

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF ROYALSTON

Annual Town Meeting

May 9, 2014

: 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 9, 2014 and reconvened on June 25, 2014, both held at the Royalston Community School at 7 p.m.

() denotes action taken at the Reconvened town meeting.**

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:town seal

Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk

Moderator George Northrop called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 53 voters present at the start of Town Meeting, 62 voters present on 5-9-2014. At the reconvened meeting, 141 voters were present.

Linda Alger, Selectboard Chair, gave a "State of the Town" presentation and an introduction to Town Meeting. Finance Committee Chairman Larry Siegel also spoke regarding the Town's financial situation. Motion was made to allow the Superintendent of Schools of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District Anthony Polito and Business Manager Mary Jane Handy, and Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School's Business Manager Tammy Lajoie, to speak regarding each school district's budget and to vote on budget line items #10 and #58 of Article 37 (budget article) out of normal warrant order. Voted the amount of \$448,000.00 for line item #10 (ARRSD) and \$115,473.00 for line item #58 Unanimously.

Article 1. To choose one or more persons to act for the town in lawsuits, or act anything thereon.
**Moved the article to have the Selectboard act for the town in lawsuits, seconded.
Passed Unanimously.**

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.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.

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, 2014 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.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.

- 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 Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 5.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$44,575 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, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 6.** 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 \$10,000, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 7.** 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 \$8,000; or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 8.** 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 \$8,000, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote 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 and departmental receipts from charges for postage, shipping, and sale of shipping supplies and any other receipts of the Post Office 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 FY2014 shall be \$12,500.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.

- Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a General and Zoning Enforcement Revolving Account for costs associated with violations of the General and Zoning Bylaws, that charges for fees and fines shall be credited to said account, and that the Building Commissioner be authorized to expend monies in the account for costs associated with violations of the General and Zoning bylaws, and to limit the amount accrued in this account to \$10,000, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article to see if the town will vote to authorize a General and Zoning Enforcement Revolving Account for costs associated with violations of the General and Zoning Bylaws, that charges for fees and fines shall be credited to said account, and that the Building Inspector be authorized to expend monies in the account for costs associated with enforcing violations of the General and Zoning bylaws, and that the limit on the total amount spent from the account for FY2015 shall be \$10,000. Amendment passed unanimously, article as amended PASSED Unanimously.
- Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to pay the sum of \$600,000 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 Mass DOT, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$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.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 for capital expenditures for the sewer system, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount of \$36,410 to operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer System, the amount to be raised from User Fees, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization, the sum of \$4,300 to provide police patrols for the Tully Dam area, to be reimbursed by the Corps of Engineers, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. (requires 2/3 vote) Passed 57 in favor, 1 against.
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the fourth yearly payment of a four-year lease/purchase for a SUV for the Police Department; the remaining yearly portion of \$4,500 to be paid with grant/police association funds, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$9,200 for the second yearly payment of a four year lease/purchase for the new police cruiser, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as raise and appropriate \$9,200, seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Act FY 2015 estimated annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2015, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 1,875

Reserves:

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$ 3,700
From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$ 3,700
From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$ 3,700
From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$24,025

Moved the article as read, seconded. Much discussion. Voted to move the question, passed. Article Passed – 54 in favor, 4 against.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund, \$12,000 from the FY2014 Budgeted Reserve and \$5,000 from the Historic Resources Reserve, to restore and rehabilitate the bell tower on the historic Schoolhouse No. 1, now the home of the Village Improvement and Historical Society, or act anything thereon.

Moved the article as read, seconded. Motion to amend the article to add the phrase “this money may be used as matching funds towards a grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund”, motion seconded. Amendment passed Unanimously. Motion to pass the article as amended, seconded, Article as amended Passed Unanimously

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund, \$10,000 from the anticipated FY2015 Budgeted Reserve, to restore the World War II monument on the Common, or act anything thereon.

Moved the article to read to see if the town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund FY2015 Estimated Annual Revenues the Sum of \$10,000 to restore the World War II monument on the Common, and to reduce the amount placed in the FY2015 budget reserve by a like amount, motion seconded. Amendment passed unanimously. Article as amended Passed, 56 in favor, 2 against.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation fund, \$4,000 from the anticipated FY2015 Budgeted Reserve, to restore the flagpole on the Common, or act anything thereon.

