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Enclosed are the Annual and Special Town
Meeting Warrants
Please bring these warrants to Town Meeting
Monday June 22, 2020
6:30 p.m. Pine Grove School

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ROWLEY TOWN MEETING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Dear Rowley Residents,

The business of the Town and planning for the next fiscal year must go on despite the current environment that we are in due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. With the safety of the residents and Town officials in mind, below are some changes to the procedures for Town Meeting that must be complied with in this environment:

- Please arrive early. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.
- Masks are required from the moment you exit your car upon arrival until the moment you return to your car after the meeting. If you have a medical reason why you cannot wear a mask, please inform the police personnel as you approach the school.
- If you attend with family members that you reside with, please stay together from arrival, through check-in and until you return to your car at the after the meeting.
- Please maintain at least a six foot distance from anyone that you do not reside with at all times when possible, from the moment you exit your car upon arrival until the moment you return to your car after the meeting.
- Volunteers will direct you to the registration tables and to your seat.
- All attendees must use the doors as marked for one way entry and one way exit
- Seats which allow for appropriate social distancing will be marked– please sit only in these seats and do not sit in any seats that are not properly marked
- Attendees must remain seated during Town Meeting unless they need to use the restroom. If you need to leave your seat, please raise your hand and a volunteer will assist you.
- If you intend to ask a question, raise your hand and a volunteer will bring a wireless microphone on an arm to you.
- Attendees must remain seated at the end of Town Meeting until their row is dismissed
- All attendees must use the doors as marked for one way entry and one way exit

Thank-you for your cooperation with these new procedures during these unprecedented times.

Joan Petersen
Town Moderator

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 22, 2020

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, 191 Main Street, Route 1A, on Monday, the 22nd day of June, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

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

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will 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, or take any other action relative thereto.
(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation of elective officers of the Town as required by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 Section 108 as follows, or to take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Elective Officer</u>	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Finance Committee Recommends</u>
Moderator	\$100	\$100
Board of Selectmen (each member)	\$3,000	\$3,000
Board of Assessors (each member)	\$2,456	\$2,456
Town Treasurer/Collector of Taxes	\$92,800	\$92,800
Town Clerk	\$57,300	\$57,300
Planning Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Surveyor of Highways	\$80,617	\$80,617
Municipal Water Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Trustees of Free Public Library	\$0	\$0
Rowley Housing Authority	\$0	\$0
Board of Shellfish Commissioners (each member)	\$500	\$500
Municipal Light Board (each member)	\$0	\$0
Board of Cemetery Commissioners (chairperson)	\$500	\$500

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

ARTICLE 4. General Omnibus Budget. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer and appropriate, from available funds, including Overlay and free cash, to defray the expenses of the Town for the forthcoming fiscal year, including Bonds, Notes, Interest, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Finance Committee)

Line		Expended	Appropriated	Requested	FinCom Rec.
Item	Description	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2021
	General Government				
	Town Moderator				
1	Moderator Stipend	100	100	100	100
	Board of Selectmen				
2	Selectmen Stipends	10,382	11,155	15,000	15,000
3	Town Administrator/Pers. Officer salary	113,182	125,840	132,887	132,887
4	Assistant Town Administrators Salaries	62,725	72,797	83,971	83,971
5	Administrative Assistant Wages	11,943	14,386	15,033	15,033
6	CPA Administrator Stipend	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
7	Stormwater Administrator Stipend	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
8	Records Access Officer Stipend	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
9	Expenses	24,066	14,117	25,437	25,437
10	Rev. 9-1-1 communication system	4,777	4,800	4,800	4,800
11	Copier/Fax Expenses	6,612	7,420	0	0
12	Audit & Actuarial Expenses	18,000	18,000	21,750	21,750
13	Sealer of Weights & Measurers Exp	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
14	Collective Bargaining Reserve	0	58,978	0	0
15	Pine Grove School Expenses	1	1,000	1,000	1,000
16	Stormwater Compliancy Expenses	2,700	20,000	30,000	30,000
17	Landfill Testwell Monitoring	18,840	20,000	20,000	20,000
18	Website Social Media Archiving	2,388	5,000	0	0
19	Prospect Hill Access Road	0	2,000	2,000	2,000
20	Alarm Monitoring	0	4,620	5,000	5,000
21	Pictometry			3,474	3,474
	Finance Committee				
22	Secretary Wages	996	1,732	1,802	1,802
23	Expenses	3	379	379	379
24	Reserve Fund	0	100,000	100,000	100,000
	Town Accountant				
25	Accountant Salary	57,521	59,603	72,654	72,654
26	Assistant Accountant Wages	18,973	21,686	28,623	28,623
27	Expenses	5,472	5,622	5,622	5,622
	Board of Assessors				
28	Assessors Stipends	7,368	7,368	7,368	7,368
29	Principal Assessor Salary	88,475	98,346	101,142	101,142

30	Administrative Assistant Wages	26,258	27,317	28,375	28,375
31	Consultant	500	0	0	0
32	Professional Services	12,325	13,773	15,347	15,347
33	Expenses	3,787	4,746	4,746	4,746
	Treasurer/Tax Collector				
34	Treasurer/Collector Salary	79,021	91,000	92,800	92,800
35	Assistant Treasurer Salary	45,939	54,557	55,278	55,278
36	Assistant Collector Wages	18,910	19,109	19,341	19,341
37	Expenses	34,143	35,800	35,800	35,800
38	Tax Title	7,068	10,517	10,517	10,517
39	Debt Fees & Charges	3,685	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Town Counsel				
40	Professional Fee	40,897	62,600	62,600	62,600
41	Litigation	2,924	52,000	52,000	52,000
	Personnel Advisory Committee				
42	Expenses	267	399	399	399
	Information Services				
43	Expenses	19,735	22,422	22,422	22,422
44	IS Coordinator Stipends	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
	Town Clerk				
45	Town Clerk Salary	55,515	56,197	57,300	57,300
46	Wages	13,096	16,800	37,910	37,910
47	Expenses	3,938	4,003	4,048	4,048
	Elections				
48	Wages	4,065	3,657	6,549	6,549
49	Expenses	8,352	6,200	8,800	8,800
	Registrar of Voters				
50	Stipends	1,725	2,300	2,300	2,300
51	Expenses	3,591	3,862	4,400	4,400
	Conservation Commission				
52	Conservation Agent Salary	57,575	63,456	65,742	65,742
53	Secretary Wages	8,607	9,385	9,577	9,577
54	Expenses	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050
	Planning Board				
55	Planner Salary	47,892	53,265	55,170	55,170
56	Planner Consultant	3,480	5,769	5,769	5,769
57	Merrimack Valley Planning Comm.	2,137	2,245	2,300	2,300
58	Expenses	1,225	3,670	1,170	1,170
	Zoning Board of Appeals				
59	Administrative Assistant Wages	10,223	10,547	10,757	10,757
60	Expenses	1,670	1,680	1,680	1,680
	Agricultural Commission				

61	Expenses	2,330	2,500	2,000	2,000
	Town Hall				
62	Town Hall/Annex Janitor Wages	13,885	16,501	16,803	16,803
63	Expenses	25,665	20,400	22,200	22,200
	Town Hall Annex				
64	Expenses	26,427	19,200	23,000	23,000
	General Government Subtotal	1,056,931	1,392,376	1,436,692	1,436,692
	Public Safety				
	Police Department				
65	Police Chief Salary & Other Earnings	119,457	133,647	137,921	137,921
66	Wages	1,304,619	1,346,882	1,400,885	1,400,885
67	Expenses	141,910	157,345	157,345	157,345
68	Police Cruiser	34,695	37,448	45,072	45,072
	Constables				
69	Wages and Expenses	510	300	300	300
	Fire Department				
70	Fire Chief Salary	89,603	97,300	99,078	99,078
71	Firefighter Wages	189,154	316,520	337,303	337,303
72	Call Firefighter Wages	92,277	108,000	110,160	110,160
73	Expenses	124,711	166,025	167,596	167,596
74	Station & Equipment Lease	16,469	0	0	0
	Inspection Department				
75	Salaries	58,355	63,813	65,843	65,843
76	Wages	12,100	15,132	15,343	15,343
77	Expenses	6,839	6,880	7,685	7,685
	Emergency Management				
78	REMA Director Stipend	4,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
79	Expenses	2,289	2,530	2,530	2,530
	Animal Inspector				
80	Salary	2,918	3,099	3,190	3,190
81	Expenses	0	200	200	200
82	Rabid Animal Control	542	1,853	1,853	1,853
	Animal Control Officer				
83	Salary	15,846	17,284	17,914	17,914
84	Expenses	1,266	2,122	2,122	2,122
	Tree Warden				
85	Salary	8,009	8,329	8,804	8,804
86	Expenses	14,442	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Harbormaster				
87	Harbormaster Salary	7,175	7,816	9,756	9,756
88	Deputy Harbormaster Wages	1,976	2,000	2,000	2,000
89	Assistant Harbormasters Wages	3,382	3,687	3,884	3,884

90	Pumpout Boat Wages	7,825	9,034	8,500	8,500
91	Expenses	4,212	4,212	5,100	5,100
92	Town Landing	500	500	500	500
	Shellfish Commission				
93	Commissioner Stipends	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
94	Commissioner Expenses	239	1,200	1,200	1,200
	Shellfish Constable				
95	Constable Wages	650	650	800	800
96	Constable Expenses	350	1,200	1,500	1,500
	Public Safety Subtotal	2,267,820	2,536,508	2,635,884	2,635,884
	Schools				
97	Whittier Vocational Assessment	347,734	382,976	421,421	421,421
98	Whittier Capital Assessment	25,134	25,562	25,487	25,487
99	Triton Regional Assessment	10,137,192	10,547,555	11,013,307	11,013,307
100	Triton Capital Assessment	168,400	141,951	118,298	118,298
101	Essex Agricultural Technical School	121,442	120,768	138,344	138,344
	Schools Subtotal	10,799,902	11,218,812	11,716,857	11,716,857
	Public Works				
	Highway Department				
102	Highway Surveyor Salary	76,733	79,035	80,617	80,617
103	Wages	173,682	251,702	269,568	269,568
104	Expenses	114,718	118,426	118,426	118,426
	Snow & Ice Removal				
105	Expenses	182,676	185,000	185,000	185,000
	Recycling				
106	Wages	2,009	0		
107	Expenses	19,472	0		
	Fire Hydrants				
108	Expenses	14,400	14,400	14,400	14,400
	Street Lighting				
109	Expenses	0	29,043	31,852	31,852
	Town Land Maintenance				
110	Expenses	2,727			
	Cemetery Commissioners				
111	Commission Chair Stipend	1,000	500	500	500
112	Wages	30,512	33,113	50,843	50,843
113	Expenses	6,608	6,800	10,300	10,300
	Public Works Subtotal	624,537	718,019	761,506	761,506
	Health & Human Services				
	Board of Health				
114	Health Director	65,138	71,175	73,760	73,760

