

I, MELANIE A. MANGUM, AS TOWN CLERK OF ROYALSTON, DO CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 5, 2006, HELD AT THE ROYALSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL AT 7 P.M, AND THE RECONVENED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD AT ROYALSTON TOWN HALL AT 7 P.M. ON JUNE 30, 2006.

**denotes action taken at the Reconvened meeting.

**Approximately 73 registered voters in attendance at the May 5, 2006 ATM.
Approximately 40 registered voters in attendance at the June 30 ATM Reconvene.**

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1st Item of business, voted to act on Montachusett Regional Technical School (budget line item #53) of the budget article (Article 38).

Voted to raise and appropriate \$58,016. 66 in favor, 0 opposed. Line item passed.

***NOTE – FOR RECORDING PURPOSES, THIS AMOUNT SHOULD NOT BE TALLIED SEPARATELY AS A RAISE AND APPROPRIATE – THIS AMOUNT IS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET ARTICLE TOTAL AMOUNT– ARTICLE 38.**

ARTICLE 1: Voted to choose the Board of Selectmen to act for the Town in lawsuits.
67 in favor, 0 opposed. Article approved.

ARTICLE 2: Voted to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sums of money to meet the appropriations under this warrant. **67 in favor, 0 opposed.**

ARTICLE 3: Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and to issue or renew notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended. **67 in favor, 0 opposed.**

ARTICLE 4: Voted to to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108. **67 in favor, 0 opposed.**

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Board of Public Welfare, a Board that does not meet and no longer has a function, or take any action thereon
Voted to table the article by 2/3 vote. 33 in favor, 14 opposed. Article tabled.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to modify Article IV, Section 1 of the Town's Bylaws (Advisory Committee) to remove "Overseers of the Poor" and replace with one member-at-large appointed by the Moderator, or take any action thereon.

Article was moved as read. 15 in favor, 32 opposed. Article failed.

ARTICLE 7: Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer to pay a sum of money for total debt, raised and appropriated through debt exclusion, \$104,887.34 for the Royalston Community School, and \$26,969.51 for the Athol-Royalston Middle School.

73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 8: Voted to raise and appropriate, through offset receipts, \$31,700.00 to operate the sewer system, the fees from the sewer users to be returned to the Town to this account. **73 in favor, 0 opposed.**

ARTICLE 9: Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for capital expenditures for the waste water treatment plant.

73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 10: Voted to authorize the Board of Health Agent Revolving Account to be expended for the administration and enforcement of Title V and other health regulations; that departmental receipts from persons making application for septic installation and other Board of Health permits be credited to said fund; that the Board of Health be authorized to spend monies in the Fund, and that the limit on the total amount spent from the account for the ensuing year shall be \$10,000.00.

73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 11: Voted to authorize the Plumbing Inspector Revolving Account to be expended for the purpose of paying an inspector; that department receipts from fees charged to persons installing plumbing be credited to said account, that the Plumbing Inspector be authorized to spend monies in the account, and that the limit on the total amount spent from the account for the ensuing year shall be \$8,000.00.

73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 12: Voted to authorize the Wiring Inspector Revolving Account to be expended for the purpose of paying an inspector; that department receipts from fees charged to persons who are installing wiring be credited to said account, and that the limit on the total amount spent from the account for the ensuing year shall be \$8,000.00.

73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 13: Voted to authorize the Treasurer to pay the sum of \$500,000.00 for engineering, plans and authorized roadwork up to the reimbursable amount according to the provisions of Chapter 90 Massachusetts General Laws, and the same to be spent with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and Massachusetts Highway Department.

73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 14: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,500.00 for Royalston's apportionment of the Athol Royalston Regional School district budget contingent upon approval of an override vote in the Town of Royalston.