Moved TO AMEND the article to read that the town transfer from the Community Preservation fund FY2015 Estimated Annual Revenues the sum of \$4,000 to restore the flagpole on the Common, and to reduce the amount placed in the FY2015 budgeted reserve by a like amount. Motion seconded. Amendment Passed Unanimously. Article as amended PASSED 55 in favor, 3 opposed.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund, \$3,000 from the anticipated FY2015 Historic Resources Reserve and \$1,775 from the Fund Balance, to restore the Town Hall theater curtain, or act anything thereon.

Moved to amend the article to read to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund fy2015 estimated annual revenues, the sum of \$3,000 and reduce the amount placed in FY2015 Historic Resources Reserve by a like amount, and transfer the sum of \$1,775 from the Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund, to restore the Town hall theater curtain. Motion to amend seconded. Amendment Passed Unanimously. Article as Amended Passed 57 in favor, 1 opposed.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$110,000 to balance the Snow & Ice Account; \$75,000 from Stabilization and \$35,000 from the Storm Account, or act anything thereon.

Moved the article to read to see if the Town will vote to transfer \$75,000 from stabilization and \$35,000 from storm account, for a total transfer in the amount of \$110,000 to balance the snow and Ice account, seconded. ARTICLE PASSED - 52 in favor, 1 opposed.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by gift, the parcel of land shown as "Parcel 'A'" on a plan entitled "Plan of Land to be Conveyed by Patience Bundschuh to the Town of Royalston", dated February 28, 2014, being a portion of that property described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South District Registry of Deeds in Book 44408, Page 335, for general municipal purposes, or act anything thereon.

Moved the article as read, seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$2,000 to complete the funding for the purchase of a fireproof safe for the Town Clerk record storage, or act anything thereon.

Moved the article as raise and appropriate, Article passed 52 in favor, 2 against.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$20,000 to repair/restore the two (2) hearse houses, one in the Center Cemetery and one in the Riverside Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Moved to table the article, seconded. Motion to table passed 53 in favor, 1 against. ARTICLE TABLED

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$7,500 for a sewer jetter for the sewer system, or act anything thereon.

Moved to table the article, seconded. ARTICLE TABLED, 52 in favor, 2 against.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$1,300 to pay for cleaning and structural inspection of the water tank, or act anything thereon.

Moved to raise and appropriate \$1,300 to pay for cleaning and structural inspection of the water tank. Seconded, Passed, 53 in favor, 1 against.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$3,000 to replace/repair a pump for the sewer system lift station, or act anything thereon.

Moved to table the article, seconded. ARTICLE TABLED, 52 in favor, 2 against.

- Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from the Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$7,000 to prepare a Systems Replacement Plan for town hall. This amount is the required 1:1 match for a grant awarded to Royalston in July 2013 by the Massachusetts Cultural Council and will not be expended until the town receives and executes an Engagement Letter from the Nonprofit Finance Fund, which will conduct the work, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as raise and appropriate, seconded. Article FAILED, 9 in favor, 45 opposed.
- Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$2,500 to purchase one set of Structural Firefighting Entry Gear, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as raise and appropriate, seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$40,000 to build a covered port for additional equipment storage at Fire Department, or act anything thereon.
Moved to Table the article, seconded. Motion to Table passed unanimously. ARTICLE TABLED.
- Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$6,000 to provide necessary immunizations to the Fire Department/EMS employees, or act anything thereon.
Moved to table the article, seconded. ARTICLE TABLED - 51 in favor 3 against. **MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE, SECONDED. Motion to remove from table, carries 95 in favor, 7 against. Motion to raise and appropriate \$3,600. to provide necessary immunizations to the Fire Department/EMS employees, motion seconded. PASSED WITH 4 OPPOSED****
- Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$10,000 to begin the process of upgrading Public Safety radios, or act anything thereon.
Moved to table the article, seconded. ARTICLE TABLED Unanimously
- Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to purchase a “commercial grade cross-cut paper shredder” or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. FAILED,17 in favor, 22 opposed.
- Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of \$1,000 for Wired West membership, or act anything thereon.
Moved the article as raise and appropriate, seconded. PASSED 39 in favor, 1 opposed.
- Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum \$1,827,731 to fund the budgets for the following accounts, or take any action thereon.
Moved the article as read, seconded. Voted for each line item amount as indicated below, total budget number voted originally was \$1,828,606 - Passed - *NOTE – due to administrative error, the total amount voted was incorrect. The total amount of all budget line items was ACTUAL \$1,827,326.00 **At reconvene, motion to reconsider the budget article, and line 66 – Reserve Account, seconded, passed with one opposed. It was also noted that budget article total was incorrect when originally voted. Moved to change line item 66, Reserve Account, from \$20,000 to \$32,000, seconded. Passed 128 in favor, 1 opposed. BUDGET TOTAL OF ALL LINE ITEMS = \$1,839,326.00.****

