

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
May 7, 2010

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Royalston in the County of Worcester, GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF **THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Royalston Town Hall in said Royalston on Friday, the seventh day of May next, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose one or more persons to act for the town in lawsuits.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sums of money to meet the appropriations under this warrant, or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 3. To see if the Town will 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, 2010 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, or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Mass. General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 5. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to pay a sum of money for **total** debt, raised and appropriated through debt exclusion, Fifty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$53,935) for the Royalston Community School, and Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty Two Dollars (\$18,442) for the Athol-Royalston Middle School, or to act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Vote Required: Simple Majority

- Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Forty One Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$41,920) to operate the sewer system, the fees from the sewer users to be returned to the Town to this account, or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended* *Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for capital expenditures for the waste water treatment plant, or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended* *Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote 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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended* *Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote 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 Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000), or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended* *Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Wiring Inspector Revolving Account to be expended for the purpose of paying an inspector; that department receipts charged to persons who are installing wiring be credited to said account, that the wiring 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 Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000), or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended* *Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a Post Office Revolving account to be expended for the administration and operation of the Postal Contract; departmental receipts to be credited to said fund; that the Post Office Manager 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 Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500), or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to pay the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) for engineering, plans, and authorized roadwork up to the reimbursable amount according to the provisions of Chapter 90 Massachusetts General Laws and/or STRAP grant, and the same to be spent with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and Massachusetts Highway Department, or to act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Forty-One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$41,150) for the fifth year/final payment of a five year lease/purchase of a road grader for the Highway Department, or take any action thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Department of Public Works

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds a sum of money to demolish 1 School Street, or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended

Sponsor: Building Inspector

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Committee to fundraise and plan events, related to the 250th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town to be held in 2015, or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) to be used for planning, events, and fundraising related to the 250th Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town to be held in 2015, or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

- Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to clean up the site of 2 King Street, to include grading and reseeded of the property, or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended* *Sponsor: Building Inspector*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to pay for engineering services for the purpose of applying for a grant to replace and extend the wastewater treatment plant and system and repair any and all deficiencies as identified by the Department of Environmental Protection, or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended from Stabilization* *Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended from Stabilizat'n *Vote Required: 2/3 if Stabilization*
- Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for capital projects at the high school, or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended from Mortgage Reduction* *Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended from Mort. Red. *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to repair the Center Cemetery Hearse House or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended* *Sponsor: DPW Supervisor*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,700) to repair the overhead door and restore electrical service to connections to the "Old Center Fire Station" located on the Common, or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended* *Sponsor: DPW Supervisor*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) for outdoor bulletin board(s) as required by the Open Meeting Law, or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended* *Sponsor: Board of Selectmen*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*
- Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purchase of sixteen pagers for use by the Fire Department, or act anything thereon.
- Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended* *Sponsor: 24 Hour Dispatch Committee*
Advisory Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended *Vote Required: Simple Majority*

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Act annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2011, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 1,800

Reserves:

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$ 3,600

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$ 3,600

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$ 3,600

From FY 2011 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$23,400

or take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds a sum of money for Transfer Station Monitoring or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Health

Advisory Committee Recommendation: No vote taken

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) for interior painting at the Phinehas Newton Library or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended

Sponsor: Phinehas Newton Library

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to provide police patrols of the Tully Dam area, to be reimbursed by the Corps of Engineers, or take any action thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommend

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$5,800) for the triennial revaluation for Fiscal Year 2011, or act anything thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Assessors

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Vote Required: Simple Majority

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds the sum of One Million, Six Hundred Twenty Three Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Eight Dollars (\$1,623,858) to fund the budgets for the following accounts, or take any action thereon.

