

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND MINUTES
May 19, 2008

- Tellers appointed: Peter Koester of 26 Long Hill Rd, Shirley Faulkner of 89 Weldon Farm Rd, Sandra Jervah of 28 Central St., Edward Mavragis of 41 Weldon Farm Rd.
- STM Quorum Certificate still in effect.
- Meeting called to order by Moderator Warren Appell at 9:12 pm.

Town Clerk Susan G. Hazen started the reading of the warrant: Essex, ss. To the Constables in the Town of Rowley in the County of Essex, Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowley, qualified to vote in elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Pine Grove School, Route 1A, on Monday, the 19th day of May 2008 at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

MOTION – Mr. Moderator, I move to suspend further reading of the May 19, 2008, Annual Town Meeting Warrant because present Town Meeting members have a copy of this warrant.

Motion made by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed by voice unanimous vote at 9:13 pm.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.
Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2. To see what instructions the Town will give Town Officers.
Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. Move the Town vote to suspend in the Town Meeting the application of Section 19 and Section 20 of the Town Meeting Bylaw pertaining to the reconsideration of all money articles, such suspension intended for the specific purpose to balance the total level of funds raised and appropriated within the limitations of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C [Proposition 2-1/2, so-called] and to give blanket warning hereby that any money article may, at the end of the meeting and after all articles have been acted upon, be moved for reconsideration in order to balance the total level of funds raised and appropriated within the limitations of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Motion by Richard M. Cummings, seconded by David C. Petersen, passed voice unanimous at 9:14 pm

MOTION – Move to allow the following non-resident individuals permission to speak, if called upon, during the May 19, 2008 Annual Town Meeting:

- Judith Pickett, Town Counsel
- Deborah Eagan, Town Administrator
- Frank Marchigiani, Coordinator of Health Services
- James Broderick, Fire Chief
- Pamela Jacobson, Library Director
- John Rezza, Water Superintendent
- Sandra Halloran, TRSD Superintendent
- Karen Sarekesian, Whittier Superintendent

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Robert L. Snow, passed voice unanimous at 9:15 pm

ARTICLE 4. Move the Town vote to fix the annual compensation of elective officers of the Town as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 108 as follows.

<u>Elective Officer</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommends</u>
Moderator	\$100	\$100
Board of Selectmen, (each member)	\$2,231	\$2,231
Board of Assessors, (each member)	\$2,456	\$2,456
Town Treasurer/Collector of Taxes	\$70,000	\$70,000
Town Clerk	\$37,260	\$37,260
Planning Board, each member	\$0	\$0
Tree Warden	\$6,969	\$6,969
Surveyor of Highways	\$62,869	\$62,869
Municipal Water Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Trustees of Free Public Library	\$0	\$0
Rowley Housing Authority	\$0	\$0
Municipal Light Board (each member)	\$0	\$0

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 9:17 pm

ARTICLE 5. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,102,266.37 and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$391,440. from Free Cash and transfer and appropriate the sum of \$70,000. from Overlay Reserve, transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,653.63 from Bond Premiums for a total of \$12,574,364 to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes and Interest.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Line	Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com	
Item	Description	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Rec.
	<u>General Government</u>				
	Town Moderator				
1	Moderator Stipend	98	100	100	100
	Board of Selectmen				
2	Selectmen Stipends	11,155	11,155	11,155	11,155
3	Town Administrator/Personnel Officer Salary	73,958	76,466	76,466	76,466
4	Executive Secretary Salary	0	0	0	0
5	Administrative Assistant Wages	20,358	26,546	26,546	26,546
6	CPA Administrator Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
7	Expenses	12,864	11,523	7,523	7,523
8	Copier/Fax Expenses	5,019	7,385	7,385	7,385
9	General Audit Expense	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500
10	Sealer of Weights & Measures Exp.	2,500	3,000	3,000	3,000
	Finance Committee				
11	Secretary Wages	627	1,404	1,404	1,404