No	Department	FY2014 Actual	Dept. Request FY2015	Selectboard FY2015	Fin Com FY2015	Floor/Final
1	24 Hour Dispatch	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 16,780.00	\$ 16,780.00	\$ 16,780.00	\$ 16,780.00
2	Admin. Assistant	\$ 14,875.00	\$ 15,245.00	\$ 15,245.00	\$ 15,245.00	\$ 15,245.00
3	Admin. Assistant Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
4	Agriculture Commission	0	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
5	Animal Control Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00
6	Animal Control Salary	\$ 5,253.00	\$ 5,484.00	\$ 5,484.00	\$ 5,484.00	\$ 5,484.00
7	Animal Inspector	\$ 736.00	\$ 754.00	\$ 754.00	\$ 754.00	\$ 754.00
8	Assessor's Clerk's Salary	\$ 8,145.00	\$ 8,349.00	\$ 8,349.00	\$ 8,349.00	\$ 8,349.00
9	Assessor's Expense	\$ 5,447.00	\$ 5,045.00	\$ 5,045.00	\$ 5,045.00	\$5,447.00
10	Athol-Royal. Reg. Assess	\$453,234.00	\$448,000.00	\$448,000.00	\$448,000.00	\$448,000.00
11	Board of Assessors Chair	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 1,737.00	\$ 1,737.00
12	Board of Assessors Clerk	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00
13	Board of Assessors Member	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00
14	Board of Health Chair	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00	\$ 1,506.00
15	Board of Health Clerk	\$ 1,292.00	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 1,324.00	\$ 1,324.00
16	Board of Health Expense	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00
17	Board of Health Member	\$ 1,184.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 1,214.00
18	Board of Health Mgmt. Acct	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00	\$ 2,340.00
19	Board of Health Wages	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00
20	BOH Monitoring	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
21	Building Inspector Expense	\$ 3,307.00	\$ 4,077.00	\$ 3,461.00	\$ 3,461.00	\$ 3,461.00
22	Building Inspector Salary	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00
23	Care of Town Clocks	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 52.00
24	Cemetery Comm. Chair	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
25	Cemetery Comm. Member	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
26	Cemetery Comm. Member	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
27	Cemetery Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
28	Civilian Defense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
29	Clearance of Tax Title	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
30	Conservation Commission	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00
31	Council on Aging	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
32	County Retirement	\$ 28,406.00	\$ 25,333.00	\$ 25,333.00	\$ 25,333.00	\$ 25,333.00
33	Custodians of Tax Title	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