73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 15: Voted to transfer \$4,000 from the Police Expense Account and \$3,000 from the Fire Department Expense Account to the Highway General Account.
73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 16: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$31,116.00 for the second lease payment of a 10-wheel dump truck for the Highway Department.
73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 17: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,658.00 for the third lease payment of the one-ton dump truck for the Highway Department.
73 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 18: Voted to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$41,150.00 for the first payment of a five year lease/purchase of a road grader for the Highway Department and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a 5-year contract for such purpose.
(Required 2/3 vote to pass)
71 in favor, 2 opposed.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the demolition, asbestos remediation, and landscaping at 1 School Street
Voted to table article. (Required 2/3 vote to table) 72 in favor, 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 20: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,100.00 for the purchase/lease of computer and office equipment for Town offices.
72 in favor, 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 21: Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 for the construction of a cement pad and electrical hookup for the purpose of accepting a vendor owned trash compactor at the Transfer Station.
72 in favor, 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 22: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,600.00 for the reconstruction of an historic wood gateway at Riverside Cemetery.
71 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to remove asbestos shingles and re-roof the Raymond School building
Voted to table this article. (Requires 2/3 vote to table) - 70 in favor, 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 24: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 and to form a committee for one year comprised of the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Board of Selectmen member, Capital Planning Committee member, and three members of the public-at-large appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to assess Fire Department utilization of resources,

develop a plan for future building and equipment needs, and deliver a report before the Board of Selectmen one year hence.

70 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to purchase a used, 4-wheel drive, 3/4-ton pickup for the Fire Department.

Voted to table this article (Requires 2/3 vote) 70 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 26: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to purchase the existing streetlight fixtures from National Grid.

63 in favor, 4 opposed.

ARTICLE 27: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purchase of Town event signs.

36 in favor, 11 opposed.

ARTICLE 28: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for repairs to the Library roof structure.

67 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 29: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for flooding mitigation in the Library basement.

67 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 30: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,283.50 to provide police patrols of Tully Dam area, to be reimbursed by the Corps of Engineers.

66 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 31: Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to install energy efficient kennel doors at the town pound.

61 in favor, 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 32: Voted to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$46,393.26 to purchase new communications equipment to outfit the Fire and Police Departments for the purpose of moving Royalston dispatch services to Shelburne Falls dispatch. (Requires 2/3 vote)

60 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 33: Voted to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$20,000.00 to paint the North and East sides, windows and cupola of the Town Hall. (requires 2/3 vote)

58 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 34: Voted to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$15,000.00 to re-roof the South Royalston Fire Station. (requires 2/3 vote)

58 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to pave the unnamed streets on the common and the parking lot at the Town Hall.

Voted to table this article. (requires 2/3 vote) 57 in favor, 1 opposed.

ARTICLE 36: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase replacement road name signs.

58 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 37: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,200.00 to seal and affix the tiles on the roof of the Town Hall.

58 in favor, 0 opposed.

ARTICLE 38: On May 5, 2006, Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,397,409.00** to fund the budgets for the following accounts. **50 in favor, 0 opposed.**

****At the reconvene of 6-30-06, the following amendment adjusted the total budget amount for Article 38 to \$1,397,759.00.**

**At the Reconvene of the Annual Town Meeting on June 30, 2006, motion was made to reconsider Line 67 of this article and amend it to read \$500.00 instead of \$150.00.

Motion was seconded. A motion was made to amend the motion to have Line 67 read \$300.00 and have Line 68 read \$250.00 and Line 68 read \$250.00. **Motion to amend the original motion was defeated – 15 in favor, 16 opposed. The original motion (Line 67 to read \$500.00) was passed, 24 in favor, 6 opposed.**

