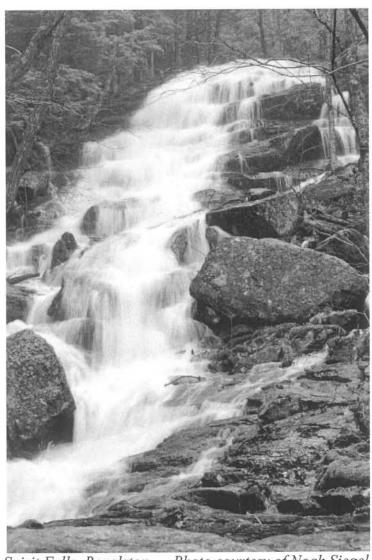
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Spirit Falls, Royalston Photo courtesy of Noah Siegel



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ROYALSTON MASSACHUSETTS INCORPORATED FEBRUARY 19, 1765

Located in the northwestern corner of Worcester County, bordered by Richmond and Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, on the north; Winchendon on the east; Templeton, Phillipston, and Athol on the south; and Orange and Warwick on the west. Royalston is about 28 miles west of Fitchburg, 43 miles northwest of Worcester, 74 miles northwest of Boston, and 193 miles from New York City.

Area: 42.6 sq. miles, with 72.5 miles of roads. All roads except numbered routes have been designated scenic roads.

There are three waterfalls within the town boundaries; Doane's Falls, Royalston Falls and Spirit Falls.

According to 2010 Federal Census data, Royalston's population is 1,258. This represents a change of 4 residents from the town's population of 1,254 reported for the 2000 Federal Census.

Voter registration (as of June 30, 2014) 824 Registered Voters:

	TOTAL	Democrat	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Unenrolled</u>	<u>Libertarian</u>	Green-Rainbow
Precinct 1	486	70	60	353	1	2
Precinct 2	338	68	31	233	3	3_
	824	138	91	586	4	5

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen Open Town Meeting

For voting purposes, Royalston is in the following districts:

(Some District changes went into effect for the 2012 voting cycle)

Congressional District: Second

Governor's Council District: Eighth (Worcester County)

Representative District: 2nd Franklin

Senatorial District: Hampshire, Franklin & Worcester

District Attorney: Middle

Telephone area code- 978 Postal Zip-code - 01368

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Town of Royalston Select Board Annual Report FY 2014

In FY14 the town operated with a budget of \$1.77 million, approved at the May 2013 annual town meeting. At the May 2014 annual town meeting, the Select Board presented a balanced budget of \$1.8 million for FY15.

FY14 was the year of the bridges – and FY15 will continue that effort. In May 2013 the new bridge over Lawrence Brook on Northeast Fitzwilliam was completed, and in July work began on replacing the bridge on Stockwell Rd. Work was also supposed to begin replacing the bridge on North Fitzwilliam Rd., but serious problems with the culvert just north of the bridge were discovered in July 2014, leading to the closure of the road. (*Note:* Because of a different kind of problem, work on the Stockwell bridge was also suspended; we hope both the North Fitzwiliam and the Stockwell projects will be resolved soon.)

Through winter and spring of 2012-2013, the town worked with Community Opportunities Group to come up with a Housing Production Plan, which both the Select Board and the Planning Board approved in October 2013. That report, available on the town website in the Documents section, indicates a strong need for both a greater range of types of housing and more affordable housing.

In January 2014 Royalston lost an important community member, Chester Hall, who had long been a member of the Athol-Royalston Regional School Committee and the Royalston Sewer Commission, among other services to the town. At the request of the students of Royalston Community School, the Select Board in June named the circular drive in front of the school Chet's Way.

Also in January, the town learned officially that a company called Kinder Morgan planned to lay a pipeline carrying fracked gas from New York to eastern Massachusetts, along a route that would cut through the southern part of Royalston. Through the rest of FY14, the town received no further word from Kinder Morgan, but residents organized a "Stop the Pipeline" movement and began collecting information. (*Note:* In August 2014 the company finally made a formal presentation to residents, but in the fall both the Select Board and voters at a special town meeting voted to oppose the route through town. Then in December 2014 the town was formally notified that the route was to be changed and would no longer pass through Royalston.)

In April 2013 the Board began discussions with Athol and Orange about the possibility of a cost-saving regional animal control program, along with a grant-funded expansion of the Athol animal control facility. In May the Board voted to enter into this agreement, which went into effect early in FY15.

In November 2013 town computers were attacked by a very serious virus. While the damage was serious, the town was saved from utter disaster by the quick response of Becky and Jon Hardie. Jon continued as informal systems administrator, and he and the Board began work on an Information Technology Policy. (*Note:* That policy was formally adopted in November 2014.)

The Board wishes to thank all town department heads, employees, and committee members for continuing to make Royalston an outstanding place to live.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Long, Select Board Chair



Royalston Building Department

Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

The following list is the number of permits issued for estimated construction cost and permit fees collected.

Assesory Structures		5
Additions		3
Deck/Porch		5
Garage		2
Chimney		7
Pavilion		1
Pergola		2
Permit Renewal		1
Photo Votaic Solar System		11
Outside hot tub		1
Renovate		1
Repair		24
Roof		18
Tent		1
Yurt		<u>1</u>
	Total	83

Estimated construction cost		\$1,850,160.00
Fees Collected		\$9,892.00
Stove Inspections	10@\$20.00	Included with fees

<u>Annual Inspections:</u> First and Second Congregational Churches, Whitney Hall, Raymond School, Royalston Community School, Village Improvement Society, Town hall, P.S. Newton Library, Winchendon Rod and Gun Club, Cloutier's Pete and Henry's Inc.

Seminars, Educational Meetings

- 1 Non-criminal building code violation ticketing
- 2 Deck and porch framing connection
- 3 Spray foam closed cell insulation
- 4 Code changes Chapter 1 and 34
- 5 Flood insurance rate maps (F.I.R.M)
- 6 Sprinkler Systems (inspections and acceptance basics)
- 7 Commercial Building Plan Review/inspections
- 8 International Energy Conservation Code (2012)
- 9 2-day 10th Annual Building Officials Educational Conference

(Building Inspector Report continued)

Mileage for my vehicle

1,614 miles

Compensated

\$842.22

Membership dues to Building Officials of Western Mass, split with Phillipston

\$80.00

Clerk assistance

109 hours @ \$11.00 \$1199.00

Other expenses – seminars, meetings

Returned to E +D

\$1287.76

Mileage

\$590.24

Electrical Inspectors

Theodore Neale

Collected permit fees

\$2760.00

Richard Brown (alternate)

Collected permit fees

\$90.00

Plumbing and Gas Inspection

Daniel Joly

Collected permit fees

\$2680.00

Geoffrey Newton, Inspector of Buildings

COMMUNITY PERSERVATION COMMITTEE

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The Committee continues to meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, 13 The Common. The current membership is Marsha Charest (Chair and Member at Large), Geoffrey L. Newton (Vice Chair and Building Commissioner), Roland Hamel (Public Welfare), Kimberly MacPhee (Planning Board), Maureen Blasco (Clerk and Conservation Member), Celt Grant (Historic District Commission), Christine Long (Open Space Committee), John Morse (Member of Selectboard).

Phase II of the Bullock Park restoration project has been completed, except for the completing of the landscaping repair need to fix where the wire was buried to the pavilion from the power board. The structure was built by Eagle Scout John Knight as one of his community-based projects. He was supervised by his father Brian Knight and was assisted by his fellow scouts of Troop 8, Athol, MA. There is a policy created by the Selectboard pertaining to its use, and the Selectboard and the C.P.C. encourage the people of Royalston to take advantage of this area for your family outing and BBQS. Leaving the area clean is important to all.

Several projects are in progress and have been placed on the Annual Town Meeting for start in Fiscal 15.

- 1. Bell Tower in #1 School House (Village Improvement and Historical Society)
- 2. The theater curtain on the stage of the upper level of the Town Hall.
- 3. Preservation of the World War II Monument on the common.
- 4. Replacement of the flag Pole to a new location on the common.
- 5. Repair of the Old #1 Fire Station.
- 6. Repair of the cupola on the Town Hall.

At the time of this report, the theater curtain has been repaired and is in use. This also has a policy governed by the Selectboard.

A public hearing was held in June, which is required by statute. No new projects were submitted for the next fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Charest Chairwoman, Community Preservation Committee



DOG BREEDS REGISTERED IN CALENDAR YEAR 2014 There were 144 dogs registered in the Town of Royalston in 2014

Beagle	1		Jack Russell		6
Beagle/Spaniel Mix	1		Lab		4
Black Lab	1		Lab Mix		5
Bloodhound	1		Labrador Retriever		5
Bluetick	1		Lab Retriever Mix		3
Border Collie	14		Lhasa Apso		2
Boston Terrier	2		Lhaso Mix		2
Boxer	4		Min Pin/Chihuahua		1
Boxer Mix	1		Mini Daschund		1
Brittany Spaniel	2		Mix		8
Bull Mastiff	1		Neopolitan Mastiff		1
Bulldog	3		Newfoundland		2
Catahoula Hound Mix	1		Pit Bull		2
Cattle dog mix	1		Pit Bull Terrier		1
Chihuahua	6		Pit Bull Terrier Mix		2
Chihuahua Min Pin Mix	1		Pitbull mix	2	1
Chocolate Lab			Pitbull/beagle mix		1
Cocker Spaniel	2		Plothound		1
Collie	1		Pomeranian		1
Daschund	1		Pomeranian Mix		2
Doberman Mix	1		Poodle		1
Dutch Shepherd	1		Poodle Mix		1
English Springer Spaniel	1		Puggle		2
German Shepherd	8		Rat Terrier		1
German Shorthair Pointer	1		Redbone Coonhound		1
Golden Doodle	3		Sheltie		2
Golden Retriever	8		Shih Tzu		4
Great Pyrenees	1	<i>'</i> .	Spaniel Mix		1
GSD	1		Terrier Mix		1
GSD Mix	1		Yorkie Mix		1
Husky	3		Yorkshire Terrier		1
Husky Mix	1		unknown		1

Submitted by Melanie Mangum, Royalston Town Clerk

Fire Department Annual Report FY2014

The fire department continues training all staff at levels that will provide safe, caring and professional services to the Town of Royalston and its Mutual Aid neighbors. Each FD Staff member has been put through the recognized Industry standard for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fire Firefighters. All of our staff did a tremendous job with these class modules Our medical training has been brought forward with on-going seminars and classroom training by certified instructors and professional medical staff from our senior members of the Fire Department. I thank those caring souls from the bottom of my heart.

Below you will find our incident records for the previous year:

Brush Fires	12	Smoke Investigations	5	Rescues (Medical Calls)	114
Car Fires	1	Sight and Odor of smoke	3	Rescues (car accidents)	4
Chimney Fires	1	Mutual Aid Given	6	High Angle Rescue	1
House Fires	0	Mutual Aid Received	3	Assisted Other Agency	7
Electrical Fires	2	Hazardous Materials	0	Public Service Calls	2

Training for the Department is scheduled on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station or a location designed for a drill. Each month is planned by the Officers Staff to include a full program of incidents that may occur and will require response. The Fire and E.M.S. program we offer has great rewards for those interested. Please stop by and visit at the fire house on one of these nights. We always need people who are willing to provide help when the situation requires it. If you have any desire for long hours of training, group events, and the great feeling of helping folks in need, we are your organization.

The Fire and EMS is very active in fund raising and all the monies collected and donated to this group will go towards the purchase of items that are necessary to the operation but can't always be secured through town meeting articles. A huge portion of success of this method of fund raising comes from your generosity. Thank you to those who continue to support our efforts. Fire prevention and education belongs to all of us and will continue to be successful with your help and commitment for safety in our community.

We have an Open Burning Permit process that helps keep everyone safe and in compliance with State and Local Burning laws. This permit allows for safe burning every year form January 15th to May 1st. To get the up to date regulations and the burn permit, stop by the Fire Station on Athol Road at 7:00 p.m. on those posted Mondays and apply.

- Keith R. Newton - Fire Chief

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Recycling and diversion of materials continues at a high rate at the recycling center. The following are some of the tonnage that was recycled and diverted from the waste stream.

General Recyclables (paper, bottles cans etc.):130 tonsMetal:25 tonsElectronics/Computers:3 tonsReusable Items:15 tonsTires:1 tonOil:500 gals

The access road to the transfer station was paved this fiscal year. This was done under the supervision of the RDPW with reimbursable Chapter 90 funding. The road is also posted with 15mph speed limit. Please observe the speed limit as the road is still narrow and busy when open. We would like to thank the RDPW staff for their on going work there.

The RBOH would like to thank all who use and support the recycling center and transfer station. Remember the 3 R's...reduce, reuse, and then recycle. Buy what you need, use what you got. <u>REMEMBER</u>, <u>YOU CAN'T MAKE PAPER OUT OF PLASTIC. YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP IT SEPARATED!</u> Don't forget textiles. As long as it's clean, dry, and has no hazardous stains such as oil, blood etc., it can go in the clothing boxes. Footwear, belts, socks, ties, handbags, gloves, hats, curtains, linens, comforters, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, dolls, and pillows all can be recycled. You don't need a matching set as long as the material is CLEAN, DRY, AND HAS NO HAZARDOUS STAINS.

The BOH continues to review and inspect septic systems; however, housing starts continue to be slow. Food establishments were permitted and inspected. Communicable diseases were monitored. The RBOH is part of the regional eleven city and town Montachusett Public Health Network which allows communicable disease reporting via an electronic tracking system called MAVEN. The RBOH is still involved in emergency preparedness planning on the local and regional level through participation in the 74 city and town Region 2 Emergency Preparedness Coalition.

RBOH: Philip Leger/Chair, Eugene Kolimaga / Clerk, Chet Hall IV/Member

Royalston Historic District Commission

The Historic District Commission is charged with the task of maintaining the beauty of the Historic District of Royalston.

For this purpose, the commission was set up so that residents may submit to the board applications for work that needs to be accomplished on the exterior of their homes or other structures within the district.

For the fiscal year 2013-2014, 12 applications were submitted and approved. Applications may be viewed online or at the Town Clerk's office.

The Commission has put together a notebook explaining the purpose of the district, a history of the home that was purchased, along with an application form as well.

It is the sincere hope of the Commission that we all appreciate the beauty of the Common and the Historic District.

Peter J. Kraniak, Chairman

Phinehas S. Newton Library

FY14 Annual Report 1 July 2013 – 30 June 2014

Circulation this fiscal year was slightly lower than last year with 14,847 items borrowed. Materials borrowed from other libraries totaled 1,406 and we loaned 434 items to other libraries. The library was open a total of 964 hours; an increase due to the funding of Monday morning hours during July and August by the Community Partnership for Children. There were 772 registered borrowers.

The library received \$1970 in State Aid from the Board of Library Commissioners for fulfilling all the requirements for certification. Grants were received from the Royalston Cultural Council for \$1250 for various programs, the Royalston Academy for \$500 for the summer reading programs, the Council-on-Aging for \$400 for media, and the Community Partnership for Children for \$500 for programs and staffing, and for deposit into the general fund, \$460 for reimbursement for DSL.

The Royalston Shakespeare Company presented an adaptation of Hamlet on July 6 to begin the summer programming for the library. Twenty young people aged 8-18 took part in the production funded by the Royalston Cultural Council. The Preschool Summer Program met on Monday mornings during July featuring programs on Yoga with Brandy Lefsyk, Button Bouquets with Sharon Harmon, Decorative Cupcakes with Amanda Basso, and ending with Homemade Ice Cream and games. The summer reading program for older kids were held on Thursday afternoons beginning with wildlife rehabilitators and storytelling by Medicine Mammals and followed by a Barn Raising with Tom Musco and Deb D'Amico, Ant Identification with Aaron Ellison, and ending with homemade ice cream and fun games. On Sunday, July 14, we held a family program with a field trip to Beryl Hill Mine, narrated and facilitated by Chet, Sheila, and Chet, Jr. Hall.