34	Elderly Transportation	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
35	Election Expense	\$ 6,348.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$9,750.00
36	Energy Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
37	Fire Chief Stipend	\$ 3,154.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
38	Fire Department Wages	\$ 30,400.00	\$ 31,160.00	\$ 31,160.00	\$ 31,160.00	\$ 31,160.00
39	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$ 43,662.00	\$ 46,562.00	\$ 46,562.00	\$ 46,562.00	\$ 46,562.00
40	Harper's Payroll	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
41	Health Insurance	\$ 55,000	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
42	Highway Contractor Wages	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
43	Highway General	\$ 73,705.00	\$ 70,705.00	\$ 70,705.00	\$ 70,705.00	\$ 70,705.00
44	Highway Maintenance	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
45	Highway Salary	\$231,693.00	\$239,420.00	\$239,420.00	\$239,420.00	\$239,420.00
46	Historic Commission	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
47	Information Technology	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
48	Insurance - Norworco	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 1,974.00
49	Interest Expense	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
50	J.N. Bartlett Treasurer	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
51	Legal Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
52	Liability Insurance	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00
53	Liability Insurance-F/P	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00
54	Library Expense	\$ 22,385.00	\$ 23,510.00	\$ 23,510.00	\$ 23,510.00	\$ 23,510.00
55	Library Wages	\$ 29,149.00	\$ 29,794.00	\$ 29,794.00	\$ 29,794.00	\$ 29,794.00
56	Memorial Day	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00
57	Moderator's Salary	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
58	Monty Tech Assessment	\$ 103,562.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,473.00
59	Municipal Buildings	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 69,706.00	\$ 69,706.00	\$ 69,706.00	\$ 69,706.00
60	Officer Bonding	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
61	Open Space Committee	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
62	Planning Board	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
63	Police Dept. Expense	\$ 20,527.00	\$ 21,443.00	\$ 21,443.00	\$ 21,443.00	\$ 21,443.00
64	Police Dept. Wages	\$ 60,043.00	\$ 66,761.00	\$ 66,761.00	\$ 66,761.00	\$ 66,761.00
65	Registrars	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
66	Reserve Account	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$32,000.00
67	Royalston Post Office	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
68	Schedule A	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
69	Selectmen Chair	\$ 2,602.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 2,667.00

70	Selectmen Member	\$ 2,262.00	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 2,318.00
71	Selectmen Member	\$ 2,262.00	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 2,318.00
72	Selectmen's Misc.	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
73	Selectmen's Secretary	\$ 2,597.00	\$ 2,662.00	\$ 2,662.00	\$ 2,662.00	\$ 2,662.00
74	Sewer Comm. Chair	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00
75	Sewer Comm. Member	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00
76	Sewer Comm. Member	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00
77	Snow & Ice	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 192,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
78	Street Lights	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
79	Tax Collector's Expense	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 5,150.00
80	Tax Collector's Salary	\$ 12,662.00	\$ 12,889.00	\$ 12,889.00	\$ 12,889.00	\$ 12,889.00
81	Town Accountant Exp.	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
82	Town Accountant Salary	\$ 11,597.00	\$ 11,887.00	\$ 11,887.00	\$ 11,887.00	\$ 11,887.00
83	Town Clerk's Expense	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
84	Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 10,517.00	\$ 10,780.00	\$ 10,780.00	\$ 10,780.00	\$ 10,780.00
85	Town Reports & Street List	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,300.00
86	Town Share Medicare	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
87	Treasurer's Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
88	Treasurer's Salary	\$ 11,597.00	\$ 11,887.00	\$ 11,887.00	\$ 11,887.00	\$ 11,887.00
89	Tree Department	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
90	Unemployment-Contributory	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
91	Veterans' Benefits	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
92	Veterans' Services	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00
93	Workmen's Compensation	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
94	Z.B.A. Expense	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
	Totals	\$1,769,726	\$1,866,047.00	\$1,827,731.00	\$1,827,731.00	\$1,839,326.00

Budget Article above PASSED 128 in favor, 1 opposed.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Ordinance Regulating Public Sewers, as written below, or act anything thereon.

Moved to Table the Article – Passed Unanimously. ARTICLE TABLED

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ROYALSTON, COUNTY OF WORCESTER OF MASSACHUSETTS, REGULATING THE USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF:

ARTICLE 1.
DEFINITIONS

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this ordinance shall be as follows:

Sec. 1 “Owner” shall mean the person or persons, natural or corporate, in whom for the time being title is vested in real property situated in the Town.

Sec. 2 “Company” shall mean any industrial or commercial establishment with a liquid waste discharge.

Sec. 3 “Operator” shall mean the Operator of Sewage Works and/or of authorized deputy, agent or representative.