12	Expenses	354	379	379	379
	Town Accountant				
13	Accountant Salary	44,137	45,836	45,836	45,836
14	Assistant Accountant Wages	13,664	13,761	13,761	13,761
15	Expenses	4,163	4,659	4,659	4,659
	Board of Assessors				
16	Assessors Stipends	7,368	7,368	7,368	7,368
17	Principal Assessor Salary	68,872	70,067	71,101	71,101
18	Clerk Wages	16,833	20,871	20,871	20,871
19	Consultant	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
20	Professional Services	10,420	11,505	11,505	11,505
21	Expenses	6,052	6,055	6,055	6,055
	Treasurer/Tax Collector				
22	Treasurer/Collector Salary	67,600	70,000	70,000	70,000
23	Assistant Treasurer Salary	44,412	45,910	45,960	45,960
24	Administrative Assistant Wages	29,661	30,352	30,352	30,352
25	Expenses	31,578	31,943	31,943	31,943
26	Tax Title	10,517	10,517	10,517	10,517
27	Debt Fees & Charges	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Rec.
	Town Counsel				
28	Professional Fee	42,518	52,600	52,600	52,600
29	Litigation	40,237	65,000	65,000	65,000
	Personnel Board				
30	Expenses	250	399	399	399
	IS Department				
31	Consultant Services	14,931	14,931	14,931	14,931
32	Expenses	4,258	4,491	4,491	4,491
	Town Clerk				
33	Town Clerk Salary	34,500	37,260	37,260	37,260
34	Assistant Town Clerk Wages	3,148	3,250	3,250	3,250
35	Expenses	3,238	3,972	4,100	4,100
	Elections				
36	Wages	2,534	2,350	3,580	3,580
37	Expenses	4,617	3,975	7,125	7,125
	Registrar of Voters				
38	Stipends	2,183	2,250	2,250	2,250
39	Expenses	2,057	2,500	2,600	2,600
	Conservation Commission				
40	Conservation Administrator Salary	42,390	43,891	43,891	43,891

41	Expenses	1,622	1,622	1,622	1,622
	Planning Board				
42	Planning/ZBA Admin. Asst. Wages	26,497	29,049	29,049	29,049
43	Planner Consultant	2,608	9,026	9,026	9,026
44	Merrimack Valley Planning Comm.	1,752	1,800	1,800	1,800
45	Expenses	2,032	2,970	2,970	2,970
	Zoning Board of Appeals				
46	Expenses	1,244	1,680	1,680	1,680
	Town Hall				
47	Town Hall/Annex Custodian Wages	10,580	12,542	12,542	12,542
48	Expenses	20,817	11,318	9,318	9,318
	Town Hall Annex				
49	Expenses	17,193	12,318	9,318	9,318
	Town Report				
50	Printing & Distribution	6,517	6,594	6,594	6,594
	Subtotal	789,433	853,090	849,782	849,782
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Rec.
	Public Safety				
	Police Department				
51	Police Chief Salary & Other Earnings	123,912	127,630	131,923	128,430
52	Deputy Police Chief Salary	87,780	90,703	93,889	90,703
53	Wages	952,005	989,623	1,041,929	1,031,429
54	Expenses	116,646	117,350	136,330	117,350
55	Police Cruiser	15,390	29,500	29,500	0
56	Police Modular Building Lease	28,098	30,312	30,312	30,312
	Constables				
57	Expenses	430	450	450	450
	Fire Department				
58	Fire Chief Salary	67,678	70,247	70,247	70,247
59	Firefighter Wages	114,633	121,532	121,532	121,532
60	Expenses	11,744	11,514	11,616	11,616
	RVFPA Fire Protection Services				
61	Service Agreement	216,959	219,477	179,477	179,477
	Ambulance Service				
62	Service Contract	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Inspection Department				
63	Salaries	63,493	65,692	65,692	65,692
64	Wages	3,367	7,901	7,901	7,901
65	Expenses	6,159	5,065	5,065	5,065
	Emergency Management Services				

