

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MINUTES OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 1, 2017

Quorum as certified by Board of Registrars at beginning of STM determined to still be in effect.

Counters as sworn in prior to STM: Maryann “Mo” Levasseur, 6 Leslie Rd.; Maryellen MacDonald, 52 Summer St.; Geraldine Robertson, 598 Haverhill St.; and Mary Ellen Mighill, 76 Central St.
 May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Called to Order by Moderator Joan C. Petersen at 8:02pm

MOTION: Move to allow the non-resident Town Employees, local and state officials and department heads to speak, if called upon, during the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting. These individuals are seated against the wall on the right side of the room as you face the stage, and on the stage, and who will now raise their hands.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:03pm

Moderator Petersen asked Town Clerk Hazen to begin reading the Warrant.

Essex, ss.

To the Constables in the Town of Rowley in the County of Essex, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowley, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Pine Grove School, 191 Main Street, Route 1A, on Monday, the 1st day of May 2017 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MOTION: Madame Moderator, I move to suspend further reading of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:05pm

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. Move the Town vote to suspend in the Town Meeting the application of Section 19 and Section 20 of the Town Meeting Bylaw pertaining to the reconsideration of all money articles, such suspension intended for the specific purpose to balance the total level of funds raised and appropriated within the limitations of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C [Proposition 2-1/2, so-called] and to give blanket warning hereby that any money article may, at the end of the meeting and after all articles have been acted upon, be moved for reconsideration in order to balance the total level of funds raised and appropriated within the limitations of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:06pm

ARTICLE 3. Move the Town vote to fix the annual compensation of elective officers of the Town as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 108 as follows.

<u>Elective Officer</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommends</u>

Moderator	\$100	\$100
Board of Selectmen (each member)	\$2,231	\$2,231
Board of Assessors (each member)	\$2,456	\$2,456
Town Treasurer/Collector of Taxes	\$77,295	\$77,295
Town Clerk	\$54,315	\$54,315
Planning Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Surveyor of Highways	\$75,035	\$75,035
Municipal Water Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Trustees of Free Public Library	\$0	\$0
Rowley Housing Authority	\$0	\$0
Municipal Light Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Board of Cemetery Commissioners (chairperson)	\$500	\$500

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:08pm

ARTICLE 4. General Omnibus Budget. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate **\$16,372,884**, and transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$700,000** from Free Cash, and transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$250,000** from Overlay Reserve, for a total of **\$17,322,884** to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes, Interest.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Rec.
	<u>General Government</u>				
	Town Moderator				
1	Moderator Stipend	100	100	100	100
	Board of Selectmen				
2	Selectmen Stipends	11,155	11,155	11,155	11,155
3	Town Administrator/Pers. Officer salary	106,513	108,499	110,580	110,580
4	Assistant Town Administrator Salaries	51,507	59,570	60,316	60,316
5	Administrative Assistant Wages	11,772	12,732	12,999	12,999

6	CPA Administrator Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
7	Stormwater Administrator Stipend	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
8	Records Access Officer Stipend			1,500	1,500
9	Expenses	29,017	18,117	14,117	14,117
10	Rev. 9-1-1 communication system	4,777	4,800	4,800	4,800
11	Copier/Fax Expenses	6,780	7,420	7,420	7,420
12	General Audit Expense	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
13	Sealer of Weights & Measurers Exp.	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
14	Collective Bargaining Reserve	0	19,729	55,000	55,000
15	Pine Grove School Expenses	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
16	Stormwater Compliancy Expenses	2,500	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Finance Committee				
17	Secretary Wages	945	1,560	1,596	1,596
18	Expenses	176	379	379	379
19	Reserve Fund		75,000	75,000	75,000
	Town Accountant				
20	Accountant Salary	53,918	54,920	56,161	56,161
21	Assistant Accountant Wages	16,529	20,452	20,920	20,920
22	Expenses	5,786	5,012	5,012	5,012
	Board of Assessors				
23	Assessors Stipends	7,368	7,368	7,368	7,368
24	Principal Assessor Salary	83,269	84,872	86,453	86,453
25	Administrative Assistant Wages	24,299	25,072	25,347	25,347
26	Consultant	0	500	500	500
27	Professional Services	10,673	12,325	12,325	12,325
28	Expenses	4,599	4,746	4,746	4,746
	Treasurer/Tax Collector				
29	Treasurer/Collector Salary	74,528	75,897	77,295	77,295
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Rec.