BUDGET Article, FISCAL 2007

<u>NO.</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>FY 2006 Town Mtg</u>	<u>Dept. Request 2007</u>	<u>FY2007 Selectboard</u>	<u>Fincom rec/Floor Final</u>
1	Animal Control Expense	\$2,300	\$2,500	\$2,300	\$2,600.00
2	Animal Control Salary	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$6,150	\$6,150.00
3	Animal Inspector	\$500	\$600	\$515	\$600.00
4	Assessors Clerk Wages	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,450	\$6,456.00
5	Assessors Expenses	\$4,900	\$5,316	\$5,316	\$5,316.00
6	Assessors WA- Chair	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,538	\$1,538.00
7	Assessors WA -Clerk	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,333	\$1,333.00
8	Assessors WA -Member	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,333	\$1,333.00
9	Athol-Royst. School	\$237,815	\$293,420	\$293,420	\$293,420.00
10	Bartlett Fund, JN Treas	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20.00
11	Board of Health Expenses	\$51,350	\$75,000	\$70,000	\$75,000.00
12	Board of Health Wages	\$10,250	\$10,750	\$10,750	\$10,750.00
13	Bd. Of Health-Management	\$2,350	\$2,340	\$2,340	\$2,340.00

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14	Bd. Of Health Chair	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
15	Bd. Of Health Clerk	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900.00
16	Bd. Of Health Member	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750.00
17	Bonds for Town Officials	\$1,022	\$1,022	\$1,022	\$1,022.00
18	Building Inspector Exp.	\$2,095	\$2,398	\$2,398	\$2,398.00
19	Building Inspector Salary	\$10,250	\$10,557	\$10,500	\$10,506.00
20	Care of Comm. & Parks	\$7,000	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500.00
21	Care of Town Clock	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52.00
22	Cemeteries Care	\$5,000	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500.00
23	Cemetery Commissioner	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50.00
24	Cemetery Member	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25.00
25	Cemetery Member	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25.00
26	Clearance Tax Titles	\$1,000	\$5,330	\$1,000	\$5,000.00
27	Civilian Defense (Emer M)	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650	\$1,650.00
28	Conservation Comm.	\$450	\$500	\$500	\$500.00
29	Council on Aging	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800.00
30	Custodian of Tax Title	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50.00
31	DPW - Highway General	\$57,750	\$65,750	\$65,750	\$65,750.00
32	DPW- Highway Maint.	\$28,000	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$31,000.00
33	DPW – Salaries	\$168,372	\$191,555	\$191,555	\$180,000.00
34	DPW - Contractor Wages	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$10,000.00
35	DPW - Snow and ICE	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000.00
36	Elderly Transportation	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200.00
37	Elections	\$2,500	\$9,332	\$5,332	\$5,332.00
38	Blank				See next
39	Fire Expenses / Wages	\$58,500	\$63,800	\$63,800	\$63,800.00
40	Dispatch Fire/Police	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$25,000	\$22,778.00
41	Historic District Comm.	\$100	\$250	\$250	\$250.00
42	Insurance (property)	\$37,534	\$37,534	\$37,534	\$35,000.00
43	Insurance (NORWORCO)	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500.00
44	Insurance (medical)	\$33,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$61,500.00
45	Interest	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500.00
46	Legal Counsel	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$6,000	\$5,000.00
47	Library Expense	\$14,144	\$17,062	\$17,062	\$17,062.00
48	Library Wages	\$23,625	\$25,324	\$25,324	\$25,324.00
49	Medicare	\$6,063	\$6,063	\$6,063	\$6,200.00
50	Contributory Unemployment	\$3,650	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$3,800.00
51	Memorial Day	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600.00

