age Assistance—Federal Funds	17,369.00	
Old Age Assistance Adm.—Federal Funds	534.78	
	<hr/>	\$35,391.96
Aid for Dependent Children—Town Funds	\$ 1,225.67	
Aid for Dependent Children—Federal Funds	1,159.95	
Disability Assistance—Federal Funds	492.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,898.26

Soldier's Relief and Veteran's Administration

Soldier's Relief	\$ 1,198.22	
Veteran's Administration	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,298.22

General Expenses

Dues: Selectmen Ass'n.	\$ 35.00	
Printing:		
Sentinel Press	74.73	
Wampum Press	733.95	
Supplies:		
Hobbs & Warren	74.84	
U. S. Post Office	30.28	
Insurance	1,302.00	
Telephone	118.75	
Fuel	176.69	
Lights	63.76	

Wm. Pitt—Veteran's Graves	30.00	
Louis Drowne—Dog Officer	55.64	
David Hall—Town Flag	50.00	
Christmas Decorations	126.52	
State Prison—Signs	20.00	
Cleaning Town Hall	36.00	
Leveling Town Dump	27.50	
Miscellaneous	44.30	
		\$ 2,999.96
NORFOLK—THIRTEEN ...		
District Nurse	\$ 450.00	
Community Milk Program	980.40	
American Legion Quarters	250.00	
Civilian Defense	14.15	
County Dog Licenses	720.20	
State Audit Expense	782.82	
State Parks and Reservations Assessment	309.66	
Norfolk County Tax	3,013.46	
Norfolk County Retirement Expense	904.08	
Norfolk County Hospital—Maintenance	6,409.36	
Norfolk County Retirement Board	1,480.50	
Mass. Teachers Retirement Board	1,704.82	
Federal Withholding Tax	7,787.40	
Tax Title Expense	30.71	
Purchase of Medway Branch	1,200.00	
Refunds on Real Estate Taxes—Abatements	416.25	
Refunds on Motor Vehicles Taxes—Abatements	412.59	
Refunds on Teachers' Annuities	11.50	
		\$26,877.90
School Notes: Principal and Interest	\$16,080.00	\$16,080.00
Water Notes: Principal and Interest	\$ 7,431.25	\$ 7,431.25
		\$281,046.74
Total Expenditures—1953		

Respectfully,

HARRIS E. LORING, JR.
Town Accountant

ANNUAL REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—1953

Account	Appropriation	Receipts	Transfers	Spent	Balance
Selectmen	\$ 600.00			\$ 600.00	
Town Clerk	300.00			300.00	
Town Clerk Expense	250.00			248.81	\$ 1.19
Town Treasurer	750.00			750.00	
Town Treasurer Expense	350.00			340.41	9.59
Town Collector	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Town Collector Expense	375.00			350.98	24.02
Town Assessors	1,600.00			1,600.00	
Town Assessors Expense	300.00			299.32	.68
Town Accountant	720.00			720.00	
Town Accountant Expense	250.00			225.74	24.26
Board of Public Welfare Administration	300.00			299.98	.02
Water Commissioners	225.00			225.00	
Water Collector	100.00			100.00	
Election Officers	100.00			86.00	14.00
Registrar of Voters	250.00			233.30	16.70
Inspector of Buildings	100.00			100.00	
Inspector of Animals	75.00			75.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00			50.00	
Selectmen's Clerk	300.00			300.00	
Tax Title Expense	50.00			30.71	19.29
General Expense	3,000.00			2,999.96	.04
Fire Department	5,000.00			4,910.46	89.54
Fire Truck	2,500.00			2,444.63	55.37
Police	4,050.00			4,049.13	.87
2-Way Radio	600.00				600.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—1953

Account	Appropriation	Receipts	Transfers	Spent	Balance
Gypsy Moth	1,011.00			1,011.00	
District Nurse	450.00			450.00	
Board of Health	1,300.00			625.00	675.00
Maintenance, Norfolk County Hospital—1953		\$ 5,546.70		6,409.36	(863.16)
Maint., Norfolk County Hosp. 1952	Bal. (484.79)	484.79			
Chapter 81—1951	Bal. (247.86)				(247.86)
Chapter 81—1952	Bal. (4,182.86)	4,182.86			
Chapter 81—Town—1953	2,100.00			2,096.95	3.05
Chapter 81—Town and State—1953	15,400.00	275.00	\$ 75.00	15,750.00	
Geneva and Malcolm Street	600.00		(75.00)	441.42	83.58
Leland Road	800.00			799.57	.43
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,000.00	2,000.00		2,999.97	.03
Chapter 90—Construction	2,000.00	6,000.00		5,611.57	2,388.43
Ambulance	2,500.00				2,500.00
Sidewalks	1,000.00				1,000.00
Snow Removal	3,800.00			3,651.05	148.95
Machinery Maintenance	2,200.00		700.00	2,886.73	13.27
Street Lighting	2,841.23			3,076.15	(234.92)
Street Light Installations (Various)	180.00	Bal. 271.50			451.50
Tree Trimming	700.00			700.00	
General Relief	4,750.00			4,714.35	35.65
Old Age Assistance—Town	16,500.00			16,500.00	
Old Age Assistance—Federal	Bal. 7,265.95	15,270.44		17,369.00	5,157.39
Old Age Assistance Admin.—Town	1,000.00			988.18	11.82
Old Age Assistance Admin.—Federal	Bal. 299.23	459.13		534.78	213.58
Aid Dependent Children—Town	2,000.00			1,225.67	774.33

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ANNUAL REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—1953