66	Expenses	1,361	1,970	2,187	2,187
	Animal Inspector				
67	Salary	2,373	2,455	2,455	2,455
68	Expenses	51	200	200	200
69	Rabid Animal Control	1,320	1,853	1,853	1,853
	Animal Control Officer				
70	Salary	9,415	9,735	9,735	9,735
71	Expenses	1,320	970	970	970
	Tree Warden/Moth Control				
72	Salary	6,766	6,969	6,969	6,969
73	Expenses	8,189	8,193	8,193	8,193
	Harbormaster				
74	Salary	5,464	5,628	5,628	5,628
75	Wages	4,744	4,893	4,893	4,893
76	Pump out Boat Wages	1,598	1,692	1,692	1,692
77	Expenses	3,922	4,000	4,000	4,000
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Rec.
	Shellfish Commission				
78	Commission Salaries	1,240	1,495	1,495	1,495
79	Commission Expenses	440	563	563	563
	Shellfish Constable				
80	Constable Salary	236	243	243	243
81	Constable Expenses	517	563	563	563
	Street Lighting				
82	Expenses	0	22,622	20,538	20,538
	Fire Hydrants				
83	Expenses	23,775	32,900	35,000	35,000
	Subtotal	1,911,025	2,023,940	2,063,040	1,997,381
	Schools				
84	Whittier Vocational Assessment	100,099	96,375	229,335	229,335
85	Triton Regional Assessment	6,292,891	7,031,397	7,146,439	7,146,439
86	Triton Capital Assessment	189,453	175,150	156,277	156,277
	Subtotal	6,582,443	7,302,922	7,532,051	7,532,051
	Public Works				
	Highway Department				
87	Snow & Ice Removal	129,925	40,000	40,000	40,000
88	Surveyor's Salary	60,393	62,869	62,869	62,869
89	Wages	117,257	150,137	150,137	150,137
90	Expenses	102,598	86,622	86,622	86,622
91	Highway Truck Lease			9,509	9,509

	Recycling				
92	Wages	3,064	3,712	3,712	3,712
93	Expenses	5,857	8,510	8,510	8,510
	Cemetery Commission				
94	Wages	15,725	15,731	15,731	15,731
95	Expenses	1,927	1,947	1,947	1,947
	Subtotal	436,746	369,528	379,037	379,037
	<u>Health & Human Services</u>				
	Board of Health				
96	Coordinator of Health Services & Regulatory Compliance Salary	44,389	45,898	46,123	46,123
97	Sanitary Health Agent Wages	20,446	21,182	21,182	21,182
98	Administrative Assistant/Assistant Inspector Wages	22,672	23,456	23,456	23,456
99	Public Health Nurse Stipend	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
100	Expenses	6,754	6,900	6,900	6,900
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Rec.
	Council on Aging				
101	Senior Director Salary	25,818	32,256	32,481	32,481
102	Wages	39,464	41,848	42,073	42,073
103	Elder Services of Merrimack Valley	294	294	294	294
104	Expenses	11,724	12,779	12,779	12,779
	Veterans Affairs				
105	Eastern Essex Veterans District	16,120	16,779	18,457	18,457
106	Veterans Benefits	9,236	11,844	11,844	11,844
	Handicapped Commission				
107	Expenses	0	190	190	190
	Subtotal	197,917	214,426	216,779	216,779
	<u>Recreation/Historic</u>				
	Rowley Public Library				
108	Library Director Salary	43,862	45,346	45,346	45,346
109	Wages	65,641	69,700	69,700	69,700
110	Expenses	58,740	79,035	79,035	79,035
	Recreation Committee				
111	Parks & Recreational Services Coordinator Wages	16,198	16,685	7,562	7,562
112	Expenses	1,864	1,864	1,864	1,864
113	Field Maintenance	15,078	15,078	15,078	15,078
	Town Commons				
114	Expenses	8,021	7,461	7,461	7,461
	Historical				

