

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Annual Town Meeting**

**May 7, 2010**

**Reconvened June 25, 2010**

**I, Melanie Mangum, as Town Clerk of Royalston, do hereby certify that the following are the actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting of May 7, 2010 and reconvened on June 25, 2010. (\*\* denotes action taken at the reconvene)**

**:true copy attest**

**:town seal**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk**

***Moderator George Northrop called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.***

***There were 42 voters present at this Town Meeting. 20 voters were present at the reconvene on June 25,2010.***

***Motion to allow Monty Tech Superintendent Culkeen to speak about the Monty Tech Budget and to take Number 53 of Article 29 out of order. Seconded. \$ 56,070 approved.***

***Motion to allow ARRSD Superintendent Polito to speak about the budget and consider number 9 of Budget Article 29 out of order. Seconded. Lengthy presentation by Superintendent Polito on the ARRSD budget. Motion to approve \$465,609, Passed.***

***Selectboard Chair Andrew West spoke on the state of the town before considering the remainder of the warrant.***

**Article 1.** To choose one or more persons to act for the town in lawsuits.  
**Moved to choose the Board of Selectmen to act for the town in lawsuits. Seconded.  
PASSED**

**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  
**Moved as read, seconded.  
PASSED**

**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.  
**Moved as read, seconded.  
PASSED**

**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  
**Moved as read, seconded.  
PASSED**

- 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.  
**Motion to raise and appropriate \$54,716 to pay debt service on the borrowing authorized by the vote of the September 10, 1993 Town Meeting Article 1 for the Royalston Community School and to raise and appropriate \$14,230 to pay debt service for the borrowing authorized by the vote of the May 7, 2004 Town Meeting under Article 5 for the Athol-Royalston Middle School Building Project. Seconded. PASSED**
- 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.  
**Moved to raise and appropriate \$41,920. Motion withdrawn. New motion to raise and appropriate \$39,450. Motion to table, seconded.**  
**ARTICLE TABLED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**  
**\*\*Moved to take this Article out of Table, Motion passed 18-0.**  
**\*\*Motion to transfer from offset receipts the sum of \$37,010.00 to operate the sewer system, the fees from the sewer users to be returned to the Town to this account.**  
**PASSED unanimously.**
- 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.  
**Moved to raise and appropriate \$2,300. Seconded**  
**PASSED**
- 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.  
**Moved as read, seconded.**  
**PASSED**
- 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.  
**Moved as read, seconded**  
**PASSED**

- 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. **Moved as read, seconded**  
**PASSED**
- 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.  
**Moved to authorize a Post Office Revolving Account to be expended for the administration and operation of the Post Office; that payments from the United States Postal Service to be credited to said fund; that the Post Office Manager be authorized to spend monies in the account for the purpose of the administration and operation of the Post Office, including the payment of salaries of part-time employees, 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)**  
**PASSED**
- 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.  
**Moved as read, seconded**  
**PASSED**
- 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.  
**Moved to raise and appropriate \$41,150. Seconded**  
**PASSED**
- 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.  
**Moved to table, seconded.**  
**ARTICLE TABLED (33 in favor -1 opposed)**
- 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 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town to be held in 2015, or act anything thereon.  
**Moved as read, seconded.**  
**PASSED**
- 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 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the Town to be held in 2015, or act anything thereon.

**Moved to table, seconded.**

**ARTICLE TABLED (33in favor -1 opposed)**

**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 reseeding of the property, or act anything thereon.

**Moved to table**

**ARTICLE TABLED (31 in favor, 3 opposed)**

**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.

**Moved to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$12,000.**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**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.

**Moved to table, seconded.**

**ARTICLE TABLED (Unanimous)**

**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.

**Moved to table, seconded.**

**ARTICLE TABLED (33 in favor, 1 opposed)**

**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.

**Moved to table, seconded.**

**ARTICLE TABLED (Unanimous)**

**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.

**Moved to raise and appropriate \$750, seconded.**

**ARTICLE PASSED**

**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.

**Moved to table, seconded.**

**ARTICLE TABLED (31 in favor, 3 opposed)**

**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.

**Moved as read, seconded.**

**ARTICLE PASSED**

**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.

**Moved to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$4,475 for transfer station monitoring, seconded.**

**PASSED (Unanimous)**

**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.

**Moved to table, seconded.**

**ARTICLE TABLED (29 in favor, 6 opposed)**

**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. **Moved to raise and appropriate \$4,000, seconded.**

**PASSED**

**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.

**Moved to raise and appropriate \$5,800, seconded.**

**PASSED**

**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.

**“ATM Floor Final” column represents the amount that was read and moved on the floor, with the exception of the following: (continued next page)**