Account	Appropriation	Receipts	Transfers	Spent	Balance
Aid Dependent Children—Federal	Bal. 2,546.77	359.08		1,159.95	2,745.90
Aid Dep. Children Admin.—Federal	Bal. 68.56	110.31			178.87
Disability Assistance—Federal	Bal. 530.00	1,050.70		492.64	1,088.06
Disability Assistance Admin.—Federal	Bal. 68.62	203.80			272.42
Soldier's Relief	1,000.00		225.00	1,198.22	26.78
Veteran's Administration	200.00			100.00	100.00
School 1953	82,937.00			82,912.30	24.70
School 1952	273.44			273.44	
Drawing—School Addition	2,500.00			2,500.00	
School Addition	15,000.00				15,000.00
Ball Field	600.00			471.47	128.53
School Milk Program	Bal. 38.20	985.25		980.40	43.05
Library	350.00	452.43		801.95	.48
Memorial Day	350.00			349.27	.73
American Legion Quarters	250.00			250.00	
County Retirement	904.08			904.08	
Surety Bonds	223.25			223.25	
Reserve Fund	2,200.00		(925.00)		1,275.00
New Honor Roll	1,000.00				1,000.00
Purchased Land—Medway Branch	1,200.00			1,200.00	
Water Maintenance	3,800.00			2,294.55	1,505.43
Water Extension Mirror Lake	6,000.00	35,000.00		34,513.72	6,486.28
Cleveland Street Project		65.29		65.29	
Alice Avenue Project		11.43		11.43	
Water Notes—1953	8,486.00	104.65		7,431.25	1,159.40
Water Notes—1952	840.00	Bal. (840.00)			

ANNUAL REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES—1953

Account	Appropriation	Receipts	Transfers	Spent	Balance
Interest on Loans	100.00				100.00
School Notes	16,080.00			16,080.00	
Civilian Defense	Bal. 580.22			14.15	566.07
Dog Licenses	Bal. 5.40	736.40		720.20	16.20
State Audit Assessment—1952	Bal. (34.92)	34.92			
State Audit Assessment—1953		782.82		782.82	
State Parks and Reservations—1952	Bal. (24.27)	24.27			
State Parks and Reservations—1953		209.55		309.66	(100.11)
Norfolk County Tax		3,013.77		3,013.46	.31
Norfolk County Retirement Board		1,439.99		1,480.50	(40.51)
Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board		1,704.82		1,704.82	
Teachers' Annuity Refunds		11.50		11.50	
Federal Withholding Tax		7,704.05		7,787.40	(83.35)
Abatements—Taxes		828.84		828.84	
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				\$281,046.74	

OUTSTANDING BOND ISSUES

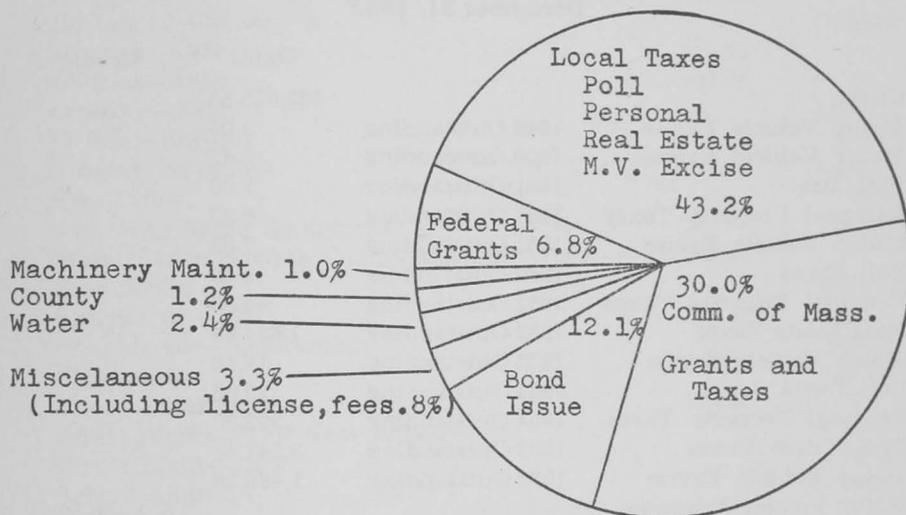
New School Building Loan

Maturity Dates:	
Nov. 1, 1969—2%	\$160,000.00
Nov. 1, 1969—2%	32,000.00
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	\$192,000.00

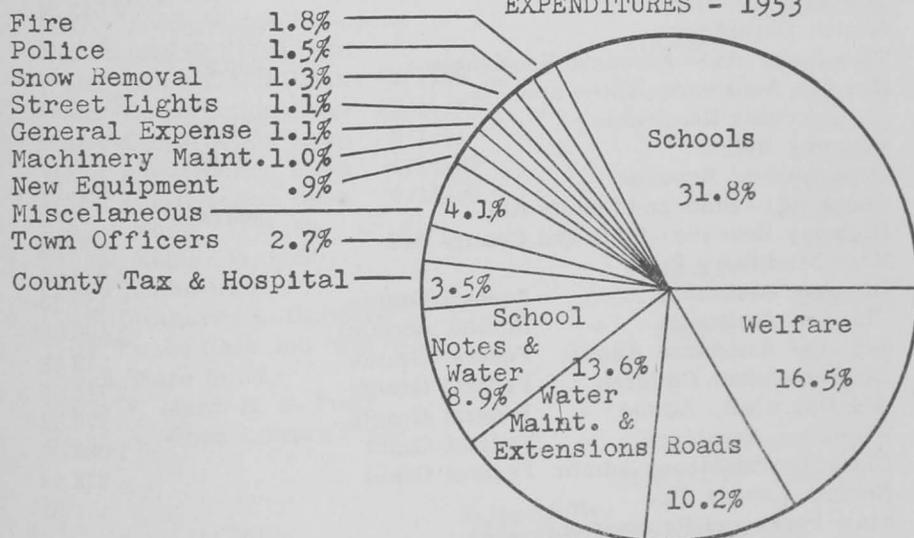
Water Loans

Maturity Dates:	
Dec. 1, 1960—1½%	\$ 3,500.00
Dec. 15, 1960—1½%	14,000.00
Aug. 1, 1961—1½%	8,500.00
April 15, 1967—1½%	23,000.00
May 15, 1968—2¾%	35,000.00
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	\$ 84,000.00
Total Outstanding Debts	\$276,000.00

