*THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS*

 *Annual Town Meeting Warrant*

*May 5, 2017*

: **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 5, 2017, and was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. :true copy attest**

 **:town seal** 

 **Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk**

*NOTE: ARTICLES AS PRINTED IN THE POSTED WARRANT APPEAR FIRST, MOTIONS AND ACTIONS ON ARTICLES APPEAR IN BOLD AFTER EACH ARTICLE*

**Moderator George Northrop called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Out of 919 registered voters, there were 84 voters present at the start of this town meeting. The meeting began with a presentation by Select Board Chair, Christine long – an overview of the town financial situation. Ms. Long introduced Rebecca Krause-Hardie, the town’s new financial director, and Lori Bolasevich, the town’s Interim Town Accountant. Phil Rabinowitz, chairman of the Capital Planning Committee spoke briefly regarding developing a 10-year capital plan for the Town.
A motion was made at 7:25 p.m. to allow Tammy Crockett, business manager of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School to speak about the Monty Tech assessment and give an overview. Motion seconded. Mrs. Crockett announced an assessment of $87,072. Motion made to vote out of regular order - Line 62 of the budget article, Monty Tech Assessment at $87,072. Seconded. Line passed unanimously. Motion was made to allow Lynne Bassett, business manager of the Athol-Royalston Regional School District, to speak about the district assessment and give an overview. Ms. Bassett announced an assessment of $570, 986. Motion to vote out of regular order, Line 61 of the budget article – ARRSD assessment $570,986. Seconded. Line passed unanimously.**

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

# **Moved to choose the Select Board 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.

#  **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 Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 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 $65,295.35 (the fifth payment on a seven year loan) to pay debt service on the borrowing authorized by the vote of the May 10, 2013 Town Meeting, Article 23, for a pumper/engine for Fire Department Station 2, or act anything thereon.

#  **Moved the article as read, seconded.** **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

# **Article 6.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $52,769.97 to pay debt service (the second payment on a 35-year loan) on the borrowing authorized by the vote of the May 11, 2012 Annual Town Meeting, Article 43, and amended by the vote of the December 28, 2012 Special Town Meeting, Article 2, for the Royalston Wastewater Treatment Plant, or act anything thereon.

#  **Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 7.**To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to its May 6, 2016 Annual Town Meeting vote, to create a Tax Title Revolving Account for the Tax Collector and Treasurer pursuant to G.L. c.60, §15B, to establish a spending limit for FY2018 and future fiscal years of $7,500, provided, however, that Town Meeting may, prior to the start of any fiscal year, establish a different limit, or act anything thereon.

#  **Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 8**. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Stabilization, the sum of $8,600 to provide police patrols for the Tully and Birch Hill Dam areas, to be reimbursed by the Corps of Engineers, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. Requires 2/3 vote. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 9**. 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 Select Board and Mass DOT, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of

 $72,000 to balance the Snow & Ice Account, or act anything thereon.

#  **Moved to transfer from the Stabilization fund the sum of $72,000 to balance the Snow & Ice Account. Seconded. Requires 2/3 vote. PASSED 83 in favor, 1 against.**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ and establish a Sewer Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Town’s Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer System, to be managed by the Sewer Commission, said Fund to be effective beginning Fiscal Year 2018, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the Town vote the article as read, seconded. Motion to move the question after much discussion, seconded, passed unanimously. Original Motion voted on - ARTICLE FAILED – 82 opposed, 2 in favor.**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money, to operate the Sewer Enterprise, or take any action thereon.

 **No motion made on this article. No action.**

**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 $37,901 to operate the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer System, the amounts to be raised from user fees, or act anything thereon.

**Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED 83 in favor, 1 opposed.**

**Article 15**. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Act FY 2018 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 2018, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or act anything thereon:

 **Appropriations:**

 From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses **$1,800**

 **Reserves:**

 From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve **$3,600**

 From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve **3,600**

 From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve  **3,600**

 From FY 2018 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve  **23,400**

**Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED 82 in favor, 1 opposed.**

**Article 20.**

 **Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board shall determine, permanent and/or temporary easements for the Stockwell Road bridge improvement project, including, but not limited to, temporary easement XX-TE-1 shown on plans entitled “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Stockwell Road Bridge No. R-12-001 (B35) in the Town of Royalston,” revised through December 30, 2016, as may be amended, said plans on file with the Town Clerk, for public way purposes, including, but not limited to, the construction, alteration,

maintenance, improvement, repair and/or replacement of a bridge, and for slope, grading, drainage and landscaping purposes; and, further, to see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow a sum of money for these

purposes and any expenses related thereto; and, further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out said acquisitions and other acts authorized herein, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED 82 in favor, 1 opposed.**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to delete Article VII of the General Bylaws, Contracts, and re-number remaining sections accordingly, or act anything thereon.