Sec. 4 “Person” shall mean any individual, firm, company, association, society, corporation, or group.

Sec. 5 “Sewage Works” shall mean all facilities for collecting, pumping, treating, and disposing of sewage.

Sec. 6 “Shall” is mandatory; “May” is permissive.

Sec. 7 “Town” shall mean the Town of Royalston,

Sec. 8 “Building Drain” shall mean that part of the lowest horizontal piping of a drainage system which receives the discharge from soil, waste and other drainage pipes inside walls of the building and conveys it to the building wall.

Sec. 9 “Building sewer” shall mean the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal.

Sec. 10 “Public Sewer” shall mean a sewer in which all owners of abutting properties have equal rights and is controlled by public authority.

Sec. 11 “Sanitary Sewer” shall mean a sewer which carries sewage and to which storm, surface, and groundwater are not intentionally admitted.

Sec. 12 “Sewer” shall mean a pipe or conduit for carrying sewage.

Sec. 13 “Storm Drain” (sometimes termed “storm sewer”) shall mean a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage, but excludes sewage and industrial wastes other than unpolluted cooling water.

Sec. 14 “Water Pollution Control Facility” shall mean the arrangement of devices and structures used for treating sewage.

Sec. 15 “Garbage” shall mean solid wastes from the domestic and commercial preparation, cooking, and dispensing of food, and from the handling, storage, and sale of produce.

Sec. 16 “Industrial Wastes” shall mean the liquid wastes from industrial manufacturing processes, trade, or business as distinct from sanitary sewage.

Sec. 17 “Natural Outlet” shall mean any outlet into a water-course, pond, ditch, lake, or other body of surface or groundwater.

Sec. 18 “Properly Shredded Garbage” shall mean the wastes from the preparation, cooking and dispensing of foods that have been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in public sewers, with no particle greater than one-half(1/2) inch (1.27 centimeters) In any dimension.

Sec. 19 “Sewage” shall mean a combination of the water-carried wastes from residences, business buildings, Institutions and industrial establishments, together with such ground, surface, and storm waters as may be present.

Sec. 20 “Slug” shall mean any discharge of waters sewage, or industrial waste which, in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow, exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration of flows during normal operation.

Sec. 21 “Watercourse” shall mean a channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

Sec. 22 “BOD” (denoting Biochemical Oxygen Demand) shall mean the quantity of oxygen utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory procedure in five (5) days at 20 °C, expressed in milligrams per liter.

Sec. 23 “pH” shall mean the logarithm of the reciprocal of the weight of hydrogen ions in grams per liter of solution.

Sec. 24 “Suspended Solids” shall mean solids that either float on the surface of or are in suspension in water, sewage, or other liquids, which are removable by laboratory filtering.

Sec. 25 “Easement” shall mean an acquired legal right for the specific use of land owned by others.

Sec. 26 “Commission” shall mean the Sewer Commission of Town of Royalston, or their duly authorized deputy, agent or representative(s).

Sec. 27 “Act” or “The Act” shall mean the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.

ARTICLE II
USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS REQUIRED

Sec. 1 It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property or in any area under the jurisdiction of the Town, any human excrement, garbage, or other waste constituting a hazard to health.

Sec. 2 It shall be unlawful for any purpose to discharge to any natural outlet in any area under the jurisdiction of the Town, any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 3 It shall be unlawful for any person to construct or use any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage, if at the time such person is required by Section 4 of this Article ii to connect toilet facilities in or on his property with a public sanitary sewer.

Sec. 4 The owner of any house, buildings, or other properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes, which are situated within the Town and abutting on any street, alley, *easement*, or right of way, in which there is located a public sanitary sewer of the Town, is hereby required, at his expense, to install suitable *sanitary* facilities therein and to connect such facilities directly with such public sanitary sewer in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance within ninety (90) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that said public sanitary sewer is within two hundred (200) feet of the foundation.

Sec. 5 Any party who has a problem, may appeal to the *Commission* who may decide within a reasonable time whether or not to hook on, provided the present sewage disposal system is adequate.