SOURCES OF FUNDS - 1953



EXPENDITURES - 1953



TRIAL BALANCE—FINAL

December 31, 1953

	Debit	Credit
Cash	\$63,825.50	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1949 Outstanding	2.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1950 Outstanding	8.42	
Poll Tax 1951 Outstanding	2.00	
Personal Property Taxes 1951 Outstanding	8.20	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1951 Outstanding	7.62	
Poll Taxes 1952 Outstanding	6.00	
Personal Property Taxes 1952 Outstanding	45.00	
Real Estate Taxes 1952 Outstanding	1,634.83	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1952 Outstanding	17.10	
Poll Taxes 1953 Outstanding	20.00	
Personal Property Taxes 1953 Outstanding	322.20	
Real Estate Taxes 1953 Outstanding	8,547.41	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1953 Outstanding	1,453.38	
Motor Vehicle Revenue		\$ 1,488.52
Water Rates	3,503.30	
Water Revenue		3,503.30
Water Available Surplus		8,645.30
Tax Titles	3,012.34	
Tax Title Revenue		3,012.34
Health Department	257.12	
Temporary Aid—Accounts Receivable	800.21	
Old Age Assistance—Cities and Accounts Receivable	1,756.52	
Soldier's Relief	12.00	
Departmental Revenue		2,825.85
Chapter 81—State and County Aid	400.36	
Highway Revenue—State and County Aid		400.36
Road Machinery Fund		2,528.28
Old Age Assistance Federal Grants		5,157.39
Old Age Assistance Refund Account		3,496.66
Old Age Assistance Admin. Federal Grants		213.58
Aid Dependent Children Federal Grants		2,745.90
Aid Dep. Chil., Admin. Federal Grants		178.87
Disability Assistance Federal Grant		1,088.06
Disability Assistance Admin. Federal Grant		272.42
Norfolk County Tax		.31
State Parks and Reservations—1953	100.11	
Proceeds of Dog Licenses		16.20
Helen A. Ward Fund—Income		40.13

	Debit	Credit
Norfolk County Retirement Board	40.51	
Federal Withholding Tax	83.35	
Reclaimed Checks		200.02
Overlay—1951	309.50	
Overlay—1952	427.50	
Overlay—1953		1,323.15
Overlay Surplus		640.94
Surplus Revenue		18,676.61
Fire Truck		55.37
Two-Way Radio Equipment		600.00
Maintenance Norfolk County Hospital—1953	863.16	
Ambulance		2,500.00
Chapter 81—1951	247.86	
Chapter 90—Construction		2,388.43
Sidewalks		1,000.00
Street Lighting	234.92	
Street Lights, Prior Year Balances		271.50
Street Lights—1953		180.00
School Addition		15,000.00
Ball Field		128.53
School Milk Program		43.05
Reserve Fund		1,275.00
Civilian Defense		566.07
New Honor Roll		1,000.00
Mirror Lake Water Extension		6,486.28
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	276,000.00	
Water Construction Loan 12/1/60		3,500.00
Water Construction Loan 12/15/60		14,000.00
Water Construction Loan 8/1/61		8,500.00
Water Construction Loan 4/15/67		23,000.00
Water Construction Loan 5/15/68		35,000.00
School Notes 11/1/69		160,000.00
School Notes 11/1/69		32,000.00
Loans Authorized	90,600.00	
Loans Authorized—Unissued		90,600.00
Trust Funds Cash and Securities	4,622.85	
Josiah Ware Fund		3,054.25
Maria F. Mann H. S. Fund		1,068.60
Helen A. Wood Library Fund		500.00
	\$459,171.27	\$459,171.27

Respectfully,

HARRIS E. LORING, JR.
Town Accountant

REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

The Selectmen,
Norfolk, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I am herewith submitting my report for the Department of Veterans' Services for the year 1953.

During the year 1953 I have authorized the spending of \$1,210.22 to either Veterans or their dependents. I have followed through every request that has come to my attention, and have made an effort to get assistance for a Veteran applicant or his family when it was possible. I have found the State Headquarters very cooperative in giving help and assistance. The miscellaneous expenses for services rendered in 1953 have been \$100.00.

Respectfully,

FRANK R. GREELEY,
Director

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

The equipment of the department amounts to the following:

- 1—1952 2½ ton International Truck
- 1—1951 2½ ton Dodge Truck
- 1—1948 2½ ton International Truck
- 1—1946 2 ton International Truck
- 1—1950 Oliver Tractor with front end loader and brush mower
- 1—McCormick Deering Tractor (no longer in service)
- 1—6 ton Motor Grader
- 1—12 ton Roller
- 1—bucket type Gravel Loader
- 6—Snowplows
- Miscellaneous Tools

The equipment is in good mechanical condition with the exception of the McCormick Tractor which has been taken out of service and replaced with the Oliver Tractor. The 1946 International Truck should be traded for a new truck as it is in need of major repairs.

The work program was completed, except for Main Street, Chapter 90 Construction. The work on Main Street was stopped because of weather conditions and the completion date extended until June 1, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

AZOR J. KAY,
Superintendent of Streets

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

School Committee

and

Superintendent of Schools

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1953

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Norfolk:

The School Committee submits its Annual Report.

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at the Principal's Office at 7:30 P.M. on the Thursday evening before the fourth Monday of each month, except during July and August. Special meetings are also held when necessary

The School Committee wishes to again call to the attention of all residents of Norfolk, a rule of many years standing, relative to the entrance age of children to our elementary school. A somewhat similar rule is in effect in every city and town of the Commonwealth. Children who have reached the age of 5 years on or before April 1st may enter the first grade in September of that year. Your School Committee cannot make any exception to this rule.

The school program under the supervision of our Superintendent, Mr. Roy, and our Principal and Assistant Principal, shows much progress. Our courses of study are being constantly improved and modern methods in education are being adapted. Our program of Physical Education is progressing and the results are most satisfactory.