30	Assistant Treasurer Salary	43,584	44,226	44,900	44,900
31	Assistant Collector Wages	17,650	17,045	17,931	17,931
32	Expenses	35,235	35,800	35,800	35,800
33	Tax Title	4,095	10,517	10,517	10,517
34	Debt Fees & Charges	4,665	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Town Counsel				
35	Professional Fee	36,568	52,600	52,600	52,600
36	Litigation	20,238	62,000	62,000	62,000
	Personnel Board				
37	Expenses	67	399	399	399
	IS Department				
38	Expenses	20,702	22,788	22,422	22,422
39	IS Coordinator Stipends	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Town Clerk				
40	Town Clerk Salary	51,993	53,143	54,315	54,315
41	Wages	12,880	15,052	16,385	16,385
42	Expenses	3,544	4,025	3,887	3,887
	Elections				
43	Wages	3,678	6,285	1,725	1,725
44	Expenses	8,262	9,150	4,000	4,000
	Registrar of Voters				
45	Stipends	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
46	Expenses	3,042	3,627	3,753	3,753
	Conservation Commission				
47	Conservation Agent Salary	54,213	55,240	56,257	56,257
48	Secretary Wages	0	8,299	8,622	8,622
49	Expenses	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050
	Planning Board				
50	Planner Salary	29,079	29,344	30,008	30,008
51	Planner Consultant	900	5,769	5,769	5,769

52	Merrimack Valley Planning Comm.	2,034	2,084	2,137	2,137
53	Expenses	2,807	3,670	3,670	3,670
	Zoning Board of Appeals				
54	Administrative Assistant Wages	9,490	9,625	9,849	9,849
55	Expenses	1,671	1,680	1,680	1,680
	Agricultural Commission				
56	Expenses	1,683	1,000	2,500	2,500
	Town Hall				
57	Town Hall/Annex Janitor Wages	13,223	14,759	15,037	15,037
58	Expenses	17,362	20,320	20,320	20,320
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Rec.
	Town Hall Annex				
59	Expenses	16,633	23,953	17,518	17,518
	Subtotal	950,359	1,182,975	1,215,440	1,215,440
	<u>Public Safety</u>				
	Police Department				
60	Police Chief Salary & Other Earnings	122,022	116,013	119,066	119,066
61	Wages	1,213,353	1,218,154	1,238,359	1,238,359
62	Expenses	146,285	154,175	137,625	137,625
63	Police Cruiser	35,028	34,695	34,695	34,695
64	Police Modular Building Lease	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
	Constables				
65	Wages and Expenses	280	300	300	300
	Fire Department				
66	Fire Chief Salary	84,840	86,076	87,656	87,656
67	Firefighter Wages	157,158	175,018	178,517	178,517
68	Call Firefighter Wages	83,164	94,567	98,500	98,500
69	Expenses	118,281	120,193	129,993	129,993
70	Station & Equipment Lease	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000

	Inspection Department				
71	Salaries	55,136	56,015	56,857	56,857
72	Wages	10,688	14,051	14,319	14,319
73	Expenses	6,349	6,880	6,880	6,880
	Emergency Management Services				
74	REMA Director Stipend	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
75	Expenses	1,693	2,099	2,099	2,099
	Animal Inspector				
76	Salary	2,747	2,799	2,853	2,853
77	Expenses	0	200	200	200
78	Rabid Animal Control	274	1,853	1,853	1,853
	Animal Control Officer				
79	Salary	14,888	15,171	15,500	15,500
80	Expenses	805	1,622	1,622	1,622
	Tree Warden				
81	Salary	7,488	7,657	7,832	7,832
82	Expenses	8,906	9,044	9,044	9,044
	Harbormaster				
83	Salary	6,711	6,863	7,017	7,017
84	Wages	5,059	5,190	5,307	5,307
85	Pumpout Boat Wages	1,877	8,000	8,180	8,180
86	Expenses	4,212	4,212	4,212	4,212
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Rec.
87	Town Landing	500	500	500	500
	Shellfish Commission				
88	Commissioner Wages	0	1,700	1,700	1,700
89	Comm. Expenses	455	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Shellfish Constable				
90	Constable Wages	400	400	650	650

91	Constable Expenses	400	1,163	1,200	1,200
	Subtotal	2,136,999	2,193,610	2,221,536	2,221,536
	<u>Schools</u>				
92	Whittier Vocational Assessment	225,805	325,179	304,135	304,135
93	Whittier Capital Assessment	15,972	15,946	19,150	19,150
94	Triton Regional Assessment	8,714,645	9,199,643	9,622,873	9,622,873
95	Triton Capital Assessment	155,739	128,088	194,317	194,317
96	Essex Agricultural Technical School	39,460	74,552	112,920	112,920
	Subtotal	9,151,621	9,743,408	10,253,395	10,253,395
	<u>Public Works</u>				
	Highway Department				
97	Surveyor's Salary	71,742	73,356	75,035	75,035
98	Wages	151,761	188,368	203,431	203,431
99	Expenses	103,843	115,401	114,926	114,926
	Snow & Ice Removal				
100	Expenses	130,390	145,000	165,000	165,000
	Recycling				
101	Wages	3,624	4,237	4,408	4,408
102	Expenses	8,320	8,510	8,510	8,510
	Fire Hydrants				
103	Expenses	53,400	53,400	53,400	53,400
	Street Lighting				
104	Expenses	0	31,000	30,500	30,500
	Town Land Maintenance				
105	Expenses	2,088	3,500	3,500	3,500
	Cemetery Commissioners				
106	Commissioner Stipends	0	500	500	500
107	Wages	20,101	33,404	29,568	29,568
108	Expenses	3,283	5,000	6,800	6,800
	Subtotal	548,552	661,676	695,578	695,578