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52	Moderator	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100.00
53	Mont. Reg Tech School	\$54,380	\$58,016	\$58,016	\$58,016.00
54	Planning Board	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400.00
55	Police Dept. Sal/Exp.	\$62,500	\$68,520	\$66,985	\$66,985.00
56	Public Halls	\$37,103	\$42,776	\$43,276	\$43,276.00
57	Open Space Committee	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250.00
58	Reserve Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000.00
59	Registrars of Voters	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150.00
60	Selectmen Chairman	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,358.00
61	Selectmen Member	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,050.00
62	Selectmen Member	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,050.00
63	Selectmen - Misc.	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400.00
64	Selectmen's Secretary	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,350	\$2,358.00
65	Administrative Assistant	\$13,146	\$13,475	\$13,475	\$13,477.00
66	Admin. Assistant Misc.	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750.00
**67	Sewer Comm. Chair	\$500	\$500	\$513	\$500.00
68	Sewer Comm. Member	\$150	\$150	\$154	\$150.00
69	Sewer Comm. Member	\$150	\$150	\$154	\$150.00
70	Street Lights	\$8,000	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500.00
71	Tax Collector	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,506.00
72	Tax Collector - Misc.	\$4,450	\$4,623	\$4,623	\$4,623.00
73	Town Account Exp.	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750.00
74	Town Acct. Salary	\$10,250	\$10,506	\$10,500	\$10,506.00
75	Town Acct. - Schedule A	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$225.00
76	Town Clerk Wages	\$6,150	\$6,150	\$6,300	\$6,304.00
77	Town Clerk Misc.	\$1,800	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600.00
78	Print Town Reports/St lists	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000.00
79	Treasurer	\$10,250	\$10,250	\$10,500	\$10,506.00
80	Treasurer – Misc.	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400.00
81	Tree Department	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000.00
82	Veterans Benefit	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000.00
83	Veterans Services	\$1,000	\$2,945	\$2,945	\$2,945.00
84	Workers Comp.	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000.00
85	Worc. County Retire.	\$22,300	\$16,594	\$16,594	\$16,594.00
86	Zoning Taskforce	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0.00
87	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$450	\$700	\$700	\$700.00
		\$1,229,796	\$1,443,455	\$1,383,317	\$1,397,759

ARTICLE 39: Voted to table this article until the reconvene of the Annual Town Meeting on June 30, 2006 at Royalston Community School at 7 p.m. (requires 2/3 vote) 50 in favor, 0 opposed. Note: **Place** of Town Meeting was changed on June 14, per Board of Selectmen to the **Town Hall**, due to the unavailability of the Royalston Community School. The change was posted on the original warrants.

**At the reconvene of June 30, 2006, motion was made to reconsider this article.

Motion to reconsider passed 21 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion made to amend the wording of this article to read: “To see if the Town will vote to accept an extension of 650 feet of Toney Road as a public way, beginning at Number 4 Toney road and traveling westerly along the former public way previously known as Toney road, or act anything thereon.”

Much discussion followed, and a motion was made to amend the amended motion to read “ If the town meeting accepts 650 feet of Toney road as a public way that the Planning Board, Select Board and Highway Department agree upon a standard and once agreed, the homeowner will bring the road up to standard at their cost.” **The motion to amend the amendment failed with 10 in favor, 20 opposed.**

The vote on the article as originally amended failed, with 13 in favor, 23 opposed.

ARTICLE 40: Voted to table this article until the reconvene of the Annual Town Meeting on June 30, 2006 at Royalston Community School at 7 p.m. (requires 2/3 vote) 50 in favor, 0 opposed. **Place** of Town Meeting was changed on June 14, per Board of Selectmen to the **Town Hall**, due to the unavailability of the Royalston Community School. The change was posted on the original warrants. There was no motion at the reconvene to reconsider this article.

ARTICLE 41: Voted to table this article until the reconvene of the Annual Town Meeting on June 30, 2006 at Royalston Community School at 7 p.m. (requires 2/3 vote) 50 in favor, 0 opposed. **Place** of Town Meeting was changed on June 14, per Board of Selectmen to the **Town Hall**, due to the unavailability of the Royalston Community School. The change was posted on the original warrants. There was no motion at the reconvene to reconsider this article.

Voted to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on June 30, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Royalston Community School. 50 in favor, 0 opposed. **Place** of Town Meeting was changed on June 14, per Board of Selectmen to the **Town Hall**, due to the unavailability of the Royalston Community School. The change was posted on the original warrants.

Motion to adjourn the Reconvened 2006 Annual Town Meeting at 8:30 p.m. – motion passed.