# **Moved to delete Article VII of the General Bylaws, Contracts. Seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

# **(Bylaw article text referred to: Article VII: Contracts**

 *at STM on January 9, 2004 and approved by Attorney General 12/8/04.)*

*Every officer or board in charge of a department, and every committee of the Town, when authorized to purchase any services, supplies or property, where the estimated cost of which exceeds five thousand ($5,000.00) dollars, shall make a written specification by advertising in one or more newspapers, and circulated In the Town, with statement of time and place for opening such bids, and reserving the right of such officer, board or committee to reject any or all bids received, for reasonable cause. The Board of Selectmen retains the sole authority to award contracts and/or bids.”*

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**Article 18**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000 to repair the rafters at the Town garage, including all incidental and related costs, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED 82 in favor, 1 opposed.**

**Article 19**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000 to begin an upgrade on the Town garage electrical system, including all necessary and related costs, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Article 20**. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to purchase two sets of structural firefighting gear, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement for a term of up to or more than three years for the lease/purchase and equipping of a 10-wheel sander and a one-ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C; and further, to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the FY2018 payments, or act anything thereon.

**Moved to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement for a term of up to or more than 3 years for the lease/purchase and equipping of a one-ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,875.12 to fund the FY2018 payment. Seconded. PASSED 82 in favor, 1 opposed.**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the purchase and equipping of a10-wheel sander and a one-ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works, and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer*,* with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes therefor; provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and provided further, however, that the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2-1/2, so called, debt exclusion question, or act anything thereon.

**Move that the Town appropriate the sum of $218,000 for the purchase and equipping of a 10-wheel sander for the Department of Public Works, and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes therefor, provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and provided further, however, that the borrowing authorized hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2 ½, so called, debt exclusion question. Seconded. 81 in favor, 2 opposed.**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of $50,000 for the demolition of abandoned structures, including all incidental and related costs, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved to Table article 23, seconded. Requires 2/3 majority to table. Motion carried 53 in favor, 7 opposed – ARTICLE TABLED**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $23,000 to add to the Stabilization Fund, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved To table the Article, seconded. Motion to table carries UNANIMOUSLY. ARTICLE TABLED**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ and establish a Broadband Enterprise Fund for the operation of the Town’s Broadband Internet System, to be managed by the Broadband Committee, said Fund to be effective beginning Fiscal Year 2018, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED with one opposed.**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Broadband Enterprise, or act anything thereon.

 **Move that the Town vote to raise the following sums for the Broadband Enterprise Fund:**

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| **Admin & Misc Operations** |  **31,500**  |
| **Network Operator& ISP** | **69,400**  |
| **Depreciation** |  **22,000**  |
| **Debt Service** |  **28,000**  |
| **Extra/Unforeseen** |  **7,792**  |
| **Total** |  **158,692**  |

**And that $158,692 be raised by Department receipts. Seconded. Article PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,410,000 or some greater or lesser amount for the construction of Broadband Internet System for the Town, including the payment of costs incidental and related thereto; and further, as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds and notes therefor; provided, however, that the appropriation made hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2-1/2, so called, debt exclusion question, and provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder in accordance with G.L. C44, Sec. 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and provided; further; that no borrowing shall take place until such time as the Town receives written notification that it will receive a grant of no less than $1,125,000 from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and that the Select Board has received and executed a Construction Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved the article as read, seconded. 2/3 vote required. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay debt service on the borrowing authorized by the vote of the May 5, 2017 Town Meeting, Article 27; for the purpose of constructing a Broadband Internet System for the Town, provided, however, that the appropriation made hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2-1/2, so called, debt exclusion question authorizing repayment outside of the funds imposed by Proposition 2-1/2 of the principal and interest on the borrowing approved under Article 27 of the May 5, 2017 Town Meeting, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved to raise and appropriate $28,000.00 to pay debt service on the borrowing authorized by the vote of the May 5, 2017 Town Meeting, Article 27; for the purpose of constructing a Broadband Internet System for the Town, provided, however, that the appropriation made hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2-1/2, so called, debt exclusion question authorizing repayment outside of the funds imposed by Proposition 2-1/2 of the principal and interest on the borrowing approved under Article 27 of the May 5, 2017 Town. Motion seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of $26,290 from the Mortgage Reduction Account and raise and appropriate the sum of $2,069,462, to fund the budgets for the following accounts, or act anything thereon.