115	Health Agent Wages	11,299	12,378	49,859	49,859
116	Secretary Wages	45,295	49,587	14,479	14,479
117	Public Health Nurse Salary	5,230	5,485	11,284	11,284
118	Expenses	7,188	6,900	6,900	6,900
	Council on Aging				
119	Senior Director Salary	38,158	43,712	53,234	53,234
120	Wages	68,231	77,116	78,783	78,783
121	Elder Services of Merrimack Valley	0	294	294	294
122	Expenses	14,896	19,904	19,904	19,904
	Veterans Affairs				
123	Veterans Benefits	28,978	52,000	52,000	52,000
124	Eastern Essex Veterans District	26,237	28,430	30,628	30,628
	ADA Compliancy				
125	Expenses	0	190	190	190
	Health & Human Services Subtotal	310,650	367,171	391,315	391,315
	Recreation/Historic				
	Rowley Public Library				
126	Library Director Salary	56,977	66,601	69,091	69,091
127	Wages	124,485	142,384	171,958	171,958
128	Expenses	104,630	108,682	115,661	115,661
	Recreation Committee				
129	Wages	0	3,896	0	0
130	Expenses	187			
131	Field Maintenance & Expenses	33,884	35,838	50,838	50,838
	Historical				
132	Historical Commission	0	332	332	332
133	Historic District Commission	0	70	70	70
	Other				
134	Town of Rowley Veterans Committee	944	1,800	1,800	1,800
135	Bradstreet & Dodge Properties	631	8,000	8,000	8,000
	Recreation/Historic Subtotal	321,738	367,603	417,750	417,750
	Debt				
136	Landfill Capping Principal	30,000	25,000		
137	New Well Land Principal	10,000	8,000		
138	Library Principal	85,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
139	Hunsley Hills Land Principal	55,000	50,000		
140	Bridge Repair Principal	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
141	Capital Equipment Principal IV	30,000			
142	Capital Equipment Principal V	40,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
143	Capital Equipment Principal VI	13,100	10,000		
144	Capital Equipment Principal VII	43,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
145	PGS Feasibility Study Principal	5,500	10,000	10,000	10,000

146	Highway Truck Principal	30,000	30,000		
147	Fire Ladder Truck Principal	140,000	140,000		
148	PGS Renovation Principal	35,100	90,000	95,000	95,000
149	Fire & Police Stations Principal	61,300	155,000	165,000	165,000
150	PGS Renovation II		67,000	334,729	334,729
151	Fire & Police Stations Principal II		28,000	125,272	125,272
152	Landfill Capping Interest	1,100	500		
153	New Well Land Interest	360	160		
154	Library Interest	4,900	3,200	1,600	1,600
155	Hunsley Hills Land Interest	2,100	1,000		
156	Bridge Repair Interest	7,650	6,750	5,850	5,850
157	Capital Equipment IV Interest	750			
158	Capital Equipment V Interest	2,475	1,444	482	482
159	Capital Equipment VI Interest	1,363	250		
160	Capital Equipment VII Interest	5,030	3,848	2,708	2,708
161	PGS Feasibility Study Interest	20,293	13,431	12,932	12,932
162	Highway Truck Interest	1,500	600		0
163	Fire Ladder Truck Interest	7,000	2,800		0
164	PGS Renovation Interest	162,835	107,829	103,204	103,204
165	Fire & Police Stations Interest	276,358	182,890	174,890	174,890
166	Pine PGS Renovation II Interest		797,340	542,442	542,442
167	Fire & Police Stations II Interest		317,856	205,403	205,403
168	PGS Renovation III Interest		135,000	99,000	99,000
169	Fire Truck BAN Interest			6,000	6,000
	Debt Subtotal	1,101,714	2,372,898	2,069,512	2,069,512
	Insurance & Benefits				
170	Unemployment	647	12,000	12,000	12,000
171	Blanket Insurance	148,974	255,000	302,000	302,000
172	Essex Regional Retirement	931,666	983,780	1,060,534	1,060,534
173	Health, Life Ins, Medicare & Benefit	548,540	492,675	552,497	552,497
	Insurance & Benefits Subtotal	1,629,827	1,743,455	1,927,031	1,927,031
	GRAND TOTAL	18,113,119	20,716,842	21,356,547	21,356,547

ARTICLE 5. Water Department Budget. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund the sum of \$2,129,873 to fund the FY 2021 Water Department budget, as shown below, or take any action relative thereto.

(Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners)

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

FY2021 Water Department Budget				
Line		FY 19	FY20	FY21
Item	Description	Actual	Budget	Request
	<u>Wages/Salaries</u>			

1	Water Superintendent	0	95,246	93,020
2	Water Department Wages	249,293	344,655	335,400
3	Overtime/Standby	43,954	52,909	51,913
4	Health Insurance/Medicare*	16,252	69,735	72,742
5	Retirement Health Insurance (OPEB)	48,998	28,429	20,000
6	Unemployment	0	10,000	10,000
	Subtotal Wages/Salaries	358,497	600,975	583,075
	Expenses			
7	Water Department Expenses/Maintenance	512,360	538,140	567,300
8	Engineering / Outside Services	4,023	25,000	25,000
9	Billing Contract Services	70,750	78,500	80,500
	Subtotal Expenses	578,134	641,640	672,800
	Other			
10	Capital Plan	0	0	0
11	Extraordinary & Unforeseen Expense	0	75,000	100,000
12	Engineer Return			
13	Budgeted Surplus	0	7,887	5,490
	Subtotal Other	\$0.00	82,887	105,490
	TOTAL	945,632	1,325,501	1,361,365
	Debt			
14	Pingree Well Principal	45,000	42,000	
15	Pingree Well Interest	1,740	840	
16	401 Central Water Building Principal	10,000	10,000	
17	401 Central Water Building Interest	400	200	
18	Water Treatment Design Principal	60,000	60,000	60,000
19	Water Treatment Design Interest	30,106	28,306	26,507
20	Water Treatment Plant Construction Principal	495,290	506,054	517,053
21	Water Treatment Plant Construction Interest	173,468	163,561	153,440
22	SRF borrowing admin fee	13,010	12,267	11,508
23	Prospect Hill & Stormwater Principal	0	0	0
24	Prospect Hill & Stormwater Interest	0	0	0
	Sub-total Debt	829,014	823,228	768,508
	Total Operating & Debt	1,774,645	2,148,729	2,129,873
25	Estimate for change in AFSCME contract		56	
	Total Operating & Debt & AFSCME	1,774,645	2,148,785	2,129,873
	Article 6 – Overhead*	64,112	67,415	82,030
	GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	1,838,757	2,216,200	2,211,903
	Transfer of Free Cash to Stabilization Fund	653,179	604,454	622,948
	* Amended to include Health Insurance and Medicare to allow comparisons with FY 20			

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Department Enterprise Fund to the General Fund the sum of \$82,030 for the following items and that any other monies 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 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by Board of Water Commissioners)

Board of Selectmen Recommends

Finance Committee Recommends

Rowley Water Department FY 21 Overhead Article				
LINE ITEM	DESCRIPTION	FY 19 ACTUAL	FY 20 BUDGET	FY21 REQUEST
26	County Retirement	52,598	55,556	65,319
27	Life Insurance	41	171	168
28	Accounting	3,595	3,918	4,262
29	Treasurer/Collector	5,403	5,295	7,335
30	Board of Selectmen / Personnel			2,471
31	Audit	2,475	2,475	2,475
	TOTAL	64,112	67,415	82,030

Rowley Water Department Revenue Statement – For Informational Purposes

	FY19	FY20	FY21
Revenues	Actual	Budget	Request
<u>Commitment Rate</u>	2,480,812	2,250,000	2,250,000
<u>Rate Discounts</u>	-92,791	-100,000	-100,000
<u>Rate Abatements</u>	-5,319	-4,000	-5,000
<u>New Customer Services</u>	52,095	48,000	37,500
<u>Capital Improvement fee</u>	0	0	0
<u>Service Charges</u>	0	0	0
<u>Service Charge Abatements</u>	-150	0	0
<u>Interest & Demand</u>	5,810	6,000	6,000
<u>Bank Interest</u>	3,262	1,800	3,003
<u>Registry fee Record liens</u>	6,888	0	6,000
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	0	0	0
<u>Hydrant rentals</u>	14,400	14,400	14,400
Total Revenues	2,465,007	2,216,200	2,211,903
Grand Total Expense Budget	1,838,757	2,216,200	2,211,903
Excess / (shortfall)	626,250	0	0

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$622,948 from the Water Department Enterprise Free Cash to the Water Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Expenditures from the Water Department Stabilization Fund can only be authorized by Town Meeting in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 40§5B

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund for the purpose of removing the deteriorating water tank at the Prospect Hill site or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article requires two-thirds vote. The abandoned tank is located about half way up Prospect Hill. It was totally abandoned at the time of the installation of the new and much larger tank at the top of the hill. While still largely intact, the condition of the exterior of the tank is deteriorating and because of its size and location presents a potential safety hazard.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from the funds appropriated under Article 15 (Sanitary Survey) of the November 14, 2016 Special Town Meeting the sum of \$30,000 to complete the new Risk Assessment updates, required by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article re-purposes the balance of the funds of a 2016 article that funded DEP sanitary survey compliancy measures of the water system. The Water Department is in compliance with the DEP findings, and these funds can be used for other projects. Every five years the Water Department has to re-submit a Risk Assessment and Emergency Response Plan that conforms to revised DEP requirements. The project will create detailed planning and procedural manuals that have to be submitted to the DEP and the EPA and, once agreed to, used by the Water Department in the case of incidents and emergencies.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund for the purpose of inspecting and cleaning the internal solid waste residual basins or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article requires two-thirds vote. Over the last five years the inside residual basin/holding tanks at the Water Treatment Plant have accumulated a significant volume of material that needs to be removed to allow for an inspection of these inside holding tanks. This process will likely need to be repeated on a four or five year cycle to maintain the performance of the plant.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer the sum of \$65,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund to fund cyber resilience and Water Department information technology infrastructure hardening initiatives or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article requires two-thirds vote. These cyber resilience improvements will upgrade and strengthen the Water Department's backup and data storage to prevent and deter cyberattacks. The major component of this article is to upgrade the Water Treatment Plant software and the equipment it runs on. This upgrade will require consulting services as the system is highly customized.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Water Department Stabilization Fund to purchase a hybrid utility vehicle to meet the needs of a fully staffed department or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article requires two-thirds vote. The Water Department expects to be fully staffed (5 full-time licensed employees) in FY21 and will need an additional utility vehicle suitable for basic maintenance activities. The Water Department replaces its vehicles on a 10-year cycle or as warranted by usage and condition.