Norfolk is still facing the problem, common to most every town in the Commonwealth, that of constant increases in enrollment. We are now in need of immediate additional classroom space. The need is in the process of correction by the addition of 4 classrooms, which we expect will be ready for the opening of our school year of September 1954. This additional classroom space will greatly aid us in our educational program.

Your School Committee has met with the School Committee of the Town of Walpole and we were much impressed with the cordial attitude of the committee in trying to solve our High School situation. We have been assured by the Walpole School Committee that there is no intention on their part to make any changes in the present tuition arrangements for Norfolk pupils attending Walpole High School, in the near future. Conferences on this subject will be held each year and no changes are anticipated for the next few years.

Our enrollment in the elementary school is now about 360 pupils and the number expected to enter in September 1954 is about 380. The number in secondary schools, principally in Walpole High School, is now about 100 and is expected to be 110 in September.

The school budget for 1954 has been carefully estimated by your committee and it is necessary that we appropriate the sum of \$95,691, which represents an increase of \$12,754 over 1953. Our budget has been kept to a minimum on all maintenance and supply items. The increases necessary for this year are practically all for tuition, salaries, and transportation costs. Only moderate step-rate increases are being allowed for salaries, most of the increase being for additional teachers due to increased enrollment.

The School Committee wishes to express its thanks to the teaching staff for its continued loyalty and devotion to a worthy endeavor. To the parents and all citizens of Norfolk, who so generously cooperate with us, we thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN J. FREEMAN, Chairman
EVA L. HOLMES
HARRY G. COULTER

NORFOLK SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Alvin J. Freeman, Chairman	Term Expires 1956
Mr. Harry Coulter, Secretary	Term Expires 1954
Mrs. Eva Holmes, Member	Term Expires 1955

Superintendent of Schools

George C. Roy, 67 North Street, Medfield	Medfield 576
School Offices—	
Central School	Franklin 1225
Millis High School	Millis 332

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Teacher's Name	Institution Where Studied Beyond High School	Position	Began Service in Norfolk
George C. Roy	Providence, B.A. Boston Univ., Ed. M., C.A.G.S.	Superintendent	1949
Gertrude D. MacBride	Castine Normal	Principal	1919
H. Olive Day	Bridgewater S.T.C. B.S. in Ed.	Assistant Principal Grade 8	1940
Michael H. Cosentino	Arnold College, B.S.	Instructor of Physical Ed. Grade 7	1952
Judy Leonard	Rosary Hill College Boston Univ.	Grade 6	1953
Anne Crowley	Univ. of Vermont, B.A.	Grade 5 and 6	1953
Julia C. Dardi	Boston Teachers College Bridgewater S.T.C.	Grade 5	1952
Anne M. Berkland	Emmanuel College, B.A. Hyannis S.T.C.	Grade 4	1950
Ellen M. Crowley	Univ. of Vermont, A.B. Hyannis S.T.C.	Grade 3	1952
Priscilla Sargent	Univ. of Mass., B.A. North Adams S.T.C.	Grade 3	1953
Barbara Hamilton	Univ. of Mass., B.A. Hyannis S.T.C.	Grade 2	1949
Audrey P. McDevitt	Garland Jr. College, A.S. Vassar, Boston Uni. Hyannis S.T.C.	Grade 2	1951

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Teacher's Name	Institution Where Studied Beyond High School	Position	Began Service in Norfolk
Ruth Fernald	Framingham S.T.C. Boston Univ.	Grade 1	1949
Clarissa Sanford	Abbot Academy Holland House Training School	Grade 1	1952
Supervisors			
Dorothy Wallace	Mass. Art, Boston Univ. B S. in Ed., Ed. M.	Art	1950
Charlotte Roberts	Boston Univ. B. of M.	Music	1950
Resigned			
Jeanne Hill	Clark Univ., A.B. Worcester S.T.C.	Grade 6	1950
Dorothy Cornell	Gorham S.T.C. Boston Univ., B.S.	Grade 5	1952
Eleanor Edwards	New England Conservatory of Music, B. in Music	Music	1950
Health			
Dr. A. R. Stagg, School Doctor			
Nellie Saunders, R N , School Nurse			
School Custodian			
Eldred Readell			

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 1954

Teachers' Salaries	\$37,766.00
Superintendent—Salary, Expenses	3,500.00
Fuel	1,300.00
Nurse	660.00
High School Tuition	30,200.00
Vocational Tuition	1,500.00
Books and Supplies	2,400.00
Committee's Salaries	225.00
Census	50.00
Physician	125.00
General Expenses	1,800.00
Light and Power	900.00
Custodian	3,000.00
Maintenance of Grounds	1,000.00
Transportation	10,600.00
Vocational Transportation	350.00
Truant Officer	15.00
Furnishings	300.00
	\$95,691.00
Total	

Finances

	1953	1954	
Budget	\$82,937.00	\$95,691.00	(Proposed)
Expended	82,913.30		
Reimbursement	24,773.45	25,636.02	(Anticipated)
Net Cost	\$58,139.85	\$70,054.98	

Reimbursements

	1953	1954
Chapter 70 as amended	\$15,348.88	\$15,600.00
Union Superintendent	1,755.22	1,866.67
Transportation	6,464.70	6,964.70
Vocational Tuition and Transportation	1,204.65	1,204.65
Total	\$24,773.45	\$25,636.02

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of the Town of Norfolk:

Herewith I submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools in Norfolk. It includes reports of the Principals, Supervisors, School Physician and School Nurse. This report gives us a summary of the highlights during the calendar year just closed.

Personnel:

Last summer both Mrs. Jeanne Hill, Grade 6 teacher, and Mrs. Dorothy Cornell, Grade 5 teacher, resigned to be at home. Mrs. Hill was one of the original members of the faculty when the new school opened in 1950. We appreciate the manner in which she fulfilled her duties as a teacher for the last three years. We enjoyed having Mrs. Cornell with us the past year also. Mrs. Edwards, who has held the Music position left to accept a similar position in Sharon.