 **Moved to transfer the sum of $26,290 from the Mortgage Reduction Account and raise and appropriate the sum of $2,083,411 (for a total budget of $2,109,701) to fund the budgets for the following accounts:. Motion seconded. Motion to amend line item 69 – Snow & Ice to read $185,000, seconded. Motion to amend line item 97 – Workmen’s Compensation to read $17,000, seconded. Motion to amend line item 103 – Reserve Fund to read $46,949, seconded.
Moved the Article as amended, seconded, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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|  **No.** |   | **FY 2017** | **Dept. Req** | **Select Bd** |  **Fin Com**  |  **Final**  |
|  | **BUDGET LINE ITEM** | **BUDGET** | **FY2018** | **FY2018** |  **FY018**  |  **FY018**  |
| 1 | **General Government** |   |   |   |   |   |
| 2 | Moderator Salary |  100  |  100  |  100  |  100  | 100 |
| 3 | Select Board Chair |  3,500  |  3,588  |  3,677  |  3,677  | 3,677 |
| 4 | Select Board Member |  2,436  |  2,497  |  2,559  |  2,559  | 2,559 |
| 5 | Select Board Clerk |  2,800  |  2,870  |  2,942  |  2,942  | 2,942 |
| 6 | Select Board Secretary |  2,798  |  2,868  |  2,940  |  2,940  | 2,940 |
| 7 | Select Board Miscellaneous |  2,500  |  2,500  |  2,500  |  2,500  | 2,500 |
| 8 | Grant Writing  |   |   |  2,400  |  2,400  | 2,400 |
| 9 | Administrative Assistant |  15,675  |  16,067  |  16,469  |  16,469  | 16,469 |
| 10 | Administrative Assistant Exp. |  1,800  |  1,800  |  1,800  |  1,800  | 1,800 |
| 11 | **Financial Services** |   |   |   |   |  |
| 12 | Accountant Salary |  12,497  |  21,320  |  18,000  |  18,000  | 18,000 |
| 13 | Accountant Expenses |  3,100  |  3,850  |  3,500  |  3,500  | 3,500 |
| 14 | Audit Expense |   |   |  -  |  -  | 0  |
| 15 | Board of Assessors Chair |  2,500  |  2,563  |  2,563  |  2,563  | 2,563 |
| 16 | Board of Assessors Member |  1,545  |  1,545  |  1,584  |  1,584  | 1,584 |
| 17 | Board of Assessors Member |  1,545  |  1,545  |  1,584  |  1,584  | 1,584 |
| 18 | Board of Assessors Expenses |  6,620  |  6,674  |  6,674  |  6,674  | 6,674 |
| 19 | Assessors Clerk Salary |  8,553  |  8,553  |  8,553  |  8,553  | 8,553 |
| 20 | Treasurer Salary |  12,497  |  12,810  |  14,000  |  14,000  | 14,000 |
| 21 | Treasurer Expenses |  6,500  |  6,500  |  6,500  |  6,500  | 6,500 |
| 22 | Custodian of Tax Title |  50  |  50  |  50  |  50  | 50 |
| 23 | Tax Collector Salary |  13,489  |  13,826  |  13,826  |  13,826  | 13,826 |
| 24 | Tax Collector Expenses |  6,150  |  6,150  |  6,150  |  6,150  | 6,150 |
| 25 | Public Officials Bonds |  800  |  1,335  |  1,335  |  1,335  | 1,335 |
| 26 | **Operations Support** |   |   |   |   |  0 |
| 27 | Information Technology |  5,256  |  4,870  |  4,870  |  4,870  | 4,870 |
| 28 | Information Director |  1,025  |  1,200  |  1,500  |  1,500  | 1,500 |
| 29 | Legal Expenses |  10,000  |  12,000  |  11,000  |  6,000  | 11,000 |
| 30 | **Licensing & Registration** |   |   |   |   |   |
| 31 | Town Clerk Salary |  11,326  |  11,609  |  12,750  |  12,750  | 12,750  |
| 32 | Town Clerk Expenses |  4,000  |  4,000  |  4,000  |  4,000  | 4,000 |
| 33 | Elections |  6,834  |  7,069  |  7,069  |  7,069  | 7,069 |
| 34 | **Land Use & Other General Gov** |   |   |   |   |   |
| 35 | Energy Committee |  500  |  500  |  500  |  500  | 500 |
| 36 | Conservation Commission |  450  |  450  |  450  |  450  | 450 |
| 37 | Historic Commission |  300  |  300  |  300  |  300  | 300 |
| 38 | ZBA |  300  |  300  |  300  |  300  | 300 |
| 39 | Planning Board |  500  |  500  |  500  |  500  | 500 |
| 40 | Open Space and Rec Comm |  200  |  200  |  200  |  200  | 200 |
| 41 | Royalston Post Office |  -  |   |   |   | 0  |
| 42 | Event Committee |  500  |  500  |  500  |  500  | 500 |
| 43 | Agriculture Committee |  250  |  250  |  600  |  600  | 600 |
| 44 | J.N. Bartlett Fund |  50  |  50  |  50  |  50  | 50 |
| 45 | **Public Safety** |   |   |   |   |   |
| 46 | Police Department Wages |  72,097  |  74,998  |  74,998  |  74,998  | 74,998 |
| 47 | Police Department Expenses |  24,149  |  22,984  |  22,984  |  22,984  | 22,984 |
| 48 | Fire Chief Stipend |  4,000  |  4,000  |  4,000  |  4,000  | 4,000 |