	<u>Health & Human Services</u>				
	Board of Health				
109	Health Services Coordinator Salary	61,277	62,402	63,578	63,578
110	Sanitary Health Agent Wages	23,470	10,804	11,049	11,049
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Rec.
111	Adm. Asst./Assistant Inspector Wages	27,907	43,430	44,243	44,243
112	Public Health Nurse Salary	2,000	5,000	5,114	5,114
113	Expenses	6,876	6,900	6,900	6,900
	Council on Aging				
114	COA Director Salary	37,193	36,629	37,300	37,300
115	Wages	54,073	62,299	65,700	65,700
116	Elder Services of Merrimack Valley	0	294	294	294
117	Expenses	13,454	13,504	14,904	14,904
	Veterans Affairs				
118	Veterans Benefits	51,690	68,000	68,000	68,000
119	Eastern Essex Veterans District	10,762	18,847	24,904	24,904
	Handicapped Comm.				
120	Expenses	0	190	190	190
	Subtotal	288,702	328,299	342,176	342,176
	<u>Recreation/Historic</u>				
	Rowley Public Library				
121	Library Director Salary	53,658	54,642	55,672	55,672
122	Wages	121,348	123,861	129,682	129,682
123	Expenses	95,422	100,222	102,065	102,065
	Recreation Committee				
124	Wages	0	3,896	3,896	3,896
125	Expenses	183	1,864	1,864	1,864
126	Field Maintenance	23,974	23,974	23,974	23,974
	Historical				

127	Commission Expenses	0	332	332	332
128	Historic Dist. Comm. Exp.	0	70	70	70
	Other				
129	Mem. Day/Vet. Day	1,209	1,800	1,800	1,800
130	Bradstreet Property Expense	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
131	Dodge Reservation Property Expense	6,703	10,000	10,000	10,000
	Subtotal	302,497	321,661	330,355	330,355
	Debt				
132	Landfill Capping Principal	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
133	New Well Land Principal	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
134	Library Principal	95,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
135	Hunsley Hills Land Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
136	Bridge Repair Principal	25,000	25,000	30,000	30,000
137	Capital Equipment Principal III	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
138	Capital Equipment Principal IV	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
139	Capital Equipment Principal V	0	40,000	40,000	40,000
140	Capital Equipment Principal VI			12,000	12,000
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	Rec.
141	Fire Ladder Truck Principal	147,308	145,000	145,000	145,000
142	Highway Truck Principal	37,692	30,000	30,000	30,000
143	Landfill Capping Interest	2,900	2,300	1,700	1,700
144	New Well Land Interest	960	760	560	560
145	Library Interest	10,400	8,500	6,700	6,700
146	Hunsley Hills Land Interest	5,400	4,300	3,200	3,200
147	Bridge Repair Interest	10,050	9,300	8,550	8,550
148	Capital Equipment III Interest	1,719	1,032	688	688
149	Capital Equipment IV Interest	3,375	2,500	1,625	1,625
150	Capital Equipment V Interest	0	4,675	3,575	3,575
151	Capital Equipment VI Interest	0	960	467	467

152	Capital Equipment VII Interest			2,970	2,970
153	Fire Ladder Truck Interest	17,631	13,163	9,900	9,900
154	Highway Truck Interest	3,917	2,775	2,100	2,100
155	Pine Grove School Feasibility Study			10,371	10,371
156	Fire Station and Police Station Project			9,556	9,556
	Subtotal	516,352	535,265	563,962	563,962
	<u>Insurance & Benefits</u>				
157	Unemployment	322	12,000	12,000	12,000
158	Blanket Insurance	102,562	150,000	158,000	158,000
159	Essex Regional Retirement	760,143	843,651	870,506	870,506
160	Health, Life Ins, Medi & Benefit Plan	556,667	615,315	659,936	659,936
	Subtotal	1,419,694	1,620,966	1,700,442	1,700,442
	<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	15,314,776	16,587,860	17,322,884	17,322,884

Motion by Larry White, seconded by Jami Snow

As Finance Committee Chair, Larry White, prepared to read each category and sub-total as has been of recent tradition an audience member suggested that we ‘skip’ the reading and go directly on to vote. Moderator Petersen explained that this was the opportunity that the audience had to put ‘**HOLDS**’ on line items that they had any question on but the audience encouraged the moderator to move directly on to the vote.

Passed by Voice Unanimous Vote at 8:12pm

ARTICLE 5. Water Department Budget. Move the Town transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$2,277,464** from the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 2018.

