

I, Melanie A. Mangum, as Town Clerk of Royalston, MA, do hereby certify that the following are the actions taken at the Special Town Meeting of September 7, 2007, held at the Royalston Community School in Royalston, MA.

Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk

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There were 35 voters in attendance at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George Northrop at 7:05 p.m. Finance Advisory Board Chairman Larry Siegel gave an overview in which it was noted that there is approximately \$410,000.00 in the Stabilization Account.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

- Article 1.** **Voted** to transfer from Stabilization the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the removal of a mobile home and truck body located at 63 North Fitzwilliam Road.
26 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Article 2.** Moved to transfer from Stabilization the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$4,200.00) to repair the police cruiser.
Failed - 11 in favor, 15 opposed
- Article 3.** **Voted** to transfer from the Royalston Community School Mortgage Reduction Account the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as Royalston's portion of the cost to pay for a facilitator for the Athol-Royalston Regional School District's Strategic Planning.
28 in favor, 0 opposed
- Article 4.** **Voted** to transfer from Stabilization the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to add to the Cemetery Care Account.
22 in favor, 2 opposed.

Article 5. Voted to transfer from Stabilization the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) to pay one-half the cost to repair a hydrant.
29 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 6. Voted to transfer from Stabilization the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the repair and/or replacement of the doors at the Town Hall.
29 in favor, 1 opposed.

Article 7. Voted to transfer:
- **\$1,200.00** from Article 41, ATM 5/04 Town Hall painting, South and West sides;
- **\$1,800.00** from Article 33, ATM 5/06 Town Hall painting, North and East sides
to the Public Halls Maintenance Account (Article 11, STM 6/02), for use in repairs to any municipal building.
35 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 8. Voted to amend the ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT by adding a new second sentence to SECTION III. Location of Regional District Schools, which shall state:

The Royalston Community School shall be for grades pre-kindergarten through grade six.

35 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 9. Voted to amend the ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT by deleting the first sentence of SECTION II. Type of Regional District School, which now states:

The Regional School District shall include all grades from kindergarten through grade twelve.

And replacing the stated language with the following:

The Regional School District shall include all grades from pre-kindergarten through grade twelve.

35 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 10. Voted to amend the ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT by adding a new paragraph B in SECTION VIII. Withdrawal, and re-lettering the current paragraph B to become paragraph C. The added paragraph B shall state:

A new member may be admitted to, or an existing member withdrawn from, the Athol-Royalston Regional School District, as of July 1 of any fiscal year, provided that all requisite approvals for such admission or withdrawal, including the Commissioner's approval, shall be obtained no later than the preceding December 31. The authorizing votes may provide for the deferral of such admission or withdrawal until July 1 of a subsequent fiscal year.

Following the approval of a prospective member for admission into the Athol-Royalston Regional School District and continuing until the actual date of such admission, the local school committee of the prospective member may designate a non-voting representative to the regional school committee.

33 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 11. Voted to amend the ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT by adding a new sentence at the end of paragraph C of SECTION IX. Budget, which shall state:

In addition to the above, the regional school district shall submit the budget and assessments to each member within 30 days after the school committee's adoption of the budget, and, in any event, no later than April 30.

33 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 12. Voted to amend the ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT by adding a new SECTION XII. Intra-District School Choice, and by renumbering all remaining sections of the Agreement. SECTION XII to state as follows:

Students may attend schools in grades pre-kindergarten through grade six in the District other than in the town in which the student resides where eight out of the ten members of the School Committee vote to allow this to occur with regard to each student requesting intra-district school choice. Students may also be required to attend schools in grades pre-kindergarten through grade six in the District based upon recommendations or requirements from Federal or State Administrative Agencies, specialized programs, or in emergency circumstances as determined by the School Committee.

33 in favor, 0 opposed.

Article 13. Voted to amend the ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT by deleting the current second paragraph of SECTION XIV. Lease of Schools, which now states:

The Town of Athol is hereby authorized to lease to the regional school district all the premises and buildings known as the Athol Junior High School, Riverbend School, Pleasant Street School, Ellen Bigelow School, Sanders Street School, and Silver Lake School of Athol. The Town of Royalston is hereby authorized to lease to the regional school district all their premises and buildings known as the Raymond School and South Royalston School in Royalston.

And replacing the stated language with the following:

The Town of Athol is hereby authorized to lease to the regional school district all the premises and buildings known as the Riverbend School, Pleasant Street School, Ellen Bigelow School, Sanders Street School, Silver Lake School, and Lyman Ward School of Athol. The Town of Royalston is hereby authorized to lease to the regional school district all the premises upon which resides the Royalston Community School.

33 in favor, 0 opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m was passed.