The following new members were added to the faculty:

Judy Leonard, Grade 6
Anne Crowley, Grade 5 and 6
Priscilla Sargent, Grade 3
Charlotte Roberts, Music

We feel fortunate in being able to add to the faculty the above mentioned individuals, and we wish them success and happiness.

Plant:

The enrollment as of October first was 350. For the distribution of this 350 please consult the Age-Grade Chart, October 1, 1953.

With the grade one class of 51, the grade two class of 57, and the grade three class of 56, it was necessary to have two classes at each level. With 50 pupils in grade five and 44 in grade 6 making a total of 94, we have one grade five, one grade six and one combination of fifth and sixth grade pupils. With twelve classroom locations it was necessary to do the following: one classroom is now located in the auditorium, Miss McDevitt's second grade. Under the present plan, the two first and the two second grades are located at the lower levels. From an administrative point of view, this offers many advantages, e.g. the two lower grades have no stairs to go up and down, and use the same lavatory facilities. A schedule has been set up so that the school program is carried on as in the past. Even when the weather prevents pupils from going out for physical education, there is a rotation plan so that the normal program is followed.

With the fast developing enrollment it can readily be seen that Norfolk is planning conservatively with a four room addition which is to be ready next September.

Program:

The explanation of our program in part may be explained by referring to our "experimental report card" which for the second year will be used in grade one. For informational purposes I quote from page one of this report, "To the Parents: Please note carefully items under 'Teacher's Comments' and 'Personal and Social Progress' as well as in the 'Subject Areas.' The development of right habits, attitudes and appreciation are of vital importance in your child's education.

"Since abilities vary among pupils, the school tries to estimate progress in terms of their respective abilities. A child who is doing all that may be expected of him or her and who is clearly profiting by school experience is given a satisfactory rating.

"This written report will be supplemented by personal conferences between parents and teachers."

The subject matter areas for the primary level are indicated on page two: Reading, two phases—Oral and Silent Reading Comprehension; Numbers, concepts and concrete; Handwriting, legibility and neatness; uniformity (slant and sizes); Language, expression of ideas and voice, (tone and volume); Handwork, Art—muscular coordination and art-free-hand; music.

The personal phases covering social progress are: completes work, follows directions, respects school rules, respects rights of others, health habits and general conduct.

The marking system is as follows: O—Outstanding; S—Satisfactory; and U—Unsatisfactory.

There is room for a brief comment to the parent from the teacher and there is also space for the parent to write a brief comment each month.

All of the above is very helpful, but we feel that parents should keep in close contact with the school. Conferences can be arranged with the teacher by calling the school.

If this type of report card pleases the parents we feel that after further study by parents and teachers we may extend the use of it up through the primary grades and with some modifications have it used throughout grade six or eight.

Recently at the Teachers' Convention, a group that I had occasion to sit as Chairman with, felt that the purpose of report cards is for the teacher to convey to the parent the quality of work a student is doing, in relation to his ability, and for the parent to convey information helpful to the teacher if there is any. With parent-teacher interviews supplementing the above, we should achieve maximum results.

In line with the above point of view, tests are given each year, but the important thing to remember is that the results are interpreted in two ways—first in light of the person's ability to acquire book knowledge; and secondly, in light of class norms or averages. On an overall basis our groups or classes have exceeded the national norms. In spite of this fact, we have found that arithmetic, even though the average is above the national norm is one area that we feel should be improved. We have purchased some textbooks in this field and will continue to do so. This year in addition to the usual stress on reading, special emphasis is being placed on arithmetic.

For the past three years we have replaced an additional grade in reading so that in 1954 this reaches the fourth grade level.

In arithmetic, we plan likewise to extend the replacement through the intermediate grades at least.

We hope, in addition, to begin replacing English books from grade 8 down through grade 3 on a systematic basis until all grades have new texts in this area.

In other school reports I have stated that books are the tools of knowledge, so it is well to invest properly in the field of textbooks.

Professional Outlook:

This past year your School Committee and Superintendent attended professional meetings at Swampscott and Milton.

Your School Committee members and Superintendent also cooperated with Harvard University in an educational administrative project sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation.

Your Superintendent represented Norfolk in the national, New England and state conferences, as well as at the Advanced Administrative Institute held at Harvard last summer.

Your Principal attended conferences at University of Massachusetts, Pittsfield and Providence.

The faculty attended an elementary conference at Franklin. Several members of the faculty have studied during the past year.

Meetings are held locally when needed.

Secondary School:

As this is being written, Norfolk has ninety pupils attending Walpole High School; six attending Norfolk County Agricultural School; four attending the Peabody School in Norwood and one attending Medford Vocational School.

This fall we were unable to secure accommodations for our students in the Boston Vocational Schools due to overcrowded conditions. We hope to be able to have our students who are interested in the trades accommodated in other vocational schools.

Before pupils graduate from Norfolk, provisions are made for the students to hear representatives from Walpole High, Norfolk Agricultural, and the Peabody Schools. On the basis of ability, past performance, and interest, we attempt to assist pupils in making the proper secondary school decision.

New Equipment:

The following new equipment was purchased this past year:

- 2 Teachers' Desks
- 6 Tables 60" x 30"
- 34 Pupils' Desks and Chairs
- 2 Coat Racks
- 2 Book Cases
- 3 Bulletin Boards
- 1 4-Drawer File
- 1 Lawnmower
- 2 Fire Extinguishers
- 1 Chalkboard

Most of the above was purchased to handle the additional enrollment.