Several local authors, including newsletter editor and Friends president, Beth Gospodarek discussed the selections they had written for the book, *Echoes of* Africa, during a program at the library in September. In October, Antonia Petrash discussed her book, *Long Island and the Woman Suffrage Movement*, as well as discussing the many women in Massachusetts who were involved in the quest for the right to vote. In March John Smolens, the author of the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award nominated book *Cold*, discussed his books and writing. This program was held in the Bundschuh ballroom thanks to the generosity of Patience Bundschuh.

A fall harvest party was held for the Preschool Story Time group in October and the library was open for trick-or-treating on Halloween. Zumba classes with Kristen Killay resumed on Monday evenings at the Town Hall in November followed by two yoga classes, one in the morning and another in the evening. Two holiday craft workshops were held. I lead a workshop on making a split straw star ornament and Sharon Harmon led a swag-making workshop. In December, QuatroCor, a French horn quartet, including Royalston's Rebecca Krause-Hardie, gave an 'informance' of holiday music interspersed with stories and information. During the February school vacation, Creature Teachers brought animals from around the world to the Royalston Town Hall for a fun and educational program. Also beginning in February, three Cross Cultural Club programs were presented where students from Poland, Quebec, and Guatemala shared what life is like in the wider world through songs, stories, art, and food. In

April botanical illustrator Gordon Morrison lead a drawing workshop for kids aged 9 and up. The annual Kite Flying Day was a kite-crashing day with super blustery winds followed by kite cake eating and poetry writing. On Saturday during April vacation, the library's Gina Verrelli led a drop-in craft time where participants could select from a variety of whimsical wooden items to paint and decorate.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for funding, to Emily and Chris Santillo, in memory of Emily's father, Werner Bundschuh, for a beautiful wooden tripod built by John Chencharik, and to the Massachusetts Aldrich Astronomical Society – Adopt a Library Program the library received an Orion Star Blast Telescope, which may be borrowed by anyone over the age of 18 with a library card in good standing.

The book discussion group met monthly throughout the year reading the following books: Wild by Cheryl Strayed, Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai, Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie, Pope Joan by Donna Woolfolk, The Girld You Left Behind by Jojo Moyes, Faith in a Seed by Henry David Thoreau Cross, Cold by John Smolens, and The Big Ovster: History on the Half Shell by Mark Kurlansky.

Artists exhibiting throughout the year were: Marjorie Bassett, who displayed photographs from her flower garden and Tom Musco, who displayed Japanese Woodblock prints from the 16th through the 18th century and also gave a program on the history of woodblock printing.

All the programming would not have been possible without the generous funding from several organizations and the continuous help of dedicated individuals from the Friends group: Beth Gospodarek, Maureen Blasco, and Patti Stanko. Sharon Harmon keeps the thank you notes written and mailed. The Royalston Community Newsletter has unfailingly provided the community with local news and information by publishing 10 issues a year. Thanks to Beth Gospodarek, Editor; Stephen Chase, layout and sponsorships; Maureen Blasco, circulation and treasurer; and staff Theresa Quinn, Mary Barclay, and Larry Siegel. Jeff Mangum, keeps the library's presence updated and current with a calendar, events descriptions, photos, and links on the library website. Gina Verrelli keeps the facebook page up-to-date with photos and reminders of upcoming programs and even snow closings. The staff of the library: Gina Verrelli, Barbara Richardson, and Paula Pralinsky, along with substitute Marita Cauthen have provided constant help and support and make working at the library a joy. Ann Verrelli has made walking into the library a pleasure with her attention to detail when she cleans and straightens around the library. Warren Preville continues to keep the grounds neat and the trash removed and is willing to step in whenever we need extra hands. The trustees, Polly Longsworth, Chairwoman, Lisa Freden, Secretary, and Barbara Guiney, Treasurer, have always guided and supported the library and provide the foundation from which we operate. Although I mention it every year, it is a pleasure and a constant joy to work in such a congenial atmosphere with such dedicated, kind, and competent people and to interact with each person who enters the building. I cherish each day.

Financial Report of the Phinehas S. Newton Library

Wages: Director, Assistant Director, Children's Librarian, Story time Coordinator, and Substitutes \$29,901

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(Library Report Continued)

Expenses:

Utilities	\$4,175
Building maintenance	3,000
DSL (Reimbursed to the town by the Mass Library System)	625
Network membership (MassCat)	1,000
Supplies	1,600
Alarm Monitoring	360
Books, CDs, Audiobooks, Periodicals, etc.	12,755
Total	\$23,515

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Morris Library Director

ROYALSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014 ACTIVITY REPORT

437 - 911 Emergency Calls Received

261 - Non Emergency Calls Received

District Court Related

- 7 Arrests Adult
- 5 Arrests Juvenile
- 1 Arrests Motor Vehicle Traffic Related
- 12 Criminal Complaints Filed

- Requests for Service
 14 Animal Complaint Domestic
- 7 Assist Disabled Motor Vehicles
- 18 Assist Fire & Medical
- 13 Assist other Agency
- 6 Assault & Battery
- 11 Break and Entering Calls
- 32 Burglar Alarm Calls
- 4 Disturbing the Peace
- 3 Domestic Dispute
- 12 Drug / Narcotic Violations
- 2 Firearms Violation
- 0 Harassment / Intimidation
- 27 House / Building Checks
- 8 Larceny from a Building
- 5 Missing Person / Lost Hikers
- 7 Motor Vehicle Lockouts
- 5 Register Sex Offenders
- 1 Runaway Child Report
- 37 Serve Summons / Warrants / Restraining Orders
- 1 Sexual Assaults
- 1 Stolen Motor Vehicles
- 6 Suicide Attempts
- 59 Suspicious Person / Activity / Motor Vehicles
- 4 Trespass Violation
- 107 Tully Dam Patrols
- 18 Traffic Hazard Wires, Trees, Horses in Road
- 9 Vandalism Report

Patrol Related

- Driving Under the Influence Drugs / Alcohol Arrests
- 12 Motor Vehicle Accidents
- 12 Moving Criminal Violations / Arrests
- 137 Motor Vehicle Citations Issued / Fines \$9,635.00
- 123 Verbal Warnings Issued
- 5 Traffic, Town By-Law Offenses
- Chief Curtis A. Deveneau April 6, 2015

Department of Public Works

Annual Report for FY15

A list of materials and services used in FY15:

29 tons of cold mix asphalt used for patching

65 tons of 2" to 4" stone used for drainage

40' x 15" A.D.S. Drainage Pipe were installed at various locations

All of the public street millage were mowed by Department members – this has allowed proper maintentance of road shoulders and vegetation.

South Royalston and Royalston Commons and Parks swept and cleaned up for Memorial Day Services.

100 drop inlets cleaned and inspected. A list has been developed for repairs.

All wood fence sections on Rt. 68 and in South Royalston repaired and painted.

1,200 tons of road salt used for ice control.

Traffic line painting, school zones, church and stop bars completed.

4 drop inlets and basins repaired.

3,500 cu. yds of sand for ice control

40' single flex beam guardrail replaced

Gravel Roads:

All gravel roads continue to have grading and shaping of travel lanes on a scheduled rotation starting in spring and extending through late Fall. We are incorporating the use of liquid calcium to stabilize surface conditions.

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(DPW Annual Report cont.)

Below you will find the list of gravel roads maintained by the Highway Dept.

Beryl Hill Road	Laurel Lake Road	River Road
Bliss Hill Road	Maple Ave.	Sinivori Road
Butterworth Road	Millyard Road	Stockwell Road
Davis Hill Road	Morse Road	Stone Road
Deland Hill Road	Neale Pl. (Toney Rd)	Taft Hill Road
Falls Road	Pike Road	Tully Road
Jolly Road	Prospect Hill Road	Turnpike Road

The above list of roadways represents roughly 28 miles of gravel road system. Please remember that gravel roadways do not stand up to fast speeds and will pothole and lose the crowned shape they are graded to. The crown of a road is developed for drainage, but once it gets flat, water will puddle and vehicles splash through and create potholes that grow quite large in some cases. Please considere driving a little slower and the results will be a smoother ride. Thanks to thos of you that help keep the roads in good shape. Thank you to all those who care and cooperate.

Bridges

Bridge work was started and then stopped on both Stockwell and North Fitzwilliam Roads. The conditions at Stockwell were not allowing work to continue because of wetland impacts. The Division of Fish and Wildlife became an obstacle not considered in the first round of plans. This has now been addressed. Work is slated for the Spring of 2015.

North Fitzwilliam Road bridge came to a stop when the culvert under the road on the north side of this bridge project showed failure to the structure. This work is being drawn and planned for continuation in the Spring of 2015.

Respectfully submitted, Keith R. Newton D.P.W.



TOWN OF ROYALSTON

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Box 125
Royalston, MA 01368

Annual Report for Year ending June 30, 2014

This year marks forty-two years of operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Although the plant ran as efficiently as possible, we faced several challenges. Two backups in sewer main and problems with generator were resolved by the operator, the Department of Public Works, and assistance from others.

We give credit to the hard work our Operator Denis Meunier and Public Works Supervisor Keith Newton. We appreciate the support we have had from the Board of Selectmen and the voters for funding a replacement treatment plant. We are pleased that plant upgrade contract has been awarded, with work starting the fall.

The Commission has enacted new Sewer Rules and Regulations to replace outdated Ordinance. We also approved Billing Policy and Procedures, which will be mailed to all users.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gary L. Winitzer, Marie Mello, Phillip Trask



NORTHEAST QUABBIN DISTRICT

Department of Veterans' Services 584 Main Street, Athol, Massachusetts 01331 Phone: 978/249-6935 Fax: 978/575-0269

email: vetagnt@townofathol.org

SERVING VETERANS FROM ATHOL, PETERSHAM, PHILLIPSTON AND ROYALSTON

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." - A Lincoln

FY14 ANNUAL REPORT

History & Services

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its needy veterans immediately following the Revolutionary War. At the start of the Civil War in 1861, the state legislature formalized the assistance provided to veterans by establishing M.G.L. Chapter 115 and Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services. State and local government leaders wanted to provide benefits to men and women (both living and deceased) who had borne the burden of military duty—and to their families. Chapter 115 enables every eligible Massachusetts veteran to receive certain financial, medical, educational, employment, and other benefits earned by military service. Veterans' Services Officers in 351 municipalities across the state help veterans and families connect with state and federal benefits.

Veterans' Benefits, Programs and services

- Chapter 115 Benefits Provides a needs based means tested program of financial and medical assistance to eligible veterans.
- Annuities Provides \$2,000 annually to 100% service-connected disabled veterans, Gold Star parents, and to unremarried spouses of deceased veterans whose death was service connected.
- Wartime Bonuses Provides bonuses to eligible wartime veterans.
- Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries Eligible veterans can be buried at no cost and a nominal fee for spouses in one of two state veterans' cemeteries.
- Women Veterans' Network Provides women veterans with information on benefits; expand awareness of the needs; and identify health and human resources to meet those needs.
- Homeless prevention Provides outreach services and a network of assistance to at-risk veterans and their families.
- Transitional Housing Provides safe housing, a variety of services, and counseling for up to 24 months to eligible veterans.
- SAVE Program Provides peer outreach, veteran to veteran, to prevent suicide and advocacy of veterans benefits and services. The SAVE Team is mobile and meets with veterans in the field.
- SHARP Program Provides peer support, mental health services, psychiatric evaluation and linkages to emergency shelters, and may enroll eligible veterans in the HUD-VASH program.
- Additional services and programs: Employment, Property Tax Exemptions, Soldiers' Homes, and access to federal and local nonprofit benefits programs and services to eligible veterans.

Nqd Activation & Reactivation

Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) authorized the district to continue operations through May 8, 2016. District towns are Athol, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.

There were four Veterans' Services Districts operating in the Commonwealth on July 1, 2007. There are now 22 Veterans' Services Districts serving 126 communities with a population approaching 1.2 million residents.

Ngd Governance & Administration

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 11: For every district established under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 10 there shall be a Board of Directors consisting of a representative as appointed by the board of selectmen of each member municipality.

The Board established By-Laws dated January 11, 2006, and amended April 25, 2007, November 3, 2008 and July 12, 2011, which define district operations. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115: Section 11 & NQD By-Laws:

- 1. At the November Board meeting, Director of Veterans' Services presents the next fiscal year's Administrative Budget to the Board recommending the funds required for district operations
- 2. The Board reviews, discusses and votes to approve the Administrative Budget. It includes each member community's assessment of the total budget.

M.G.L. Chapter 115 - Veterans' Benefits

Veterans' benefits are monies paid by towns to eligible recipients. The Commonwealth reimburses a community at least 75% of dollars paid in benefits. See chart:

Finalized Fy14 Veterans' Benefits Data

Town	Benefits Expended	State Reimbursement	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$159,869.41	\$120,539.57	75%
Petersham	\$2,213.12	\$1,659.84	75%
Phillipston	\$17,138.83	\$12,854.14	75%
Royalston	\$213.12	\$159.84	75%

United States Government

NQD assisted veterans with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA), U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), and other U.S. Departments and Agencies.

The office witnessed an increasing number of local area veterans diagnosed with Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), etc.

VA applications for service-connected disabilities; increasing existing service-connected disabilities; Dependency & Indemnity Claims for spouse of deceased veteran; pensions; burial expense assistance; Veterans Grave Markers; Healthcare, etc.

The district has acquired military personnel records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued to the veteran. Veterans have received assistance with DoD applications to correct Military Records and formal requests to review and upgrade type of discharge.