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Line Item	Description	FY 16 Actual	FY 17 Budget	FY 18 Request
	<u>Wages/Salaries</u>			
1	Water Superintendent	\$80,884.64	\$82,392.48	\$84,242.64
2	Water Department Wages	\$285,749.20	\$400,575.27	\$407,787.20
3	Overtime/Standby	\$56,044.99	\$81,301.81	\$60,232.98

4	Other Post Employment Benefits	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
5	Unemployment	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00
	Subtotal Salaries& Wages	\$437,678.83	\$591,269.56	\$577,262.82
	<u>Expenses</u>			
6	Department Expenses/Maintenance	\$761,715.61	\$913,800.00	\$698,400.00
7	Engineering Services	\$32,074.09	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
8	Billing Contract Services	\$58,000.00	\$0.00	\$70,000.00
	Subtotal Expenses	\$851,789.70	\$913,800.00	\$818,400.00
	<u>Other</u>			
9	Capital Plan	\$59,210.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
10	Extraordinary & Unforeseen Expenses	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
	Subtotal Other	\$59,210.40	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
	TOTAL	\$1,348,678.93	\$1,555,069.56	\$1,445,662.82
	<u>Debt</u>			
11	Pingree Well Principal	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
12	Pingree Well Interest	\$4,840.00	\$3,740.00	\$2,740.00
13	New Water Building Principal	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
14	New Water Building Interest	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$600.00
15	Water Treatment Design Principal	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
16	Water Treatment Design Interest	\$35,056.26	\$33,406.26	\$31,756.26
17	WTP* Construction Principal	\$464,386.00	\$474,479.00	\$484,791.00
18	WTP* Construction Interest	\$201,953.04	\$192,665.32	\$183,175.74
19	WTP* Construction Principal(2)			
20	WTP* Construction Interest(2)			
21	SRF** borrowing admin fee	\$15,146.48	\$14,449.90	\$13,738.18
22	Prospect Hill & Stormwater Principal	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00

23	Prospect Hill & Stormwater Interest	\$373.96	\$500.00	\$0.00
	Sub-total Debt	\$857,755.74	\$850,040.48	\$831,801.18
	Total Operating & Debt	\$2,206,434.67	\$2,405,110.04	\$2,277,464.00
	Article 6 Overhead	\$83,797.56	\$93,427.92	\$100,023.75
	GRAND TOTAL	\$2,290,232.23	\$2,498,537.96	\$2,377,487.75
	Transfer of Free Cash to Stabilization Fund	\$359,876.00	\$421,000.00	\$187,278.00
		\$2,650,108.23	\$2,919,537.96	\$2,564,765.75

*WTP = Water Treatment Plant

**State Revolving Fund

Motion by Bernard Cullen, seconded by John Manning, passed voice unanimous at 8:13pm

ARTICLE 6. Move the Town vote to transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to the General Fund the sum of \$100,023.75 for the following items and that any other monies spent by the General Government on behalf of the Water Department be reimbursed to the General Fund from the Water Department Enterprise Fund in Fiscal Year 2018.

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

LINE		FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REQUEST
24	County Retirement	\$37,783.30	\$28,612.01	\$29,953.63
25	Health Insurance	\$29,261.74	\$46,321.00	\$50,953.10
26	Life Insurance	\$75.88	\$171.00	\$171.00
27	Accountant's Fee	\$3,848.15	\$3,480.00	\$3,878.52
28	Treasurer/Collector Fee	\$5,406.63	\$5,012.00	\$5,409.69
29	Audit	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00
30	Medicare	\$5,771.86	\$8,181.91	\$8,007.81
	TOTAL	\$83,797.56	\$93,427.92	\$100,023.75

Water Department Revenue Statement – For Informational Purposes

	FY16	FY17	FY18
Revenues	Actual	Budget	Request
Commitment Rate	2,682,257.27	2,475,237.96	2,440,287.75
Estimated new services		0.00	0.00
Base charge on new services			0.00
Rate Discounts	(101,910.75)	(116,000.00)	(120,000.00)
Rate Abatements	(1,740.83)	(2,000.00)	(3,000.00)
Commitment Service	26,989.49	80,800.00	0.00
Capital Improvement fee		0.00	0.00
Service Bills Abatement	0	0.00	0.00
Interest & Demand	6,224.53	5,000.00	5,000.00
Bank Interest	12,847.02	1,800.00	1,800.00
Registry fee to record liens	2,607.10	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	5,560.59	300.00	0.00
Hydrant rentals	53,400.00	53,400.00	53,400.00
Total Revenues	\$2,686,234.42	\$2,498,537.96	\$2,377,487.75

Motion by Bernard Cullen, seconded by John Manning, passed voice unanimous at 8:14pm

ARTICLE 7. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund to be used to undertake a water rate study.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article requires a two-thirds vote. The Board of Water Commissioners will use these funds to hire a firm to conduct a water rate study. The rate study will assess the water rates to project whether there will be adequate funds generated to operate the Water Department and to cover capital expenditures. Rate studies should be conducted every three years. The last rate study was conducted in 2015.

