

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

**May 11, 2012**

**: 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 11, 2012 and reconvened on June 29, 2012.**

**:true copy attest**

**:town seal**

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**Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. There were 36 voters present at the Town Meeting at this time. Two additional voters checked in after the opening of the Town Meeting for a total of 38. The town moderator was absent for this meeting, and the Town Clerk asked voters for nominations to elect a temporary moderator. Linda Alger nominated Andrew West, Jon Hardie seconded the nominatinon. Voters elected Andrew West – 30 in favor, 1 opposed.*

*Temporary Moderator Andrew West opened the Annual Town Meeting at 7:05 p.m.*

*There was a motion to allow Superintendent Anthony Polito of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District and Montachusett Regional Tech Business Manager Tammy Lajoie to address town meeting since they are not residents of town. This motion was seconded - Vote was unanimous to allow them to address the town meeting.*

*There were motions to consider the ARRSB and Monty Tech budget line items before addressing the rest of the warrant. This was seconded. The town moved and voted the following:*

*Budget Line 9 of Article 44 – \$454,686.00 – Passed Unanimously*

*Budget Line 56 of Article 44 - \$73,917.00 – Passed Unanimously*

*Linda Alger gave a brief presentation on the financial status of the Town. A motion was made after this to allow Town Accountant Gene Ferrari to address the town meeting – this was seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.*

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

**Motion to choose the Selectmen to 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.

**Motion to approve 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, 2012 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.

**Motion to approve 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.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded**

**PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars (\$55,737) 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 Seven Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Four Dollars (\$7,594) 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, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve 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 Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve 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 Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000); or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve 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 Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000), or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve 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 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.  
**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded**  
**PASSED Unanimously**
- Article 10.** 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 act anything thereon.  
**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.**  
**PASSED Unanimously**
- Article 11.** 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.  
**Gary Winitzer moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 to demolish 1 School St., seconded by Jeff Francis. Discussion ensued.**  
**The original motion was withdrawn by Gary Winitzer and Jeff Francis removed his seconding of the motion. There were no additional motions – No action was taken on this article**
- Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) 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.  
**Motion to raise and appropriate seconded.**  
**PASSED Unanimously**
- Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 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.  
**Motion to table, seconded. Voted to table, 37 in favor, 1 opposed**  
**ARTICLE TABLED**
- Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to take from stabilization, 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.  
**Motion to transfer from stabilization \$4,000, seconded**  
**PASSED Unanimously**

- Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$1,300) for capital expenditures for the sewer system, or act anything thereon.  
**Motion to raise and appropriate \$1,300, seconded.**  
**PASSED Unanimously**
- Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise the amount of Forty One Thousand One Hundred Fifty Three Dollars (\$41,153) to operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer System, the amount to be raised from User Fees, or act anything thereon.  
**Motion to approve 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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to have an audit completed, or act anything thereon.  
**Motion to table the article, seconded**  
**ARTICLE TABLED 23 in favor, 3 opposed.**
- Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) for the second yearly payment of a four-year lease/purchase for a SUV for the Police Department. The remaining yearly portion of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to be paid with grant/police association funds. Also to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a four-year contract for such purpose, or act anything thereon.  
  
**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.**  
**PASSED Unanimously**
- Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the second yearly payment of a three-year lease/purchase for a new four-wheel drive pick up truck and plow for the Highway Department, or act anything thereon.  
**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.**  
**PASSED Unanimously**
- Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) to pave the Town Hall Parking Lot with bituminous concrete after the completion of the septic system installation, or act anything thereon.  
**Moved to table the article, seconded.**  
**ARTICLE TABLED 37 in favor, 1 opposed.**
- Article 21.** 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 2013, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:  
**Appropriations:**

From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	<b>\$ 1,800</b>
<b><u>Reserves:</u></b>	
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	<b>\$ 3,600</b>
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	<b>\$ 3,600</b>
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	<b>\$ 3,600</b>
From FY 2013 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	<b>\$23,400</b>