ARTICLES 13 –16 are standard annual articles. These articles will be voted under one consent motion.

ARTICLE 13. 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 General 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 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,500 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 15. 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 recertification of all properties within the Town of Rowley, said funds 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 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$63,364 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, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Health)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town has received \$1,250,000 from the State of Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Septic Loan funds for taxpayers' repair and /or upgrade of failed septic systems. This appropriation pays the debt on the Town's loan from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 § 53-E1/2, to authorize the following expenditure caps for Fiscal Year 2021:

	Name of Account	Balance Information	Expenditures Not to Exceed
1	Council on Aging	Beginning balance \$118; Income \$120; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$238	\$5,000
2	Board of Health	Beginning balance \$41,941; Income \$7,158; Expense \$7,799; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$41,300	\$20,000

3	Parks & Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen Facilities	Beginning balance \$14,801; Income \$17,285; Expense \$3,958; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$28,128	\$30,000
4	Board of Selectmen - Home Composting Bins	Beginning balance \$526; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$526	\$2,000
5	Highway Department	Beginning balance \$33; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$33	\$12,000
6	Shellfish Department	Beginning balance \$17,563; Income \$520; Expense \$1,242; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$16,841	\$6,000
7	Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Appeals	Beginning balance \$18,305; Income \$1,516; Expense \$763; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$19,058	\$4,000
8	Board of Cemetery Commissioners	Beginning balance \$14,172; Income \$1,256; Expense \$3,793; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$11,635	\$20,000
9	Library	Beginning balance \$2,454; Income \$1,511; Expense \$372; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$3,593	\$2,500
10	Agricultural Commission	Beginning balance \$3,626; Income \$60; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$3,686	\$5,000
11	Harbormaster	Beginning balance \$0; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$0	\$30,000
12	Board of Selectmen & Parks and Recreation Community Events	Beginning balance \$5,255; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$5,255	\$20,000
13	Records Access	Beginning balance \$0; Income \$0; Expense \$0; Ending balance on 2/29/20 \$0	\$5,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

(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, Board of Cemetery Commissioners, Board of Library Trustees, Agricultural Commission, Harbormaster and Records Access Officer)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The State Revolving Fund Law, G.L. c.44 Section 53E ½ requires an annual expenditure authorization. Article 17 will be voted under one consent motion.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG (Public-Education-Government) Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of \$71,311 for wages and \$30,600 for expenses to support the cable television PEG access services and programming, including any associated expert and legal services, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This appropriation is necessary under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 §53F ¾ and funds the operation of Rowley Community Media (RCM), the Town's local access cable channel. RCM records Town board and committee meetings, annual and special Town meetings, and community events. RCM airs a variety of local programs, including Triton Regional School District and Whitter Vocational Technical High School sports games, concerts and other school events, community bulletins and notices, and operates Comcast Channel 9 and Verizon Channel 26.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2021 annual revenues the amounts recommended by Community Preservation Committee for

committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Summary of recommendations by Category:

Reserves

- Creation and Support of Affordable Housing \$32,432.74
- Creation and Support of Historical Preservation \$10,539.30

Appropriations

- Debt Service for Bradstreet Farm land acquisition \$198,412.50
- Debt Service for Dodge Reservation Property \$124,800.00
- Administration - 5 % \$ 31,143.71

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Town expects to realize approximately \$632,874.28 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds comprised of real estate tax receipts (\$532,371.18), 17% matching funds from the State (\$90,503.10) and interest income (\$10,000) in Fiscal Year 2021. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected after deducting appropriate debt service for each of the following areas: open space, historic preservation and community housing. Any unexpended administrative expenses will be returned to the general Undesignated Community Preservation fund. All funds realized above those reserved or appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA funds available for appropriation in Fiscal Year 2021 or to be carried over to Fiscal Year 2022.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Stretch Energy Code General Bylaw as printed below or take any other action relative thereto.

Stretch Energy Code
General Bylaw

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 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.

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 new buildings.

3. Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR115.AA, as indicated.

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 Rowley General Bylaws.

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Building Inspector effective as of the date the Attorney General approves this bylaw.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: Passage of the bylaw is one of the eligibility requirements of the Town's application to become a Massachusetts Green Community. If the Town achieves Green Community status from the State, the Town will be eligible to receive grant funding for a variety of energy efficient projects. Adoption of the Stretch Code only impacts new construction and major gut renovations. It does not impact additions, renovations and repairs.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting Section 4 of the Town Meeting Bylaw, which reads as follows:

Section 4. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant thereof in at least seven (7) public places in the town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting. The minimum seven (7) places for posting shall be Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., the Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, First National Bank of Ipswich/Rowley Office and Market Basket. Bylaws and other documents approved by a Town Meeting and designated for posting shall be in the same seven (7) places. (ATM 5/18/09, Article #19)

and replacing it with a new Section 4 which reads as follows:

Section 4. Notice of every Town Meeting shall be given by posting copies of the warrant thereof in at least three (3) public places in the town and on the Town website not less than fourteen (14) days before the date fixed for the meeting. The minimum three (3) places for public posting shall be the Town Hall, Town Hall Annex and the Rowley Public Library. Bylaws and other documents approved by a Town Meeting and designated for posting shall be posted in the same manner.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Town Clerk)

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: In this Internet driven 21st Century society, it seems less useful to continue to post information on bulletin boards in locations that the Town has no control over, such as banks, gas stations and grocery stores. The Town Clerk is proposing physical posting in three town-owned buildings. The entire warrant will be posted on the newly-designed Town website, www.townofrowley.net

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000 to the Capital Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: These funds will be used to procure future capital projects.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to re-accept G.L. c. 32B, § 20, and establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB Fund), effective immediately, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: In 2016 the Legislature re-wrote G.L. c.32B§20, concerning municipalities' authority to create OPEB trust accounts. The Town Counsel has recommended that the Town vote to re-accept the provisions of G.L. c. 32B, § 20 and establish an OPEB trust fund. These funds will be used to offset the future health insurance costs of retired Town employees.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB Fund) established under G.L. c. 32B, § 20, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article allows the Board of Selectmen to continue with its plan of funding the OPEB Trust Fund, which will offset the future healthcare costs of retired Town employees. The Town's financial advisors and auditors recommend the Town pay into this Trust Fund each year. The net liability as of June 30, 2020 is \$3,912,047. This appropriation excludes the Water Department and Rowley Municipal Light Plant portions of their retiree health insurance contributions; these are funded through their own budgets.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000 to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Setting aside funds in the Stabilization Fund each year is recommended by the Town's auditors and financial advisors.


ARTICLE 26. And to meet in Saint Mary's Church (rear), Route 1A, in said Rowley on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 12:00 NOON to act on the following:

Two Selectmen	three years
One Board of Assessors Member	three years
One Planning Board Member	five years
One Rowley Housing Authority Member	five years
One Municipal Light Board Member	three years
One Municipal Light Board Member	one year unexpired
One Municipal Water Board Member	three years
One Shellfish Commissioner	three years
One Cemetery Commissioner	three years
Three Trustees for Public Library	three years
<u>For Regional School District Committee</u>	
One Newbury Member	three years
One Rowley Member	three years
One Salisbury Member	three years


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 4th day of June in the year two thousand twenty.



Clifford Pierce, Chairman



Joseph Perry, Vice Chairman



Robert Snow, Clerk



David Petersen



Deana M. P. Ziev

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, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Town Hall Annex, and The Brookline Bank, formerly known as First National Bank of Ipswich -Rowley Office.

Constable of Rowley

Date

Town of Rowley, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 22, 2020

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, 191 Main Street, Route 1A, on Monday, the 22nd day of June 2020 at 6:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on reports of Committees and Boards.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 from Line 173 (Unemployment) of Article 4 of the May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting to be added to Line 9 (Selectmen's Expense) of Article 4 of the May 6, 2019 Annual Town

Meeting to pay for the expenses incurred to hold the June 22, 2020 Annual and Special Town Meetings, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This article provides the funds to pay for the June 22, 2020 Annual and Special Town Meetings.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$26,000 from Line 14 (Collective Bargaining Reserve) of Article 4 (FY 20 Operating Budget) of the May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting to Line 66 (Police Department Wages) of Article 4 (FY 20 Annual Operating Budget) of the May 6, 2019 Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of funding the cost items of the first year of a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Local 360 covering the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: These funds were budgeted by the Board of Selectmen in Fiscal Year 2020 in anticipation of funding a successor agreement with the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Local 360 Union. The Town and the Police Union have signed a Memorandum of Agreement. Passage of this article funds the first year of this collective bargaining agreement.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will appropriate \$152,383 from Insurance Proceeds over \$150,000 Receipts Reserved to be transferred to Article 20 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting (Renovation of Pine Grove School), or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: These are insurance claim funds resulting from a mold claim at the Pine Grove School. The mold was remediated in the building and the cost was paid through the project budget. These funds will be applied to reduce the project cost.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will appropriate \$100,000 from the unexpended proceeds of the bonds of the Town dated July 26, 2018 which were issued for constructing an addition to the Police Station and constructing a new Fire Station authorized under the vote of the Town passed at the May 2, 2016 Annual Town Meeting (Article 19), which project is now complete, and for which no further liability remains, to pay costs of repairing, replacing and constructing various major systems and building components at the Pine Grove Elementary School, which project was authorized under the