115	Commission Expenses	0	332	332	332
116	Historic District Commission Exp.	0	70	70	70
	Other				
117	Bay Circuit Committee	0	200	200	200
118	Memorial Day/Veterans Day	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
119	Bradstreet Property Expense	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
120	Former Library Building Expense	1,594	800	800	800
	Subtotal	211,998	242,571	233,448	233,448
	Debt				
121	Bridge Repair Principal			0	0
122	School Building Principal	369,063	334,375	100,000	100,000
123	Landfill Capping Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
124	New Well Land Principal	9,500	9,500	9,500	9,500
125	Library Principal	95,000	95,000	90,000	90,000
Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	Fin Com
Item	Description	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Rec.
126	Hunsley Hill Principal	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
127	Fire Truck Principal FY02	60,000	0	0	0
128	Used Fire Ladder Truck Principal FY05	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
129	Highway Truck Principal FY06	20,400	16,000	16,000	16,000
130	School Building Interest	27,499	11,940	2,250	2,250
131	Landfill Capping Interest	24,443	22,605	20,768	20,768
132	New Well Land Interest	7,158	6,660	6,161	6,161
133	Library Interest	60,771	57,209	53,528	53,528
134	Hunsley Hills Land Interest	34,155	32,093	29,962	29,962
135	Fire Truck Interest FY02	2,250	0	0	0
136	Used Fire Ladder Truck Interest FY05	2,665	1,935	1,205	1,205
137	Highway Truck Interest FY06	3,710	2,800	2,000	2,000
138	Bridge Repair Interest		10,000	11,000	11,000
	Subtotal	826,614	710,117	452,374	452,374
	Insurance				
139	Unemployment	0	12,000	12,000	12,000
140	Blanket Insurance	80,272	89,760	96,000	96,000
141	Essex Regional Retirement	404,913	428,698	453,618	453,618
142	Group Health/Life Ins. & FICA	300,291	330,508	351,894	351,894
	Subtotal	785,476	860,966	913,512	913,512
	GRAND TOTAL	11,741,652	12,577,560	12,640,023	12,574,364

Entire Omnibus Budget (Article 5) read line by line by Sharon Emery, no holds places on any line item.
Motion by John R. DiMento, seconded by Susan W. Bailey, passed voice unanimous at 9:33 pm.

ARTICLE 6. Water Department Budget. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of **\$859,257** from the Water Department Enterprise Fund for FY 09.

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expended FY 2007</u>	<u>Appropriated FY 2008</u>	<u>Requested FY 2009</u>
	Operating Service			
143	Superintendent Salary	52,121	54,217	55,844
144	Water Department Wages	157,994	224,292	259,423
145	Maintenance & Expenses	274,573	286,155	327,946
	SUBTOTAL	484,688	564,664	643,213
	Debt Service			
146	Water Loop Principal	15,938	15,625	0
147	Water Loop Interest	1,046	348	0
148	Pingree Well Principal	55,500	55,500	50,500
149	Pingree Well Interest	38,314	35,401	32,847
150	New Water Building Principal	15,000	15,000	10,000
151	New Water Building Interest	8,060	7,273	6,485
152	Corrosion Control Principal	65,000	65,000	65,000
153	Corrosion Control Interest	15,828	13,390	10,872
154	Loader, SCADA, Motor/Surge, Well #3 Redevelopment Principal	35,000	35,000	35,000
155	Loader, SCADA, Motor/Surge, Well #3 Redevelopment Interest	3,500	2,100	700
156	Water Garage Rehabilitation Interest	0	2,375	5,000
	SUBTOTAL	253,186	247,012	216,044
	TOTAL	737,874	811,675	859,257
	Plus Article 7 - Indirect Costs	41,010	41,489	77,930
	GRAND TOTAL	777,884	853,165	937,187

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:36 pm

ARTICLE 7. Move the Town vote to transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to the General Fund the sum of **\$77,930** for the items listed in Article 7 of the May 19, 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and that any other moneys spent by the General Government on behalf of the Water Department be reimbursed to the General Fund from the Water Department Enterprise Fund in Fiscal Year 2009.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual Transferred FY 2007</u>	<u>Anticipated Transferred FY 2008</u>	<u>Requested FY 2009</u>
157	County Retirement	15,853	15,823	30,226
158	Employee Health Insurance	10,891	10,891	32,631
159	Life Insurance Premiums	79	214	512
160	Accountant's Fee	3,090	3,090	3,090