ARTICLE III BUILDING SEWERS AND CONNECTIONS

Sec. 1 No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenances thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the *Commission*.

Sec. 2 There shall be two (2) classes of building sewer permits:

(a) for residential and commercial service, and (b) for service to establishments producing industrial wastes. The owner or his agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the Town. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the *Commission or Operator*. A permit and inspection fee, *as set by the Commission, one-half of which* shall be paid to the Town at the time the application is filed.

Sec. 3 All costs and expense incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the Town from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer.

Sec. 4 A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building except where one building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and no private sewer is available or can be constructed to the rear building through an adjoining alley, court, yard or driveway, the building sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and the whole considered as one building sewer.

Sec. 5 Old building sewers may be used in connection with new building only when they are found, on examination and test by the Operator, to meet all requirements of this ordinance.

Sec. 6 The size, slope, alignment, materials of construction of a building sewer, and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench, **shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable regulations of the Town, or in the absence of building and plumbing code provisions to the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of American Society of Testing Materials (A.S.T.M.) and Water Environment Federation (W.E.F.) "Gravity Sanitary Sewer Design and Construction" (MFD 5), as amended or revised.**

Sec. 7 Whenever possible, the new building sewer shall be brought from the building at an elevation above the basement floor. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer.

Sec. 8 No person shall make a new connection of roof downspouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer.

Sec. 9 **The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable regulations of the Town, or in the absence of building and plumbing code provisions to the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of American Society of Testing Materials (A.S.T.M.) and Water Environment Federation (W.E.F.) "Gravity Sanitary Sewer Design**

and Construction” (MFD 5), as amended or revised. All such connections shall be made gas tight and watertight. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the Operator before installation.

Sec. 10 The applicant for the building sewer permit shall notify the Operator when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the Operator or his representative.

Sec. 11 All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazards. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the Town.

ARTICLE IV USE OF THE PUBLIC SEWERS

Sec. 1 No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, sub-surface drainage, uncontaminated cooling water, or unpolluted commercial or industrial process waters of any public sanitary sewer.

Sec. 2 Storm water and all other unpolluted drainage shall be discharged to such sewers as are specifically designated as storm sewers or to a natural outlet approved by the Operator. Industrial cooling water or unpolluted process waters may be discharged, on approval of the Operator, to a storm sewer, or natural outlet.

Sec. 3 No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described waters or wastes to any public sewers:

(a) Any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil, or other flammable or explosive liquid, solid, or gas.

(b) Any wastewater containing toxic pollutants or poisonous liquids, gases, or solids (including heavy metals) in sufficient quantity, which either singly or by interaction with other wastes, injure or interfere with any wastewater treatment process, constitute a hazard to humans or animals, create a public nuisance, or create any toxic effect or hazard in the waters receiving treated effluent from the POTW, or which exceed the applicable limitations set forth in the Categorical Pretreatment Standards. A toxic pollutant shall include but not be limited to any pollutant identified pursuant to Section 307 (a) of the Act.

(c) Any waters or wastes having a pH lower than 5.5 or having any other corrosive property capable of causing damage or hazard to structures, equipment, and personnel of the sewage works.

(d) Solids or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the sewage works such as but not limited to ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shavings, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, insufficiently ground garbage, fibers, whole blood, paunch manure, hair and fleshing, entails and paper dishes, cups, milk containers, etc. either whole or ground by garbage grinders.

Sec. 4 No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged the following described substances, materials, waters, or wastes if it appears likely in the opinions of the Operator that such wastes can harm either the sewers, sewage treatment process, or equipment, have an adverse effect on the receiving stream, or can otherwise endanger life, limb, public property, or constitute a nuisance. In forming his opinion as to the acceptability of these wastes, the Operator will give consideration to such factors as the quantities of subject wastes in relation to flows and velocities in the sewers, materials of construction of the sewers, nature of the sewage treatment process, capacity of the sewage treatment plant, degree of treatability of waste in, the sewage treatment plant, and other pertinent factors. The substances prohibited are:

(a) Any liquid or vapor having a temperature higher than one hundred fifty (150°F) (65°C).