vote of the Town passed at the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting (Article 20), including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, provided that the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project be reduced by a like amount, as permitted by Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: These funds will be re-purposed and used to reduce the Pine Grove School Building borrowing amount.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$8,500 from the unexpended proceeds of bonds of the Town which were issued for police HVAC purposes under Article 18, Paragraph 3 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and transferred to the repair and replacing of the Highway garage lifts under Article 15 of the May 30, 2018 Special Town Meeting, which project is now complete, and for which no further liability remains, to pay costs of painting the Highway Garage and facilities, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article appropriates \$8,500 of prior capital project funding to be used to pay for the painting of the Highway Department facilities.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,250.83 from the unexpended proceeds of a serial note of the Town which was issued for the purchase of an outboard motor and related equipment for the Shellfish Department under Article 23, Paragraph 4 of the May 1, 2017 Annual Town Meeting, which project is now complete, and for which no further liability remains, to pay costs of purchasing portable radios for the fire department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The cost to purchase the Shellfish Department outboard motor and related equipment came under budget. The balance of the funds will be used to purchase portable radios for the Fire Department with additional funds from the Capital Budget, Article 11 below.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$45,694.89 from the excess bond and note premium received by the Town upon the issuance of various bonds and notes of the Town to pay costs of repairing, replacing and constructing various major systems and building components at the Pine Grove Elementary School, which project was authorized under the vote of the Town passed May 1, 2017 (Article 20), including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, provided that the amount authorized to be borrowed for such project be reduced by a like amount, as permitted by Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article applies these funds towards the reducing the Pine Grove School renovation project.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of \$3,150 from Article 3 of the May 6, 2019 Special Town Meeting (Library HVAC) to be used to purchase and install an assistive sound system for the Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Library Trustees)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article re-purposes the balance of funds used to correct uneven heating and cooling zones in the Library's HVAC system. These funds will be used towards the purchase of a new assistive sound system which will be installed in the Community Meeting Room. The system will tie into the existing speakers and include additional microphones to make meetings and programs more accessible to hearing impaired individuals. The estimated cost of this system is \$10,500. The balance of funds will come from State Library Aid.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate by transfer the sum of \$8,158.44 from Article 17 (Records Archiving) of the May 4, 2015 Special Town Meeting to be used for the proper classification and archival of Town records, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This article broadens the purpose of previously appropriated funds. The previous purpose was for the funds to be used for records archiving and for storing the records on microfilm. Passage of this article funds the professional inventorying and classification of records in accordance with the Municipal Records Retention Schedule from the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Once properly classified, records will be either archived or disposed, if obsolete, in accordance with the Municipal Records Retention Schedule.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of \$137,297.62 from Free Cash and to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$1,302.38 from Article 17 (FY 19 Capital Spending) of the April 30, 2018 Special Town Meeting to be expended by the following departments as listed below for the purpose of undertaking the following capital purchases and improvements:

1. \$17,000 for technology for the following: purchasing and installing computers, software programs, and other related peripherals for the following departments: Highway, Selectmen's Office, Library, and Police Departments.
2. \$85,600 for the purchase of departmental equipment as follows: portable radios, repeater and turnout gear for the Fire Department; Portable Radios and Tasers for Police Department, sign boards for the Council on Aging
3. \$36,000 for facilities upgrades as follows: paving of Town landing; and replacing Annex carpet; and painting the interior of the Annex

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: These capital purchases and improvements are part of the Town's Capital Plan.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to be used by the Tree Warden for public shade tree cutting and maintenance, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Tree Warden)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Passage of this article will fund the continuance of the tree cutting program. Many public trees on Town streets have been weakened by droughts and insect infestations. These funds will allow the Tree Warden to procure services to cut or trim dead or sick Town trees or to remove dead branches from otherwise healthy Town trees.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to be used by the Cemetery Commissioners for the purpose cutting, trimming and maintaining trees within the Cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Cemetery Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: All of the trees in the Cemetery are very old and have been deteriorating over time. The trees have dead limbs and splitting trunks due to heavy branches. The trees pose a safety issue and need general arbor maintenance. These funds will be used to cut trees and trim branches to prevent tree limbs from falling onto cars, people, and gravestones.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Cemetery Lots and Graves Account, the sum of \$9,000 to be used by the Cemetery Commissioners for the purpose of purchasing a new mower and a storage cabinet, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Cemetery Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Cemetery Department is in need of a new mower and will use these funds, with additional funds from Article 15 below, to purchase a zero turn mower, which is easier to use in an area such as the Cemetery. The cabinet will be used to store gasoline and related products.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to sell two Bobcat Cemetery Department mowers and to place the proceeds of the sale into Cemetery Lots and Graves account, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The Cemetery Department has two "walk behind" Bobcat mowers; one is a 2003 model and the other is a 2006 model. These mowers do not have zero turn capability. Due to the age of these mowers, 17 years old and 14 years, it is cost prohibitive to repair and maintain them. The new zero turn riding mower models have replaced these older "walk behind" mowers. The funds generated by the sale of these mowers will be used to offset the cost of the new zero turn mower requested in Article 14.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Cemetery Commission account, "Expand Sections G & H" Article 15 of the May 14, 2007 Annual Town Meeting, the sum of \$3,682.94 and to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Cemetery Commission account "Section G & H Paving" Article 18 of the May 6, 2013 Special Town Meeting to a new article "Construct, Maintain and Expand Cemetery Roads" or take any other action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This funding will be used to construct new roads in Sections G & H and to create and maintain other Cemetery roads. Passage of this article closes these two Cemetery accounts and combines the funds from these accounts into one new account.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting the following language in Section 12 of the Cemetery Bylaw as shown in **bold underline** typeface:

Section 12. Cemetery lots shall be used only for the burial of the human dead. **To prevent grave settlement, concrete vaults are required for all burials except for cremations.**

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners)

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: This bylaw change will keep the graves from collapsing.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Fiscal Year 2020 annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community

Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, debt service, community preservation projects and other expenses, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Summary of recommendations by Category:

Reserve: Creation and Support of Affordable Housing \$17,477.78

Reserve: Creation and Support of Historical Preservation \$17,477.78

or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Community Preservation Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Rowley's revenue expectations for the fund were based on a 17% match from the State. This year the actual State Match was 44% or \$199,367. The Rowley Tax Surcharge will collect \$519,386.52 in CPA Funds in Fiscal Year 2020, plus interest income of \$10,000.00. The Community Preservation Act requires the Town to set aside 10% of funds collected after deducting appropriate debt service for each of the following areas: open space, historic preservation and community housing. Passage of this article will increase the funds allocated to Affordable Housing and Historical Preservation, as required with the increase in the State match. All funds realized above those reserved or appropriated will become general Undesignated CPA funds available for appropriation in Fiscal year 2020 or to be carried over to fiscal year 2021.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$17,500 from the Community Preservation Act Historical Preservation Fund to be used by the Historic District Commission for the purchase and installation of signs to designate the entering and leaving of each of the two historic districts in the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Historic District Commission and the Community Preservation Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This project will be done in two phases. The first phase will include four signs that need to be replaced either due to damage or wear, and a new sign in the area at Glen Mills on Glen Street. The second phase will include the installation of two signs on Wethersfield Street and Cross Street.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to General Laws Chapter 44B, to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$16,800 from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund to be used by the Conservation Commission to start and complete a boardwalk on the Pingree Farm Conservation Area to provide walking access to the State Forest, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Conservation Commission and the Community Preservation Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: The original article requested \$9,700 to complete this project. Due to compacted subsurface soil conditions, the use of a small manned tracked excavator to auger 76 holes for vertical supports is required as well as the increase in cost for both labor and materials an additional \$16,800 is required. These additional funds will allow the work to be done in an efficient manner.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$85,000 from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund to be used by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee to enable the Town of Rowley to renovate the basketball court in front of Pine Grove School, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen, Parks and Recreation Committee & Community Preservation Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: This funding if approved would be used to renovate the Pine Grove basketball

court. The existing court is deteriorated and is not a full size court. It hasn't had any substantial improvements for many years. The renovated court would include all new pavement, lines, backboards, nets/hoops, team benches and portable grandstand seating for parents. The existing ¾ court would be expanded to a full court. Other than baseball and soccer fields, the Town doesn't have any other outdoor athletic facilities. This project would create a safe place for residents to practice and have fun playing basketball outdoors.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$6,500 from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Fund to be used by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee to enable the Town of Rowley to purchase and install a batting cage at Eiras Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen, Parks and Recreation Committee & Community Preservation Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Unlike many of the surrounding towns, Rowley does not have batting cages for Little Leaguers. The proposed batting cage would be professionally installed and be roughly 70 feet by 20 feet by 15 feet, made of heavy gauge steel and would include a removable batting mat. The batting cage would be used by all ages of children in Rowley who are involved in baseball and softball.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,760 from the Community Preservation Act Undesignated Funds to be used by the Board of Selectmen upon recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee to enable the Town of Rowley to purchase and install home run fencing at Eiras Park Field 1, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen, Parks and Recreation Committee & Community Preservation Committee)

Finance Committee Recommends

Explanatory Note: Rowley does not have permanent home run fencing at Eiras Park Field 1. Rowley Youth Baseball has been purchasing and installing plastic temporary fencing at their expense, and it requires constant maintenance during the season. The field is incomplete without a permanent home run fence.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw adding the language in **bold underline** and deleting the language in ~~strike through~~ as follows:

- a. in Section 2.0, "Definitions," by adding the underlined text and deleting the ~~text marked with strike throughs~~ in the following definition:

"Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) Installation, Large Scale: A solar photovoltaic system with an output of 100kW or more and that covers more than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of area."

- b. in Section 4.6, concerning the Retail District, by adding the following subsections (h) and (i) after Section 4.6.2(g):

"h) Large-scale solar photovoltaic (SPV) installations which may serve as the primary use or as a use which is accessory to a primary commercial use, subject to Site Plan Review approval by the Planning Board and pursuant to the requirements specified under Zoning Bylaw Sections 8.9.2 through 8.9.5 excepting that commercial SPVs under this section are by-right uses subject to Site Plan Review and not the Special Permit review specified under Section 8.9.1.

“i) Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) research laboratories and facilities.”

- c. in Section 4.7, concerning the Business / Light Industry District, by adding the following subsections (g) and (h) after Section 4.7.2(f):

“g) Large-scale solar photovoltaic (SPV) installations which may serve as the primary use or as a use which is accessory to a primary commercial use, subject to Site Plan Review approval by the Planning Board and pursuant to the requirements specified under Zoning Bylaw Sections 8.9.2 through 8.9.5 excepting that commercial SPVs under this section are by-right uses subject to Site Plan Review and not the Special Permit review specified under Section 8.9.1.

“h) Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) research laboratories and facilities.”

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Planning Board)

Finance Committee Recommendation not required.