161	Treasurer/Collector's Fee	6,458	6,458	6,458
162	Audit	1,650	1,650	1,650
163	Medicare	2,989	3,363	3,363
	TOTAL	41,010	41,489	77,930

Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

	Actual FY 2007	Estimated FY 2008	Estimated FY 2009
Operating Revenue			
Water Bills	697,865	686,933	829,374
Permits	14,200	25,000	45,000
Merchandising & Jobbing	13,604	22,000	22,000
Special Services	5,738	3,332	5,813
Hydrant Rentals	23,775	32,900	35,000
Subtotal	755,128	770,165	937,187
STARTING BALANCE	398,774	375,072	292,072
REVENUE	755,182	770,165	937,187
EXPENSE	(778,884)	(853,165)	(937,187)
ARTICLES	0	0	0
ANNUAL EXCESS/DEFICIT	(23,702)	(83,000)	0
AVAILABLE BALANCE	375,072	292,072	292,072

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:37 pm

ARTICLE 8. Move the Town vote to establish an account within the Water Enterprise Fund to be called O & M (Operations and Maintenance) Emergency Reserve Account for fiscal year 2009 for the purpose of emergency funding of unanticipated Water Department Operating and Maintenance Expenses. This account is intended for emergencies only as deemed appropriate by the Board of Water Commissioners and voted in conjunction with a vote of the Finance Committee in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 40 Section 6 and to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund to the O & M (Operations and Maintenance) Emergency Reserve Account, herein after, this account shall be a line item in the Operating Service budget.

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee Recommends

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article will create an emergency reserve account for the Water Department Enterprise Fund, similar to the Town's Reserve Fund.

Motion by Scott C. Martin, seconded by Jack L. Cook, passed voice unanimous at 9:39 pm

MOTION – Move the Town vote to authorize the following accounts and their uses as printed in Articles 9 – 12 in the May 19, 2008 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

- Article 9 – Municipal Light Board – Municipal Light Plant Annual appropriation
- Article 10 – Harbormaster Municipal Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund
- Article 11 – Cemetery Commissioners Perpetual Care Trust Interest Account

- Article 12 – Board of Assessor Recertification Fund

Explanatory Note: Articles 9 – 12 are standard annual articles. These articles will be voted under one consent motion.

Motion by Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., seconded by Robert L. Snow and passed voice unanimous at 9:41 pm

- **ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the income from sales of electricity to private consumers or for electricity supplied to municipal buildings, municipal street lighting or for municipal power and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year to the Municipal Lighting Plant, the whole to be expended by the manager of the municipal lighting plant under the direction and control of the municipal light board for the expense of the plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Section 57 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, upon condition that, if said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess shall be transferred to the construction fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the municipal light board.
 Inserted by the Municipal Light Board **Finance Committee Recommends**
- **ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 from the Municipal Waterways Maintenance and Improvement Fund to an account for use by the Harbormaster in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5G, or take any other action relative thereto.
 Inserted by the Harbormaster **Finance Committee Recommends**
- **ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to the Cemetery Commission from the Perpetual Care Trust Interest Account to be used for the care of graves in the Town Cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.
 Inserted by the Cemetery Commissioners **Finance Committee Recommends**
- **ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 to be added to Article 30 of the May 6, 1996 Annual Town Meeting (Recertification Fund) for the purpose of completing the State mandated triennial recertification of all properties within the Town of Rowley, said fund to be expended by the Board of Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.
 Inserted by the Board of Assessors **Finance Committee Recommends**

ARTICLE 13. Move the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53-E1/2, to authorize the following revolving funds and their uses, with the exception of item #3, for Fiscal Year 2009 as listed in Article 13 on pages 11 and 12 of the May 19, 2008 ATM Warrant:

	Name of Account	Expenditure Cap
1	Council on Aging - into which receipts from rental of the Council's van shall be deposited and which may be used by said Council for payment of wages, expenses and maintenance of said van. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$301]	Expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.
2	Board of Health - into which one-half (1/2) of the septic disposal construction fees charged by said Board of Health shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board or its agents to finance special waste disposal and technical expertise beyond the health agent's scope of responsibility. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$9,432]	Expenditures not to exceed \$20,000.
3*	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen - into which receipts from the Summer Programs fees shall be deposited and which may be used by said Committee and Board to pay for the operation of said programs. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$2,690]	Expenditures not to exceed \$9,000.

4	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen - into which receipts from donations, advertising and rental of the Parks & Recreation Committee's facilities shall be deposited and which may be used by said Committee and Board to pay for the management and operations of improvements and maintenance of said facilities. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$4,972]	Expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.
5	Board of Selectmen - into which revenue collected from the sale of Home Composting bins shall be used to purchase additional compost bins and to advertise the availability of such bins. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$732]	Expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.
6	Highway Department – into which receipts from the rental of Highway Department equipment may be used by said Department for the purchase, repair and maintenance of Department equipment. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$959]	Expenditures not to exceed \$12,000.
7	Shellfish Department – into which receipts from one-half (1/2) of the shellfish permits sold shall be deposited and used by the Shellfish Department for the propagation of shellfish. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$6,219]	Expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.

8	Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals – into which all receipts from filing and associated application fees shall be deposited, and may be used by said Boards to defray Commonwealth of Massachusetts mandated expenses related to said Board’s hearings and meetings, and professional assistance or engineering, legal and other case related items. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$4,844]	Expenditures not to exceed \$4,000.
9	Board of Cemetery Commissioners – into which one-half (1/2) of cemetery plot grave digging and footings installation fees shall be deposited and which may be used by said Board of Cemetery Commissioners for Cemetery Department operations. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$1,430]	Expenditures not to exceed \$5,000.
10	Library – into which receipts from Library services, such as photocopying, faxes and laser printing from public computer stations shall be deposited and which may be used by said Library to purchase supplies related to these services and services contracts for the maintenance of said office equipment. [The balance of the account on 3/28/08 is \$400]	Expenditures not to exceed \$2,500.

Inserted by the Council on Aging, Board of Health, Parks & Recreation Committee, Board of Selectmen, Highway Department, Shellfish Department, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The above article consolidates nine standard revolving fund annual renewal authorizations therefore Article 13 will be taken up and voted under one consent motion.

Regarding Item #3 - Item # 3 has been removed from this article since the Triton District will now be running the summer camp program and the town’s revolving fund, formerly used for camp fees and expenses, is no longer needed. If, at the end of the year, any funds are left in this account, these funds will be available for action at a future town meeting.

Motion by Richard M. Cummings, seconded by David C. Petersen, passed voice unanimous at 9:44 pm

ARTICLE 14. Move the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$10,150.14 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Betterment Loan Program to pay the debt service on the Town’s loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Inserted by the Board of Health

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town received \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Loan funds for taxpayer’s repair and/or upgrade of failed septic systems. This appropriation is to pay the debt on the Town’s loans from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust.

Motion by Susan L. Elwell, seconded by John Melcher, passed voice unanimous at 9:45 pm.

CALL FOR A QUORUM COUNT requested by Robert Pietrillo of 916 Haverhill St. at 9:48 pm

Tellers were called forward and a head count conducted.

The ‘head count’ revealed that one hundred twenty five (125) voters, exceeding our quorum requirement of one hundred (100), were still present at 9:51 pm.

The Quorum being confirmed, Town Meeting continued onto Article #15.