**Motion to amend line 77 of this Article to read \$9,000, seconded. Defeated**  
**Motion to amend line 77 to \$10,000, seconded.** (continued next page)  
**Moved to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,634,929 for Article 29, seconded**  
**PASSED**

(continued next page)

**\*\*Motion to reopen Article 29 – Passed**

**\*\*Motion to change the Line 83 of Article 29 (Veterans' Benefits) line to \$7,200, instead of the \$9,000 previously voted. Passed 19 in favor, 1 against.**

**\*\*Total Budget Article approved is \$1,633,129**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>FY 2010 Actual</b>	<b>FY2011 Selectboard</b>	<b>Dept. Request FY2011</b>	<b>Fin Com FY2011</b>	<b>ATM Floor Final</b>
1	Animal Control Expense	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
2	Animal Control Salary	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,500	\$5,000	\$5,000
3	Animal Inspector	\$630	\$700	\$700	\$700	\$700
4	Assessors Clerk Wages	\$7,144	\$7,626	\$7,626	\$7,626	\$7,626
5	Assessors Expenses	\$4,544	\$4,544	\$4,544	\$4,544	\$4,544
6	Assessors WA- Chair	\$1,615	\$1,615	\$1,645	\$1,615	\$1,615
7	Assessors WA –Member	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,435	\$1,400	\$1,400
8	Assessors WA -Member	\$1,400	\$1,400	\$1,435	\$1,400	\$1,400
9	Athol-Royalston School	\$404,252	\$459,085	\$459,085	\$459,085	\$465,609
10	Bartlett Fund, JN Treasurer	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
11	Board of Health Expenses	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
12	Board of Health Wages	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$9,250	\$9,250
13	Bd. Of Health - Management	\$2,385	\$2,385	\$2,385	\$2,385	\$2,385
14	Bd. Of Health Chair	\$1,230	\$1,230	\$1,230	\$1,230	\$1,230
15	Bd. Of Health Clerk	\$1,128	\$1,128	\$1,128	\$1,128	\$1,128
16	Bd. Of Health Member	\$1,025	\$1,025	\$1,025	\$1,025	\$1,025
17	Bonds for Town Officials	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
18	Building Inspector Exp.	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843	\$2,843
19	Building Inspector Salary	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
20	Care of Comm. & Parks	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
21	Care of Town Clock	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52	\$52
22	Cemeteries Care	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
22a	Cemetery Records Preservation		\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
23	Cemetery Commissioner	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
24	Cemetery Member	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
25	Cemetery Member	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
26	Clearance Tax Titles	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
27	Civilian Defense (Emer.	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	