I look forward to serving veterans, spouses, dependents, and surviving spouses of deceased veterans, who reside in the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil P. McGuirk

Neil P. McGuirk, Director of Veterans' Services



TOWN OF ROYALSTON OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk

VITAL RECORDS

The following number of records were recorded for calendar year 2014

BIRTHS	8
MARRIAGES	5
DEATHS	4

Respectfully Submitted,

Melanie Mangum

Town Clerk

TOWN OF ROYALSTON TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FY 2014

P.O. Box 1

Royalston, MA 01368 treasurer@royalston-ma.gov

CLOSE OF FISCAL YEAR LOCATION OF ACCOUNTS AND ENDING CASH BALANCES

GENERAL FUND CHECKING – ATHOL SAVINGS BANK GENERAL FUND CHECKING (NEW ACCOUNT) – ATHOL SAVINGS BANK GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET – ATHOL SAVINGS BANK BARTLETT FUND CHECKING – ATHOL SAVINGS BANK SPECIAL POLICE FUND – ATHOL SAVINGS BANK STABILIZATION ACCOUNT – MMDT TRUST & CEMETERY ACCOUNTS – PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK CULTURAL COUNCIL CHECKING – ATHOL SAVINGS BANK	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$	10,020.50
CULTURAL COUNCIL CHECKING – ATHOL SAVINGS BANK CDBG PROGRAM INCOME FUNDS	•	10,826.95 56,059.38

TOTAL \$1,607,341.76

ABOVE IS THE LIST OF THE BANK BALANCES FOR THE TOWN OF ROYALSTON AS OF JUNE 30, 2014. ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE IS THE FUND REPORT FOR THE PEOPLE'S UNITED BANK, FOR FURTHER BREAKDOWNOF THAT ACCOUNT. THESE FIGURES REPRESENT ALL MONIES HELD BY THE TOWN OF ROYALSTON AS OF JUNE 30, 2014. PLEASE NOTE THAT RECONCILLIATION WITH THE NEW SYSTEM CONTINUES, AND THESE FIGURES REPRESENT THE BEST NUMBERS AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BRENDA L. PUTNEY TREASURER (continued next page)

Treasurer's Report Continued

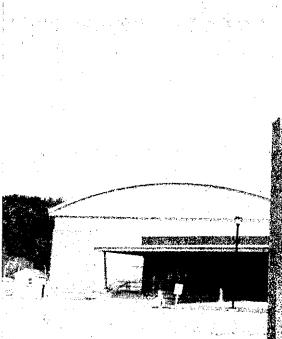


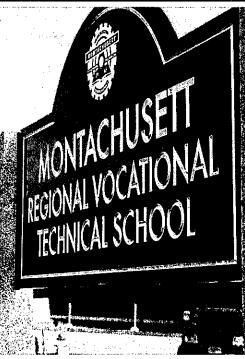
Non- Expendable		Account Number	Beginning Balance	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
\$0.00	MASTER TRUST ACCOUNT	2100236187	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
\$50,000.00	JOHN N BARTLETT TRUST	2100236209	68,668.42	11.29	\$68,679.71
\$30,381.53	WILLIE W DAVIS PUBLIC WELFARE	2100236217	33,174.46	5.45	\$33,179.91
\$0.00	CONSERVATION COMMISSION	2100236233	15,822.24	2.60	\$15,824.84
\$1,692.92	GEORGE H KNIGHT	2100236241	1,791.94	0.30	\$1,792.24
\$4,642.01	BULLOCK - OLD SCHOOL	2100236268	4,913.51	0.81	\$4,914.32
\$0.00	LIBRARY FUND	2100236284	31,409.77	5.16	\$31,414.93
\$0.00	P.S. NEWTON BOOK SALE FUND	2100236292	1,530.08	0.25	\$1,530.33
\$1,205.00	MARTHA M WHEELER LIBRARY FUND	2100236306	2,571.86	0.42	\$2,572.28
\$1,000.00	CAROLINE RAYMOND LIBRARY FUND	2100236314	2,109.72	0.35	\$2,110.07
\$1,500.00	TIMOTHY S BLISS LIBRARY FUND	2100236322	3,236.97	0.53	\$3,237.50
\$1,050.00	GALE & GATES CEMETERY	2100236330	1,061.42	0.17	\$1,061.59
\$12,050.00	JONAS ALLIENE CEMETERY	2100236349	15,161.02	2.50	\$15,163.52
\$11,775.00	LAWRENCE BROOK CEMETERY	2100236357	18,389.66	3.02	\$18,392.68
\$1,700.00	CENTER CEMETERY	2100236365	1,719.20	0.29	\$1,719.49
\$5,000.00	MAPLE CEMETERY	2100236373	6,156.12	1.01	\$6,157.13
\$8,700.00	RIVERSIDE & HILLSIDE CEMETERY	2100236381	13,570.94	2.23	\$13,573.17
\$0.00	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	4370562220	86,767.23	14.26	\$86,781.49
\$130,696.46			\$308,054.56	\$50.64	\$308,105.20



2013 - 2014 Annual Report













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Having only been recently named the Superintendent-Director of Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School, I am honored and delighted to present the district's 2013-2014 annual report. It was a year marked by student achievement, faculty and staff distinctions, and leadership development - as well as transition. Compiling information for the enclosed report has provided me with an opportunity to get to know the students, faculty and staff that comprise this wonderful school, and to reflect upon their tremendous achievements and activities. I am fortunate to work closely with a talented leadership team, many of whom have contributed to this report, and given great insight into some of the more notable highlights of the 2013-2014 academic year, including:

- Students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement. In the spring of 2014, Monty Tech's passing rate on the MCAS English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 98%, and Biology 99%.
- Competing in three categories: network security, digital forensics, and Cisco networking, a team of six talented students captured second place at the CyberPatriot event, a national high school cyber defense competition, founded by the Air Force Association.
- Class of 2014 graduate, Jessica Shattuck of Fitchburg was presented with the Legion of Valor award, the highest award a JROTC cadet may receive, recognizing academic excellence and extraordinary leadership skills.
- Ten students advanced through local, district and state competitions to earn the right to compete at the National SkillsUSA Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The Monty Tech national delegation returned with a bronze medal in Action Skills.
- Monty Tech continues to participate in the highly selective Student Spaceflight Experiment Program, representing the only vocational school in the nation to have a student science experiment launch into space, and providing students with an opportunity to study the effects of gravity on their science project.

As you know, a Monty Tech education is grounded in workforce preparedness, balanced by a rigorous academic curriculum. Everyday at Monty Tech, one guiding principle is evident - our students must be ready for both college <u>and</u> career. Students are prepared with industry-recognized credentials and skills to be successful in the world of work. And for those students whose future may include higher education, Monty Tech offers dual enrollment courses, articulation agreements, and Advanced Placement courses that may significantly reduce the amount of time and money spent on a college education.

We are so proud of the educational programs offered here at Monty Tech, yet we continually strive to improve upon them. Collaborating with area colleges and universities, we are ensuring our curriculum and instruction is rigorous and relevant. Sharing best practices with vocational-technical colleagues from across the state – and nation – we give and take some of the best ideas, with one thing in mind – what is best for our students.

We hope you will find this report a comprehensive review of the quality education you have come to know and expect from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School. You may notice that each of the eighteen member cities and towns are reflected in this report, and that students performed services in almost every community last year. Providing our students with an opportunity to give back to the communities that support them – and support our school – is a pleasure.

I am honored to serve as Superintendent-Director of Monty Tech, a school that continues to transform secondary education in North Central Massachusetts, bringing to life lessons learned in a classroom, at the workplace, and in the community – all while consistently maintaining high standards of fiscal responsibility. Our FY14 Annual Budget was unanimously accepted by each of the eighteen member communities, and reflected only a 2.0% increase over the 2012-2013 Educational Plan. We recognize that we are in the midst of some difficult economic times faced by public education and so we will continue to seek creative ways to reduce member town assessments, while maintaining our high standards of academic and vocational-technical success.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Harrity, Ed.D. Superintendent-Director

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Our Mission

Every student will graduate from Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School with the skills, knowledge, and abilities to be a productive and effective member of an ever-changing society.

Our District

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is a four-year career and technical high school serving the member towns of:

Ashburnham Harvard
Ashby Holden
Athol Hubbardston
Barre Lunenburg
Fitchburg Petersham
Gardner Phillipston

Princeton Royalston Sterling Templeton Westminster Winchendon

<u>Leadership</u>

The leadership team at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School is comprised of ten talented administrators whose varied educational backgrounds, professional experiences, and areas of expertise contribute to the success of the school. Working collaboratively, and under the direction of the Superintendent and Principal, the team has been able to transform the school into one of the most sought-after high schools in North Central Massachusetts.

Sheila M. Harrity, Superintendent-Director Tom Browne, Principal Tammy Crockett, Business Manager Kim Curry, Dean of Admissions Francine Duncan, Director of Technology Christina Favreau, Director of Academic Programs
Jim Hachey, Director of Vocational Programs
Richard Ikonen, Director of Facilities
Katy Whitaker, Development Coordinator
Victoria Zarozinski, Director of Student Support Services

Enrollment

On June 1, 2014, student enrollment at Monty Tech included 1,403 students in grades nine through twelve. Students are represented from every community in the district: Ashburnham (54), Ashby (37), Athol (93), Barre (35), Fitchburg (364), Gardner (158), Harvard (3), Holden (68), Hubbardston (61), Lunenburg (70), Petersham (4), Phillipston (21), Princeton (17), Royalston (22), Sterling (56), Templeton (100), Westminster (77), and Winchendon (133). The remaining thirty students were from out-of-district towns, including Clinton, Leominster, Natick, Orange, Pepperell, Rutland, Shirley, West Boylston, and Worcester.

Throughout 2013-2014, Monty Tech offered a variety of opportunities for students, parents, and community members to learn about and visit the school. In October 2013, approximately 1,000 district eighth graders participated in the annual "Tour Day" event. Students toured our twenty-vocational/technical areas and learned about the school's challenging academic offerings and exciting athletic and extracurricular programs. Career Awareness Night offered interested students the opportunity to return in the evening with their family members, to further explore the facilities and talk with staff members.

Each year, the Dean of Admissions conducts school visits, student interviews, and accepts applications for admissions. 2013-2014 proved to be an exceptionally busy year for her, as the school received 730 applications for admission. Of those, 642 were from students hoping to enter our incoming freshman class. The balance of the applications came from students hoping to enter the school as upperclassmen. Because

there are only a limited number of students the school can accept each year, 367 freshmen and 19 upperclassmen were admitted.

The Vocational Interest Program (V.I.P.) offers area seventh and eighth grade students the chance to visit Monty Tech after school, and participate in hands-on learning experiences across a variety of vocational/technical areas. The program continued to attract a large number of students during the 2013-2014 school year, serving approximately 600 area students.

Class of 2014 Awards

Members of the Class of 2014 were awarded approximately \$50,000 in scholarships. The Monty Tech Foundation generously provided \$34,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors, ranging in amounts of \$250 to \$2,500. The Foundation also awarded \$6,000 to the practical nursing graduates. Once again, local and state organizations, as well as generous individuals, continue to recognize the ability and potential of Monty Tech graduates in the form of financial donations. The School Committee, administration, faculty, and graduates themselves, are grateful for this support.

Articulation Agreements with local colleges also play an important role in helping reduce the cost of higher education. Qualified Monty Tech students are eligible to receive college credits through a number of articulation agreements with public and private colleges across the country. Well over 60% of the graduating class of 2014 reported plans to enroll at either a 2-year college, 4-year college/university, or a technical/trade school upon graduation. By earning college credits while still in high school, these students will benefit by saving both time and money as they pursue advanced educational programs.

<u>Financial Report</u>

In an effort to develop a cost-effective budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014, a great deal of effort was put forth by the School Committee, administration and staff. The final fiscal year 2013-2014 Educational Plan totaled \$24,785,280, which represents a 2.0% increase over the 2012-2013 Educational Plan. As a result of changes to the final FY14 State budget and the District's decision not to increase the already-approved community assessments, the District's FY14 budget was approximately \$200,000 below the minimum spending required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 70.

The District was audited in August 2014 as part of the yearly financial audit by the accounting firm of Melanson, Heath and Co. from Greenfield, MA and a very good report is anticipated.

Grants and Contracts

Monty Tech continues to pursue grant funding on an annual basis. These funds assist in providing many educational and social services to the student population. For fiscal year 2014, state and federal grant sources provided the school with \$842,780. Programs funded by these grants include: Essential Health Services, Social Intervention and Mediation, Improving Teacher Quality, Special Education Services and Program Improvement, Title I Support, Perkins Occupational Education, and Summer Academic Support.

In addition to state and federal grant sources, Monty Tech was also the recipient of private and competitive grant awards totaling \$525,000. Included in that total are a number of highly competitive awards, including a \$400,000 award from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, used to provide

training in the new vocational-technical education frameworks to over 350 educators across the Commonwealth, and a \$42,500 award from the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, used to purchase one adult patient simulator, which will provide our Health Occupations students with unprecedented training opportunities, as the device manifests vital signs, clinical signs and symptoms. Allocation and competitive grants totaled \$1,367,780 for fiscal year 2014.

Academic Achievement

In 2013-2014, students at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School continued to demonstrate high academic achievement, earning commendable MCAS scores in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Biology. In the spring of 2014, Monty Tech's passing rate on the English Language Arts exam was 100%, Mathematics 98%, and Biology 99%.

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Students Tested	361	352	364
Passing	100%	99%	100%
Advanced/ Proficient	95%	95%	95%
Needs Improvement	5%	5%	5%
Failing	0%	1%	0%

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Students Tested	360	352	366
Passing	99%	98%	98%
Advanced/Proficient	87%	80%	84%
Needs Improvement	12%	18%	14%
Failing	1%	2%	2%

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Students Tested	361	398	351
Passing	98%	97%	99%
Advanced/ Proficient	73%	73%	74%
Needs Improvement	24%	24%	25%
Failing	2%	3%	1%

The district continues to make progress toward narrowing proficiency gaps. Students in all subgroups have met their progress and performance targets, continuing the school's Level 1 Status distinction.

Student Group	On Target = 75 or higher	Performance	Progress
All Students		81	Met Target
High Needs		79	Met Target
Low Income		84	Met Target
ELL and Former ELL		-	-
Students with Disabilities		81	Met Target
American Indian/ Alaska Native		-	-
Asian		-	-
African/American/Black		-	_
Hispanic/ Latino		93	Met Target
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander		-	-
White		84	Met Target

Vocational Projects in the District Communities

Unlike students in traditional, comprehensive high schools, students at Monty Tech are asked to put their education into practice on a daily basis. Students across the twenty different vocational-technical education programs are building homes, reconstructing damaged properties, repairing service vehicles, making walkways more accessible, and performing countless community services.

The 2013-2014 school year was a busy one for our vocational educators, as each trade aimed to provide practical, hands-on learning experiences for our students, while helping to improve each of the eighteen member communities.

Auto Body: Collision Repair Technology: Throughout 2013-2014, the program completed seventy requests for service and repair work. Students detailed police vehicles, installed new fenders and repainted several town vehicles, benefiting the school, police and fire departments in local communities. With assistance from several other departments, the program hosted the annual car show, which was a tremendous success. Students also competed in the *World of Wheels* competition, held in Boston, and were awarded first place in the pedal car building competition. (Total enrollment: 60; 36 males, 24 females)

Automotive Technology: The Automotive Technology program saw a very busy year, marked by curriculum changes that instructors believe will benefit every student. Aligning state frameworks with NATEF standards, instructors purchased new textbooks and developed new lessons, designed to enhance the learning experience. The program also successfully completed the NATEF Master Automobile Service Technology recertification process, which occurs every five years. Because the Monty Tech program continues to hold this rigorous certification, students qualify for articulated credits at area colleges upon program completion. A top student, Brian Nielsen of Ashby was awarded a gold medal at the SkillsUSA state competition, and traveled to the national competition in June 2014. The program also supported eight students in the co-operative education program, and a total of fourteen students were employed within the industry. These students gained valuable workplace experience, applying the skills they learned in the rigorous automotive technology program, and received high praise from their employers. Finally, in addition to all of these accomplishments, program students and instructors completed work on more than 400 vehicles, including those of faculty, staff, retirees, district residents, and municipal vehicles. (Total enrollment: 54; 44 males, 10 females)

Business Technology: Students and instructors in the Business Technology program continue to enjoy an increased presence in the school community, providing assistance to shops and offices throughout the school by coordinating bulk mailing, labeling, organizing, and collating jobs. Offices that receive direct support from the Business Technology program include: Monty Tech Nurses' Office, front office, Monty Tech Tea Room, and Student Support Services. Students also assist wherever there is a customer service need, as in the annual greenhouse project, directed by Mr. Dylan Hager. Students serve as customer service representatives and cashiers for this very busy seasonal operation. Students also run a successful school store, The Gear House, refining their skills in cash handling, customer service, organization, and marketing. (Total enrollment: 76; 14 males, 62 females)