Or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to install permanent sump pump(s) and drainage, as well as the installation of electrical service to the pump(s) in the basement of the Phinehas S. Newton Library, or take any action thereon.  
**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200) for the scraping, repair of water damage, and painting of the West Room ceiling and walls of the Phinehas S. Newton Library, or take any action thereon.  
**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to take from Stabilization, the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500) to complete the septic system for the Town Hall and First Congregational Church, or take any action thereon.  
**Move to raise and appropriate \$22,500 to complete the septic system for the Town Hall and First Congregational Church, seconded.  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for a stipend for management of the Town's website and email system, or take any action thereon.  
**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to expend Community Preservation Funds to continue with Phase Two of the Phinehas S. Newton Library restoration of portraits. The amount required is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) from Historic Resource Reserve and Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) from Budget Reserve. Not to exceed Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000), or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to expend Community Preservation Funds to restore and construct the fence and gateway at Riverside Cemetery. The amount required is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) from Historic Resource Reserve and Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$17,000) from Budget Reserve. Not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000), or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to expend Community Preservation Funds to construct an electrical panel as Phase 1 of “creating a useful park” at Bullock Park. Funds to be sourced in the following manner: Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) from Budget Reserve. Not to exceed Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to expend Community Preservation Funds to restore Phase 1 and preserve the town’s horse drawn caisson/hearse. The amount required is One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) from Historic Reserves and Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) from Budget Reserves. Not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or act anything thereon.

**Marsha Charest moved to approve the article as read, seconded by Roland Hamel. Discussion. Marsha Charest removed original motion, Roland Hamel removed his second. Motion removed.  
Motion to table the article, seconded. Motion to Table Passed Unanimously  
ARTICLE TABLED**

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to take from Stabilization, the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to purchase software for the Accountant and Treasurer, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$12,500, seconded.  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) and to take One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) from Stabilization, for a total of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to purchase a software package for the Treasurer to process payroll, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 to pay a payroll service for the Treasurer to process payroll and any transitional costs, seconded.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 2008 Ice Storm Account, the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) to purchase and install a Storage POD at the Royalston Community School to be used for Emergency Management, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read,  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 2008 Ice Storm Account, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to purchase an identification system for town employees, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read,  
PASSED 30 in favor, 6 against.**

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to take from Stabilization, the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) to balance the Snow and Ice Account, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded. Motion to amend the article to read  
“to balance the 2012 Snow and Ice Account”, seconded.**

**Motion to approve the amendment passed unanimously**

**Voted to take from Stabilization, the sum of \$14,000 to balance the 2012 Snow and Ice Account.**

**PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of Three Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$3,200) to board up all windows, doors, and points of entry accessible from grade, at 1 School Street, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.**

**Discussion. Motion to move the question, seconded. Motion to move the question  
Carries 17-7.**

**Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,200 to board up all windows doors, and points of  
entry accessible from grade, at 1 School St.**

**PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 2008 Ice Storm Account, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to purchase two sets of Structural Fire Fighting Entry Gear, or take any action thereon.

**Motion to approve the question as read, seconded.**

**PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 2008 Ice Storm Account, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to purchase hose for the Fire Department, or take any action thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for the repair and painting of the Town Hall Cupola, or take any action thereon.

**Motion to table the article, seconded  
Article Tabled Unanimously**

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 2008 Ice Storm Account, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for Engineering Plans and Services to establish an Emergency Generator for the Royalston Community School, or take any action thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of Twenty One Thousand Dollars (\$21,000) for the first year of a five-year lease/purchase agreement for a Dump Truck, or take any action thereon.

**Motion to table the article, seconded.  
ARTICLE TABLED Unanimously**

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to return the Tree Warden to an unpaid position. (Justification: It has been converted to an administrative position and very few hours are spent at it. The Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and numerous town committees work many more hours without pay.)

**Motion to table, seconded.  
ARTICLE TABLED 22 - 4**

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the 2008 Ice Storm Account, the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) for narrowband radio upgrades, or act anything thereon.