Explanatory note: Passage requires a two-thirds vote. This article will amend the zoning bylaw to allow for by-right permitting (approval with site plan review by the Planning Board) of Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) installations in the commercial (Retail or Business Light Industry) zoning districts, and will also permit the by-right installation of Solar Energy Research Laboratories and Facilities in the Retail and Business Light Industry zoning districts. Please note that general use Research Laboratories and Facilities will remain as options in both district with Special Permit approval by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 8.6 of the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaws by adding the language in **bold underline** and deleting the language in ~~strike through~~ as follows:

8.6 Outdoor Illumination Standards, Including Standards for Illuminated Signs

- 8.6.1 Purpose: The purpose of this section is to establish standards pertaining to the outdoor illumination of commercial and industrial uses, and multi-family dwellings, so as to **minimize light trespass and glare visible from abutting parcels and the public right-of-way, to promote traffic and pedestrian safety, to protect property values, and to enhance** foster the aesthetic appearance of the town **by minimizing light pollution throughout the town.**

8.6.2 Definitions

“Lumen”: The basic unit of measurement for light at its source. For the purposes of this bylaw, the lumen output shall be the initial lumen rating listed by the bulb manufacturer's specification data sheet at the rated voltage and power (watts).

~~“Footcandle”(fc): A measurement of the amount of light reaching an object. A footcandle is the measurement of the intensity of one lumen of light falling on one square foot of surface area one foot away from the source.~~

“Luminaire”: A complete lighting unit or fixture, consisting of a lamp or lamps, ballast (when applicable), and any part designed to distribute the light, position the unit, protect the lamps (housing), and connect lamps to the power supply.

"Full cut-off fixture design (fully shielded)": A luminaire which is designed, constructed, and installed so that no light is emitted at an angle above the horizontal plane through the lowest light emitting part (including refractors, reflectors, or other devices) of the luminaire.

"Light Trespass": Illumination from a luminaire on a property with a commercial or multifamily use where the light is emitted, without shielding, filtering, or refraction, pointed directly skyward, or pointed directly into the space beyond the luminaire and which then that goes beyond the parcel lot lines on which the luminaire is located, to abutting parcels with an residential use or into the public right-of-way. ~~at a footcandle level greater than the original (natural) illumination level as measured at the lot line in a horizontal and vertical plane.~~

"Glare": A level of illumination from a property with a commercial or multifamily use which projects directly into the public right-of-way, or projects directly onto an abutting property with a residential use, which impairs or interferes with visual performance, or results in a nuisance.

8.6.3 Application

- 8.6.3.1 Except as provided in section 8.6.3.2, the illumination standards established by this section apply to any outdoor luminaire, or to any outdoor illuminated sign, that is maintained by or in connection with, or for the purpose of illuminating or promoting, any commercial or industrial use, or any multi-family residential dwelling, in the Town of Rowley.
- 8.6.3.2 Any outdoor luminaire or outdoor illuminated sign that was in existence prior to February 13, 2001 shall be exempt from the standards established by this section, until such time as the luminaire or sign is replaced or redesigned. A luminaire or sign shall be considered to have been replaced if any part of the luminaire or sign (e.g., starter, mounting arm, reflector, hardware, wiring, sign structure) is replaced, except that a replacement of any bulb used in a luminaire or sign will not by itself be considered a replacement of such luminaire or sign.

8.6.4 Standards Pertaining to Luminaires

- 8.6.4.1 ~~Any~~ **Free-standing** luminaire ~~with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of 2000 or more initial lumens,~~ shall be installed in a horizontal orientation and shall utilize full cut-off fixture design so that the focal area of the light source is directed generally downward, and illumination levels lessen the further you get from the center of the luminaire focal area.
- 8.6.4.2 ~~Any w~~ Wall-mounted (wall-pack) luminaire ~~with a lamp or lamps rated at a total of 2000 or more initial lumens~~ shall utilize full cut-off fixture design.
- 8.6.4.3 Free-standing and wall-mounted luminaires shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in height.
- 8.6.4.4 Light trespass or glare onto residential property is prohibited.

8.6.4.5 When a commercial or industrial use is closed for business, illumination levels for general parking or pedestrian areas shall be reduced from the above specified levels to a partial level required for security. For any activity not addressed by this section, luminaires shall be designed and maintained so that the average illumination level does not exceed the average illumination level published for such activity by the IESNA Handbook.

~~8.6.4.6 Luminaires shall be designed and maintained so that the average illumination levels for general parking and pedestrian areas and vehicle use areas, during hours of the day when a commercial or industrial use is open for business, will not exceed the following:~~

	Level of Activity	Footcandles on Pavement - Average
<u>General Parking and Pedestrian Areas</u>	High	3.6
	Medium	2.4
	Low	0.8
<u>Vehicle Use Areas</u>	High	2.0
	Medium	1.0
	Low	0.5

~~High: major regional shopping center, malls, athletic events~~

~~Medium: community shopping centers, transportation parking lots, office parks~~

~~Low: neighborhood shopping, industrial employee parking[†]~~

8.6.4.7 No luminaire shall be installed or maintained so that its light output is aimed, directed, or focused at motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic.

8.6.4.8 ~~In regards to the External illumination of displays, buildings, and architectural features shall be performed with a luminaire or luminaires rated at a total of less than 2000 initial lumens.~~ Lighting shall be specifically targeted at the particular architectural or landscape features, and shall not project beyond such features.

8.6.4.9 Search light or laser light skyward display is prohibited.

8.6.5 Standards Pertaining to Illuminated Signs

8.6.5.1 Sign illumination may be permitted subject to a design review and the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board, and subject to compliance with the illumination standards established by section 8.6.5.

8.6.5.2 All sign illumination shall be turned off after closing time.

8.6.5.3 No off-premises illuminated signs are allowed.

8.6.5.4 Externally-illuminated, free-standing signs shall be illuminated from the top pointing downward (luminaires mounted from below the sign are not permitted) except that the Planning Board may waive this requirement and permit a free-standing sign to be illuminated from the bottom pointing upward if the Board finds that the proposed fixtures comply with section 8.6.5.5 and are otherwise consistent with the intent of the Zoning Bylaw.

8.6.5.4.1 Building-mounted facade signs may be illuminated from the bottom of the sign under the following conditions: (a) the sign must be mounted on the building at least eight (8) feet above ground level (as measured from the bottom of the sign), but below the roof line; (b) only fluorescent tube lighting with concentric metallic opaque shielding is allowed; and (c) the luminaire or luminaires must be shielded to direct the light onto the sign only with no projection beyond the building face.

8.6.5.5 The fixtures used to illuminate externally-illuminated signs must be fully shielded to prevent glare to pedestrian and vehicular traffic - i.e., such fixtures must be designed to insure that motorists and pedestrians in the area do not have a direct view of the light source.

~~8.6.5.6 The average illumination level on the surface of an externally illuminated sign shall not exceed 20 footcandles for white or light-colored backgrounds, and 50 footcandles for black or dark-colored backgrounds.²~~

8.6.5.7 Box signs (luminous element signs) shall utilize a dark (density) translucent or opaque background color (not white) with lighter (color and density, not clear) translucent or opaque lettering, and/or graphics.

~~8.6.5.8 Internally lighted signs shall not exceed the following average levels of illuminance.~~

<u>Areas of Application</u>	<u>Luminance-candelas/ft</u>
Lighted facades & fascia signs	20
Bright fascia signs as in shopping centers	32
Low brightness areas/dark surroundings	55
Average commercial environment	80

8.6.5.9 Animated or motion signs are prohibited.

8.6.6 Verification of Compliance

The lighting enforcement agent, under supervision by the zoning enforcement agent specified under section 7.3.1 of the zoning bylaw, shall verify compliance of luminaires associated with Special Permit and Site Plan approvals for commercial, industrial, or multi-family uses and shall otherwise enforce the terms of this Section 8.6. ~~The owner of any lot or property on which a luminaire or sign subject to this bylaw is located or proposed to be located shall have the burden of demonstrating that the existing or proposed luminaire or sign complies with the standards established by this section. The manufacturer's specification data (cut) sheet may be used to establish the lumen level of a luminaire and, if required, to verify the use of full cut-off fixture design. Illumination levels may be verified through the use of a manufacturer's photometric data sheet and/or photometric site drawing, or through on-site calibrated light level meter readings.~~

8.6.7 Enforcement

Upon lighting enforcement agent determination that luminaire is non-compliant, the agent shall then send written notice of the violation to the property owner who shall then have 90 days to bring said luminaire into compliance. If violator fails to correct violation in 90 days, then said property owner shall be subject to penalties specified under Section 7.7.1 of the zoning bylaw.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Planning Board)

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: Passage requires a two-thirds vote. This article will amend Section 8.6 of the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw ("Zoning Bylaw") pertaining to outdoor illumination standards by removing language pertaining to physical measurements of illumination levels on commercial use properties which require specialized equipment, training and expertise to apply, and instead, uses more objective criterion involving determining whether there is excessive glare from, unshielded, and/or unfiltered lighting fixture located on a commercial property, which is directly observable from the public right-of-way, or from an abutting residential use property. It also introduces text which ties enforcement of the new lighting standards to the existing enforcement procedures of Section 7.7.1. It should be noted that these standards only apply only to commercial use lighting fixtures and not to residential use lighting fixtures.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw Section 6.1.3.1 by inserting new text in **bold underline** as follows:

6.1.3 Yard Area

6.1.3.1 In all districts, except the Retail District or the Business/Light Industry District, nothing other than fences, walks, public and private utilities and utility lines, septic systems, water supplies, and driveways shall be built on any lot nearer than fifty (50) feet to street lines and fifteen (15) feet to other lot lines, except with permission of the Board of Appeals which will take into consideration the alignment of existing adjacent structures, **or, also excepting that in the Central Zoning District, with Special Permit approval from the Board of Appeals, that no building, structure, or parking area need have a front setback that is greater than the average of the setbacks on the lots on either side. In the case where an abutting lot is a vacant lot, or a lot occupied by a**

building setback more than the required front yard depth, each abutting lot shall be considered as though occupied by a building at the required setback.

6.1.3.2 Minimum Setback Areas in the Retail District or the Business/Light Industry District.

6.1.3.2.1 Except as permitted by Section 6.1.3.2.4, nothing shall be built or installed on any lot in the Retail District or the Business/Light Industry District within the minimum setback area (MSA) measured from street lines and other non-street, lot lines.