Norfolk School Calendar 1953-54:

For practical and economical reasons the Central School calendar is based on the Walpole High School calendar

			Weeks	Days	
First Term	September 9-	December 23	16	71	
Second Term	January 4-	February 19	7	35	
Third Term	March 1-	April 16	7	34	
Fourth Term	April 26-	June 19	8	39	(Elementary)
					(Tentative)
	April 26-	June 25	9	44	(High)
	Elementary	(Tentative)		179	
	High	(Tentative)		184	

Holidays

October 12	Columbus Day
October 30	Norfolk Teachers' Convention
November 11	Armistice Day
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Day
April 16	Good Friday
May 31	Memorial Day

May I at this time extend my appreciation for the cooperation offered by the members of the School Committee, the Principal, the Assistant Principal, the entire school personnel and the townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

AGE TRADE CHART

October 1, 1953

BOYS

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Totals	Total	Total in Grade
1F	5	8											13	24	51-1
1S	5	6											11		
2H		3	9										12	25	57-2
2Mc		4	8	1									13		
3EC			2	12									14	29	56-3
3S			4	9	2								15		
4B				4	9	2							15	15	27-4
5D					4	13	1	2					20	29	50-5
(5AC)					3	6							(9)		
(6AC)						2	3						(5)	22	44-6
6L						4	12	1					17		
7C							4	17	3				24	24	37-7
8D								4	7	1	1	1	14	14	28-8
Totals	10	21	23	26	18	27	20	24	10	1	1	1		182	350

AGE TRADE CHART

October 1, 1953

GIRLS

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Totals	Total	Total in Grade
1F	9	5											14	27	1
1S	2	11											13		
2H		8	8										16	32	2
2Mc		4	12										16		
3EC			5	8									13	27	3
3S			5	8		1							14		
4B				4	6	2							12	12	4
5D					6	6							12	21	5
(5AC)					3	6							(9)		
(6AC)						1	2	2					(5)	22	6
6L						4	12	1					17		
7C							4	4	4	1			13	13	7
8D								9	5				14	14	8
Totals	11	28	30	20	15	20	18	16	9	1				168	

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REPORT OF THE NORFOLK CENTRAL SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In this brief report it would be quite impossible to list or describe the many activities carried on at the Norfolk Central School. We shall, nevertheless, endeavor to outline a few of the most important ones.

We are grateful that our present crowded condition will be relieved when the new addition is completed. We express our thanks to Miss McDevitt and her second grade for the many times they have so graciously relinquished the use of Washburn Hall, (their homeroom) that other grades might participate in extra curricula activities.

An important part of our school life is the effective use of our auditorium in what is known as the assembly period. Student participation in assemblies take the form of short plays and songs, usually presented before patriotic holidays, by different grades and under the direction of different members of the staff.

Many types of subjects are shown through the medium of the motion picture and slides, from health to safety, geography, history, athletics, and many others. This program is sponsored by the Teachers' Club. The yearly program is planned by a committee who carefully study the value of each film to correlate with the school curriculum.

In observance of National Education Week in November, parents and friends were cordially invited to attend Open House on November 10 to visit the classroom and see the classes in operation. Many parents took advantage of this opportunity.

The members of our teaching staff regularly attend the P.T.A. meetings, giving their loyal support to its activities and plans throughout the year. The awarding of the attendance banner each month encourages more parents to attend the P.T.A.

Again this year the pupils of the Central School will present a program at the April meeting of the P.T.A. The pupils look forward to this meeting as they feel it is a fitting way to thank the P.T.A. for the Field Trips which are provided in the spring. The Field Trips are an important part of the present day school program and are highly recommended by the state and national educational organizations. Through these trips pupils have the opportunity to visit the State House, various historical buildings, museums, Logan International Airport, the Navy Yard, the Science Planetarium, and other places of interest throughout the state. This gives the child a much better knowledge of the subject being studied.

Education in the field of nature and conservation plays an important part in the school curriculum today. Norfolk is fortunate to be able to continue the Conservation and Science program sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Society this year. The course provides bi-weekly instruction in the wise use of America's natural resources as well as a careful study of the plant and animal kingdoms. Living specimens are brought into the classroom to help the pupils understand the true value of each tiny creature. The pupils learn to preserve, not to destroy. In Norfolk the course is presented by Mr. Emmett Cleveland. We wish to thank the School Department for providing this instructive course for our sixth grade pupils.

The sale of Savings Stamps and Bonds is effectively carried on weekly by two students from grade eight. During the year the sales have amounted to \$1,149.80.

During the past year the Norfolk Teachers' Club has continued its active program. The purpose of the club is to formulate and carry out activities that will in some way benefit the school and the children. Just a few of the activities sponsored by the club during the past year are: a Tea Dance given to the 1953 graduating class and a gift of money given to the above mentioned class; an audio-visual program providing several educational films each month. The club also helped to make the classroom Christmas parties possible by providing for one-half of the cost. The Teachers' Club has also taken an interest in the health of the children by contributing to the school dental fund. Plans are now in the formative stage for a book-mobile, a traveling library, to be used in the school by all the children.

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we thank you, the School Committee, the entire staff, the pupils, the custodian, the town departments, and the citizens of Norfolk, for their loyal support and fine spirit of cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE D. MacBRIDE,
Principal

H. OLIVE DAY,
Assistant Principal

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The aim of present-day art teaching should be creativeness, although no two persons might agree as to the methods involved.

The function of the art supervisor should be to round out the art experiences given to the pupils by their teachers, improve their technical abilities, and build for future improvement in the work.

Art is not just a subject taught by the art teacher or supervisor, but a working force to be **used** by the grade teacher as apart of her academic work. Thus, one sees on entering most classrooms, murals, or projects, or individual drawings made by pupils on such a range of subjects as health, community life, historical subjects, distant lands, products, agricultural, etc. The range is limitless. How different from the past, when one saw a row of tiny, identical "drawings" such as houses, trees, flowers; but **never** people and their environment.

To be an ideal grade teacher, one must be well trained in art and music, as well as academic subjects. Thus, the supervisors will be able to supplement work already accomplished, and go on from there.

