

(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)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The above article consolidates eight standard revolving fund annual renewal authorizations. Article 12 will be taken up and voted under one consent motion.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53-E1/2, to authorize the use of a revolving fund by the Rowley Public Library for fiscal year 2008 into which receipts from services provided by the library to the public including photocopying, faxes sent and received, and laser printing from public computer stations shall be deposited and which may be used by said Library to purchase supplies related to these services, such as paper and toner, and service contracts for and maintenance of said office equipment, such expenditures not to exceed \$2,500 during said fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Library Trustees)

Finance Committee Does Not Recommend

Explanatory Note: The Library provides photocopy, fax, and computer printing services to the public.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53-E1/2, to authorize the use of a revolving fund by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for fiscal year 2008 into which one half (1/2) of cemetery plot grave digging and footings installation fees shall be deposited and which may be used by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for Cemetery Department operations, such expenditures not to exceed \$5,000, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 out of the Sales of Lots account to be used by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for expansion of Sections G & H of the Rowley Cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to adjust the exemption amount and eligibility factors for the property tax exemption for senior citizens under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C, in accordance with Section 51 of the Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002, to be effective beginning in fiscal year 2008, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Assessors)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This vote would adjust the property tax exemption for senior citizens (Clause 41C), as follows: by increasing the amount of the exemption to \$750 (from \$500); by increasing the allowable income for applicants to \$20,000 if single and \$30,000 if married (from \$13,000 if single and \$15,000 if married); by increasing the allowable assets for applicants to \$40,000 if single and \$55,000 if married (from \$28,000 if single and \$30,000 if married).

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,150.14 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Health)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town received \$274,026 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Loan funds for taxpayer's repair and/or upgrade of failed septic systems. This appropriation is to pay the debt on the Town's loans from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be used to by the Board of Selectmen to hire actuarial consultants for the Town's compliance with the General Accounting Standards Board Statement #45 Post Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town must comply with the General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement #45 Post Retirement Benefits in 2008. GASB #45 requires cities and town to have actuarial reports showing the town's future obligations for post retirement benefits, such as retiree health insurance and life insurance costs.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$46,125 to be expended by the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of purchasing a new 17,500 GVW 4X4 Dump Truck with plow to replace the existing 1993 F-350 dump truck with plow and to authorize the Highway Surveyor to trade the existing 1993 F-350 dump truck with plow in part payment for the replacement vehicle, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Highway Surveyor)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The 1993 F-350 truck is 14 years old with over 143,000 miles. This truck is used daily in Highway Department operations, including snowstorms. This truck has had too many repairs for the Highway Department to continue to rely on its performance.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000, to be expended by the Police Chief for the purchase and installation of an electrical generator for emergency power for the police station, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Police Chief)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The current (5.0 KW) electrical generating equipment was purchased "used" by the then Civil Defense Department during the early 1970s. It is only capable of generating electricity for the most basic operations or less than seven percent of the station, which does not include heat, ventilation or air conditioning. The required output to generate enough electricity to electrify the police station is approximately 110 KW. The Board of Health is contributing \$10,000 from the Board of Health Septic Revolving Fund towards the cost of the emergency generator. Please see article Article 21.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Board of Health Septic Disposal Construction Fee revolving fund, contingent upon the passage of Article 20 of the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, to be used by the Police Chief for the purchase and installation of an electrical generator for emergency power for the police station, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Health)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Board of Health supports the purchase of a new emergency generator for the Police Station.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2008 annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

PURPOSE

RECOMMENDED AMOUNT

Appropriations

Community Administrative Expenses	\$22,000
Debt Service for Pingree Farm land acquisition	\$99,500
Debt Service for Bradstreet Farm land acquisition	\$263,750

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Rowley expects to realize approximately \$500,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from real estate tax receipts (\$250,000) and matching funds from the state (\$250,000) in fiscal year 2008. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected for each of the following areas: open space, historic resources, and community housing, equaling approximately \$50,000 for each area. The Bradstreet Farm acquisition project incorporates all three areas and this appropriation will satisfy the statutory minimums for each of the required three categories (\$50,000 each). This article also appropriates the statutory maximum to be available for Community Preservation Committee expenses including appraisals, land surveys, postage, copying and other administrative costs for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2008. Any unexpended administrative expenses will be returned to the general Undesignated Community Preservation Fund. All funds realized above those appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA Funds available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2008 or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2009.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B, to draft and adopt written procedures on the disposal of public property having an estimated net value of \$5,000 or less, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, the Town should have written procedures in place that allow departments to dispose of property, such as computers, desks or vehicles, (not including real estate) estimated to be less than \$5,000. This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to adopt written procedures on the disposal of public property. Such procedures may include seeking informal quotes, yard sales and auctions, including online auctions.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Town way, the laying out by the Board of Selectmen of the private way known as **Mill River Lane**, as shown on a plan entitled “Street Acceptance Plan Mill River Lane Rowley, Mass.”, dated November 4, 2005, Revisions October 3, 2006, October 4, 2006, to be recorded herewith, this being a portion of the roadway shown on a plan entitled “Definitive Plan Mill River Lane Rowley, Mass.” dated July 2, 1998, Revisions 10-9-1998, 12-4-1998, 1-20-1999, recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 342, Plan 59; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift or deed, the land, easements, and rights therein, including all right, title, and interest in water mains and drainage systems, manholes, pipes, appurtenances thereto located with the above-referenced Mill River Lane, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Explanatory Note: Both the Planning Board and the Rowley Highway Surveyor recommend that this road be accepted by the Town.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Finance Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Finance Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Passage requires two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 27. And to meet in Saint Mary’s Church (rear), Route 1A, in said Rowley on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 12 NOON to act on the following:

Two Selectmen	three years
One Moderator	one year
One Constable	three years
One Board of Assessors Member	three years
One Planning Board Member	five years
One Municipal Light Board Member	three years
One Municipal Light Board Member	one year
One Municipal Water Board	three years
One Shellfish Commissioner	three years
One Cemetery Commissioner	three years
One Rowley Housing Authority Member	five years
Three Trustees for the Public Library	three years
For Regional School District Committee	
One Newbury Member	three years
One Rowley Member	three years
One Salisbury Member	three years

Referendum

Question #1

Shall the Town of Rowley be allowed to assess an additional \$590,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the assessment for the Triton Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?

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 4th day of April in the year two thousand seven.

Lane Bourn, Chairman

Thomas R. Moses, Vice Chairman

David C. Petersen, Clerk

Jack L. Cook, Member

Richard Cummings, Member

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, Veterans Garage, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Skip's Country Store.

Constable of Rowley

Date