6.1.3.2.2 The MSA measured from street lines shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) for buildings which do not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) feet in length on the side facing the street, the MSA shall be fifty (50) feet from the street line;
- (b) for buildings which exceed one hundred and fifty (150) feet in length on the side facing the street, the MSA shall be equal to the length of the building on the side facing the street divided by three (3); and
- (c) , for buildings that are stepped back from the street one or more times, separate MSAs shall be calculated, using the criteria stated above, for the length of the building closest to the street, and for each length of the building stepped back from the street.

6.1.3.2.3 The MSA measured from non-street, lot lines shall be fifteen (15) feet.

6.1.3.2.4 The provisions of Section 6.1.3.2.1 are subject to the following exceptions:

- (a) fences, walks, utilities, utility lines, septic systems, water supplies, and signs may be built or installed in an MSA ;
- (b) parking spaces may be located within an MSA measured from a street line, provided that in no event will parking spaces be allowed within fifty (50) feet of the street line, or within a distance from the street line of one-half (1/2) of the MSA calculated for that street line, whichever distance is greater; and
- (c) a site access road may be built across an MSA measured from a street line, except that, within the distance described by Section 6.1.3.2.4 (b) above, the site access road shall run perpendicular, or nearly perpendicular, to the setback line; a site access road may not, within this distance, serve as a portion of a perimeter road running adjacent or parallel to the structure.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Planning Board)

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: Passage requires a two-thirds vote. This article proposes to amend the Rowley Protective Zoning Bylaw Section 6.1.3.1 to allow the Board of Appeals to grant a Special Permit to properties in the Central Zoning District that would reduce the required 50-foot front MSA to conform to the average of the actual building front setbacks located on either side of the subject parcel. In the event an abutting building setback is greater than the required setback or the abutting property is vacant, the bylaw will treat the abutting property as if they were occupied with buildings located at the required zoning setback.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to rezone the approximately 3.6-acre portion of the property located at 275 Main Street (Rowley Assessor's Map 26, Lot 25-3) shown on the attached map exhibit from Outlying District to Central District, with the result that the entire 5.14-acre parcel shall lie within the Central District, or to take any other action in connection therewith.

(Inserted by Citizen Petition)

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required.

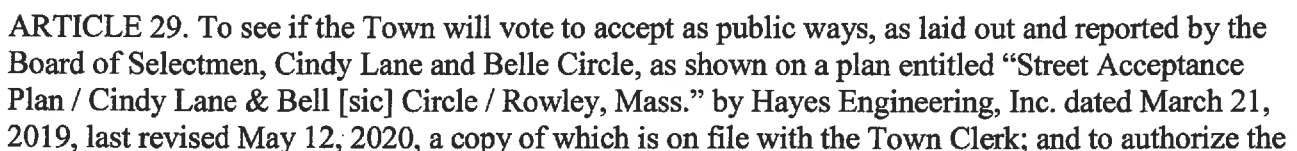
Explanatory Note: Passage requires a two-thirds vote. Currently the 5.14-acre parcel located at 275 Main Street (Rowley Assessor's Map 26, Lot 25-3) is split-zoned so that the eastern portion that consists of approximately 3.66 acres in the Outlying (OD) zoning district, and the western portion that consists of approximately 1.31 acres in the Central (CenD) zoning district. This article proposes to amend the Town Zoning Map so that the entire property is rezoned Central (CenD) zoning district.

Rezone 3.7 acre portion of 275 Main Street from Outlying (OD) Zoning District to Central (CenD) Zoning District.



(Inserted by Citizen Petition)

Explanatory Note: Passage requires a two-thirds vote. This article proposes to modify the Town Zoning Map so that the approximately 2.75 acre portion of land located in the rear of the property located at 124 Newburyport Turnpike (Rowley Assessor's Map 14, Lot 29) is changed from the Outlying (OD) zoning district to the Central (CenD) zoning district, resulting that of the total 11.46 acre parcel, that the approximately 10.0 acres rear portion is located in the Business Light Industry (BLI) zoning district, and the approximately 1.46 acre front portion with frontage on Route 1/Newburyport Turnpike is located in the Retail (RE) zoning district.



Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain such interests in land as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith; or to take any other action in relative thereto.
(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Triton Regional School District Agreement by adding the language in **bold underline** and deleting the language in ~~striketrough~~ as follows:

AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR THE
TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Current Draft as of:
~~November 18, 2019~~ **April 2, 2020**

Original Agreement Adoption Date:	1966
Amended Agreement Adoption Date:	1993
Reviewed Agreement Date:	1997
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Anticipated Amendment Adoption Date:	Spring, 2020

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AGREEMENT OVERVIEW:

This agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended (MGL), between the Towns of Newbury, Rowley and Salisbury, hereinafter sometimes referred to as member towns ~~and to form~~ the Triton Regional School District hereinafter sometimes referred to as the District. In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained it is hereby agreed as follows:

SECTION I: THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- A. **COMPOSITION:** The powers and duties of the ~~Regional School District~~ shall be vested and exercised by a Regional District School Committee, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the Committee. The ~~Triton Regional School Committee~~ shall consist of three members from each member town.

Nominations for membership on the ~~Regional District School Committee~~ shall be made in accordance with the procedures prescribed by law for nomination of town officers in the member town in which the nominee resides. Town Clerks in each member town will certify election results to each other as soon as possible after the district wide election, but in no case later than forty-eight (48) hours after the polls close. Town Clerks will administer the oath of office to the duly elected ~~Regional District School Committee~~ members from their respective towns. Members serve a three-year term on a staggered basis. ~~Annually, one~~ One member from each member town is elected district-wide with residency requirements pursuant MGL Chapter 71, Section 14E(3), except that the election shall be held annually in an election to be held on the second Tuesday in May in accordance with Chapter 390 of the Acts and Resolves of 1993.

- B. **VACANCIES:** Any vacancy occurring on the ~~Regional District School Committee~~ for any cause shall be filled by the local Board of Selectmen and the remaining ~~Regional District School Committee~~ members from the member town in which the vacancy occurs. Such replacement shall serve until the next scheduled ~~Regional District School Committee~~ district-wide election at which time a candidate shall be elected to fill the remainder of the term.
- C. **ORGANIZATION:** Annually, at the first ~~Regional District School Committee~~ meeting held after the district wide election, the ~~Regional District School Committee~~ shall organize and elect by ballot a chairperson, ~~and~~ vice-chairperson ~~and secretary~~ from its own membership. At this organizational meeting, the ~~Regional District School Committee~~ shall fix the time and place for its regular meetings, provide for the calling of special meetings upon notice to all its members, choose such other officers as it deems advisable, and prescribe the powers and duties of these officers. The Committee shall also appoint the

secretary on an annual basis and the district treasurer on an annual basis or by multi-year contract as determined by the Committee.

D. **QUORUM:** A quorum to conduct business shall consist of five Committee members except ~~for budgetary considerations [NW1]~~ where a two-thirds (six members) vote of the ~~committee~~ Committee is required by law or as stipulated elsewhere in this agreement [NW2]. A number less than five may adjourn.

E. **VOTES AND GOVERNANCE:** ~~Any action voted by the Regional District School Committee which directly and specifically affects the elementary school(s) in only one town requires that all members of the Committee from the town in which the affected elementary school is located vote in support of that action. The intent of full regionalization is to expand existing programs and/or to install new programs in the elementary schools to address inequities rather than to reduce or eliminate programs in any elementary school. Furthermore, the intent of this clause is to provide protection to an elementary school(s) for programs that existed at the time of full regionalization. All members of the Regional District School Committee from the town in which the affected elementary school is located must vote in support of any action to close a school, to eliminate an existing program, or to reduce funding for staff or supplies for an existing program. The Regional District School Committee may vote to expand existing programs or to install new programs in an elementary school(s) by a majority vote. Closing an elementary school, or reconfiguring or eliminating the grades with an elementary school, shall require the approval of two-thirds of the Committee members from the affected member town(s) in addition to the approval of the Committee. [NW3]~~

The ~~Regional District School Committee~~ shall be responsible for maintaining a policy manual for the operation of the Regional Schools, the organization of the administrative staff, and the governance of the District as an educational entity in accordance with MGL Chapter 71.

SECTION II: TYPE OF REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL

- A. ~~The Regional School District~~ shall include all grades from PK - 12.
- B. The high school shall serve students in grades 9 – 12.
- C. The middle school shall serve students in grades 7 – 8.
- D. The elementary schools shall serve students in grades PK – 6.

SECTION III: LOCATION OF SCHOOLS

- A. The ~~Regional School District~~ middle and high school buildings shall be located on the site currently owned by the District in the Town of Newbury.
- B. There shall be not less than one elementary school in each member town. Students in grades PK - 6 shall attend schools in their towns of residence, except in cases of emergency, children attending district-wide programs, or intra-district school choice in accordance with District policy ~~as defined by the Regional District School Committee, children attending special education low incidence classes, regional "magnet" classes, or intra-district school choice.~~
- C. At the time of full regionalization, all equipment, supplies, and materials in each elementary school were turned over to the District. The Town of Newbury shall continue to make the land and building presently known as the Newbury Elementary School available to the District. The Town of Rowley shall continue to make the land and building presently known as Pine Grove School available to the District. The Salisbury Elementary School is owned by the ~~Regional School District~~. The Town of Salisbury shall continue to make the land for the site presently known as Salisbury Elementary School available to the District. Should ~~the Town of Salisbury, at any time, a member town~~ withdraw from the ~~Triton Regional School District, Salisbury Elementary~~ the member town's elementary School ~~school~~ facility shall be returned over to the member town.

SECTION IV: FACILITIES: CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL PLAN

The Committee shall develop, maintain, and update annually a five year capital development plan that will enable the District and the member towns to anticipate and make budgetary provision for significant expenditures on facilities, including, but not limited to, the development and maintenance of buildings, major systems, hardscape, and athletic facilities.

SECTION IV: APPORTIONMENT & PAYMENT OF COSTS INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT

- ~~A.~~ **CLASSIFICATION OF COSTS:** For the purpose of apportioning costs among the member towns costs shall be divided into two categories: capital costs as defined below and operating costs.

A. CAPITAL COSTS:

B. Secondary Schools: Capital costs shall include all expenses in the nature of capital outlay for the middle/high school such as the cost of acquiring land, the cost of constructing, reconstructing, and adding to buildings, and the cost of remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to a school building or buildings, including without

limitation the cost of the original equipment and furnishings for such building or additions, plans, architects' and consultants' fees, grading and other costs incidental to placing school buildings and additions and related premises in operating condition. Capital costs shall also include payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the District to finance capital costs.