Motion by Bernard Cullen, seconded by John Manning, passed voice unanimous at 8:15pm

ARTICLE 8. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund for the purchase of a pick-up truck.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article requires a two-thirds vote. The Board of Water Commissioners will use these funds to replace the 2002 Ford Ranger truck. The Water Department has a vehicle replacement schedule which calls for vehicles to be replaced every ten years. The 2002 Ford Ranger truck was due to be replaced four years ago

Motion by Mark Emery, seconded by John Manning, passed voice unanimous at 8:15pm

ARTICLE 9. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$21,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund to be used for the replacement of the modules of the Pall filtration system at the Water Treatment Plant.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioner

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage requires two-thirds vote. The Water Department is appropriating funds on an annual basis to be used for the purpose of purchasing replacement modules for the Pall filtration system at the Water Treatment Plant. The modules need to be replaced every 10 years.

Motion by Mark Emery, seconded by John Manning, passed voice unanimous at 8:16pm

ARTICLE 10. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund for the cleaning and inspecting of the wells and basins at the Water Treatment Plant.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage requires two-thirds vote. These funds will be used to clean and inspect the clear well, equalization basins and wet well at the Water Treatment Plant. Sediment builds up in these areas and they must be cleaned every few years. The inspection is needed to ensure that there are no cracks and that the underground systems are functioning properly.

Motion by Mark Emery, seconded by John Manning, passed voice unanimous at 8:17pm

ARTICLE 11. Move the Town vote to appropriate the income from sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, municipal street lighting or for municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year to the Municipal Lighting Plant, the whole to be expended by the General Manager of the Municipal Lighting Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the expense of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, upon condition that, if said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

Inserted by the Municipal Light Board

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 12. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from the Municipal Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund to an account for use by the Harbormaster in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5G.

Inserted by the Harbormaster

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 13. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$500 to the Cemetery Commission from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest Account to be used for the care of graves in the Town Cemetery.

Inserted by the Cemetery Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 14. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to Article 30 of the May 6, 1996 Annual Town Meeting (Recertification Fund) for the purpose of completing the State mandated recertification of all properties within the Town of Rowley, said fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors.

Inserted by the Board of Assessors

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Articles 11– 14 are standard annual articles. These articles will be voted under one consent motion.

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Joe Perry, passed voice unanimous at 8:18pm

ARTICLE 15. Move the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Rowley by adding a new section to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain town departments, boards, committees, or officers under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, § 53E 1/2.

To amend the General Bylaws by adding the following new General Bylaw:

Departmental Revolving Fund Bylaw

1. Purpose. This bylaw establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by town departments, boards, committees or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, § 53E ½.
2. Expenditure Limitations. A department head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this bylaw without appropriation subject to the following limitations:
 - A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.
 - B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
 - C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by town meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.
3. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this bylaw shall be credited to the general fund.
4. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, § 53E ½ and this bylaw, the laws, bylaws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this bylaw. The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund, and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides to the department, board, committee or officer on appropriations made for its use.
5. Authorized Revolving Funds.

	Department Authorized to Use Account, Fees/Charges, Description, and Purpose of Each Account	Fiscal Years
1	Council on Aging - into which receipts from rental of the Council’s van shall be deposited and which may be used by said Council for payment of van driver wages, expenses, and maintenance of said van.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
2	Board of Health into which one-half (1/2) of the septic disposal construction fees charged by said Board of Health shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board or its agents to finance special waste disposal and technical expertise beyond the health agent's scope of responsibility.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years

3	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen - into which receipts from donations, advertising and rental of the Parks & Recreation Committee's facilities shall be deposited and which may be used by said Committee and Board to pay for the maintenance, operations, and improvements of said facilities.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
4	Board of Selectmen - into which revenue collected from the sale of home composting bins shall be used to purchase additional compost bins and to advertise the availability of such bins.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
5	Highway Department – into which receipts from the rental of Highway Department equipment may be used by said Department for the purchase, repair and maintenance of Department equipment.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
6	Shellfish Department – into which receipts from one-half (1/2) of the shellfish permits sold shall be deposited and used by the Shellfish Department for the propagation of shellfish.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
7	Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals – into which all receipts from filing and associated application fees shall be deposited, and may be used by said Boards to defray Commonwealth of Massachusetts mandated expenses related to said Board's hearings and meetings, professional assistance or engineering, legal and other case related items.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
8	Board of Cemetery Commissioners – into which one-half (1/2) of cemetery plot grave digging fees and footing installation fees shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board of Cemetery Commissioners for Cemetery Department operations.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
9	Library – into which receipts from Library services, such as photocopying, faxes and laser printing from public computer stations shall be deposited and which may be used by said Library to purchase services and supplies related to these services and services contracts for the maintenance of said office equipment.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
10	Agricultural Commission – into which donations and fees charged by the Agricultural Commission for programs and events shall be deposited and used by the Agricultural Commission to defray expenses incurred to operate such programs and to hold events.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
11	Harbormaster – into which donations and proceeds from the sales of Harbormaster boats and equipment shall be deposited and used by the Harbormaster for the purchase, repair and maintenance of Department equipment.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
12	Board of Selectmen and Parks and Recreation Community Events - into which donations, receipts and fees charged for recreational programs and community events and activities shall be deposited and used by the Board of Selectmen and Parks and Recreation Committee with authorization of the Board of Selectmen to pay for the expenses incurred to hold recreation events and community activities.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years