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.  
PASSED Unanimously**

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to exclude the debt service on the repayment of the loan of One Million, One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand, One Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$1,147,125) for the replacement of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, until the debt is retired, or act anything thereon. (Ballot vote approved April 2, 2012.)

**Motion to approve the article as read, seconded.  
PASSED – 24 in favor, 1 opposed.**

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or take from available funds, the sum of One Million, Seven Hundred Three Thousand, Four Hundred Thirteen Dollars (\$1,703,413) to fund the budgets for the following accounts, or take any action thereon.

**Motion to approve the budget article as read:**

**PASSED Unanimously**

No.	Department	FY2012 Actual	Dept. Req FY2013	Selectboard FY2013	FinCom FY2013	Floor/Final
1	24 Hr Dispatch	\$16,650.00	\$16,650.00	\$16,650.00	\$16,650.00	\$16,650.00
2	Admin Asst	\$14,512.00	\$15,512.00	\$14,512.00	\$14,512.00	\$14,512.00
3	Admin Asst Expense	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
4	Animal Control Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
5	Animal Control Salary	\$5,125.00	\$5,254.00	\$5,125.00	\$5,125.00	\$5,125.00
6	Animal Inspector	\$718.00	\$736.00	\$718.00	\$718.00	\$718.00
7	Assessor's Clerk's Salary	\$7,820.00	\$8,016.00	\$8,016.00	\$8,016.00	\$8,016.00
8	Assessor's Expense	\$4,975.00	\$4,699.00	\$4,699.00	\$4,699.00	\$4,699.00
9	Athol-Royalston Reg. Assess	\$441,749.00	\$454,686.00	\$454,686.00	\$454,686.00	\$454,686.00
10	Board of Assessors Chair	\$1,654.00	\$1,696.00	\$1,654.00	\$1,654.00	\$1,654.00
11	Board of Assessors Clerk	\$1,435.00	\$1,471.00	\$1,435.00	\$1,435.00	\$1,435.00
12	Board of Assessors Member	\$1,435.00	\$1,471.00	\$1,435.00	\$1,435.00	\$1,435.00
13	Board of Health Chair	\$1,261.00	\$1,293.00	\$1,261.00	\$1,261.00	\$1,261.00
14	Board of Health Clerk	\$1,156.00	\$1,185.00	\$1,156.00	\$1,156.00	\$1,156.00
15	Board of Health Expense	\$57,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00
16	Board of Health Member	\$1,050.00	\$1,076.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
17	Board of Health Mgmt Acct.	\$2,385.00	\$2,340.00	\$2,340.00	\$2,340.00	\$2,340.00
18	Board of Health Wages	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
19	BOH Monitoring	\$4,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
20	Building Inspector Expense	\$2,914.00	\$2,987.00	\$2,987.00	\$2,987.00	\$2,987.00
21	Building Inspector Salary	\$12,300.00	\$12,607.00	\$12,300.00	\$12,300.00	\$12,300.00
22	Care of Town Clocks	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00	\$52.00
23	Cemetery Comm. Chair	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
24	Cemetery Comm Member	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
25	Cemetery Comm Member	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
26	Cemetery Expense	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
27	Civilian Defense	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
28	Clearance of Tax Title	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
29	Conservation Commission	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
30	Council on Aging	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
31	County Retirement	\$24,729.00	\$28,406.00	\$28,406.00	\$28,406.00	\$28,406.00
32	Custodians of Tax Title	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
33	Elderly Transportation	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00