Cabinetmaking: The Monty Tech Cabinetmaking program is delighted to report the acquisition of a new and much-needed piece of equipment – a CNC Machining Center, which effectively utilizes a variety of software programs. Having this new equipment will allow instructors to teach specific skills that the industry and area employers demand. Throughout the year, students spent a great deal of time building and installing cabinetry in a number of public offices throughout the Monty Tech district, including: Westminster Town Hall weights and measure scale cabinet; Cherry sign for the Fitchburg Fire Department; two podiums for the Town of Athol; a cherry buffet for the United Way offices in Fitchburg; display cases for the Gardner Elks; and counter tops built and installed at the Barre Police Station. Finally, the program saw nine students benefit from cooperative learning experiences with area employers. Both students and employers reported enjoying the mutually beneficial experience. (Total enrollment: 72; 46 males, 26 females)

Cosmetology: Providing students with opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials and certifications is a guiding principle in the Cosmetology department. Twenty-three seniors sat for the State Board Exams, and all twenty-three passed and are now licensed cosmetologists. More than half of the graduating seniors remain in the industry. Students in their junior year of the program, who are primarily responsible for managing the "clinic floor", provided numerous services that resulted in total sales in excess of \$9,000. Monty Tech Cosmetology instructors continued to promote community service, and as a result, this year the program supported a classmate's Youth Venture Club project, raising more than \$650 for this very worthwhile organization. (Total enrollment: 90; 1 male, 89 females)

<u>Culinary Arts:</u> Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Culinary Arts program are among the busiest in our school. In addition to operating a full-service dining room and bakery, which serves 90-120 patrons daily, culinary students showcase their talents at trade shows and competitions throughout the year. In 2013-2014, culinary arts students participated in three hot food competitions, and placed first on two of the events, where they were competing against area hotels, restaurants, and professional chefs. The program provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as support staff, for a number of events for public organizations, including: Fitchburg Rotary Club, Montachusett Home Health Care, Senate Ways and Means Committee, Gardner AARP, and the Fitchburg City Council. The program was also fortunate to receive new equipment, including a combination steam convection oven, a kitchen video monitoring system, two new butcherblock tables, and a custom stainless steel bench with power supply. (Total enrollment: 101; 35 males, 66 females)

Dental Assisting: During 2013-2014, the Dental Assisting program placed 3 students in co-operative educational placements, working with area dentists. Fourteen students earned externships, while twelve students participated in affiliation. All sophomore, junior, and senior students attended the Yankee Dental Convention in Boston, and learned about the most current trends and practices in the field. While national passing averages for Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) exams range from 69% - 78%, the Monty Tech dental students earned a 94% passing rate on the Infection Control exam and an outstanding 100% passing rate on the Radiology exam. The program supported four students who traveled to the SkillsUSA national competitions. For the fourth consecutive year, Monty Tech welcomed Community Health Connections, a school-based dental hygiene program whose goal is to provide dental services to students in need. Through this initiative, thirty-two students were examined by a dentist, had their teeth cleaned, and had sealants or temporary fillings applied as needed. Monty Tech Dental Assisting students were given hands-on, practical experience, as they assisted the staff from CHC during each dental procedure that was performed. (Total enrollment: 62; 5 males, 57 females)

<u>Drafting Technology:</u> Students in the Drafting Technology program earned well-deserved recognition for their achievements in 2013-2014. Four seniors held co-op positions, four students were recognized for outstanding SkillsUSA achievements, and 90% of the program's graduating seniors continue in the field of drafting, either by selecting a related college major or by entering the workforce in a related field. The shop continued to provide countless community services in the form of banners, signage, building plans, interior design plans, and decorating for school-sponsored events. Some of the more notable projects in 2013-2014 included: railings design for Harvard Public Schools; designed a Habitat for Humanity duplex in Fitchburg (to be built by Monty Tech students and instructors 2014-2015); landscape design services for the Forbush Library in Westminster; and completing the Fitchburg Fire Department seal. (Total enrollment: 56; 33 males, 23 females)

Early Childhood Education: Jordan Patricks earned a gold medal at the 2014 SkillsUSA state competitions in Action Skills. From there, she traveled to the national competitions, placing 3rd. She was accompanied by her classmate, Jessica Shattuck, who served as a National Voting Delegate and was also awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award. These students represent the Monty Tech Early Childhood Education program well, as the program is known for a strong emphasis on community service, academic and vocational-technical excellence, and a commitment to continued education. During 2013-2014, Early Childhood Education students participated in the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children's Recognition Dinner, constructing twenty 3-dimensional children's games to serve as centerpieces for the event. Students

volunteered at the *Boston Strong* relay held in Winchendon, organized and led children's activities at the annual ARC Christmas Party, and provided child care services for the mental health symposium held here at Monty Tech in May 2014. The Monty Tech Childcare Center continues to operate at full capacity, serves as a co-operative education site for two students, and successfully prepares their young students for transition into Kindergarten. The Center's Director, Ms. Kelley Booth, visits with prospective parents almost daily and handles frequent calls for Fall placement. (Total enrollment: 65; 2 males, 63 females)

Electrical: The Electrical program at Monty Tech continues to be one of the busiest trades in the school. During the 2013-2014 year, students and instructors completed a number of "outside projects" that include: installing new lighting at the Turkey Hill Middle School in Lunenburg, adding additional lighting receptacles at the Bromfield School in Harvard, adding additional receptacles and internet outlets in Barre, and rewiring a data network in Winchendon. Countless electrical projects were also completed in-house, including: library renovations, LED lighting on the outside of the school, and new equipment installations in a variety of vocational programs. The Electrical program is also particularly proud to have trained fourteen students who benefited from a co-op placement during the 2013-2014 school year, successfully applying what they have learned at Monty Tech in workplaces across North Central Massachusetts. (Total enrollment: 87; 76 males, 11 females)

Engineering Technology: The Monty Tech Engineering program continued to enhance their curriculum and instruction by embedding three Project Lead the Way courses into the already rigorous vocational-technical curriculum. Students performed quite well on the end of course assessments affiliated with the Project Lead the Way coursework, with nine students earning college credit in Principles of Engineering, seven students earning college credit in Introduction to Engineering Design, and eight students earning credit in Digital Electronics. These students may apply these credits at colleges and universities across the country. The exploratory program during the 2013-2014 school year yielded positive results for the program, with 12 students selecting Engineering Technology as their first choice. All thirteen seniors graduated, and reported plans to continue their education or continue working in the engineering field. Finally, instructors were pleased with the work done in their instructional space, citing better organization and increased safety. Instructors also look forward to further renovations in the instructional space, including a dropped ceiling, refinishing the floor, new work benches, and the installation of a second SMARTboard. (Total enrollment: 57; 45 males, 12 females)

Graphic Communications: The Monty Tech Graphic Communications program is pleased to have graduated twenty students, all of whom were accepted at a variety of colleges, including 2-year, 4-year, public, and private institutions. Throughout the 2013-2014 school year, the shop continued to produce large quantities of print projects for district towns and community service organizations. This year, the shop produced approximately three hundred twenty "outside" print projects, billing in excess of \$18,000 and saving area town offices and school districts over \$125,000. The shop also produced yearbooks for local institutions, saving each school approximately \$8,000 - \$10,000, as the billing only reflects the cost of materials. The Graphic Communications program also completed numerous "in house" projects in our student-operated copy center, including: over two million black and white copies, two hundred fifty thousand color copies, and over five hundred wide format prints. By industry standards, this would cost the district \$275,000. Our cost to complete these projects was only \$55,000, which resulted in a substantial savings of \$219,500. The program was fortunate to receive a number of equipment upgrades and pieces of new technology, including: Konica Minolta High Speed Copier, a Konica Minolta Office Color Copier, and ten (10) new iMac computers, each equipped with CS6 software. (Total enrollment: 83; 28 males, 55 females)

Health Occupations: The Health Occupations program at Monty Tech continues to educate a large number of students, providing a rigorous education grounded in current medical knowledge and practice. With guest speakers including a mortician, an emergency room physician, the American Red Cross and representatives from Battered Women's Resources, instructors aim to provide students with critical exposure to a variety of health-related career options. The program, which boasts an enrollment of more than one hundred students, continues to participate in community service programs, including Red Cross Blood Drives, Pediatric Day (in

conjunction with students from the Early Childhood Education program), and a "baby shower" for women living in a local battered women's shelter. The Health Occupations program is dedicated to providing all students with opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials, and as a result, students earn the following credentials: Medical Terminology Certificate; Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour certification; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid Certificate through the American Heart Association; Certified Nursing Assistant License through the American Red Cross; and Certified Clinical Medical Assistant credential through the certifying board of the National Healthcare Association. (Total enrollment: 103; 7 males, 96 females)

House Carpentry: Most of the work done by the students and instructors in the Monty Tech House Carpentry program is done off-campus, completing renovation, building, and repair work for member communities. Some of the more notable projects from the 2013-2014 school year include: building two baseball dugouts (wood frame and asphalt shingle roofs) for Phillipston Elementary school; building four dugouts (wood frame, corrugated metal roofs, and PVCF trim); installing interior wall partitions, renovating exterior walls, and installing new windows at the Templeton Senior Center; building and installing cabinets at the Templeton Food Pantry; renovating the "booking room" at the Barre Police Station; installing a guard rail, small shed, handicapped ramp guardrail, and Police Station sign for the Town of Hubbardston; replacing deteriorated aluminum trim around the school entrance at the Lunenburg Primary School; and reconstructing and reroofing the West Fitchburg Gazebo. (Total enrollment: 61; 36 males, 25 females)

Industrial Technology: In 2013-2014, the Monty Tech Industrial Technology program added instructor Matt McGee to the talented team of educators. Mr. McGee's great enthusiasm for the subject matter has been a welcome addition to the program, as he brings a wealth of both industry and teaching experience. Additionally, his immediate contributions to the program have resulted in revised and improved curriculum in interpreting technical drawings and prints, and troubleshooting problems in heating and cooling systems. In a program where students are called on for "a little bit of everything," a great deal of work was done to assist local municipal offices in building upgrades and renovations. Some of the more notable outside projects include: conducting an energy audit for the Sterling Municipal Light Department, and making necessary upgrades to the Department of Public Works main building, in an effort to reduce energy consumption at this aging facility. The co-operative education program continues to be a highlight for students in the Industrial Technology program, as seven students were awarded co-op placements during the year. (Total enrollment: 54; 47 males, 7 females)

Information Technology: As with any school, Information Technology provides key services to the educational community. In addition to the critical in-house Help Desk services offered by the program, students and instructors performed in excess of four hundred hours of repair, upgrading, and troubleshooting computer problems for Monty Tech community members. Competing in three categories: network security, digital forensics, and Cisco networking, a team of six talented students (led by instructor Richard Duncan) captured second place at the CyberPatriot event, a national high school cyber defense competition, founded by the Air Force Association. A team of seven Information Technology students travelled to Fitchburg State University, and participated in a highly competitive programming event. The team placed 5th in a field of more than forty teams. Finally, to ensure program graduates are armed with valuable industry-recognized certifications, program instructors offer students the following certification opportunities: CIW Web Foundation certification (passing rate 56%), TestOut PC Pro certification (passing rate 69%), IC3 certification (passing rate 75%), Discover I Networking course (passing rate 100%), and Cisco IT Essential Course for Computer Repair and Maintenance (passing rate 88%). (Total enrollment: 60; 55 males, 5 females)

Machine Technology: The Monty Tech Machine Technology department was pleased to add a new piece of equipment to the training program, a Sinker Electrical Discharge Machine (EDM), which will enable instructors to better prepare students to enter the workforce, and making them more marketable to area machine shops that utilize similar equipment. Two students advanced from the SkillsUSA district competition to compete at the state level, one in Precision Machining and the other in CNC Milling. The program is particularly proud of student efforts in Precision Machining at the state SkillsUSA competition, where a

Monty Tech student won a bronze medal. A total of thirteen (13) students were offered co-op employment, and were able to put their vocational education into practice at area machine shops. Students who remained at the school refined their skills by completing a number of special projects, including: manufacturing brass plaques to mark projects within the school and outside projects in Monty Tech communities, laser engraving plaques for the school's annual car show, and collaborating with Auto Body students to manufacture the rims, steering wheel, pedals, dashboard, and license plate for the pedal car that was entered into the World of Wheels competition, winning first prize. (Total enrollment: 63; 58 males, 5 females)

Masonry: Students and instructors in the Monty Tech Masonry program were busy on our campus, as well as in many of the member communities throughout the 2013-2014 school year. Community services included: building four block dugouts at Quabbin High School in Barre, installing concrete anchors for a batting cage at Ashburnham's Little League field, installing stone veneer on a concrete wall at Bromfield School for Harvard Access Television, installing a tile floor at the Barre Police Station, replacing a concrete floor for the Winchendon Housing Authority, completing tile and concrete repairs at Lunenburg High School, installing benches for Phillipston and Templeton Little League, and tiling three bathrooms and a stone veneer at the Westminster Senior Center. When students weren't busy in our district communities, they were preparing for and competing in the Massachusetts Trowel Trades Association (MTTA) competition. The annual event was held at Monty Tech, which brought seventy-two competitors and a total of two hundred fifty people to our campus in the spring of 2014. Finally, Masonry students performed particularly well in the district and state SkillsUSA competitions, where one student was awarded a gold medal and earned the right to travel to the national event in Kansas City, Missouri in June 2014. (Total enrollment: 71; 60 males, 11 females)

Plumbing: The Plumbing program welcomed a new instructor, Ms. Melissa Blanchard to the team of talented instructors, filling a vacancy that was left after longtime Plumbing instructor, Mr. John Dolen, retired after more than twenty years of service. Ms. Blanchard is a welcome addition to the program, whose depth of both industry and instructional experience is a steady and valuable resource for students and instructors alike. Prioritizing employability, the Plumbing instructors worked closely with the district's Co-Op Coordinator, Ken Baer, to provide all students in their junior year an opportunity to develop a comprehensive professional resume, and participate in the mock interview program. This experience will help students as they transition into the world of work. The Plumbing program is particularly proud to have trained seven students (more than 20% of the junior and senior class) who were given an opportunity to demonstrate their technical skills in a cooperative educational placement. The Monty Tech Plumbing program, like others throughout the school, is committed to community service, and as a result, during the 2013-2014 school year, students and instructors completed rough drainage work at the Templeton Senior Center, and installed plumbing and heating systems in an unused space at the Bromfield School in Harvard, which is now home to the Harvard Community Cable Access Group. The Monty Tech Plumbing program proudly graduated sixteen students in the Class of 2014. Two students, in particular, received prestigious trade awards/recognitions: Matthew Parmenter (Winchendon) was named a Vocational-Technical All-Star by the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association of Massachusetts; and Shane Lashua (Westminster) was awarded the highly competitive Central Massachusetts Plumbing & Gas Fitting Inspectors Association scholarship. (Total enrollment: 69; 67 males, 2 females)

Welding/Metal Fabrication: The Welding/Metal Fabrication program is charged with successfully completing numerous projects on the Monty Tech campus, including repair work, layout, design, and installation. In conjunction with other trades at the school, students and instructors in the Welding/Metal Fabrication program are instrumental in the successful completion of many of the school's building renovation initiatives. In addition to the more than 60 miscellaneous projects successfully completed by students during the 2013-2014 school year, students and instructors worked collaboratively to complete the following community service projects: fabricated and welded a 31 ft. multi-section guard rail for the Bromfield School in Harvard; rebuilt a 10 ft. plow for the Winchendon Schools; fabricated and welded edge protectors for the Winchendon Housing Authority; fabricated and welded a handrail for the Hubbardston Slade Building; fabricated signs for the Town of Ashburnham fields; designed, fabricated, and welded six park benches for the Johnny Appleseed Trail Association in Fitchburg; and fabricated and welded wall mount brackets for the Fitchburg Fire Department.