Creative art work is not just letting the children do anything they please, but a carefully calculated plan to bring out the best ability in them and realize a constant improvement in their work, both technically and in imagination.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY WALLACE,
Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Some of the general aims of music education are: (1) to help the child's growth socially, (2) to create group participation, (3) to provide individual satisfaction, and (4) to obtain appreciation and love of good music leading to the cultural development on the part of the child. These aims are accomplished by a complete program consisting of rote singing, note singing, rhythmic and creative activities, and appreciation through listening. Music is constantly being integrated with various other subjects, as history, social studies, and geography.

By the completion of a child's sixth year in school he should have experience in two and three-part singing, should be able to master various problems of rhythmic nature, and simple notation and creation of songs. The student should also have an acquaintance with, and an appreciation of various forms of music and composers.

In the junior high school these skills and knowledges should be further developed.

During the past four months my efforts in the school system of Norfolk have been devoted towards accomplishing these aforementioned aims.

In December the children of the elementary school presented a Christmas operetta entitled "Thirty Minutes with Santa Claus." The junior high students presented a nativity scene called "Christmas by Candlelight."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE ROBERTS,

Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The following is the report of the school physician for the year ending December 31, 1953:

Total number of students examined	57
Defects found and noted	23
Number of defects requiring notice to parents	11
6 dental	
1 infected head	
1 inflamed ears	
2 tonsils	
1 pronated feet	
Number of defects requiring no notice, listed for observation only	12
7 cervical glands	
2 vaccination exemptions	
1 enlarged tonsils	
1 slight spastic	
1 speech defect	

Two pupils with heart murmurs under observation and yearly examination.

Respectfully submitted,

A. RITCHEY STAGG, M.D.,

School Physician

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit my report as School Nurse in the Central School, Norfolk, for the year 1953:

Number of Schools visited	1
Number of School visits	31
Number of Pupils inspected in homes	21
Number of Home visits	37
Number of Inspections of pupils in Schools	1864
Number of Room inspections	88
Number of Health talks	48
Number of First aid treatments given	7
Number of Excluded—1 ? Chicken Pox—1 Rash	2
Number of Contagion found in schools—? Chicken Pox	1
Number of Contagion found in homes	0
Number of Vision Tests (failures 10)	62
Number of Hearing Tests (to be retested 22)	101
Number of Assisted Doctor in examining	57
Number of Weighed	204
Number of Assisted with dental examinations (89—100% mouths)	309
Number of Taken home	3
Number of Meetings attended	
6 State Health Meetings	
1 Amherst—conference	
1 T.B. Meeting	
1 Eye and Ear Hospital	9
Number of Pupils to Doctor	1
Number of Conferences appertaining to work	28
Number of Puppet Shows	2
Number of Health Movies and talks	1

We were very fortunate in having a hygienist from the State Department of Health examine the teeth of all the pupils quite thoroughly, notices being sent to the parents whose children needed dental care. At this time 89 of the pupils were found to have 100% mouths. We were less fortunate in securing the services of a School Dentist during 1953, but plan to start the Dental Clinic early in 1954, having been able, through the School Committee to obtain the services of Dr. Poirier.

We were very pleased to have an Educational Worker from H. P. Hood give a very instructive talk, along with a film strip on the value of milk as a food.

As a whole the pupils of the Central School seem to be a healthy group and the parents and children are very health conscious.

Without the co-operation of the parents, teachers, Superintendent, and School Committee the health program would be at a sad loss. I feel we have a great co-operation and would like to thank everyone for this co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE I. SAUNDERS, R.N.

REPORT OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Physical Education is that phase of education which is concerned with first, the organization and leadership of children in big muscle activities; second, with the control of health or growth conditions in big muscle activities so that the educational process may go on without growth handicaps. It aids in the development of the organic systems of the individual through physical activities and the development of nerve and muscular systems in general and particularly in relation to control over certain fundamental skills.

It is used as a procedure in education to bring about useful changes in human conduct to the end that a more wholesome and better integrated personality results.

Some of the games that may be used in an educational system are as follows:

Primary Grades (1-2-3)

- Rhythmical Activities
- Story plays
- Hunting games
- Relays
- Games of Low Organization

Intermediate Grades (4-5-6)

- Games of Low Organization
- Team games
- Relays and contests
- Rhythmical Activities
- Individual Gymnastics
- Aquatics

Junior High School (7-8-9)

Aquatics
Gymnastics
Rhythmical Activities
Team games
Individual Activities
Relays and contests
Defense Activities
Individual Gymnastics

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL COSENTINO,
Physical Education Instructor

GRADUATION EXERCISES — NORFOLK CENTRAL SCHOOL

Friday Evening, June 5, 1953

Washburn Hall

Processional	Marshals—Cynthia Quist, Charles Weeber
Invocation	Rev. Edward C. Bailey
Welcome	Roy Kuphal, Class President
Salutatory	
"The Atomic Bomb"	Carol Peterson
Selection by the Junior High Glee Club	
"Your Land and My Land"	Sigmund Romberg
Presentation of Class Gift	Thomas Riley
Acceptance of Class Gift	Mary Lou Pezold, Grade Seven
Trumpet Solos	David Magraw
"Waltz"	Brahms
"Rose of Tralee"	Glover
Valedictory	
"Seize the Opportunity"	Brenda McMullin
Selections by the Junior High Glee Club	
"Artist's Life"	Johann Strauss, Arranged by Robert Gibb
"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"	Meredith Wilson
To the Class of 1953	George C. Roy
Honorable Mentions and Awards	Mrs. Gertrude D. MacBride
Class Song	
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. Harry G. Coulter
Benediction	Rev. Carl F. Hall
Recessional	

Graduates

Penelope Ruth Antoine
Robert Edward Bickford
Gerard E. Bourque
Ralph A. Candela
Faith Clark
Mary Elizabeth DiSciullo
James N. Follis
Barbara Mae Gould
Virginia C. Green
Louise Rae Hatfield
Irving K. Herrick
Richard Albert Hovey
Brenda Louise Humble
Shirley Margaret Kissell
Roy Ladd Kuphal
Peter Marshall Lind

David George Magraw
Brenda Joyce McMullin
Richard Michael Mollenhauer
Norman Nilsen
Carol Diane Peterson
Shirley Josephine Picone
Thomas Francis Riley
Helen Catharine Rokicki
John Joseph Rouzaut
David J. Ryan
Judith Ann Swanson
Evald Swenson
Peter Edward Swenson
Bennett Joshua Wilson, Jr.
Frederick Arthur Woodworth, Jr.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, the First Day of March, A.D. 1954

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

NORFOLK, ss.