34	Election Expense	\$6,290.00	\$9,267.00	\$9,267.00	\$9,267.00	\$9,267.00
35	Energy Committee	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
36	Fire Chief Stipend	\$3,000.00	\$3,075.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
37	Fire Department Wages	\$25,400.00	\$28,400.00	\$28,400.00	\$28,400.00	\$28,400.00
38	Fire Dept. Expenses	\$38,162.00	\$43,662.00	\$43,662.00	\$43,662.00	\$43,662.00
39	Health Insurance	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
40	Highway Contractor Wages	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
41	Highway General	\$69,705.00	\$73,705.00	\$73,705.00	\$73,705.00	\$73,705.00
42	Highway Maintenance	\$31,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00
43	Highway Salary	\$216,877.00	\$229,839.00	\$221,215.00	\$221,215.00	\$221,215.00
44	Historic Commission	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
45	Information Technology	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
46	Insurance - Norworco	\$1,974.00	\$1,974.00	\$1,974.00	\$1,974.00	\$1,974.00
47	Interest Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
48	J.N. Bartlett Treasurer	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
49	Legal Expense	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
50	Liability Insurance	\$40,500.00	\$40,500.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
51	Library Expenses	\$20,712.00	\$21,415.00	\$21,415.00	\$21,415.00	\$21,415.00
52	Liability Insurance - F/P	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00
53	Library Wages	\$28,802.00	\$29,109.00	\$28,802.00	\$28,802.00	\$28,802.00
54	Memorial Day	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
55	Moderator's Salary	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
56	Monty Tech Assessment	\$67,452.00	\$73,917.00	\$73,917.00	\$73,917.00	\$73,917.00
57	Officer Bonding	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
58	Open Space Committee	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
59	Planning Board	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
60	Police Dept. Expense	\$14,761.00	\$19,431.00	\$19,431.00	\$19,431.00	\$19,431.00
61	Police Dept. Wages	\$59,438.00	\$56,622.00	\$57,822.00	\$57,822.00	\$57,822.00
62	Public Hall Expenses	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
63	Registrars	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
64	Reserve Account	\$20,775.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
65	Royalston Post Office	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
66	Schedule A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
67	Selectmen Chair	\$2,539.00	\$2,539.00	\$2,539.00	\$2,539.00	\$2,539.00
68	Selectmen Member	\$2,207.00	\$2,207.00	\$2,207.00	\$2,207.00	\$2,207.00
69	Selectmen Member	\$2,207.00	\$2,207.00	\$2,207.00	\$2,207.00	\$2,207.00
70	Selectmen's Misc	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
71	Selectmen's Secretary	\$2,534.00	\$2,597.00	\$2,534.00	\$2,534.00	\$2,534.00
72	Sewer Comm. Chair	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
73	Sewer Comm. Member	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
74	Sewer Comm. Member	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
75	Snow & Ice	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00	\$140,000.00
76	Street Lights	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
77	Tax Collector's Expense	\$4,150.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00
78	Tax Collector's Salary	\$12,314.00	\$12,622.00	\$12,314.00	\$12,314.00	\$12,314.00
79	Town Accountant Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
80	Town Accountant Salary	\$11,314.00	\$11,597.00	\$11,314.00	\$11,314.00	\$11,314.00
81	Town Clerk's Expense	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
82	Town Clerk's Salary	\$10,260.00	\$10,517.00	\$10,260.00	\$10,260.00	\$10,260.00
83	Town Reports & Street List	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00

84	Town Share Medicare	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
85	Treasurer's Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
86	Treasurer's Salary	\$11,314.00	\$11,597.00	\$11,314.00	\$11,314.00	\$11,314.00
87	Tree Department	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
88	Unemployment-Contributory	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
89	Veterans' Benefits	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,200.00
90	Veterans' Services	\$3,382.00	\$3,382.00	\$3,382.00	\$3,382.00	\$3,382.00
91	Workmen's Compensation	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
92	Z.B.A. Expense	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,658,589.00</b>	<b>\$1,716,368.00</b>	<b>\$1,703,413.00</b>	<b>\$1,703,413.00</b>	<b>\$1,703,413.00</b>

**Article 45.** 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 approve the article as read, seconded  
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion to reconvene the Annual Town Meeting to June 29, 7 p.m. At the Royalston Community School, seconded. PASSED Unanimously.**

**NO ACTION AT RECONVENE – RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 7:05 P.M. ON JUNE 29, 2012, AND MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING WAS SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:06 P.M.**