13	Records Access Officer - into which receipts from the requestors of public records for costs associated with Public Records requests responses shall be deposited and which may be used by the Records Access Officer in coordination with other Town Departments to pay for wages and expenses incurred to produce such records.	Fiscal Year 2018 and subsequent years
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Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: A new state law requires that revolving funds established pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, § 53E ½ be authorized under a general bylaw, rather than through an annual town meeting vote. This article includes all previously authorized Town revolving funds and the addition of a new Record Access Officer Revolving Fund, so that receipts received in connection with public records requests can be used to cover the costs related to the request. The Town must continue to approve the spending caps of each Revolving Fund on annual basis, and this action will be covered under Article 16
Motion by Clifford Pierce, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:19pm

ARTICLE 16. Move the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 § 53-E1/2, to authorize the following expenditures caps Fiscal Year 2018:

	Name of Account	Balance Information	Expenditures Not to Exceed
1	Council on Aging	Beginning balance \$378; Income \$124; Expense \$438; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$64	\$5,000
2	Board of Health	Beginning balance \$14,805; Income \$6,475; Expense \$5,625; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$15,655	\$20,000
3	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen Facilities	Beginning balance \$2,078; Income \$6,430; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$8,508	\$30,000
4	Board of Selectmen - Home Composting Bins	Beginning balance \$526; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$526	\$2,000
5	Highway Department	Beginning balance \$33; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$33	\$12,000
6	Shellfish Department	Beginning balance \$11,284; Income \$620; Expense \$1,149; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$10,755	\$6,000
7	Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals	Beginning balance \$9,574; Income \$1,000; Expense \$362; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$10,212	\$4,000
8	Board of Cemetery Commissioners	Beginning balance \$12,962; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$12,962	\$20,000
9	Library	Beginning balance \$738; Income \$1,300; Expense \$877; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$1,161	\$2,500
10	Agricultural Commission	Beginning balance \$1,315; Income \$275; Expense \$53; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$1,537	\$5,000

11	Harbormaster	Beginning balance \$241; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$241	\$30,000
12	Board of Selectmen & Parks and Recreation Community Events	Beginning balance \$6,970; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$6,970	\$20,000
13	Records Access	Beginning balance \$0; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/28/17 \$0	\$5,000

Inserted by the Council on Aging, Board of Health, Parks & Recreation Committee, Board of Selectmen, Highway Department, Shellfish Department, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals, Board of Cemetery Commissioners, Board of Library Trustees, Agricultural Commission, Harbormaster and Records Access Officer
Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The State Revolving Fund Law, G.L. c.44 Section 53E ½ requires an annual expenditure authorization. Article 16 will be voted under one consent motion.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:21pm

ARTICLE 17. Move the Town accept General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F 3/4, which establishes a special revenue fund known as the PEG (Public-Education-Government) Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenue for appropriation to support PEG access services, oversight, and renewal of cable franchise agreements, the fund to begin operation for Fiscal Year 2018, which begins on July 1, 2017

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Department of Revenue has recommended that municipalities establish a separate revenue account into which funds from cable franchises are deposited and used for cable-related purposes, such as the operation of Rowley Community Media (RCM), the Town's local access cable station, and the support of cable and videography programming of the Triton Regional School District.

Motion by cliff Pierce, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 8:22pm

ARTICLE 18. Move the Town vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of \$55,000 for wages and \$27,000 for expenses to support the cable television PEG access services and programming and to prepare for the renewal of the cable franchise licenses, including any associated expert and legal services.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This appropriation is necessary under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, § 53F ¾ and funds the operation of Rowley Community Media (RCM), the Town's local access cable channel. RCM records town board and committee meetings, annual and special town meetings, and community events. RCM airs a variety of local programs, including Triton Regional School District and Whitter Vocational Technical High School sports games, concerts and other school events, community bulletins and notices, and operates Comcast Channel 9 and Verizon Channel 26.

Motion by Cliff Pierce, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 8:22pm

ARTICLE 19. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$63,439 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Betterment Loan Program to pay the debt service on the Town's loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Inserted by the Board of Health

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town has received \$1,250,000 from the State Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Loan funds for taxpayers' repair and/or upgrade of failed septic systems. This

appropriation pays the debt on the Town's loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund.