To either Constable in the Town of Norfolk, in said County,

Greetings:

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of Norfolk, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble in the New School Auditorium on Monday, March 1, 1954, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose by ballot the following town officers, viz: One Moderator, for one year; one Selectman, for three years; to act as Board of Health; one Town Clerk; one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, one Tree Warden, two Constables, each for one year; one Trustee of Public Library; one member School Committee; one Water Commissioner, each for three years, one Assessor for three years; two members of Board of Public Welfare, one for three years and one for two years; Planning Board, Five members, one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town, Moderator, Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Assessors, Board of Public Welfare, Board of Water Commissioners, and School Committee.

Article 3. To grant and appropriate money for all necessary Town expenses as follows, viz:

1. Schools
2. Public Library
3. Memorial Day
4. Electric Lights for the Town
5. Bonds for Town Officers
6. Interest
7. Removal of Snow
8. General Relief
9. Roads—Chapter 81
10. Fire Department
11. Law Enforcement

12. Maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital
13. General Expense
14. Extermination of Gypsy Moth and Insect Control
15. Soldiers' Relief
16. Old Age Assistance
17. Tree Trimming
18. District Nurse
19. Aid to Dependent Children
20. To pay the salary of a clerk for the Selectmen
21. For Reserve Fund
22. Veterans' Administration
23. Water Department Notes and interest due in 1953
24. Norfolk County Retirement System
25. O.A.A. Administration and Social Worker Salary
26. Board of Health
27. County Tax
28. School Notes and Interest
29. Assessors
30. Treasurer
31. Tax Collector
32. Town Clerk
33. Town Accountant
34. Sealer of Weights and Measures
35. Inspector of Animals
36. Inspector of Buildings
37. Election Officers
38. Registrars of Voters
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41. Disability Assistance
42. Town Dump
43. Town Counsel
44. Selectmen
45. Tree Warden
46. Board of Public Welfare
47. Board of Water Commissioners

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway maintenance to be used with a sum of money allocated by the State, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, a sum of money to be used for Highway maintenance and construction, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Revenue a sum of money for Water Department Maintenance, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Maintenance Account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to provide quarters for the American Legion Post No. 335, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate from Surplus Revenue the amounts of the State and County share on Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 projects with a proviso that the sums received from State and County are credited back to Surplus Revenue upon receipt, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the overdraft listed below:

1. Street Lighting 1953	\$234.92
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or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following streets as town roads:

Cresson Avenue	845 feet
Hunter Avenue	2,000 feet
Litchfield Avenue	575 feet
Harlow Avenue	455 feet
Grove Avenue	400 feet

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to install and maintain two street lights, one on the corner of Birch Road and Chestnut Road and one somewhere on Chestnut Road, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition.)

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to make improvements on River Road in its entirety, or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition.)

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a road sweeper, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to purchase a truck or trucks for the Highway Department with permission to trade in one of the present trucks, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to purchase additional two-way radio equipment, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser with permission to trade in present Police Cruiser, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury or by bond issue a sum of money to extend the water main on Boardman Street from the present end of said main about in front of the residence of Nelson Hill, westerly approximately a distance of 875 feet to a

point of service between the residences of Dorothy Nilsen and Richard Moulton under the guarantee conditions of Article 17 as voted at the annual Town meeting on March 6, 1950—or take any other action in relation thereto. (Petition.)

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to sell to the Federated Church of Norfolk for \$1,200.00 the plot of land formerly consisting of the Center School playground.

Said plot containing 93,650 square feet more or less and bounded as follows:

Northerly by Main Street, 330 feet

Easterly by land of Grantor, about 315 feet

Southerly by land now or formerly church land and land formerly of Parker T. Pearson et ux, 340 feet more or less.

Westerly by lands of Union Congregational Church, 248.59 feet and containing about 2.15 acres,

or take any action in relation thereto. (Petition)

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to provide for spraying by airplane of insecticides for the control of mosquitoes and Gypsy Moths which cannot be reached by spraying from the roads, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer to surplus Revenue the following unexpended balances:

Street Lights—Campbell Street	\$25.00
Street Lights—Boardman Street	50.00
Street Lights—Park Street	46.50
Street Lights—Frederickson Road	80.00
Street Lights—Mirror Lake	30.00
Street Lights—King Street	30.00
Street Lights—Alice Avenue	30.00
Street Lights—Ash Road	30.00
Street Lights—Rockwood Road	30.00
Street Lights—Carlson Circle	30.00
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	\$451.50
Water Extension—Mirror Lake	\$4,800.00
Water Extension—Cleveland Street Project	303.28
Water Extension—Alice Avenue Project	91.12
Fire Department—Fire Truck	55.37

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee to study the advisability of the Town obtaining suitable sites for recreational purposes, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town of Norfolk will vote to extend the school bus route to the end of Mirror Lake Avenue, or take any other action in relation thereto. (Petition)

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to enlarge and install kitchen and toilet facilities in the building used by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will choose any Committee or to hear or act on the report of any Committee or Town Officer or to instruct any Committee or Town Officer.

The polls shall be open at 9:00 A. M. and will be closed at 8:00 P. M. Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, on or before the hour of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town this 30th day of January A.D. 1954.

CHARLES H. WEEBER, JR.
WALTER T. HOLMES
GEORGE A. CARR

Selectmen of Norfolk

A true copy,

Attest:

Constable of Norfolk

January, 1954.

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