<b>NO.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>FY 2010 Actual</b>	<b>FY2011 Selectboard</b>	<b>Dept. Request FY2011</b>	<b>Fin Com FY2011</b>	<b>ATM Floor Final</b>
	Mgmt)					<b>\$5,000</b>
28	Conservation Comm.	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	<b>\$450</b>
29	Council on Aging	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	<b>\$800</b>
30	Custodian of Tax Title	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	<b>\$50</b>
31	DPW - Highway General	\$69,705	\$69,705	\$69,705	\$69,705	<b>\$69,705</b>
32	DPW- Highway Maint.	\$31,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	<b>\$40,000</b>
33	DPW – Salaries	\$183,171	\$173,859	\$173,859	\$173,859	<b>\$173,859</b>
34	DPW - Contractor Wages	-	-	-	-	-
35	DPW - Snow and ICE	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$140,000	<b>\$140,000</b>
36	Elderly Transportation	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	<b>\$200</b>
37	Elections	\$6,460	\$9,237	\$9,237	\$9,237	<b>\$9,237</b>
38	Fire Department Wages	\$22,400	\$25,400	\$25,400	\$25,400	<b>\$25,400</b>
39	Fire Department Expenses	\$41,162	\$38,162	\$38,162	\$38,162	<b>\$38,162</b>
40	Dispatch Fire/Police	\$14,318	\$14,318	\$14,318	\$14,318	<b>\$14,318</b>
41	Historic District Commission	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$300	<b>\$300</b>
42	Insurance (property)	\$28,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$32,000	<b>\$28,000</b>
43	Insurance (NORWORCO)	\$1,600	\$1,793	\$1,793	\$1,793	<b>\$1,793</b>
44	Insurance (medical)	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	\$66,000	<b>\$66,000</b>
45	Interest	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	<b>\$2,000</b>
46	Legal Counsel	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	<b>\$5,000</b>
47	Library Expense	\$17,487	\$20,073	\$20,073	\$20,073	<b>\$20,073</b>
48	Library Wages	\$25,809	\$27,705	\$28,248	\$27,705	<b>\$27,705</b>
49	Medicare	\$9,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	<b>\$10,000</b>
50	Contributory Unemployment	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	<b>\$9,000</b>
51	Memorial Day / Soldiers Graves	\$750	\$650	\$650	\$650	<b>\$650</b>
52	Moderator	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	<b>\$100</b>
53	Montachusett Reg. Tech School	\$51,238	\$56,070	\$56,070	\$56,070	<b>\$56,070</b>
54	Planning Board	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	<b>\$500</b>
55	Police Department Wages	\$55,739	\$55,739	\$55,739	\$55,739	<b>\$55,739</b>
56	Police Department Expenses	\$13,761	\$14,761	\$14,761	\$14,761	<b>\$14,761</b>
57	Public Halls	\$48,315	\$48,315	\$48,315	\$48,315	<b>\$48,315</b>
58	Open Space Committee	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	<b>\$200</b>
59	Reserve Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,821	<b>\$20,547</b>
60	Registrars of Voters	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	<b>\$150</b>
61	Selectmen Chairman	\$2,477	\$2,477	\$2,477	\$2,477	<b>\$2,477</b>
62	Selectmen Member	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153	<b>\$2,153</b>
63	Selectmen Member	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153	\$2,153	<b>\$2,153</b>

<b>NO.</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>FY 2010 Actual</b>	<b>FY2011 Selectboard</b>	<b>Dept. Request FY2011</b>	<b>Fin Com FY2011</b>	<b>ATM Floor Final</b>
64	Selectmen - Misc.	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
65	Selectmen's Secretary	\$2,472	\$2,472	\$2,472	\$2,472	\$2,472
66	Administrative Assistant	\$14,158	\$14,158	\$14,158	\$14,158	\$14,158
67	Admin. Assistant Misc.	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
68	Sewer Comm. Chair	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
69	Sewer Comm. Member	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
70	Sewer Comm. Member	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
71	Street Lights	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,700
72	Tax Collector	\$12,038	\$12,038	\$12,038	\$12,038	\$12,038
73	Tax Collector - Misc.	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150	\$4,150
74	Town Account Exp.	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$4,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
75	Town Acct. Salary	\$10,000	\$12,038	\$10,000	\$11,038	\$11,038
76	Town Acct. - Schedule A	-	-	-	-	-
77	Town Clerk Wages	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$8,200	\$10,000
78	Town Clerk Misc.	\$1,530	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
79	Print Town Reports/St lists	\$2,000	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300	\$2,300
80	Treasurer	\$11,038	\$11,038	\$11,038	\$11,038	\$11,038
81	Treasurer - Misc.	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
82	Tree Department	\$500	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
83	Veterans Benefit	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$7,200
84	Veterans Services	\$3,505	\$3,543	\$3,543	\$3,543	\$3,543
85	Workers Comp.	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
86	Worcester County Retire.	\$24,892	\$27,698	\$27,698	\$27,698	\$27,698
87	Zoning Board of Appeals	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
88	Technology	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
89	Post Office	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
90	Energy Committee		\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
		<b>\$1,564,099</b>	<b>\$1,623,858</b>		<b>\$1,623,179</b>	<b>1,633,129</b>

**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.

**Moved as read, seconded.  
PASSED**

**Motion to adjourn to June 25, 2010, at 7 p.m. in the Royalston Town Hall, seconded PASSED.**

**\*\*Moved to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m, passed.**