| 49 | Fire Department Wages |  33,000  |  33,825  |  33,825  |  33,825  | 33,825 |
| 50 | Fire Department Expenses |  47,756  |  47,756  |  47,756  |  47,756  | 47,756 |
| 51 | EMA Director |   |   |  1,000  |  1,000  | 1,000 |
| 52 | Emergency Management |  6,500  |  6,500  |  6,500  |  6,500  | 6,500 |
| 53 | 24-Hour Dispatch |  17,060  |  21,980  |  21,980  |  21,980  | 21,980 |
| 54 | Building Inspector Salary |  12,608  |  13,300  |  12,923  |  12,923  | 12,923 |
| 55 | Building Inspector Expenses |  5,598  |  5,738  |  5,738  |  5,738  | 5,738 |
| 56 | Animal Inspector |  796  |  816  |  816  |  816  | 816 |
| 57 | Animal Control Expense |  4,645  |  5,761  |  5,094  |  5,094  | 5,094 |
| 58 | Tree Department |  200  |  200  |  200  |  200  | 200 |
| 59 | Tree Maintenance Fund |   |   |  5,000  |  5,000  |  5,000 |
| 60 | **Education** |   |   |   |   |   |
| 61 | AARSD Assessment |  538,817  |  570,986  |  570,986  |  570,986  | 570,986 |
| 62 | MRTHS Assessment |  98,994  |  87,072  |  87,072  |  87,072  | 87,072 |
| 63 | **Public Works and Facilities** |   |   |   |   |   |
| 64 | Municipal Buildings |  75,000  |  75,000  |  75,000  |  75,000  | 75,000 |
| 65 | DPW- Highway Salary |  250,349  |  259,080  |  259,080  |  259,080  | 259,080 |
| 66 | DPW - Highway General |  74,330  |  79,430  |  79,430  |  79,430  | 79,430 |
| 67 | DPW-HW Summer Temps |  -  |  16,640  |  16,640  |  16,640  | 16,640 |
| 68 | DPW- Highway Maintenance |  33,000  |  33,000  |  33,000  |  33,000  | 33,000 |
| 69 | Snow and Ice |  185,000  |  200,000  | 200,000  |  185,000  |  185,000 |
| 70 | Street Lights |  3,500  |  3,500  |  3,500  |  3,500  | 3,500  |
| 71 | Sewer Commission Chair |  300  |  300  |  300  |  300  | 300 |
| 72 | Sewer Commission Member |  250  |  250  |  250  |  250  | 250 |
| 73 | Sewer Commission Member |  250  |  250  |  250  |  250  | 250 |
| 74 | Care of Town Clocks |  52  |  52  |  52  |  52  | 52 |
| 75 | Cemetery Expense |  250  |  250  |  250  |  250  | 250 |
| 76 | Cemetery Comm Chair |  250  |  250  |  250  |  250  | 250 |
| 77 | Cemetery Comm Member |  200  |  200  |  200  |  200  | 200 |
| 78 | Cemetery Comm Member |  200  |  200  |  200  |  200  | 200 |
| 79 | Board of Health Chair |  1,583  |  1,623  |  1,663  |  1,663  | 1,663 |
| 80 | Board of Health Member |  1,276  |  1,308  |  1,341  |  1,341  | 1,341 |
| 81 | Board of Health Clerk |  1,387  |  1,422  |  1,457  |  1,457  | 1,457 |
| 82 | Board of Health Expenses |  52,000  |  51,000  |  51,000  |  51,000  | 51,000 |
| 83 | Landfill Monitoring |  -  |  3,885  |  3,885  |  3,885  | 3,885 |
| 84 | Board of Health Wages |  15,500  |  16,500  |  16,500  |  16,500  | 16,500 |
| 85 | Board of Health Mngmt Acct |  2,444  |  2,505  |  2,505  |  2,505  | 2,505 |
| 86 | **Human & Cultural Services** |   |   |   |   |   |
| 87 | Veterans’ Services |  3,711  |  3,910  |  3,910  |  3,910  | 3,910 |
| 88 | Veterans’ Benefits |  9,500  |  9,500  |  9,500  |  9,500  | 9,500 |
| 89 | Council on Aging |  800  |  800  |  800  |  800  | 800 |
| 90 | Elderly Transportation |  200  |  200  |  200  |  200  | 200 |
| 91 | Library Wages |  32,953  |  36,238  |  34,500  |  34,500  | 34,500 |
| 92 | Library Expenses |  25,426  |  26,272  |  26,272  |  26,272  | 26,272 |
| 93 | Memorial Day |  650  |  650  |  650  |  650  | 650 |
| 94 | **Misc** |   |   |   |   |   |
| 95 | Interest Expense |  5,000  |  5,000  |  5,000  |  5,000  | 5,000 |
| 96 | County Retirement |  50,567  |  50,000  |  50,000  |  50,000  | 50,000 |
| 97 | Workers’ Compensation |  15,000  |  15,000  |  15,000  |  15,000  | 17,000 |
| 98 | Unemployment Compensation |  4,000  |  2,000  |  2,000  |  2,000  | 2,000 |
| 99 | Group Health/Life Insurance |  50,000  |  50,000  |  50,000  |  50,000  |  50,000 |
| 100 | Medicare/FICA |  10,000  |  11,000  |  11,000  |  11,000  | 11,000 |
| 101 | Property, Auto & Liability Insur. |  39,200  |  40,000  |  40,000  |  40,000  | 40,000 |
| 102 | Police and Fire Liability Insur. |  13,080  |  15,000  |  15,000  |  15,000  | 15,000 |
| 103 | Reserve Fund |  28,421  |  20,000  |  20,000  |  35,000  | 46,949 |
| 104 | **TOTAL** |  2,000,795  |  2,090,938  |  2,095,752  |  2,090,752  | **2,109,701**  |