Motion by Charles Costello, seconded by Peter Fyrberg, passed voice unanimous at 8:23pm

ARTICLE 20. Move the Town vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand and Eighty-Six (\$38,992,086) Dollars, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen to pay costs of repairing, replacing and constructing various major systems and building components at the Pine Grove Elementary School, located at 191 Main Street, Rowley, Massachusetts, including but not limited to the roof, windows and building envelope; HVAC and telecommunications infrastructure; mechanical, electrical and septic systems; and site and vehicular circulation improvements; which proposed limited renovation and repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town has applied for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA; that the MSBA Board of Directors has voted to invite the Town to perform a feasibility study but has not yet voted its approval of the project; and that if the said Board of Directors votes to approve the project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage requires a two-thirds vote. The Board of Selectmen and the Triton Regional School Committee have agreed to pursue funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the renovation of the Pine Grove School. A feasibility study was conducted that showed that the school building is in need of many upgrades, including wiring, HVAC, kitchen equipment, plumbing and a new roof. The MSBA will reimburse the Town for up to 50 percent of eligible project costs. The Town's estimated share of this project is \$21,731,753. The State's estimated share is \$17,260,333.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Bob Snow

Power Point Presentation while quorum was confirmed by the Constable, counters were called up ad paper ballots were handed out the registered voters. The Constables oversaw the process to make sure each voter got exactly one YES/NO ballot, that no one in the Visitor section had access to a ballot and that everyone understood the process. The vote was taken, the Moderator moved onto remaining articles while the paper ballots were counted in full view of the audience.

Article 20 passed by Paper Ballot vote: 287 YES to 36 NO at 9:47 pm

ARTICLE 21. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be expended by the Chief of Police for a one-time assessment fee to be paid to the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) towards the purchase of a Mobile Command Unit.

Inserted by the Police Chief

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This assessment fee is being asked of all member municipalities to assist with the purchase of a Mobile Command Unit. The Rowley Police Department has been a member of NEMLEC for 12 years. The Police Department currently has one member assigned to NEMLEC, Captain David Sedgwick, who serves as a negotiator of the RRT/SWAT Team. NEMLEC provides many needed resources a small community cannot independently supply such as SWAT, High Risk Warrant entries, K-9, motorcycle units, special event staffing, and personnel for large-scale searches which require a quick and professional response.

Motion by Cliff Pierce, seconded by bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:32pm

ARTICLE 22. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be expended by the Chief of Police for the purpose of sending a police officer to the Police Academy in Fiscal Year 2018.

Inserted by the Police Chief

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This articles funds the cost to send a new police officer to the Police Academy.

Motion by Cliff Pierce, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:33pm

ARTICLE 23 – *as printed in Warrant* - To see if the Town will (a) appropriate \$198,000 to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of undertaking the following capital purchases and improvements:

1. \$21,000 for purchasing and installing computers, software programs, and other technological upgrades for the following departments: Treasurer/Collector, Town Clerk, Health Department, Fire Department, Library, and Police Department
2. \$100,000 for the purchase and installation of a new heating and ventilation system for the Town Hall Auditorium
3. \$37,500 for purchase of departmental equipment as follows: evidence bar code scanning system for the Police Department; portable radios for the Police Department; a utility tractor for the Highway Department; and a grass mower for the Cemetery Department
4. \$39,500 for vehicles for the following departments: an administrative vehicle for the Police Department; and an outboard motor and related equipment for Shellfish Constable and Commissioners.

including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; (b) determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise provided, and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

MOTION: - *as read* - Move the Town vote to appropriate \$198,000 to pay costs of the projects listed under Article 23 on pages 16 and 17 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received by the Town upon sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less such premium applied to the payments of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Explanatory Note: These capital purchases and improvements are part of the Town's Capital Plan. Passage requires a two-thirds vote. The Highway Department's utility tractor, listed under #3 is being partially funded under this article. The balance of the funds are being paid for under Article 8 of the May 1, 2017 Special Town Meeting.

Motion by Bob Snow, seconded by Joe Perry, passed voice unanimous at 9:34pm

ARTICLE 24. Move the Town vote to supplement each prior vote of the Town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs, and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

Inserted by the Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article provides flexibility to the Town to apply to project costs any bond premiums received at the time of issue of bonds or notes (simultaneously reducing the par amount of bonds or notes being issued) for borrowing authorizations that have already been approved but not yet permanently financed. The Town would not be required to apply the premium, but would have the option to do so.
Motion by Karen Summit, seconded by Sue Bailey, passed voice unanimous at 9:35pm

ARTICLE 25. Move the Town vote to amend the Denial, Revocation, Suspension of Licenses and/or Permits for Failure to Pay Municipal Charges General Bylaw of the Town of Rowley by deleting the words in ~~bold strikethrough~~ and adding the words in ***bold italics underline*** in Section 1:

Section 1. Notice to Licensing Authority: The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for the records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterment and other municipal charges; hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually, ***and may periodically***, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewal or transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges ~~for not less than a twelve month period~~, and that such party has ***not*** filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

So that the revised language will read as follows:

Section 1. Notice to Licensing Authority: The tax collector or other municipal official responsible for the records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterment and other municipal charges; hereinafter referred to as the tax collector, shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewal or transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterment or other municipal charges and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.

Inserted by the Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: Under the Municipal Modernization Act, license and permit granting departments and boards may deny licenses and permits to applicants who are not “in good standing” with the Town (have unpaid taxes or other bills).