(b) Any water or waste containing fats, wax, grease, or oils, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred (100) mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32) and one hundred fifty (150)°F (0 and 65°C).

(c) Any garbage that has not been properly shredded. The Installation and operation of any garbage grinder equipped with a motor of three—fourths (3/4) horsepower (0.76 hp metric) or greater shall be subject to the review and approval of the Operator.

(d) Any water or wastes containing strong acid, iron pickling wastes, or concentrated plating solutions whether neutralized or not.

(e) Any waters or wastes containing iron, chromium, copper, zinc and similar objectionable or toxic substances; or wastes exerting an excessive chlorine requirement, to such degree that any such material received in the composite sewage at the sewage treatment works exceeds the limits established by the Operator for such materials.

(f) Any water or wastes containing phenols or other waste or odor producing substances, In such

concentrations exceeding limits which may be established by the Operator as necessary, after treatment of the composite sewage, to meet the requirements of the State, Federal, or other public agencies of jurisdiction for such discharge to the receiving waters.

(g) Any radioactive wastes or isotopes of such half—life or concentration as may exceed limits established by the Operator in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations.

(h) Any waters or wastes having a pH in excess of 9.5

(i) Materials which exert or cause:

(1) Unusual concentrations of inert suspended solids (such as put not limited to Fullers earth, lime slurries, and lime residues) or of dissolved solids (such as, but not limited to, sodium chloride and sodium sulfate).

(2) Excessive discoloration.

(3) Unusual BOD, chemical oxygen demand, or chlorine requirements in such quantities as to constitute a significant load on the sewage treatment works.

(4) Unusual volume of flow or concentration of wastes constituting “slugs” as defined herein.

(j) Waters or wastes containing substances which are not amenable to treatment or reduction by the sewage treatment processes employed, or are amenable to treatment only to such degree that the sewage treatment plan effluent cannot meet the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over discharge to the receiving waters, i.e., phosphates and nitrates.

Sec. 5 If any waters or wastes are discharged, or are proposed to be discharged to the public sewers, which waters contain the substances or possess the characteristics enumerated in Section 14 of this Article, and which in the judgment of the Operator may have deleterious effects upon the sewage works, processes, equipment, or receiving waters, or which otherwise create a hazard to life or constitute a public nuisance, the Operator may:

(a) Reject the wastes.

(b) Require pretreatment to an acceptable condition for discharge to the public sewers.

(c) Require control over the quantities and rates of discharge and/or

(d) Require payment to cover the added cost of handling and treating the wastes not covered by existing taxes or sewer charges under the provisions of Section 10 of this Article.

If the Operator permits an industry to pretreat or equalize its waste flows, the design and installation of their plants and equipment shall be subject to the review and approval of the Operator an subject to the requirements of all applicable codes, ordinances, and laws.

Sec. 6 Grease, oil and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the Operator, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing grease in excessive amounts or any flammable wastes, sand or other harmful Ingredients; except that such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units. All interceptor facilities shall be of a type and capacity approved by the Operator and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection.

Sec. 7 Where preliminary treatment or flow-equalizing facilities are provided, for any waters or wastes, they shall be maintained continuously in satisfactory and effective operation by the Owner at his expense.

Sec. 8 When required by the Operator, the owner of any property serviced by a building sewer carrying industrial wastes shall install a suitable control manhole together with such necessary meters and other appurtenances in the building sewer to facilitate observation, sampling, and measurement of the wastes. Such manhole, when required, shall be accessible arid safely located, and shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the Operator. The manhole shall be installed by the owner at his expense, and shall be maintained by him so as to be safe and accessible at all times.

Sec. 9 All measurements, tests, and analyses of the characteristics of waters and wastes to which reference is made in this ordinance shall be determined In accordance with the latest edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater”, published by the American Public Health Association, and shall be determined at the control manhole provided, or upon suitable samples taken at said control manhole. In the event that no special manhole has been required, the control manhole shall be considered to be the nearest downstream manhole in the public sewer to the point at which the building sewer is connected. Sampling shall be carried out by customarily accepted methods to reflect the effect of constituents upon the sewage works and to determine the existence of hazards to life, limb, and property. The particular analyses involved will determine whether a twenty-four (24) hour composite of all outfalls of a premise is appropriate or whether a grab sample or samples should be taken. Normally, but not always, BOD and suspended solids analyses are obtained from twenty-four hour composites of all outfalls whereas pH's are determined from periodic grab samples.