ARTICLE 15. Move the Town (a) appropriate \$450,000, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief for the purpose of purchasing a 1,500 gallons per minute pumper truck and to pay the cost of issuance of any borrowing related thereto; (b) authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow \$450,000 under G.L. Chapter 44 section 7 or any other enabling authority to meet such appropriation; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided however, that any vote passed pursuant to this article shall not take effect until and unless the

Town votes to exempt from the limitation of total taxes imposed by G.L. Chapter 59 section 21C (Proposition 2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on borrowing authorized by such vote.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This truck will replace a 1985 1,000 gallons per minute pumper that was bought used in 2000. This truck was taken out of service for safety concerns in 2005 due to severe corrosion of the main frame chassis. Purchase of this truck will ensure adequate pumping ability for the Fire Department and will keep the Fire Department's vehicle and equipment replacement program close to schedule. Passage requires a two-thirds vote.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed by Paper Ballot Vote (112 YES to 14 NO) at 10:02 pm

ARTICLE 16. Move the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2009 annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

PURPOSE	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
Appropriations	
Community Administrative Expenses	\$20,000
Debt Service for Pingree Farm land acquisition	\$99,500
Debt Service for Bradstreet Farm land acquisition	\$263,750

Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Rowley expects to realize approximately \$400,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds from real estate tax receipts (\$250,000) and matching funds from the state (\$150,000) in fiscal year 2009. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected for each of the following areas: open space, historic resources, and community housing, equaling approximately \$40,000 for each area. The Bradstreet Farm acquisition project incorporates all three areas and this appropriation will satisfy the statutory minimums for each of the required three categories (\$40,000 each). This article also appropriates the statutory maximum to be available for Community Preservation Committee expenses including appraisals, land surveys, postage, copying and other administrative costs for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009. Any unexpended administrative expenses will be returned to the general Undesignated Community Preservation Fund. All funds realized above those appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA Funds available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2009 or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2010.

Motion by David C. Petersen, seconded by Richard M. Cummings, passed voice unanimous at 9:57 pm

ARTICLE 17. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion by Sharon Emery, seconded by Susan W. Bailey, passed voice unanimous at 9:58 pm

ARTICLE 18. Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for the Stabilization Fund.

Inserted by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee Recommends

Passage requires two-thirds vote.

Motion by Sharon Emery, seconded by Susan W. Bailey, passed voice unanimous at 9:59 pm

ARTICLE 19. And to meet in Saint Mary's Church (rear), Route 1A, in said Rowley on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 12 NOON to act on the following:

Two Selectmen	three years
One Moderator	one year
One Board of Assessors Member	three years

One Planning Board Member	five years
One Municipal Light Board Member	three years
One Municipal Water Board	three years
One Shellfish Commissioner	three years
One Shellfish Commissioner	two years
One Cemetery Commissioner	three years
Three Trustees for the Public Library	three years
One Trustees for the Public Library	one year
For Regional School District Committee	
One Newbury Member	three years
One Rowley Member	three years
One Salisbury Member	three years

Referendum

Question #1 - Shall the Town of Rowley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 __, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds to be issued in an aggregate principal amount of \$450,000 in order to purchase a new 1,500 gallons per minute pumper truck for the Fire Department?

MOTION – Move the Town vote to adjourn the May 19, 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

Motion by Jack L. Cook, seconded by Robert L. Snow, passed voice unanimous at 10:02 pm.

And you are hereby instructed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof in at least seven public places in Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting, as directed by the laws of the Town and to make due return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before said meeting. Given under our hands this 3rd day of April in the year two thousand eight.

David C. Petersen, Chairman
Richard M. Cummings, Clerk
Jack L. Cook, Member
Thomas Moses, Member
Stuart L. Dalzell, Sr., Member

I have served this Warrant by posting in at least seven public places in the Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting and have made the return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before the time of said meeting.

Notices posted at Town Hall, Veterans Garage, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Skip's Country Store.

Nathaniel N. Dummer, Constable of Rowley

May 2, 2008

Certification: I, Susan G. Hazen, duly elected and qualified Town Clerk for the Town of Rowley do hereby certify that the statements contained above regarding action taken at the May 19, 2008 Town of Rowley Annual Town Meeting are true and accurate according to documents maintained by this office.

Susan G. Hazen, Town Clerk
Town of Rowley
May 21, 2008