Elementary Schools: Capital costs including all expenses in the nature of capital outlay for the elementary schools such as the cost of acquiring land, the cost of constructing, reconstructing, and adding to buildings, and the cost of remodeling or making extraordinary repairs to a school building or buildings, including without limitation the cost of the original equipment and furnishings for such building or additions, plans, architects' and consultants' fees, grading and other costs incidental to placing school buildings and additions and related premises in operating condition as well as payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations issued by a member town(s) to finance capital costs shall be the responsibility of the town(s) in which the elementary school(s) is located. **Payment for the debt on Salisbury Elementary School was budgeted by the District but was paid for by the Town of Salisbury.**

District-wide: Capital costs shall include all expenses in the nature of capital outlay for acquiring any equipment or vehicles to be used throughout the District on a regular basis, including without limitation the cost of consultants' fees, customization, and other incidental costs. Capital costs shall also include payment of principal of and interest on bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the District to finance capital costs.

C.B. OPERATING COSTS: Operating costs shall include all costs not included in capital costs as defined in Subsection IV(B), but including interest on temporary notes issued by the District in anticipation of revenue.

D.C. APPORTIONMENT OF CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS: ~~Each member town's share of the capital and operating costs shall be determined initially by assessing each town's minimum required local contribution as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 70, Section 6. Each member town's share of amounts in excess of the combined minimum required local contributions shall be determined by computing the ratio which that town's pupil enrollment in the Regional School District on October 1 of the year next preceding the year for which the apportionment is determined bears to the total pupil enrollment from all of the member towns in the Regional School District on the same date.~~

Capital Cost Apportionment: Each member town's share of the secondary school and district-wide capital costs shall be apportioned by determining each town's total portion of the foundation enrollment for the current fiscal year, calculated as a percentage.

Operating Cost Apportionment: Each member town's share of the operating costs shall be determined by a two-step formula. The first step of this process is completed by initially assessing each member town's minimum required local contribution as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education (DESE) in accordance with MGL Chapter 70, Section 6. Following the first step, each member town's share of amounts in excess of the combined minimum required local contributions (MRLC) shall be calculated by determining each member town's total portion of the foundation enrollment for the current fiscal year, calculated as a percentage, and each member town being assessed said percentage of the amount above their MRLC.

A member town's total operating assessment shall be the total from both steps 1 and 2.

- Step 1: Town's MRLC as determined by the state
- Step 2: Town's portion above combined MRLC apportioned by student share
- Total Calculation = Step 1 + Step 2

Total Assessment: Each member town's total assessment shall be the sum of the capital costs and operating costs apportioned to that member town per the calculations detailed above.

D. **TIMES OF PAYMENT OF APPORTIONED COSTS:** Each member town shall pay to the District in each year its proportionate share, certified by the District treasurer as provided in Subsection C of section VIV(B), the capital and operating costs. The annual share of each member town shall be paid monthly. Such payment will be one twelfth of the total assessment.

Payments are due on the 15th day of each month. Payments not received within thirty days of the due date may be subject to an interest charge at a rate of 1 % per month.

SECTION VI: BUDGET

A. TENTATIVE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET: On or before February 12th of each year, the Committee shall prepare a tentative capital~~maintenance~~ and operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year, including therein provision for any installment of principal or interest to become due in such year on any bonds, notes or other obligations of the District and any other capital costs to be apportioned to the member towns in such year.

The budget shall be in reasonable detail reflective of DESE Function Code classification of expenses as outlined below:

1000 - Administration

2000 - Instruction

3000 - Student Services

4000 - Operation and Maintenance of Plant

5000 - Fixed Charges

6000 - Community Service (if applicable)

7000 - Acquisition, Improvement and Replacement of Fixed Assets

8000 - Debt Retirement and Debt Service

9000 - Programs with Other Districts and Private Schools

A. ~~The budget shall be in reasonable detail including the amounts payable under the following classification of expenses and such other classifications as may be necessary:~~

B. ~~1. Administration~~

C. ~~2. Instruction~~

D. ~~3. Other School Services~~

E. ~~4. Operation and Maintenance of Plant~~

F. ~~5. Fixed Charges~~

G. ~~6. Community Service~~

H. ~~7. Acquisition of Fixed Assets~~

I. ~~8. Debt Retirement and Debt Service~~

J. ~~9. Programs with Other Districts and Private Schools~~

Copies of such tentative budget shall be provided to the ~~chairman~~chairperson of the finance or advisory committee and to ~~the chairman~~chairperson of the board of selectmen, and Town Manager / Administrator where applicable of each member town on or before February 28th.

~~D. B. Prior to adopting the Final Capital and Operating Budget for the ensuing fiscal year, the Committee shall hold a Public Hearing in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 71, Section 38N. After the Committee adopts the Final Capital and Operating budget by a two-thirds vote of all members, said budget shall be determined and apportioned between the member towns in accordance with the assessment formula defined in Section V(D) of this Agreement. The Committee shall adopt an annual Maintenance and Operating Budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Said budget shall be determined and apportioned between the member towns in accordance with the assessment formula defined in Section IV(D) of this Agreement. Said budget shall further include debt and interest charges and any other current capital costs as separate items and shall apportion the amounts necessary to be raised in order to meet said budget in accordance with Section IV(D). Copies of such final total budget shall be delivered to the chairperson of the finance and advisory committee, to the chairperson of the board of selectmen, and the Town Manager / Administrator where applicable of each member town on or before March 15.~~

C. CERTIFICATION OF APPORTIONMENT: The amounts ~~of the net budget~~ so apportioned for each member town shall, prior to March 15th of each year preceding the fiscal year to which said ~~net~~ budget relates, be certified by the ~~d~~District treasurer to the

treasurers of the member towns. Each member ~~and each town~~ shall, at its next annual town meeting, decide whether or not to appropriate the amounts so certified to it.

~~E.~~

F. D. APPROVAL OF BUDGET BY MEMBER TOWNS: Approval by the member towns of the budget is governed by ~~Massachusetts General Laws~~ MGL, Chapter 71, Section 16-B as it exists or may hereafter be amended.

SECTION VII: INSURANCE

A. HIGH / MIDDLE / SALISBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: The District shall provide at its expense and keep in full force and effect during this Agreement, the following insurance:

1. "All Risk" property insurance in an amount satisfactory to cover real and personal property from all physical loss or damage on a replacement cost basis.
2. General liability insurance for bodily injury or property damage to third parties and which names each of the member towns as additional insureds.

B. NEWBURY ELEMENTARY / PINE GROVE SCHOOLS: The District shall provide at its expense and keep in full force and effect during this Agreement, the following insurance:

1. "All Risk" property insurance in an amount satisfactory to cover contents only from all physical loss or damage on a replacement cost basis.
2. General liability insurance for bodily injury or property damage to third parties and which names each of the member towns as additional insureds.

The District shall deliver certificates of the insurance required herein to the member towns at the beginning of each fiscal year. Further, the district or its agent shall notify the member towns of any material change to the insurance provided under this section. Such notice must be given thirty days prior to such change.

SECTION VIII: INDEMNITY

A. The District shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the member towns from and against any and all liability, damage, penalties, liens or judgments arising from injury to any person or property resulting from any actual or alleged act or omission of the district or the District's officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, or sub-contractors of any tier or any person for whom the District may be legally liable.

- B. Each member town shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the District from and against any and all liability, damage, penalties, liens or judgments arising from injury to any person or property resulting from any actual or alleged act or omission of the respective member town, or its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, or sub-contractors of any tier or any person for whom the member town may be legally liable.

SECTION VIII: TRANSPORTATION

School transportation shall be provided by the ~~Regional School~~ District and the cost thereof shall be apportioned to the member towns as an operating cost in step 2 of the calculation as outlined under section V(D) of this agreement.

SECTION IX: AMENDMENTS

- A. **LIMITATION:** This agreement may be amended from time to time in the manner hereinafter provided, but no amendment shall be made which shall substantially impair the rights of the holders of any bonds or notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the District then outstanding or the rights of the District to procure the means for payment thereof, provided that nothing in this section shall prevent the admission of a new town or towns to the District and the reapportionment accordingly of capital costs of the District represented by bonds or notes of the District then outstanding and of interest thereon.
- B. **PROCEDURE:** Any proposal for amendment, except a proposal for amendment providing for the withdrawal of a member town (which shall be acted upon as provided in Section XII), may be initiated by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Committee or by petition signed by 10 percent of the registered voters of any one of the member towns. In the latter case, said petition shall contain at the end thereof a certification by the Town Clerk of such member town as to the number of registered voters in said town according to the most recent voting list and the number of signatures on the petition which appear to be the names of registered voters of said town and said petition shall be presented to the secretary of the ~~Regional School~~ Committee. In either case, the secretary of the ~~Regional School~~ Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the board of selectmen of each of the member towns that a proposal to amend this agreement has been made and shall enclose a copy of such proposal (without the signatures in the case of a proposal by petition). The selectmen of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual or a special town meeting called for the purpose an article stating the proposal ~~or the substance thereof~~. Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by the Commissioner of DESE and by all of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be by a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid.

SECTION XI: ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL TOWNS TO THE DISTRICT

By an amendment of this agreement adopted under and in accordance with Section IX above any other town or towns may be admitted to the ~~Regional School~~ District upon adoption as therein provided of such amendment and upon acceptance by the town or towns seeking admission of the agreement as so amended and also upon compliance with such provisions of law as may be applicable and such terms as may be set forth in such an amendment. The admission of any new member town may only occur on July 1 and only after the Commissioner of DESE and the member towns have approved the amendment by the previous December 31.