Sec. 10 No statement contained in this article shall be construed as preventing any special agreement or arrangement between the Town and industrial concern whereby an industrial waste of unusual strength or character may be accepted by the Town for treatment, subject to payment therefore by the industry.

ARTICLE V
POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF INSPECTORS

Sec. 1. The Operator, **members of Commission**, and other duly authorized employees of the Town bearing proper credentials and identification, shall be permitted to enter all properties at all reasonable times for the purposes of inspection, observation, measurement, sampling, and testing in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. The Operator or his representatives shall have no authority to inquire into any processes including metallurgical, chemical, oil, refining, ceramic, paper, or other industries beyond that point having a direct bearing on the kind and source of discharge to the sewers or waterways or facilities for waste treatment.

Sec. 2 The Operator, **members of Commission**, and other duly authorized employees of the Town having proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter all private properties through which the Town holds a duly negotiated easement or easement required by eminent domain for the purposes of, but not limited to, inspection, observation, measurements, sampling, repair, and maintenance of any portion of the sewerage works lying within said easement. All entry and subsequent work, if any; on said easement shall be done in full accordance with the terms of the duly negotiated easement pertaining to the private property involved.

ARTICLE VI
PENALTIES

Sec. 1 Any person found to be violating any provision of this ordinance, except Article VII, shall be served by the Town with written notice stating the nature of the violation and providing a reasonable time limit for the satisfactory correction thereof. The offender shall, within the period of time stated in such notice, permanently cease all violations.

Sec. 2 Any person who shall continue any violation beyond the time limit provided for in Article V Section 1, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be fined in an amount not exceeding **two hundred (\$200.00)** dollars for each violation. Each day thereafter in which such violation exists shall constitute a separate offense subject to an additional fine of **one hundred (\$100.00)** dollars.

ARTICLE VII
PROTECTION FROM DAMAGE

Sec. 1 No Unauthorized person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with any structure, appurtenance, or equipment which is a part of the sewage works. Any person violating this provision shall be subject to immediate arrest under charge of disorderly conduct.

ARTICLE VIII
VALIDITY

Sec. 1 All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 2 The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this ordinance which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

ARTICLE IX
ORDINANCE IN FORCE

Sec.1 This shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, recording as provided by law.

Motion to table the Article, Passed Unanimously. ARTICLE TABLED

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to enact Section [#] of the Town of Royalston General Bylaws entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

STRETCH ENERGY CODE

SECTION 1. Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 8th edition Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

SECTION 2. Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

SECTION 3. Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51, as applicable.

SECTION 4. Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Royalston General Bylaws, Section [#]. The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Building Inspector.

MOTION TO TABLE THE ARTICLE, SECONDED – CARRIED 19 IN FAVOR, 18 AGAINST. ARTICLE TABLED
****AT THE RECONVENED MEETING, MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE. PASSED 70-42. REMOVED**
FROM TABLE. MUCH DISCUSSION - Motion to allow Jim Barry, non-resident, expert on Stretch Code to answer
questions regarding the Stretch Code. Motion carried 59 in favor 51 against. Additional discussion. Motion to move
the question and end discussion, Motion to end discussion carried 77 – 41.
Motion to move the article as read, seconded. ARTICLE FAILED 56 in favor, 69 opposed.

Article 40. 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.

Motion to table, seconded, passed 16 in favor, 8 against– ARTICLE TABLED
****Motion to take from the table, seconded. Passed Unanimously, removed from**
Table. Motion to pass the article as read, seconded. PASSED with 1 opposed.

*MOTION TO RECONVENE THIS ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 25, AT 7 P.M. AT ROYALSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL, SECONDED PASSED
UNANIMOUSLY. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE RECONVENED MEETING AT 8:23, seconded,
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY*