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Monday June 18, 2018
7:00 p.m. Pine Grove School

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
 June 18, 2018

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 18th day of June 2018 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget by amending the following budget lines:

Line		Appropriated	Appropriated	Revised Budget
Item	Description	FY 2018	FY 2019	Lines to be Amended FY 2019
65	Police Department Wages	1,238,359	1,399,937	1,389,937
71	Firefighter Wages	178,517	328,280	243,280
86	Tree Department Expenses	9,044	20,000	15,000
99	Triton Regional Assessment	9,622,873	9,822,873	10,137,192
105	Snow & Ice Removal Expenses	165,000	185,000	175,000
107	Recycling Expenses	8,510	8,510	19,000

and to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$139,809 from Free Cash to defray the expenses of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2019 or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommendation From the Floor

Explanatory Note: The initial assessment to the Town for Triton's FY 19 budget was \$10,255,513, which was a \$732,640 increase over the FY 18 assessment. The Town's FY 19 Operating Budget, as approved during the April 30, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, reflects a \$200,000 increase to the Triton assessment. The Proposition 2 1/2 Override Question on the May 8, 2018 Town Election Ballot to fund the remaining assessment amount of \$532,640 failed as follows: No 722; Yes 468. The Triton Regional School Committee voted on a revised FY 19 budget on May 16, 2018 and set the Town's FY 19 assessment at \$10,137,192, for a total increased assessment of \$514,319. The adjustment in Town budget lines, appropriations, and savings to fund the additional \$314,319 for Triton's assessment is shown below:

AMENDMENT FOR TRITON ASSESSMENT	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
Police Dept. Wages	\$10,000	Defer Sergeant promotion until the Fall
Fire Dept. Wages	\$85,000	Defer hiring of 2 full-time firefighters until March

<i>Tree Dept. Expense</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>	<i>Reduce Tree Department Budget</i>
<i>Snow and Ice Removal Exp.</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>	<i>Reduce Snow & Ice Removal Budget</i>
<i>OPEB</i>	<i>\$25,000</i>	<i>Take out \$25,000 from \$125,000 that was added to OPEB Trust at Annual Town Meeting (See Article 3 and 4 below)</i>
<i>Stabilization</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>Take out \$50,000 that was added to Stabilization at Annual Town Meeting (See Article 5 below)</i>
<i>Total FY 19 Town Reductions to Fund Triton Revised Assessment</i>	<i>\$185,000</i>	<i>This line and the line below fund the additional Revised Triton Assessment.</i>
<i>Free Cash Contribution to Fund Triton Revised Assessment</i>	<i>\$129,319</i>	
<i>Triton Revised Assessment Increase</i>	<i>\$314,319</i>	

Article 2 also funds a \$10,490 increase to the FY 19 Recycling Expense Budget. The Board of Selectmen was recently informed by the Town's recycling vendor that the disposal costs for recycling items are increasing due to changes in the global recycling market. Also, two of the Town's recycling containers have deteriorated and can no longer be used, resulting in additional rental costs.

AMENDMENT FOR RECYCLING BUDGET	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
<i>Additional Free Cash Contribution</i>	<i>\$10,490</i>	<i>FY 19 Recycling Expense Budget was approved for \$8,510</i>
<i>Additional Recycling Expense</i>	<i>\$10,490</i>	<i>Recycling costs are increasing due to global recycling market issues.</i>
<i>Total Recycling Expense</i>	<i>\$19,000</i>	

TOTAL FREE CASH APPROPRIATED

<i>Total Free Cash Contribution</i>	\$139,809	<i>The total amount of additional Free Cash used for Article 2.</i>
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ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote on Article 23 of the April 30, 2018 Annual Town Meeting or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommendation From the Floor

Explanatory Note: Article 23 of the April 30, 2018 Town Meeting Warrant reads as follows:

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund (Retiree Health Insurance) or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

The Board of Selectmen is replacing this article with Article 4 as shown below.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to the Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund (Retiree Health Insurance) or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommendation From the Floor

Explanatory Note: The Board of Selectmen is reducing the amount of the FY 19 OPEB appropriation by \$25,000 in order to partially fund the FY 19 Triton Assessment increase. 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. The Town's financial advisors and auditors recommend the Town pay into this Trust Fund each year. An actuarial study recommends that the FY 19 appropriation be \$678,382. The net liability of the Town as of June 2017 is \$8,577,789. This appropriation excludes the Water Department and Rowley Municipal Light Plant portions of their retiree health insurance contributions, which are funded through separate accounts.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote on Article 24 of the April 30, 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant or to take any other action relative thereto.
(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

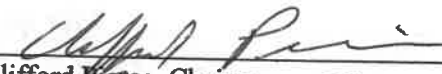
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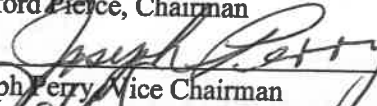
Explanatory Note: Article 24 of the April 30, 2018 Town Meeting Warrant reads as follows:

*ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)*

While the Board of Selectmen feels it is essential to annually contribute to the Town's Stabilization or "rainy-day" savings account each year, this contribution is being rescinded in order to partially fund the FY 19 Triton assessment increase. The balance in the Stabilization account is \$1,092,090. The purpose of Stabilization Account is to provide a source of funds for the Town to use if faced with a catastrophic situation.

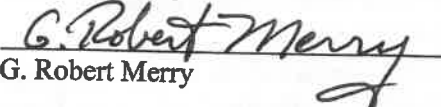
And you are hereby instructed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof in at least seven public places in Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting, as directed by the laws of the Town and to make due return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before said meeting. Given under our hands this 31st day of May in the year two thousand eighteen.


Clifford Pierce, Chairman


Joseph Perry, Vice Chairman


Robert Snow, 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.

Constable of Rowley

Date