The program was pleased to place ten top students in co-operative education work experiences across the district. (Total enrollment: 59; 52 males, 7 females)

Special Services

During the 2013-2014 school year, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District provided special services to approximately three hundred students – measuring progress of over two hundred students on Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and just under one hundred students adhering to individualized Section 504 plans. While the Student Support Services (SSS) Department encompasses special education, the department provides support and is available to all Monty Tech students.

The department includes a full-time nursing staff that administers medications, performs state-mandated health screening exams, and provides, when necessary, health information to the special education team for a student's IEP meeting. The department benefits from a full-time school social worker who participates in departmental meetings and assists students who have needs concerning finances, family issues, homelessness, maternity, health issues, and proper food and clothing. The school is also fortunate to have on staff a full-time psychologist, whose role it is to evaluate all students referred for an initial evaluation or who require a three-year re-evaluation. In addition, we have a full-time speech pathologist, who is available to assist students with disabilities, assess these students and consult with teachers. Our students also have access to the services of a full-time adjustment counselor and part-time school psychologist. All of these individuals are available for scheduled counseling sessions and mental health emergency treatment, as well as crisis intervention.

The school's Director of Student Support Services oversees the district's Special Education Program, which is reviewed annually in May, in accordance with regulatory requirements. The comprehensive review and evaluation are done in collaboration with the Parent Advisory Council, and the results of the evaluation are used to improve the special education procedures and programs in place at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School.

Technology

In 2013-2014 Monty Tech continued the process of improving our network infrastructure to meet future needs. The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's initiative to replace the current MCAS student assessment testing system with PARCC, an online student assessment testing system, is the driving force for such improvements in school districts across the state.

Monty Tech has completed the upgrade of the network core switch and other network switches throughout the building. Internet bandwidth was increased, and will increase further in 2014-2015. A second firewall was added to reduce the possibility of internet downtime. In July 2013, the school installed building-wide wireless access. We believe these improvements put the school in a position of being ready for the new PARCC assessment pilot testing scheduled for Spring 2015.

In December 2013, the library re-opened after a lengthy renovation. The library is equipped with laptops and a high-resolution projection system, and is home to two "quiet rooms" and one classroom, equipped with laptops and a SMARTboard.

Monty Tech continues to replace and add technology equipment and software so that students and staff gain experience with newer technology. The school added SMARTboards in several classrooms during the year. In addition, the Special Education department began using iPods as an e-reader assistive technology tool. Administrators began using iPads and Teachpoint teacher evaluation software to meet the reporting

requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) educator evaluation system.

SkillsUSA

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America had a skilled workforce. Through our association with Skills USA, our students develop job skills, leadership and professional skills, as well as provide community service.

Led by co-advisors, Ms. Kelsey Moskowitz, English teacher, Anne Marie Cataldo, Early Childhood Education Instructor, and Brad Pelletier, Special Education teacher, 2013-2014 proved to be a remarkable year for the Monty Tech SkillsUSA chapter. Highlights of the year include:

- Fitchburg resident, and Dental Assisting student, Brittany Velez, served as SkillsUSA National Secretary.
- Fifteen students attended the Annual Fall State Leadership Conference. The conference spanned three days, and presented the students with an opportunity to develop leadership skills and perform community service at an area YMCA Day Camp.
- The SkillsUSA local competition was held in December 2013/ January 2014. The competitions took place over a three-week period, and included leadership competitions as well as technical and skill based competitions. The event culminated in a Local Awards Ceremony, held at the school on January 29, 2014.
- Winners from the local competition advanced to the district competitions, held at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical School. There, a grand total of thirty-nine (39) medals were captured by Monty Tech students fourteen (14) gold, fourteen (14) silver, and eleven (11) bronze medals. Three students also qualified to run for the State Executive Council.
- Two students, Jessica Shattuck (Early Childhood Education) and Cassandra Campbell (Drafting Technology), served on the State Advisory Committee to help aid in the planning of the State Conference.
- A total of sixty-seven (67) students attended the State Leadership and Skills Conference, also held at Blackstone Valley Vocational Technical School. Traveling to the highly competitive conference were twenty-nine (29) District Medalist and qualifiers, thirteen (13) local leadership contestants, three (3) state officer candidates, and twenty-two (22) voting delegates. The event culminated with fourteen (14) medals and ten (10) students earning the right to compete at the National Leadership & Skills Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri in late June. Russell Holbert, Jessica Shattuck and Cassandra Campbell were selected to be national voting delegates.
- Five students also traveled to the National Conference, where they received the coveted President's Volunteer Service Award.
- In June 2014, fifteen students and six instructors attended the National Leadership & Skills Conference in Kansas City, Mo. There, Jordan Patricks, a junior in Early Childhood Education (from Holden) received a bronze medal in Action Skills.

• Throughout the year, students participated in a number of community service projects, including: a "Change for Children" Campaign; a holiday party and celebration for children in the Fitchburg area; Salvation Army "Christmas Angels" were distributed to collect toys and gifts for underprivileged children; Raffle to benefit Be Like Brit Foundation and The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism.

Marine Corps JROTC

The Monty Tech Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (MCJROTC) had an eventful school year with enrollment exceeding 190 students. For the first time in its twelve-year history, the Monty Tech program was proud to see a cadet awarded the *Legion Of Valor* award. This is the highest award a deserving cadet may receive, recognizing academic excellence and extraordinary leadership skills. The *Legion of Valor* award was presented to Jessica Shattuck of Fitchburg by the Commanding General of Marine Corps Training and Education Command.

The JROTC Cyber Security Team, led by First Sergeant Paul Jornet and Information Technology Instructor Richard Duncan, once again captured national recognition by placing second in the Air Force Association's National Cyber Security Competition held in Washington, DC.

The 2013-2014 Corps of Cadets completed over eighty-six hundred hours (8,600+) of community service throughout the district. The corps conducted a major canned food drive, worked side-by-side with the Marine Corps in a national Toys 4 Tots campaign, and spent four weekends working with the Salvation Army. The cadets also supported their adopted charity, Canines For Combat Veterans, raising more than \$21,000 through its annual "March-A-Thon".

One hundred Monty Tech cadets attended adventure training and leadership camps, hosted on Cape Cod and Boswell, Pennsylvania, where they were joined by cadets other JROTC units from across New England. Both camps provided cadets with both individual and team development opportunities.

During the summer of 2014, our Cyber Team was again asked to support three Cyber STEM camps. The Cyber Team coordinated the implementation of three, one-week long camps that focused on defending cyber networks from attacks. The camps also offered an introduction to robotics programming using the VEX Robotics System. The camps were attended by 300 students, representing twenty states.

The Monty Tech JROTC program was honored by a recent invitation issued by Senator Brewer, who asked the unit's Color Guard to present colors in the senate chamber for the 2014 Memorial Day observation at the Massachusetts State House. This recognition was a true honor for our cadets. The Cadet Corps continues to support community and patriotic functions throughout the district.

Women in Technology

The past year marked the 12th year that the North Central Massachusetts Women In Technology program has been providing opportunities for young women from area high schools to learn firsthand about careers in high-tech and business. Participants spent two days a month working on real-world work projects under the mentorship of company managers at SimplexGrinnell and Tyco Safety Products in Westminster, subsidiaries of Tyco International, a Fortune 500 company.

Students from Monty Tech, Leominster's Center for Technical Education Innovation, Oakmont, Quabbin, Gardner, Fitchburg and Narragansett participate in the program. Their completed projects are unveiled at an annual end-of-the-year presentation held in Monty Tech's Performing Arts Center. Corporate sponsors, along

with families, friends and teachers, are invited to attend and see what the students have accomplished during the school year.

This long-standing program continues to offer opportunities to young ladies interested in gaining work experience in a corporate setting. Affiliation with the program, and skills acquired through participation in the Women in Technology program, open doors to career opportunities not otherwise available to high school students. Graduates of the program are also equipped with a foundation to better meet the challenges of an ever-changing and demanding work force.

Each year, graduates of the program go on to rewarding and well-paying careers, made possible by this unique experience.

Student Athletics

The Monty Tech athletic program continues to expand in scope and skill each year. More students and teams compete every season. In fact, during the 2013-2014 school year, the Monty Tech Athletic program saw a record number of student athletes participating in competitive sports programs, more than 450 participants! During the fall of 2013, Monty Tech was well-represented by eighteen teams. In the winter months, there were thirteen teams, and wrapping up the year, spring saw fourteen teams come together at Monty Tech.

Last fall, the Varsity Football team started out strong, winning 5 of their first 7 games to qualify for the playoffs in the new football playoff system. They played a very tough game against St. Bernard's, losing 29 -22. This may have taken a bit out of their sails as they finished the season 5-6. The JV Football team was 8 -1 - 2 and the Freshmen Football team was 3 - 4. The Varsity Boys Soccer team finished at 8 - 6 - 3, qualifying for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Douglas, 3 - 0. The JV Boys Soccer team was 8 -5-1, another improvement over the last year. The Varsity Golf team was 5-11-1 overall, while the JV Golf team participated in three tournaments, gaining valuable experience on the links. The Varsity Field Hockey team was 12 - 4 - 2, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament for the fourth consecutive year. They beat Blackstone Valley, 2-1, in the first round, and lost to Narragansett 2-0 in the quarter finals. The JV Field Hockey team finished at 6-5-1. The Boys Cross Country team was 11-3 and finished 2nd in the Colonial Athletic League with a 5-2 record. The Girls Cross Country team was 9-3 overall and 5-1 in the Colonial Athletic League, finishing 2nd. The Varsity Girls Volleyball team went 4 - 16. They had their annual Bump-Set-Spike competition in October, raising more than \$3,000 to help the fight against Breast Cancer. The JV Girls Volleyball team was 10 - 10 and the Freshmen Girls team continued to improve with an 8-6 record. The Varsity Girls Soccer team was 11-7 and qualified for the post-season where they lost to Assabet 1-0. The JV Girls Soccer team finished at 12-3 and will send some fine players to the varsity next year.

The Girls Varsity Basketball finished at 11-8 on the season, qualifying for the Central Mass Tournament in Steve Newingham's last season as coach. They lost to South Lancaster Academy, 51-46 in the first round. The JV Girls were 11-6 and the Freshmen Girls were 10-5. The Varsity Boys Basketball team finished at 9-10, missing an opportunity for the post season because of a snowed out game. The JV Boys Basketball team was 15-4. The Freshmen Boys were 13-6. The Wrestling team (a co-op team comprised of students from Fitchburg, Oakmont, Murdock, and Monty Tech) participated in many dual meets and tournaments finishing at 3-8. Tyler Popp, a freshman, participated in the State Tournament at the end of the year. The Ice Hockey team (a co-op team comprised of students from Fitchburg and Monty Tech) missed the playoffs for the 2^{nd} year in a row. The JV Ice Hockey team played very well and we should be better next year. We participated in a Co-op Swim team with Leominster, North Middlesex and Oakmont and had 7 swimmers from Monty Tech participating. They swim at the Fitchburg State University pool, one of the best in the area. Indoor Track & Field student athletes each participated in 7 meets, and recorded some fine individual performances.

In the spring, the Varsity Softball team qualified for the Central Mass Tournament with a 12 - 8 record. They beat AMSA, 14 – 1 and lost to Assabet 11 - 5. The JV Softball team was 8 – 5. The Varsity Boys Volleyball team was 17-3 and 10-0 in the Colonial Athletic League, winning the league title for the 2^{nd} year in a row. They beat Worcester Tech 3-0 in the first round of the State Vocational Tournament, before losing to Greater New Bedford Vocational 3 – 0 in the finals. The JV Boys Volleyball team played strong all year and finished at 13-1. The Varsity Baseball team finished at 10-10 and qualified for the post-season tournament, where they lost to Auburn, 8 - 0. The JV Baseball team was 13 - 4 and the Freshmen Baseball team was 9 - 5. Due to poor field conditions, both the Varsity and JV teams played a lot of home games away using the Fitchburg State University and Oakmont fields for games, while the freshmen played a number of their games at the Westminster Babe Ruth field. The Boys Track & Field team was 7 - 1, placing 2nd in the Colonial Athletic league with a 6 - 1 record. The Girls Track & Field team was 6 - 2, also placing 2nd in the Colonial Athletic League with a 5 - 2 record. The Varsity Boys Lacrosse team played in 17 games going 2 - 15. The JV Boys Lacrosse was 10 - 3 - 2, as we look to the future. The Girls Lacrosse team, a co-op with North Central Charter School, finished at 2-11 on the year. We had two boys and seven girls play for Fitchburg High School in Boys and Girls Tennis in a Co-Op agreement. He made the Sentinel and Enterprise All-Star team his first year on the team. We may try to add girls to the Co-Op at Fitchburg in tennis next spring.

Congratulations to the Outstanding Male and Female athletes for 2013-2014, Patrick Fenton and Brandi Richard.

Postgraduate and Continuing Studies

The Postgraduate & Continuing Studies Program, also known as Monty Tech Nites, continues to update and add courses that emphasize a commitment to excellence by offering affordable, quality, and enjoyable educational experiences. For the Fall of 2013, Monty Tech offered 101 courses "in-house" and another 400+ were offered online. Approximately 840 seats were sold for Fall 2013 courses. In comparison, there were 92 "in-house" courses and, again, over 400 on-line courses offered during the Spring 2014 semester. Approximately 790 seats were sold for Spring 2013 courses.

In March 2014 the postgraduate program successfully graduated our third class of fifteen Emergency Medical Technicians. The students took their practical exam at Monty Tech and proceeded to take their written exam at a state-designated facility. Several graduates have already found employment in their chosen field.

The Director of the Postgraduate & Continuing Studies Program actively seeks information to develop new (and expand existing) certificate and licensure programs that align with regional workforce needs and employment trends.

Practical Nursing Program

The Practical Nursing Program is designed to prepare graduates to practice safely, ethically and in a caring manner for patients who are experiencing common variations in health status in diverse health care settings. This mission, which is consistent with the philosophy and goals of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, accomplished the following:

- Identifies a strong relationship between academic and vocational preparation
- Stresses the importance of developing critical thinking skills to function safely, effectively, and productively in an ever-changing technical and diverse society
- Supports the maintenance of a positive and caring learning and practice environment

In June 2014, thirty-three (33) students graduated and entered the nursing profession. The class achieved an initial NCLEX pass rate of 88%, and just over 91% of the 2014 graduates are currently working in the North Central area as LPNs in various health care settings from long term care, sub-acute care, clinics and prison health care.

The Monty Tech Practical Nursing Program continues to develop the "LPN to BSN Bridge" relationship with Fitchburg State University. Additionally, the program is proud to report an expanded partnership with Fitchburg State University, as both institutions were recently awarded a grant known as the "Nurse of the Future" initiative, awarded by the state Department of Higher Education. The grant funding will assist veterans hoping to transition from military to civilian healthcare fields, granting academic credits for previous military training and experience in related fields. The goal of this unique partnership is to have five students enrolled in the program at both Monty Tech and Fitchburg State University annually.

Looking Ahead

While the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District educational community is certainly proud of the achievements of our talented students, faculty, and staff, we continue to have an eye toward the future, always committed to improving our vocational and academic programming, strengthening key partnerships, and maintaining facilities that contribute to student success and achievement. As we look ahead, there are a number of programs and initiatives that we expect will have a positive impact on our school and students for years to come.