Motion by Karen Summit, seconded by Sue Bailey, passed voice unanimous at 9:36pm

ARTICLE 26. Move the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2018 annual revenues the amounts recommended by Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Summary of recommendations by Category:

Appropriations:

Debt Service for Bradstreet Farm land acquisition \$ 202,056.26
Debt Service for Girl Scout Property \$ 122,850.00
Administration - 5 % - \$ 25,538.59

Reserve:

Creation and Support of Affordable Housing \$20,768.74

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town expects to realize approximately \$510,771.77 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds comprised of real estate tax receipts (\$425,643.14) and 20% matching funds from the state (\$85,128.63) in Fiscal Year 2018. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected after deducting appropriate debt service for each of the following areas: open space, historic preservation and community housing. Any unexpended administrative expenses will be returned to the general Undesignated Community Preservation fund. All funds realized above those reserved or appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA funds available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2018 or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2019.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:37 pm

ARTICLE 27. Move the Town vote, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 44B, to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Unreserved Account the amount of \$360,000 to be used by the Board of Selectmen for costs to purchase approximately three and one-half acres of land at the rear of 221 Main Street, described as a portion of Assessors' Map 25, Lot 35, to extend the Town's recreational fields. Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen has an opportunity to purchase approximately 3.5 acres of land at the rear of 221 Main Street. This land has an appraised value of \$360,000 and is adjacent to the Town's playing fields at the Pine Grove School and to the Town's Bradstreet land. The Town's Little League field on Haverhill Street, known as "Haley Field" will be discontinued because it is within Zone 1 of Well Station #2, and the state Department of Environmental Protection is requiring the Town to discontinue active recreational use of this area.

Motion by Cliff Pierce, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:38pm

ARTICLE 28. Move the Town vote, pursuant to Mass. General Laws Chapter 44B, to transfer and appropriate from the Community Preservation Unreserved Account the amount of \$150,000 to be used by the Board of Selectmen for Phase 1 of the Town Hall Annex Elevator and Accessibility Project. Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Annex Elevator and Accessibility Project will be done in two phases. Phase 1 consists of the design and bid stage. The Board of Selectmen hired an architectural firm to study the building. The architects are recommending that an elevator be installed within the building. Funding of this article will allow the architectural firm to finish the design plans and bid specifications. The Board of Selectmen will seek funding at the Fall Special Town Meeting for Phase 2 – Construction.

Motion by David Petersen, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:44pm

ARTICLE 29. Move the Town vote to amend the Shellfish Bylaw of the General Bylaws of the Town of Rowley by inserting a new section 2.5.1 to read as follows:

2.5.1 Persons holding a commercial shellfish permit from any other municipality are prohibited from obtaining a Rowley Shellfish non-commercial permit.

Inserted by the Board of Shellfish Commissioners **Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required**

Explanatory Note: The Shellfish Bylaw, as currently written, does not have language preventing non-resident commercial permit holders from obtaining non-commercial permits in Rowley. The Shellfish Commissioners are seeking to tighten this section of the bylaw by inserting this new language.

Motion by David Petersen, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:44pm

ARTICLE 30. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article allows the Board of Selectmen to continue with its plan of funding the OPEB Trust Fund, which will offset the future healthcare costs of retired employees.

Motion by David Petersen, seconded by Bob Merry, passed voice unanimous at 9:45pm

ARTICLE 31. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to the Stabilization Fund.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Passage requires two-thirds vote.

Motion by Bob Merry, seconded by David Petersen, passed voice unanimous at 9:45pm

ARTICLE 32. And to meet in Saint Mary’s Church (rear), Route 1A, in said Rowley on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 12:00 NOON to act on the following:

Two Selectmen	three years
One Board of Assessors Member	three years
One Planning Board Member	five years
One Municipal Light Board Member	three years
One Municipal Water Board Member	three years
One Cemetery Commissioner	one year
One Cemetery Commissioner	three years
One Shellfish Commissioner	three years
Three Trustees for Public Library	three years
<u>For Regional School District Committee</u>	
One Newbury Member	three years
One Rowley Member	three years
One Salisbury Member	three years

Question 1 - Shall the Town of Rowley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of repairing, replacing and constructing various major systems and building components at the Pine Grove Elementary School?

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:47

MOTION: Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Joe Perry, seconded by Bob Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:48pm

And you are hereby instructed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof in at least seven public places in Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting, as directed by the laws of the Town and to make due return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before said meeting. Given

under our hands this 6th day of April in the year two thousand seventeen.

*Joseph Perry, Chairman
Robert Snow, Vice Chairman
Clifford Pierce, Clerk
David Petersen
G. Robert Merry*

I have served this Warrant by posting in at least seven public places in the Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting and have made the return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before the time of said meeting.

Notices posted at Town Hall, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Town Hall Annex, The First Ipswich Bank, formerly known as First National Bank of Ipswich -Rowley Office.

Richard C. MacDonald, Constable

4/11/17

Certification: I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify that the statements contained above with regard to the May 1, 2017 Town of Rowley Annual Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.

***Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk
Town of Rowley
May 15, 2017***