SECTION XII: WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBER TOWNS

- A. **LIMITATIONS:** The withdrawal of a member town from the District may be ~~affected~~ effected by an amendment to this agreement in the manner hereinafter provided by this ~~section~~Section. Any member town seeking to withdraw shall, by vote at an annual or special town meeting, request the ~~Regional District School~~ Committee to draw up an amendment to this agreement setting forth the terms by which such town may withdraw from the District, provided (1) that the town seeking to withdraw shall remain liable for any unpaid operating costs which have been certified by the District treasurer to the treasurer of the withdrawing town, including the full amount so certified for the year in which such withdrawal takes effect ~~and~~; (2) other liabilities incurred during all times that the withdrawing town was a member of the District including, but not limited to, other post-employment benefits liabilities (MGL Chapter 32B); and (3) that the said town shall remain liable to the District for its share of the indebtedness of the District outstanding at the time of such withdrawal, and for interest thereon, to the same extent and in the same manner as though the town had not withdrawn from the District.
- B. **PROCEDURE:** The clerk of the town seeking to withdraw shall notify the ~~Regional District School~~ Committee in writing that such town has voted to request the ~~Regional School~~ Committee to draw up an amendment to the agreement (enclosing a certified copy of such vote). Thereupon, the ~~Regional District School~~ Committee shall draw up an amendment to the agreement setting forth such terms of withdrawal as it deems advisable, subject to the limitation contained in Subsection XII(A).

The secretary of the ~~Regional District School~~ Committee shall mail or deliver a notice in writing to the board of selectmen of each member town that the ~~Regional District School~~ Committee has drawn up an amendment to the agreement providing for the withdrawal of a member town (enclosing a copy of such amendment). The selectmen of each member town shall include in the warrant for the next annual or special town meeting called for the purpose an article stating the amendment ~~or the substance thereof. Such amendment shall take effect upon its acceptance by all of the member towns, acceptance by each town to be by a majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid.~~ Acceptance by the member towns

shall be by majority vote at a town meeting as aforesaid. Such amendment shall take effect on July 1, provided that the Commissioner has approved the amendment by December 31 of the year prior.

- C. **CESSATION OF TERMS OF OFFICE OF WITHDRAWING TOWN'S MEMBERS:**
Upon the effective date of withdrawal the terms of office of all members serving on the ~~Regional District School Committee~~ from the withdrawing town shall terminate and the total membership of the ~~Regional District School Committee~~ shall be decreased accordingly.
- D. **PAYMENTS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL COSTS MADE BY A WITHDRAWING TOWN:**
Money received by the District from the withdrawing town for payment of funded indebtedness or interest thereon shall be used only for such purpose and until so used shall be deposited in trust in the name of the District with a Massachusetts bank or trust company having a combined capital and surplus of not less than \$5,000,000.
- D.
- E. **APPORTIONMENT OF CAPITAL COSTS AFTER WITHDRAWAL:** The withdrawing town's annual share of any future installment of principal and interest on obligations outstanding on the effective date of its withdrawal shall be fixed at the percentage prevailing for such town at the last annual apportionment made next prior to the effective date of the withdrawal. The remainder of any such installment after subtracting the shares of any town or towns which have withdrawn shall be apportioned to the remaining member towns in the manner provided in Subsection IV (D) or as may be otherwise provided in the amendment providing for such withdrawal.

SECTION XIII: PUPILSSTUDENTS

- A. **~~PUPILS~~—STUDENTS ENTITLED TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOLS:** The ~~Regional School District~~ shall accept all children who reside in the District and who meet age and any other requirement prescribed by law.
- B. **VOCATIONAL AND TRADE SCHOOL PUPILSSTUDENTS:** Any ~~pupil~~—student residing in a member town who is desirous of attending a trade or vocational school outside the District shall have all the privileges of attending such a school as are now or may be hereafter provided for by law and the cost of tuition for attending such a school and the cost of transportation, when necessary, shall be borne by the town wherein the student resides or where otherwise determined by law.
- C. **ADMISSION OF PUPILS—STUDENTS RESIDING OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT:** The ~~Regional District School Committee~~ may accept for enrollment in the ~~regional d~~District

schools' ~~pupils~~ students from towns other than the member towns in accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws.

SECTION XIVH: ANNUAL REPORT

The ~~Regional District School~~ Committee shall submit in November of each year ~~March~~ an annual report to each of the member towns containing a detailed financial statement for the preceding fiscal year, and a statement showing the method by which the annual charges assessed against each town were computed together with such additional information relating to the operation and maintenance of the ~~regional school~~ District schools as may be deemed necessary by the ~~Regional District School~~ Committee or by the selectmen of any member town.

SECTION XIV: COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

A committee chaired by the Chairperson of the School Committee or the chairperson of a member town's board of selectmen on a rotating basis, and comprised of representatives from each member town consisting of at least one selectperson, at least one finance committee member, town managers/administrators, school committee members, and the superintendent of schools and/or his or her designees shall be organized for the purpose of establishing a means for member town/District communication. A committee comprised of one selectperson, one finance member, and one school committee member from each town and the superintendent shall be organized for the purpose of establishing a means for town/district communication. This committee is for the exchange of information and discussion. Meetings shall be convened on a minimum of a quarterly basis. Any of the parties to this Agreement may call a meeting of the Communication Committee through the Chairperson of the School Committee.

SECTION XVI: INCURRING OF DEBT

The Committee may vote to incur debt consistent with the terms and conditions of MGL, Chapter 71, Section 16, as amended. At the time of taking action to incur debt, and except for the incurring of temporary debt in anticipation of revenue, the Committee, by two-thirds vote, will choose either the process that appears in MGL Chapter 71, Section 16 (d) or MGL Chapter 71, Section 16 (n), as amended. The default method to incur debt outlined in subsection 16(d) will be used in the event the choice of subsection 16(d) or 16(n) is not approved by a two-thirds vote of the Committee. For purposes of Chapter 71, Section 16(d), if a member town holds a town meeting which approves the amount of the debt authorized by the Committee, but such approval is contingent upon the town's voting to approve a proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion referendum question at a town election, the said town meeting vote shall be deemed to be a vote disapproving the amount of the debt if the referendum is not passed by two thirds of the Town Meeting voters or if the said debt exclusion referendum is not passed by a majority of those voting within 90 days after such town meeting vote. Not later than seven days after the

date on which the ~~Regional District School~~ Committee authorizes the incurring of debt, other than temporary debt in anticipation of revenue to be received from member towns, written notice of the date of said authorization, the sum authorized, and the general purpose or purposes for authorizing such debt, shall be given to the ~~board of s~~Selectmen in each member town. Debt may be incurred by the District, if approved by the member towns in accordance with the Committee's chosen method.

SECTION XVII: APPLICATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS

A. ~~APPLICATION OF STATE GRANTS:~~ Any state school construction grants received by the District including reimbursements received under the provisions of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 shall be applied only to the payment of capital costs as defined in Subsection V (B).

B. ~~FEDERAL AID:~~ The amount of any reimbursement received from the United States with respect to operating costs as described in Subsection V (C) under any law establishing assistance for such costs and basing such assistance upon the number of federally-connected children residing in the area or attending school in the area, or upon any similar factor, shall be credited against the liability of any member town to the District on account of operating costs in the same proportion as such number of federally-connected children or such similar factor bears to corresponding number or factor in the regional district as a whole. Any determination by the regional school committee of an allocation under this subsection shall be conclusive and binding upon the member town.

SECTION XVIII: JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of the ~~Regional District School~~ Committee shall be extended to include all pupils students in all grades PK-12 commencing on July 1, 1994.

SECTION XIX: SEVERABILITY OF SECTIONS

According to ~~Massachusetts General Laws~~ MGL Chapter 71, Section 16 in the event that any provision of this ~~Regional School-District~~ Agreement shall be held invalid in any circumstance, such invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or circumstances.

SECTION XX: ENFORCEABILITY OF SECTIONS

Failure of the District or any of the member towns to enforce any section of this ~~Agreement~~ agreement in a given instance shall not waive that party's right to enforce that section in a future instance.

SECTION XXI: ROUTINE REVIEW OF ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be reviewed by the parties to it every five years or as necessitated by circumstances or statute. Any town that is a party to the agreement or the Committee may request an interim review.

SECTION XXII: ENACTING AGREEMENT SIGNATORIES

For the Triton Regional School District

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR)

(DATE)

For the Town of Newbury

(TOWN CLERK)

(DATE)

For the Town of Rowley

(TOWN CLERK)

(DATE)

For the Town of Salisbury

(TOWN CLERK)

(DATE)

For the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

(COMMISSIONER OF ELEMENTARY AND
SECONDARY EDUCATION)

(DATE)

Or take any other action relative thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and Triton Regional School Committee)

Finance Committee Recommendation Not Required

Explanatory Note: The Triton Regional Agreement documents the formal arrangement between the three member towns of Newbury, Rowley, and Salisbury that establishes and governs the regional school district. Last updated in 2006, the current agreement is at odds in certain areas with new and updated Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) and the practices and procedures that our towns and the district have followed for many years. While the review has been ongoing for many years among town and district officials, the group has been working since 2016 to formally identify these areas and propose the amendments to the agreement as presented in this article in all three communities this spring.

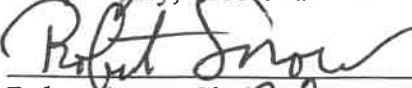
The proposed changes were agreed by all involved in the review to provide greater clarity and understanding, without changes to existing protocols and practices. Notable changes include new language requiring a five (5) year capital development plan, clarification on approval/assessments of certain capital costs, an update to match new MGL requirements on how the regional agreement may be changed in the future, a change to the language on incurring debt to align with current town practice, removal of a section specific to a Salisbury military installation that closed in the 1990's, and a new requirement that the Agreement should be reviewed every five (5) years at a minimum. For those interested, a full redline marked up version of the edited agreement is available by contacting the Superintendent of Schools at (978) 465-2397 or by email at Brian.Forget@tritonschools.org.

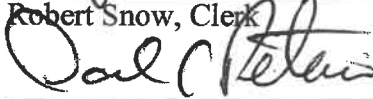
If all three member towns approve the articles at their respective Town Meetings, the updated Agreement would go into effect on June 30, 2021.

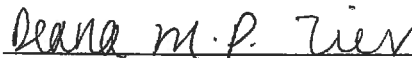
And you are hereby instructed to serve this warrant by posting copies thereof in at least seven public places in Town not less than fourteen days before the day fixed for such meeting, as directed by the laws of the Town and to make due return of the Warrant to the Town Clerk at least two days before said meeting. Given under our hands this 4th day of June in the year two thousand twenty.


Clifford Pierce, Chairman


Joseph Perry, Vice Chairman


Robert Snow, Clerk


David Petersen


Deana M. P. Ziev

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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, Rowley Pharmacy, Inc., Public Library, Knowles Filling Station, Market Basket, Town Hall Annex, and The Brookline Bank, formerly known as First National Bank of Ipswich -Rowley Office.

Constable of Rowley

Date