Expand partnerships with area colleges and universities: Building upon an already strong partnership with area colleges, Monty Tech hopes to bring additional vocational-technical training opportunities to students that may result in articulated credits. Providing students with an opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school will not only save the students time and money, it validates they very rigorous educational programs in place here at Monty Tech. In 2014-2015, school officials hope to work closely with area college leaders to also accomplish the following:

- Embed MWCC's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate program into Monty Tech's Health Occupations program, which would result in students earning an additional eight (8) college credits before leaving Monty Tech;
- Work closely with MWCC and Becker College to develop a Cyber Security certificate and/or degree program that aligns with Monty Tech's already very successful Information Technology (and Cyber Security) program;
- Establish a branch office of a financial institution (to be named later), which would allow instructors in the school's Business Technology program to expand the scope of their curriculum to include financial literacy, bank teller employability training, as well as provide a much-needed service to the Monty Tech educational community. Upon the establishment of this banking institution, Monty Tech school officials will work to develop articulation agreements with area colleges who will honor the valuable experiences learned from the expanded curriculum;
- Continue discussions regarding the development of a \$30,000 Baccalaureate Degree program with leaders at four Central Massachusetts public higher educational institutions: Fitchburg State University, Mount Wachusett Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, and Worcester State University. Upon completion, Monty Tech graduates will benefit from an agreement that outlines a "stackable pathway" of college credits that are guaranteed to transfer across these institutions, saving students in Central Massachusetts time and money as they pursue advanced education and training.

Expand AP offerings: While Monty Tech currently offers a limited menu of Advanced Placement coursework, district officials anticipate expanding AP offerings in the coming years. Grounded in the belief that because today's vocational programs are rigorous and complex, high school academic offerings should be as well. To that end, administrators have considered introducing courses such as AP Environmental Science, AP United States History, and even AP Computer Science Principles (available Fall 2016).

Seek grant funds to support the addition of cutting edge vocational-technical educational programming: In an effort to maintain currency, appeal to a broad spectrum of students, and address documented, regional workforce needs, Monty Tech officials are actively seeking grant funding that would support the establishment of a new vocational-technical program, Animal Science/ Vet Tech. District officials, in collaboration with post-secondary partners, seek to establish a cutting edge veterinary science program, addressing a documented need in the career/technical education offerings in North Central Massachusetts, significantly bolster the local workforce, and create an opportunity for students to successfully bridge from secondary to post-secondary education. There are only five Chapter 74 animal science programs in high schools across the Commonwealth, and students in the Monty Tech sending districts do not have access to any of these programs. As a result, our students are at a distinct disadvantage for related employment opportunities.

Expand Summer Camp offerings: The school's Dean of Admissions has developed an expanded Summer Camp program that will bring additional opportunities to interested $6^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade students in our eighteen sending communities. Students will be invited to attend one of eight innovative summer enrichment programs, each designed to introduce students to vocational programming, familiarize them with our school, and culminate in an exciting field trip! Additionally, thanks to the continued generosity of the Monty Tech Foundation, scholarships will be available to students who qualify for free/reduced lunches, and all costs associated with the field trip will be covered for every participant.

The Monty Tech School Committee

The Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee is comprised of twenty-two dedicated individuals, whose expertise proves invaluable in advising the district's operations, policies, and procedures.

Our students continue to benefit from the broad scope of their experience and varying perspectives, and we are thankful to the following members of the 2013-2014 School Committee for their outstanding service.

Eric Olson, Phillipston

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Vice Chair

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TOWN OF ROYALSTON ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETINGS CONDUCTED IN FY 2014

Chronologically ordered

For each election or meeting Posted Warrants appear first Results appear second

September 9, 2013 Special Town Election October 25, 2013 Special Town Meeting April 7, 2014 Annual Town Election May 9, 2014 Annual Town Meeting June 25, 2014 Special Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF ROYALSTON

Worcester SS.

ORIGINAL TANIBIBO

To either of the Constables of the Town of Royalston

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

PRECINCT ONE-TOWN HALL PRECINCT TWO-WHITNEY HALL

On MONDAY, THE 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in a Special Town Election for the following QUESTIONS:

QUESTION #1:

Shall the Town of Royalston be allowed to assess an additional \$50,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a capital projects stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013?

Yes	No		
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Yes	No		
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A true copy. Attest:	Constable		
And you are directed to serve thi	- s Warrant, by posting up atteste	ed copies thereof at Royalston Town Hall, I	Post

In said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said election.

Office, Country Store in South Royalston, Whitney Hall and West Royalston Bulletin Board.

Constable of Royalston

TOWN OF ROYALSTON SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION - SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

Out of 864 registered voters, 223 voted in this election. Precinct 1 voters - 135; Precinct 2 voters - 88

QUESTION #1

Shall the Town of Royalston be allowed to assess an additional \$50,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a capital projects stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013?

	PCT 1	PCT 2	TOTAL
YES	78	29	107
NO	56	59	115
BLANK	1	0	1
TOTALS	135	88	223

QUESTION #2

Shall the Town of Royalston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to complete the lease/purchase and equipping of a pumper engine for Fire Station #2?

	PCT 1	PCT 2	TOTAL
YES	104	59	163
NO	31	26	57
BLANK	0	3	3
TOTALS	135	88	223



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Royalston in the County of Worcester, GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF *THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS*, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Royalston Town Hall in said Royalston, on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of October next, at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

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Submitted by Board of Selectmen Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

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BYLAW:

SECTION IX. LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS

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12. Operation and Maintenance Plans

A. The applicant shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation.

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- A. All material modifications to an installation made after approval of the site plan shall require a modification of the approval.
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Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the solar photovoltaic installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. The Utility Company shall have the right of first refusal as to whether they will choose to assume responsibility for the solar operation. If the Utility Company chooses to forgo the operation and the owner or operator of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town may enter the property and physically remove the installation.

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Applicants for Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall provide a form of surety through the Planning Board. The form of surety that is acceptable to the Planning Board will cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the applicant. Such surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities. The applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

16. Severability

If any section or provision of this bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision of this Bylaw.

Submitted by Energy Committee Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws as follows:

Interim Regulations for Medical Marijuana Uses

<u>Purpose</u>. This section is intended to provide restrictions that will allow the Town adequate time to consider whether to allow facilities associated with the medical use of marijuana, to the extent that such facilities are permitted under state laws and regulations, and, if so, where and under what conditions. Given that a law permitting the medical use of marijuana in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be in effect beginning January 1, 2013, and that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has yet to promulgate the regulations by which facilities that produce or dispense medical marijuana shall be

registered and administered, a restriction on the establishment of such facilities in Royalston shall provide the opportunity to study their potential impacts on adjacent uses and on general public health, safety and welfare, and to develop zoning and other applicable regulations that appropriately address these considerations consistent with statewide regulations and permitting procedures.

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Exclusion of Accessory Uses. In no case shall a medical marijuana treatment center, or the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, transference, transportation, sale, distribution, or administration of marijuana, products containing or derived from marijuana, or related products be considered accessory to any use.

<u>Interim Restriction</u>. Medical marijuana treatment centers shall not be permitted in any zoning district in the Town of Royalston so long as this section is effective, as set forth in the section below.

Expiration. This section shall be in effect through June 30, 2014 or until such time that the Town of Royalston adopts a superseding Zoning Bylaw that sets forth the allowed locations, dimensional, parking and other requirements applicable to medical marijuana treatment centers, whichever is sooner. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of medical marijuana in the Town, consider the Department of Public Health regulations regarding medical marijuana treatment centers and related uses, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws to address the impact and operation of medical marijuana treatment centers and related uses.

Or act anything thereon.

Submitted by Planning Board Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to enact Article XIX 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.

ARTICLE XIX. 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

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SECTION 4. Stretch Code

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Submitted by Energy Committee Vote Required: Simple Majority

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, Whitney Hall, Country Store, and West Royalston Bulletin Board, in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this & Th day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Linda Alger, Chairperson

John Morse, Clerk

Christine Long, Member

Selectmen of Royalston

A true copy. Attest:

Worcester, SS.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Royalston by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, Post Office, Whitney Hall, General Store and West Royalston bulletin board, fourteen days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Constable of Royalston

Date

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 25, 2013

I, Melanie Mangum, as Town Clerk of Royalston, do hereby certify that the following are the actions taken at the Special Town Meeting of October 25, 2013 held at the Royalston Town Hall at 7 p.m.

:true copy attest

:town seal

Melanie A. Mangum, Town Clerk

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Moderator George Northrop called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. there were 43 registered voters at this town meeting.

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16. Severability

If any section or provision of this bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision of this Bylaw.

Kate Collins, Chairman of the Planning Board, presented the report of the Planning Board's regarding the above bylaw. Motion was made to approve this warrant article with changes to the Town's Zoning Bylaws as read, seconded. Motion was made to make the following amendments to the language of the proposed addition of the new zoning bylaw Section IX. Motion was seconded.

The amendments were read as follows:

- 1. In Section IX of the proposed bylaw paragraph 2. DEFINITIONS, in the first paragraph, the last sentence should be changed to read "20kW DC". After discussion, a motion for a new amendment was made, to change the language of "20kW DC" to "40kW DC". Motion on this amendment was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 2. In paragraph 4B, GENERAL STANDARDS, the first sentence should be changed to read "20kW DC". After discussion, a motion for a new amendment was made, to change the language of "20kW DC" to "40 kW DC". Motion on this amendment was seconded and passed unanimously.
- 3. In paragraph 9.D Screening/Buffer Requirement, added the following paragraph: "Buffers in each instance will be at least 70 feet from the perimeter of the proposed PV facility, shall consist of 100 foot width of existing forest, or a minimum of 30 foot width of staggered and grouped plantings of shrubs and trees." This amendment passed unanimously.

Motions to amend the language of Section IX of the proposed bylaw as above were passed unanimously. Motion to approve Article 4 as amended, seconded, PASSED unanimously.

Following below is the Article as Voted, showing the language change to proposed bylaw Section IX

Article 4:

Voted to amend the Town of Royalston Zoning Bylaws by adopting a new Section IX entitled "Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Installations" for the purpose of providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of photovoltaic installations, as set forth below; and further to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Section III, Establishment of Districts, by adding the following: "4. Solar Overlay District. See Section IX"; and further to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws, Section IV.B, Table of Use Regulations, by adding the following to the end of the Table: "Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations – See Section IX"; and further to amend the Town's Zoning Map by adding the Solar Overlay District as shown on the attached map.

BYLAW:

SECTION IX. LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS

1. Purpose and Applicability

The purpose of this bylaw is to promote the creation of new large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

The provisions set forth in this section shall apply to the construction, operation, and/or repair of large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations.

This section applies to large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations proposed to be constructed after the effective date of this section. This section also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment.

2. Definitions

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a minimum rated nameplate capacity of 40 kW DC.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the Photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC).

3. Use Standards

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations are hereby allowed by right in the Solar Overlay District located on Assessors Map 11 parcel 39 and allowed by Special Permit in the Residential (R) and the Residential/Agricultural (RA) Districts.

4. General Standards

A. Permit Granting Authority

It is hereby established under this bylaw that the Planning Board will be the special permit and site plan granting authority under this section.

B. Site Plan Review and Special Permit Requirements

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations with 40 kW DC or larger of rated nameplate capacity shall undergo either Site Plan Review or Special Permit review process contingent on the location of the proposed project prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in this section. The Planning Board shall take final action on projects subject to Site Plan Review within 180 days from the date the application for the project is filed.

(1) General

All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

(2) Required Documents

Pursuant to the special permit or site plan review process, the applicant shall provide the following documents:

- (a) A site plan showing:
 - i. Property lines and physical features, including roads, for the project site;
 - ii. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures;
 - iii. Drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures
 - iv. One or three line electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all Massachusetts Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
 - v. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the PV panels, mounting system, and inverter;
 - vi. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;
 - vii. Name, address, phone number and signature of the project applicant, as well as all co-applicants and operators, and if different, the property owners;
 - viii. The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the applicant; and
- (b) Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site;
- (c) An operation and maintenance plan (see also Section 12);
- (d) Zoning district designation for the parcel(s) of land comprising the project site (submission of a copy of a zoning map with the parcel(s) identified is suitable for this purpose);
- (e) Proof of liability insurance; and
- (f) Description of financial surety that satisfies Section 16.

(3) Waiver

The Planning Board may waive documentary requirements for good cause as may be appropriate in particular circumstances.

5. Compliance with Laws, Bylaws and Regulations

The construction and operation of all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.

6. Utility Notification

No Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be constructed until written evidence has been given to the Planning Board and a Utility Company has been informed and has an agreement in hand, of the solar photovoltaic installation owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

7. Building Permit

No Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit.

8. Fees

At the time of an application submittal an Administration Fee will be required. The Planning Board, by regulation, shall establish a fee schedule.

A Review Fee will be determined by the Planning Board before the Public Hearing by acquiring an estimate from the peer review engineer and other professionals as appointed by the Planning Board to assist the Board in reviewing the project.

9. Design Standards

A. Dimension and Density Requirements

Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall comply with all standards of the underlying zoning district as set forth in Intensity Requirements, Section V, of the Zoning Bylaw.

B. Lighting

Lighting of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be consistent with any state and federal law. Lighting of other parts of the installation, such as appurtenant structures, shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties. Where feasible, lighting of the solar photovoltaic installation shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution.

C. Signage

Solar photovoltaic installations shall not be used for displaying any advertising except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the solar photovoltaic installation.

D. Screening/Buffer Requirement

If permitted by special permit in residential districts, the entire perimeter of the project shall have a vegetated buffer that will screen the view of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation. The buffer must be sufficiently dense to block the view of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation and any appurtenant structures from all dwellings abutting the property. In all other districts where site plan approval is given, the project shall have a vegetated buffer that will screen the view of the Large-scale Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation from the boundary of any abutting residential premises and from the boundary of an abutting residential district and/or farm and forest district. Buffers

in each instance will be at least 70 feet from the perimeter of the proposed PV facility, shall consist of 100 foot width of existing forest, or a minimum of 30 foot width of staggered and grouped plantings of shrubs and trees.

E. Utility Connections

Reasonable efforts, as determined by the Planning Board, shall be made to place all utility connections from the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

10. Safety, Emergency Services and Environmental Standards

A. Emergency Services

The Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the Town's Fire Chief. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the solar photovoltaic installation shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall provide the Fire Chief and the Planning Board with information as to the identity and contact information of the responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.

B. Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation. The applicant will implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) to help manage storm water per the Zoning Bylaw, Section, requirements for Low Impact Development.

11. Accessory Buildings

All appurtenant structures to Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be subject to reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

12. Operation and Maintenance Plans

- A. The applicant shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation.
- B. The Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Town's Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the installation and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way.

13. Modifications

- A. All material modifications to an installation made after approval of the site plan shall require a modification of the approval.
- B. The Planning Board shall review each site plan at intervals of not less than five years and may, after public notice and hearing, modify the approved plan to insure the public safety and compliance with the Town bylaws and regulations.

14. Abandonment

Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the solar photovoltaic installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board. The Utility Company shall have the right of first refusal as to whether they will choose to assume responsibility for the solar operation. If the Utility Company chooses to forgo the operation and the owner or operator of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town may enter the property and physically remove the installation.

15. Financial Surety

Applicants for Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall provide a form of surety through the Planning Board. The form of surety that is acceptable to the Planning Board will cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board, but in no event to exceed more than 125 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the applicant. Such surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities. The applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

16. Severability

If any section or provision of this bylaw is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision of this Bylaw.