**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 act anything thereon.

 **Move the article as read, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to establish the revolving funds set forth below for fiscal year 2018 and set fiscal year spending limits, and further to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw, Article XXI, Revolving Funds, establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows, or act anything thereon..

ARTICLE XXI: **Revolving Funds**

Section 1: There are hereby established in the Town of Royalston pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, the following Revolving Funds:

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| **A****Revolving Fund** | **B****Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund** | **C****Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund** | **D****Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund** | **E****Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund** | **F****Other Require-ments/ Reports** |
| Board of Health | Board of Health | Fees from applications for septic installation and other BOH permits | Administration and enforcement of Title V and other health regulations |  |  |
| Plumbing Inspection Service | Plumbing Inspector | Fees charged for installing plumbing | Salary or wages of inspector |  |  |
| Wiring Inspection Service | Wiring Inspector | Fees charged for installing wiring | Salary or wages of inspector |  |  |
| Post Office Account | Post Office Manager | Payments from the US Postal Service and departmental receipts from charges for postage, shipping, and sale of shipping supplies and any other receipts of the Post Office | Administration and operation of the Post Office, including the payment of salaries of part-time employees |  |  |

Section 2: Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E½.

And, further, to set annual spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

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| **Program or Purpose** | **Spending Limit** |
| Board of Health | $10,000 |
| Plumbing Inspection Service | $8,000 |
| Wiring Inspection Service | $8,000 |
| Post Office Account | $18,500 |

 **MOVED THE ARTICLE AS READ, SECONDED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Motion to adjourn AT 9:40 P.M., seconded. PASSED Unanimously. Meeting Adjourned 9:40 p.m.**