NO.	Department	FY 2010 Actual	FY2011 Selectboard	Dept. Request FY2011	Fin Com FY2011
1	Animal Control Expense	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
2	Animal Control Salary	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$5,000
3	Animal Inspector	\$630	\$700	\$700	\$700
4	Assessors Clerk Wages	\$7,144	\$7,626	\$7,626	\$7,626
5	Assessors Expenses	\$4,544	\$4,544	\$4,544	\$4,544
6	Assessors WA- Chair	\$1,615	\$1,615	\$1,645	\$1,615
7	Assessors WA –Member	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,435	\$1,400
8	Assessors WA -Member	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,435	\$1,400
9	Athol-Royalston School	\$404,252	\$459,085	\$459,085	\$459,085
10	Bartlett Fund, JN Treasurer	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
11	Board of Health Expenses	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
12	Board of Health Wages	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$9,250
13	Bd. Of Health - Management	\$2,385	\$2,385	\$2,385	\$2,385
14	Bd. Of Health Chair	\$1,230	\$1,230	\$1,230	\$1,230
15	Bd. Of Health Clerk	\$1,128	\$1,128	\$1,128	\$1,128
16	Bd. Of Health Member	\$1,025	\$1,025	\$1,025	\$1,025
17	Bonds for Town Officials	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
18	Building Inspector Exp.	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843
19	Building Inspector Salary	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
20	Care of Comm. & Parks	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
21	Care of Town Clock	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52
22	Cemeteries Care	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
22a	Cemetery Records Preservation		\$200	\$200	\$200
23	Cemetery Commissioner	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
24	Cemetery Member	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
25	Cemetery Member	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
26	Clearance Tax Titles	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
27	Civilian Defense (Emer. Mgmt)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
28	Conservation Comm.	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450
29	Council on Aging	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800
30	Custodian of Tax Title	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
31	DPW - Highway General	\$69,705	\$69,705	\$69,705	\$69,705
32	DPW- Highway Maint.	\$31,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
33	DPW – Salaries	\$183,171	\$173,859	\$173,859	\$173,859
34	DPW - Contractor Wages	-	-	-	-
35	DPW - Snow and ICE	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000
36	Elderly Transportation	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
37	Elections	\$6,460	\$9,237	\$9,237	\$9,237
38	Fire Department Wages	\$22,400	\$25,400	\$25,400	\$25,400
39	Fire Department Expenses	\$41,162	\$38,162	\$38,162	\$38,162

NO.	Department	FY 2010 Actual	FY2011 Selectboard	Dept. Request FY2011	Fin Com FY2011
40	Dispatch Fire/Police	\$14,318	\$14,318	\$14,318	\$14,318
41	Historic District Commission	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$300
42	Insurance (property)	\$28,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000
43	Insurance (NORWORCO)	\$1,600	\$1,793	\$1,793	\$1,793
44	Insurance (medical)	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000
45	Interest	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
46	Legal Counsel	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
47	Library Expense	\$17,487	\$20,073	\$20,073	\$20,073
48	Library Wages	\$25,809	\$27,705	\$28,248	\$27,705
49	Medicare	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
50	Contributory Unemployment	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
51	Memorial Day / Soldiers Graves	\$750	\$650	\$650	\$650
52	Moderator	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
53	Montachusett Reg. Tech School	\$51,238	\$56,070	\$56,070	\$56,070
54	Planning Board	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
55	Police Department Wages	\$55,739	\$55,739	\$55,739	\$55,739
56	Police Department Expenses	\$13,761	\$14,761	\$14,761	\$14,761
57	Public Halls	\$48,315	\$48,315	\$48,315	\$48,315
58	Open Space Committee	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
59	Reserve Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,821
60	Registrars of Voters	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
61	Selectmen Chairman	\$2,477	\$2,477	\$2,477	\$2,477
62	Selectmen Member	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153
63	Selectmen Member	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153
64	Selectmen - Misc.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
65	Selectmen's Secretary	\$2,472	\$2,472	\$2,472	\$2,472
66	Administrative Assistant	\$14,158	\$14,158	\$14,158	\$14,158
67	Admin. Assistant Misc.	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
68	Sewer Comm. Chair	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
69	Sewer Comm. Member	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
70	Sewer Comm. Member	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
71	Street Lights	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,500
72	Tax Collector	\$12,038	\$12,038	\$12,038	\$12,038
73	Tax Collector - Misc.	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150
74	Town Account Exp.	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$4,500	\$2,000
75	Town Acct. Salary	\$10,000	\$12,038	\$10,000	\$11,038
76	Town Acct. - Schedule A	-	-	-	-
77	Town Clerk Wages	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200
78	Town Clerk Misc.	\$1,530	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
79	Print Town Reports/St lists	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300

NO.	Department	FY 2010 Actual	FY2011 Selectboard	Dept. Request FY2011	Fin Com FY2011
80	Treasurer	\$11,038	\$11,038	\$11,038	\$11,038
81	Treasurer - Misc.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
82	Tree Department	\$500	\$100	\$100	\$100
83	Veterans Benefit	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000
84	Veterans Services	\$3,505	\$3,543	\$3,543	\$3,543
85	Workers Comp.	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
86	Worcester County Retire.	\$24,892	\$27,698	\$27,698	\$27,698
87	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
88	Technology	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
89	Post Office	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
90	Energy Committee		\$300	\$300	\$300
		\$1,564,099	\$1,623,858		\$1,623,179

Article 30. To see if the Town Will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a portion of funds in the Treasury to reduce the tax rate for this coming year, or to take any other action thereon.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Advisory Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Vote Required: Simple Majority

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, Whitney Hall, Country Store, and West Royalston Bulletin Board in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty seventh day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.

SELECTMEN OF ROYALSTON

Andrew West, Chairman

Linda Alger, Clerk

John Morse, Member

A true copy, attest:

_____, Constable.

Worcester, ss.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Royalston by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, Post Office, Whitney Hall, General Store, and West Royalston Bulletin Board, seven days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Constable of Royalston