ARTICLE 4 AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Bylaws as follows:

Interim Regulations for Medical Marijuana Uses

<u>Purpose</u>. This section is intended to provide restrictions that will allow the Town adequate time to consider whether to allow facilities associated with the medical use of marijuana, to the extent that such facilities are permitted under state laws and regulations, and, if so, where and under what conditions. Given that a law permitting the medical use of marijuana in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be in effect beginning January 1, 2013, and that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has yet to promulgate the regulations by which facilities that produce or dispense medical marijuana shall be registered and administered, a restriction on the establishment of such facilities in Royalston shall provide the opportunity to study their potential impacts on adjacent uses and on general public health, safety and welfare, and to develop zoning and other applicable regulations that appropriately address these considerations consistent with statewide regulations and permitting procedures.

<u>Definition</u>. "Medical marijuana treatment center" shall mean a not-for-profit entity, as defined by Massachusetts law only, property licensed and registered by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health under Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 as may be amended or codified, and/or regulations promulgated thereunder, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to qualifying patients or their personal caregivers.

<u>Exclusion of Accessory Uses</u>. In no case shall a medical marijuana treatment center, or the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, transference, transportation, sale, distribution, or administration of marijuana, products containing or derived from marijuana, or related products be considered accessory to any use.

<u>Interim Restriction</u>. Medical marijuana treatment centers shall not be permitted in any zoning district in the Town of Royalston so long as this section is effective, as set forth in the section below.

Expiration. This section shall be in effect through June 30, 2014 or until such time that the Town of Royalston adopts a superseding Zoning Bylaw that sets forth the allowed locations, dimensional, parking and other requirements applicable to medical marijuana treatment centers, whichever is sooner. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of medical marijuana in the Town, consider the Department of Public Health regulations regarding medical marijuana treatment centers and related uses, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws to address the impact and operation of medical marijuana treatment centers and related uses.

Or act anything thereon.

Motion to approve the article as read, seconded. Article FAILED 12 in favor, 19 opposed.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to enact Article XIX 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.

ARTICLE XIX. 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, Chapter XIX. The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Building Inspector.

Motion to approve the article as read, seconded. Moved to amend the article's to correct a numbering error for the General Bylaws. The Town Clerk noted that Article XIX is

already assigned in the General Bylaws. Motion made to amend, in the first paragraph of the Article, the words "Article XIX of the Town of Royalston General Bylaws" to "enact Article XXI of the Town of Royalston General Bylaws", seconded, passed.

It was additionally noted that under Section 4 the numbering was also incorrect. Motion made to amend the article to change, under Section 4. Stretch Code, the words "Chapter XIX" to "Article XIX", seconded, passed.

Motion to approve the Article as amended, seconded. Vote was 18 in favor, 18 against. Motion was made to revote the article as amended, seconded, passed. <u>Final vote was 18 in favor, 21 against</u>. Article FAILED.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., seconded, passed. Meeting adjourned.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF ROYALSTON

Worcester

To either of the Constables of the Town of Royalston

SS.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at:

PRECINCT ONE-TOWN HALL PRECINCT TWO-WHITNEY HALL

On MONDAY, THE 7th DAY OF APRIL, 2014, from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose: To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the CANDIDATES for the following OFFICES, AND cast their vote for ONE QUESTION

ONE SELECTMEN FOR THREE YEARS ONE MEMBER TO THE ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (ROYALSTON) FOR THREE YEARS

TWO MEMBERS TO THE ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (ATHOL) FOR THREE YEARS

ONE ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

ONE MEMBER TO THE CEMETERY COMMISSION FOR THREE YEARS ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE FOR THREE YEARS ONE MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THREE YEARS ONE LIBRARY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEARS ONE MEMBER TO THE SEWER COMMISSION FOR THREE YEARS

ONE MEMBER TO THE SEWER COMMISSION FOR TWO YEARS ONE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS FOUR MEMBERS TO THE JOHN N. BARTLETT TRUST FUND FOR ONE YEAR

QUESTION:

Shall the Town of Royalston be allowed to assess an additional \$50,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding a capital projects stabilization fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014

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Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given-under our hands this	DAY OF MARCH, 2014
John Sly	
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Office, Country Store in South Royalsto	osting up attested copies thereof at Royalston Town Hall, Post on, Whitney Hall and West Royalston Bulletin Board. east before the time of holding said election. onstable, MARCH

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION - APRIL 7, 2014 TOWN OF ROYALSTON

Out of 886 registered voters, 203 voted in this election. Pct 1 had 118 voters, Pct 2 had 85 voters

SELECTMAN - 3 YEARS			
	Precinct 1	Precinct 1 Precinct 2	Total
Christine LONG	83	46	129
Gary L. WINITZER	33	39	72
BLANK	2	0	
OTHERS			
TOTALS	118	85	203

ARRSC- ROYALSTON 3 YEARS	YEARS		
ROYALSTON	Precinct 1	Precinct 1 Precinct 2 Total	Total
Nancy D. MELBOURNE	66	9/	175
BLANK	21	6	26
OTHERS	2	0	2
	118	85	203
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	<u></u>	133	155	118	0	
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ARRSC - ATHOL 3 YEARS VOTE FOR TWO		Lee E. CHAUVETTE	Mitchell R. GROSKY	BLANK	OTHERS	

ASSESSOR - 3 YEARS	Precinct 1	Precinct 1 Precinct 2 Total	Total
BLANK	91	75	166
James RICHARDSON	24	8	32
OTHERS	3	2	5
TOTALS	118	85	203

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YEARS				1
	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total	
Mary O. LONGSWORTH	97	20	167	37
BLANK	21	14	က	35
OTHERS	0	1		_
TOTALS	118	85	203)3
SEWER COMMISSION - THREE YEARS	ARS			
	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total	Γ
Marie F. MELLO	96	71	167	27
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Others	0	1		τ
TOTALS	118	85	203	8
SEWER COMMISSION - 2 YEARS		-		
	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total	
BLANK	107	92		183
Philip TRASK	2	9		ω
Joshua Morris Siegel	4	0		4
OTHERS	5	3		8
TOTALS	118	85		203
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PLANNING BOARD - 5 YEARS	Precinct 1	Precinct 2 Total	Total
BLANK	85	92	168
Joshua DOUB	17	2	19
Curtis Deveneau	3	4	
OTHERS	9	ε	6
TOTALS	118	98	203

CEMETERY COMMISSION - 3 YRS	N - 3 YRS		
	Precinct 1 Precinct 2		Total
Roland G. HAMEL	16	72	169
BLANK	21	13	34
OTHERS			
TOTALS	118	85	203

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VOTE FOR 4	Precinct 1	ecinct 2	Total
Roland G. HAMEL	93	89	161
Wayne R. NEWTON	88	61	149
Rov A. SMITH JR	84	99	150
Gary L. WINITZER	73	22	130
RI ANK	131	85	216
OTHERS	3	3	9
TOTALS	472	340	812
QUESTION #1 \$50,000 OVERRIDE			
	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Total
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CN	52	64	116
BLANK	1	2	3
TOTALS	118	85	5 203

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Annual Town Meeting Warrant May 9, 2014

Worcester, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Royalston in the County of Worcester, GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME OF **THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Royalston Community School in said Royalston on Friday, the ninth day of May next, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

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

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: No action required Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority 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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority 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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen
Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: 250th Committee Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsored by: Sewer Commission Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsored by: Sewer Commission Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsored by: Police Department Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsored by: Police Department Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsored by: Police Department Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended Vote Required: Simple Majority

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:

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee: No Action Required Vote Required: Simple Majority

Appropriations:

From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,875
Reserves: From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve From FY 2015 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$ 3,700 \$ 3,700 \$ 3,700 \$24,025

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee Finance Committee: No Action Required Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee Finance Committee: No Action Required Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee Finance Committee: No Action Required Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee Finance Committee: No Action Required Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Finance Committee: Vote Required: 2/3 Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Finance Committee: No Action Required Vote Required: Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Town Clerk
Finance Committee: Recommended Vote Required: Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended Sponsor: Capital Planning Committee Finance Committee: Not Recommended Vote Required: Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended Sponsor: Sewer Commission Finance Committee: Not Recommended Vote Required: Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended Sponsor: South Royalston Improvement Corp.
Finance Committee: Recommended Vote Required: Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended Sponsor: Sewer Commission Finance Committee: Not Recommended Vote Required: Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Finance Committee: Not Recommended Vote Required: Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Fire Chief Finance Committee: Recommended Vote Required: Majority 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.

> Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended Finance Committee: Not Recommended

Sponsor: Fire Chief Vote Required: Majority

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Fire Chief Finance Committee: Recommended Vote Required: Majority

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.

> Selectmen Recommendation: Not Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Not Recommended

Sponsor: Emergency Management Vote Required: Simple Majority

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.

> Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Majority

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.

> Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Majority

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.

No	Department	FY2014	Dept. Request	Selectboard	Fin Com	Floor/Final
		Actual	FY2015	FY2015	FY2015	
1	24 Hour Dispatch	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 16,780.00	\$ 16,780.00	\$ 16,780.00	
2	Admin. Assistant	\$ 14,875.00	\$ 15,245.00	\$ 15,245.00	\$ 15,245.00	_
3	Admin. Assistant Expense	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	
4	Agriculture Commission	0	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
5	Animal Control Expense	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 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	
7	Animal Inspector	\$ 736.00	\$ 754.00	\$ 754.00	\$ 754.00	
8	Assessor's Clerk's Salary	\$ 8,145.00	\$ 8,349.00	\$ 8,349.00	\$ 8,349.00	· · ·
9	Assessor's Expense	\$ 5,447.00	\$ 5,045.00	\$ 5,045.00	\$ 5,045.00	
10	Athol-Royal. Reg. Assess	\$453,234.00	\$448,000.00	\$448,000.00	\$448,000.00	

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11	Board of Assessors Chair	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 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	
13	Board of Assessors Member	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 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	
15	Board of Health Clerk	\$ 1,292.00	\$ 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	
17	Board of Health Member	\$ 1,184.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 1,214.00	\$ 1,214.00	<u></u>
18	Board of Health Mgmt. Acct	\$ 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	
20	BOH Monitoring	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
21	Building Inspector Expense	\$ 3,307.00	\$ 4,077.00	\$ 3,461.00	\$ 3,461.00	
22	Building Inspector Salary	\$ 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	
24	Cemetery Comm. Chair	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
25	Cemetery Comm. Member	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
26	Cemetery Comm. Member	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
27	Cemetery Expense	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	
28	Civilian Defense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 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	
30	Conservation Commission	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	
31	Council on Aging	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	
32	County Retirement	\$ 28,406.00	\$ 25,333.00	\$ 25,333.00	\$ 25,333.00	
33	Custodians of Tax Title	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
34	Elderly Transportation	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
35	Election Expense	\$ 6,348.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 9,750.00	
36	Energy Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
37	Fire Chief Stipend	\$ 3,154.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	
38	Fire Department Wages	\$ 30,400.00	\$ 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	-
40	Harper's Payroll	\$ 3000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	<u>.</u>
41	Health Insurance	\$ 55,000	\$ 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	
44	Highway Maintenance	\$ 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	
46	Historic Commission	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
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47	Information Technology	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	
48	Insurance - Norworco	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 1,974.00	\$ 1,974.00	,
49	Interest Expense	\$ 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	
51	Legal Expense	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	
52	Liability Insurance	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	12 300 00 1
53	Liability Insurance-F/P	\$ 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	
55	Library Wages	\$ 29,149.00	\$ 29,794.00	\$ 29,794.00	\$ 29,794.00	
56	Memorial Day	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	
57	Moderator's Salary	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
58	Monty Tech Assessment	\$ 103,562.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	\$115,000.00	
59	Municipal Buildings	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 69,706.00	\$ 69,706.00	\$ 69,706.00	
60	Officer Bonding	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
61	Open Space Committee	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	
62	Planning Board	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
63	Police Dept. Expense	\$ 20,527.00	\$ 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	
65	Registrars	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	
66	Reserve Account	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
67	Royalston Post Office	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	
68	Schedule A	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
69	Selectmen Chair	\$ 2,602.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 2,667.00	
70	Selectmen Member	\$ 2,262.00	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 2,318.00	\$ 2,318.00	
71	Selectmen Member	\$ 2,262.00	\$ 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	
73	Selectmen's Secretary	\$ 2,597.00	\$ 2,662.00	\$ 2,662.00	\$ 2,662.00	
74	Sewer Comm. Chair	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	\$ 308.00	
75	Sewer Comm. Member	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	
76	Sewer Comm. Member	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 257.00	
77	Snow & Ice	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 192,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	
78	Street Lights	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 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	
80	Tax Collector's Salary	\$ 12,662.00	\$ 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	
82	Town Accountant Salary	\$ 11,597.00	\$ 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
84	Town Clerk's Salary	\$ 10,517.00	\$ 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
86	Town Share Medicare	\$ 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
88	Treasurer's Salary	\$ 11,597.00	\$ 11,887.00	\$ 11,887.00	\$ 11,887.00
89	Tree Department	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
90	Unemployment-Contributory	\$ 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
92	Veterans' Services	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 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
94	Z.B.A. Expense	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$300.00
	<u>Totals</u>	\$1,769,726	\$1,866,047.00	\$1,827,731.00	\$1,827,731.00

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

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee: No Action Required

Sponsor: Sewer Commission Vote Required: Majority

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:

- <u>Sec. 1</u> "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, arid 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.
- <u>Sect 22</u> "<u>BOD</u>" (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.
- <u>Sec. 26</u> "<u>Commission</u>" shall mean the Sewer Commission of Town of Royalston, or their duly authorized deputy, agent or representative(s).
- <u>Sec. 27</u> "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

- <u>Sec. 1</u> It shall he 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.
- <u>Sec. 2</u> 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.
- <u>Sec. 5</u> 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

- <u>Sec. 1</u> 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.
- <u>Sec. 3</u> 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, arid 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.
- <u>Sec. 7</u> 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.
- <u>Sec. 10</u> 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

- <u>Sec. 1</u> 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 maybe discharged, on approval of the Operator, to a storm sewer, or natural outlet.

<u>Sec. 3</u> 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 form 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 (3/14) 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 1ime 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.

<u>Sec. 5</u> 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.

<u>Sec. 7</u> 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

<u>Sec. 1</u> 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.

<u>Sec. 2</u> 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.

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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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Sponsor: Energy Committee Finance Committee: No Action Required Vote Required: Majority

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.

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.

Selectmen Recommendation: Recommended Finance Committee Recommendation: Recommended

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen Vote Required: Simple Majority

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, Whitney Hall, Country Store, and West Royalston Bulletin Board in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 29th day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

SELECTMEN OF ROYALSTON

Linda Alger, Chairperson

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Christine Long, Member

A true copy, attest:

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Worcester, ss.

Constable of Royalston

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Royalston by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, Post Office, Whitney Hall, General Store, and West Royalston Bulletin Board, seven days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

Date

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.

:true copy attest	: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				
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

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, <u>Article as amended Passed Unanimously</u>

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
 - Moved the article as raise and appropriate, seconded. <u>Article FAILED</u>, 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. <u>ARTICLE TABLED</u> - 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

24	Eller Trees and disc	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
34	Elderly Transportation		· · ·		\$ 9,750.00	\$9,750.00
35	Election Expense	\$ 6,348.00	\$ 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
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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, arid 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.
- Sect 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.

Sec. 1 It shall he 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.

<u>Sec. 2</u> 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.

<u>Sec. 5</u> 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, arid 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.

<u>Sec. 8</u> 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

- <u>Sec. 1</u> 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 maybe 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 form 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 (3/14) 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 1 ime 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.
- <u>Sec. 5</u> 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.
- <u>Sec. 7</u> 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

<u>Sec. 1</u> 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.

**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

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Royalston in the County of Worcester, GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Royalston Community School in said Royalston, on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of June next, at 7:15 in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to move a total of \$50,905.38 from the following accounts into the Stabilization Account, or act anything thereon.

Article 22 ATM 5/2010 Open Meeting Boards Clearance of Tax Title Post Office Article 24 ATM 5/2012 Town Hall Septic Article 35 ATM 5/2012 #1 School Street Officer Bonding Article 28 ATM 5/2013 DPW Truck Lease Article 19 ATM 5/2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant Study Article 35 ATM 5/2011 Temperature Alarm Veterans' Benefits Worcester County Retirement Unemployment/Contributory Health Insurance ATM 5/2012 Tully Patrols Accountant Expense	\$ 842.19 \$2,000.00 \$5,000.00 \$4,100.00 \$2,000.00 \$ 250.00 \$ 566.80 \$ 247.29 \$1,832.10 \$7,200.00 \$3,467.00 \$6,500.00 \$4,500.00 \$4,000.00 \$ 150.00
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Accountant Expense	\$ 150.00
Registrars	\$ 150.00
Council on Aging	\$ 300.00
Elderly Transportation	\$ 200.00
Assessors' Expense	\$2,000.00
Election Expense	\$1,900.00
Town Reports/Street List	\$1,200.00
Town Clerk Expense	\$ 600.00
Board of Health Expense	<u>\$2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$50,905.38

Submitted & Recommended by Board of Selectmen 2/3 Majority Vote Required

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to take 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.

Submitted & Recommended by Board of Selectmen 2/3 Majority Vote Required

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept a bequest of \$6,000 from the Edwin Nordfors estate for Riverside Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Submitted & Recommended by Board of Selectmen Simple Majority Vote Required

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, Whitney Hall, Country Store, and West Royalston Bulletin Board, in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 9th day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Linda Alger, Chairperson

Christine Long, Member

Selectmen of Royalston

A true copy. Attest:

Worcester, SS.

PURSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Royalston by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Hall, Post Office, Whitney Hall, General Store and West Royalston bulletin board, fourteen days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.

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Constable of Royalston

Date

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF ROYALSTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 25, 2014

: I, Melanie Mangum, as Town Clerk of Royalston, do hereby certify that the following are the actions taken at the Special Town Meeting of June 25, 2014 and reconvened on held at the Royalston Community School at 7:15 p.m.

:true copy attest

:town seal More Mangum, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Moderator George Northrop called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. There were 129 voters present at the start of the meeting

To see if the Town will vote to move a total of \$50,905.38 from the following accounts Article 1. into the Stabilization Account, or act anything thereon.

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(the above as appeared on the warrant, see next page for motion made on this article)

Motion made to move a total of \$53,855.38 from the fo	llowing accounts into
the Stabilization Account, motion seconded:	
Article 22 ATM 5/2010 Open Meeting Boards	\$ 842.19
Clearance of Tax Title	\$2,000.00
Post Office	\$5,000.00
Article 35 ATM 5/2012 #1 School Street	\$2,000.00
Officer Bonding	\$ 250.00
Article 28 ATM 5/2013 DPW Truck Lease	\$ 566.80
Article 19 ATM 5/2010 Wastewater Treatment Plant Study	\$ 247.29
Article 35 ATM 5/2011 Temperature Alarm	\$1,832.10
Veterans' Benefits	\$7,200.00
Worcester County Retirement	\$3,467.00
Unemployment/Contributory	\$6,500.00
Health Insurance	\$1,500.00
ATM 5/2012 Tully Patrols	\$4,000.00
Accountant Expense	\$ 150.00
Council on Aging	\$ 300.00
Elderly Transportation	\$ 200.00
Assessors	\$1,000.00
Election Expense	\$1,900.00
Town Reports/Street List	\$ 900.00
Board of Health Expense	\$5,000.00
Reserve Fund	\$500.00
Harper's Payroll	\$500.00
24 hour Dispatch	\$5,000.00
Civilian Defense	\$3,000.00
TOTAL	\$53,855.38
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ARTICLE PASSED WITH THE AMOUNTS LISTED ABOVE: 125 in favor 4, against.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to take 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 to table the article, seconded. 128 in favor, 1 against. <u>ARTICLE</u> <u>TABLED</u>

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept a bequest of \$6,000 from the Edwin Nordfors estate for Riverside Cemetery, or act anything thereon.

Moved the article as read, seconded. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE STM AT 7:27 P.M, SECONDED, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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TOWN OF ROYALSTON ELECTED OFFICIALS AFTER 2014 ATE

POSITION	NAME	ELECT DATE	EXPIRE
<u>Selectman</u>	Linda Alger, Chair	4/2/2012	2015
Selectman	John Morse, III	4/1/2013	2016
Selectman	Christine Long	4/7/2014	2017
Moderato <u>r</u>	George Northrop	4/2/2012	2015
Town Clerk	Melanie Mangum	4/1/2013	2016
Constable	John Chencharik	4/2/2012	2015
Constable	John Divoll	4/1/2013	2016
Tree Warden	Larry Siegel	4/2/2012	2015
Assessor	Stephen Chase	4/2/2012	2015
Assessor	Michael Lajoie	4/1/2013	2016
Assessor	James Richardson	4/7/2014	2017
Cemetery Commission	Roy Smith, Jr.	4/2/2012	2015
Cemetery Commission	Wayne Newton	4/1/2013	2016
Cemetery Commission	Roland Hamel	4/7/2014	2017
Board of Health	Phil Leger	4/7/2014	2017
Board of Health	Eugene Kolimaga	4/2/2012	2015
Board of Health	Chet Hall	4/1/2013	2016
Library Trustee	Mary Lisa Freden	4/1/2013	2016
<u>Library Trustee</u>	Barbara Guiney	4/2/2012	2015
<u>Library Trustee</u>	Mary Longsworth	4/7/2014	2017
Board of Public Welfare	Gary Winitzer	4/1/2013	2015
Board of Public Welfare	Nancy Melbourne	4/7/2014	2017
Board of Public Welfare	Roland Hamel	4/1/2013	2016
Planning Board	Thomas Musco	4/1/2013	2018
Planning Board	Vyto Andreliunas	4/4/2011	2016
Planning Board	Joshua Doub	4/7/2014	2019
Planning Board	Kimberly MacPhee	4/5/2010	2015
Planning Board	Katherine Collins	4/2/2012	2017
Sewer Commission	Phillip Trask	4/7/2014	2016 2014 elect for 2 yrs
Sewer Commission	Gary Winitzer	4/2/2012	2015
Sewer Commission	Marie Mello	4/7/2014	2017 2014 elect for 3 yrs
Trustees of J.N. Bartlett Fu		4/7/2014	2015
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Appointed Officials FY 2014

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1	Position	Last Name	Appointee	ā	Date	Date	Term Yrs.
2	ADA Coordinator	Newton	Geoffrey		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
3	Administrative Assistant	Divoll	Helen	ய	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
4	Animal Control Officer	Mowrey	Robin	-:	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
5	Animal Inspector	Mowrey	Robin	-	5/1/2013	4/30/2014	One Year
9	Assistant Tax Collector	Putney	Brenda	نـ	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
7	Assistant Town Clerk	Richardson	Barbara	Ġ	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
6	Building Inspector, Alternate	Cooke	Jeffrey		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
11	Director of Agriculture	Divoll	Randy	S.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
12	Electrical Inspector	Neale	Theodore		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
13	Electrical Inspector, Alternate	Brown	Richard	Ą.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
14	Emergency Management Director	Barclay	James	Š	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
15		Bosse	Herve		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
16	Forest Fire Warden	Newton	Keith	حذ	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
17	Gas Inspector	Joly	Daniel		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
18	Gas Inspector, Alternate	Brousseau	Gerald		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
19	Insect Pest Control		Vacant				One Year
20	IT Director	Krause-Hardie	Rebecca		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
21	Keeper of Town Clock	West	Andrew	-;	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
22	New England Scenic Trail Council	Montero	Paul		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
23	Plumbing Inspector	Joly	Daniel		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
24		Brousseau	Gerald		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
25	Pound Keeper	Divoll	John	≅	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
26	Selectmen's Secretary	Newton	Diana	۲	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
27	Special Constable for Tax Collections	Jeffrey &	Jeffrey		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
28	Surveyor of Wood & Lumber	Divoll	John	Š	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
30	Town Accountant	Ferrari	Gene		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
31	Town Counsel	Kopelman &	Paige,	٥. د	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
32	Town Custodian	Richardson	Barbara	ن	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
33	Town Custodian, Alternate	Richardson	Michael	<u> </u>	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
35	Town Treasurer, Assistant	Richardson	Barbara	Ö	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
38	Zoning Bylaw Enforcement Officer	Newton	Geoffrey		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year

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87	Comm. Pres. CommOverseer of Poor	Hamel	Roland		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
88	Comm. Pres. CommPlanning Board	MacPhee	Kimberly	Z	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
88	Comm. Pres. CommSelectboard	Morse,	John	≩	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
90							
92	Conservation Commission	Leonard	Deems		7/1/2013	6/30/2016	Three Years
96	Conservation Commission	Worth	Patricia	-;	7/1/2013	6/30/2016	Three Years
6							
86	Council on Aging	Woodbury	Betty	-	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
66	Council on Aging	Winitzer	Gary	L.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
100	100 Council on Aging	Nunes	Deborah	M	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
101	101 Council on Aging	Serre	Ralph	Ą.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
102	102 Council on Aging	Moore	Virginia	Ж.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
103	Council on Aging	Mallett	Mariah		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
104							
105	105 Cultural Council	Rabinowitz	Carla	ω	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
106	106 Cultural Council	Lively	Andrea	l.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
107	107 Cultural Council	Bundschuh	Patience		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
108	108 Cultural Council	Carrier	Patricia	Ξ	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
109	109 Cultural Council	Nunes	Deborah	`.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
110	110 Cultural Council	Leonard	Elizabeth		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
111	111 Cultural Council	Bennett	James	Σ	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
112	112 Cultural Council	Lake-Gagliardi	Rene		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
113	113 Cultural Council	Casinghino	Lorraine		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
114	114 Cultural Council	Musco	Lydia		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
115	Cultural Council	Krause-Hardie	Rebecca		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
116	116 Cultural council, Chair	Morrison	Gordon		7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
117	Cultural Council				7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
118							
119	Dispatch, 24 Hour	Newton	Keith	R.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
120	120 Dispatch, 24 Hour	Deveneau	Curtis	Ä.	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
121	Dispatch, 24 Hour	Barclay	James	Σ	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
122	Dispatch, 24 Hour	Alger	Linda	Σ	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year

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123	123 Dispatch, 24 Hour	Draper	James		7/1/2013	6/30/2014 One Year	One Year
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125	125 Election Worker Precinct 1	Krause-Hardie	Rebecca		7/1/2013	6/30/2014 One Year	One Year
126	126 Election Worker Precinct 1	Corser	Gertrude		7/1/2013	6/30/2014 One Year	One Year
127	127 Election Worker Precinct 1	Newman	Roberta		7/1/2013	6/30/2014 One Year	One Year
128	128 Election Worker Precinct 1	Mallett-Leger	Mariah		7/1/2013	6/30/2014 One Year	One Year
129	129 Election Worker Precinct 1	Barclay	Mary	Ü	7/1/2013	6/30/2014 One Year	One Year
130	130 Election Worker Precinct 1	Quinn	Theresa		7/1/2013	6/30/2014 One Year	One Year
131	131 Election Worker Precinct 1 Warden	Putney	Brenda		7/1/2013	6/30/2014 One Year	One Year

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133	Election Worker Precinct 2	Neale	Joyce	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
134	Election Worker Precinct 2	LeBlanc	Karen	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
135	Election Worker Precinct 2	Gelinas	Louise	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
136	136 Election Worker Precinct 2	Charest	Marsha	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
137	Election Worker Precinct 2	Moore	Virginia	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
138	Election Worker Precinct 2 Warden	Denis	Barbara	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
139	Election Worker Precinct 2	Blasco	Maureen	7/1/2012	012	6/30/2014	One Year
140							
141	Energy Committee	Caisse	Donna	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2016	Three Year
144							
145	Fire Dept. Chief/EMT	Newton	Keith	R. 7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
146	Fire Dept. Ass't Chief/EMT	Bateman	Maurice	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
147	Fire Dept. Captain/EMT	Rowe	William	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
148	148 Fire Dept. Deputy Chief	Vacant		7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
149	Fire Dept. Deputy Chief	LeRay	Thomas	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
150	150 Fire Dept. Lieut. Company A	LeRay	Craig	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
151	Fire Dept. Lieut. Company B	Porter	Larry	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
152	Fire Dept. EMS Lieut./EMT/Lg. Animal Rescue	Porter	Jayne	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
153	Firefighter	Basso	Anthony	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
154	154 Firefighter	Caisse	Michael	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
155	155 Firefighter	Phelps	John	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
156	156 Firefighter	Morris-Siegel	Joshua	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
157	Firefighter/EMT	Newton	Robert	E. 7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
158	Fire Dept. Auxilliary	Barclay	James	M. 7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
159	Fire Dept. Auxilliary	Draper	James	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
160	160 Firefighter/EMT	Phelps	Elizabeth	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
161	Firefighter/EMT	Krause-Hardie	Rebecca	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
162	162 Firefighter	Thiem	Jamison	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
163	163 Firefighter	Thiem	Jaret	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
164	Firefighter	Thiem	Jeff	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
165	Firefighter	Daub	Joshua	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year
166	166 Firefighter	Richardson	Michael	7/1/2013	013	6/30/2014	One Year

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214 Police Dept., Officer	Chapman	William	J. 7/1/2013	6/30/2015	Two Year
215 Special Police Officer/EMD	Barclay	James	M. 7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
216 Police Dept., Officer	Deveneau	Christopher	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
217 Police Dept., Officer	Swan	Keith	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
218 Police Dept., Officer	Pierce	Michael	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
219 Police Dept., Officer	Augusto	Jonathan	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
220 Police Dept., Special Officer, Prob.	Pothier	Paul	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
221 Police Dept., Special Officer, Prob.	Fenton	Jennifer	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
222 Police Dept., Special Officer, Prob.	Phelps	Elizabeth	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
223 Police Dept., Special Officer, Prob.	Thiem	Jamison	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
224 Police Dept., K-9 Search & Rescue	(Hamel)	Reba	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
225 Police Dept., K-9 Search & Rescue	(Miner)	Shawken-Awe	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
226 Police Dept., K-9 Search & Rescue	(Chapman)	Rufus	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
227					
228 Registrar of Voters, Chief	Mangum	Melanie	7/1/2013	6/30/2016	Three Years
230 Registrar of Voters	LaJoie	Cheryl	7/1/2013	6/30/2016	Three Years
232					
237 Zoning Board of Appeals	Black	Leslie	7/1/2013	6/30/2016	Three Years
238					
239 Zoning Bylaw Task Force	Andreliunas	Vyto	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
240 Zoning Bylaw Task Force	MacPhee	Kimberly	N. 7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
241 Zoning Bylaw Task Force		Vacant			One Year
242					
243 250th Celebration Committee	Humblet	Marie	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
	Keliner	Thomas	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
245 250th Celebration Committee	Gospoderek	Beth	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
246 250th Celebration Committee	Chase	Stephen	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
247 250th Celebration Committee	Rabinowitz	Carla	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
248 250th Celebration Committee	Javenpaa	Marlene	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
249 250th Celebration Committee	Coflesky	Mary	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
250 250th Celebration Committee	Mallet	Mariah	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
251 250th Celebration Committee	Basso	Anthony	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year
252 250th Celebration Committee	Newton	Diana	7/1/2013	6/30/2014	One Year

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