

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT – FY2012

## Town of Rowe COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**FRANKLIN, SS.**

To either Constable of the Town of Rowe in the County of Franklin,

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the **ROWE TOWN HALL** in said Rowe, on **SATURDAY** the **FOURTEENTH** day of **MAY 2011** at 8:00 a.m. and then and there to bring their votes by ballot for the following officials:

- 1 Selectman for three (3) years
- 1 Assessor for three (3) years
- 1 Board of Health Member for three (3) years
- 1 Cemetery Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1-Constable for three (3) years
- 1 Finance Committee Member for one (1) year
- 2 Finance Committee Members for three (3) years
- 1 Library Trustee for three (3) years
- 1 Park Commissioner for three (3) years
- 1 Planning Board Member for five (5) years
- 1-School Committee Member for two (2) years
- 1 School Committee Member for three (3) years
- 1-Town Clerk for three (3) years
- 1 Treasurer for three (3) years

For the purpose of electing officials by ballot the polls will be **open at 8:00 O’Clock a.m.** in the morning and will be closed at **3:00 O’Clock p.m.** in the afternoon.

And in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rowe, qualified to vote in the elections and town affairs, to meet at the **ROWE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** in said **ROWE** on **MONDAY**, the **NINTH** day of **MAY 2011**, at **7:00 P.M.** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1:** To act on reports of the Town officers and committees.

**ARTICLE 2:** To choose all necessary officers not elected by ballot for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the conduct of **General Government**, including the charges and expenses of the various town offices, and compensation for elected and appointed officials for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Administration**

Legal Expenses	6,000.00
General Administration	26,447.00
Town Officer Expenses	1,607.00
Print Town Reports	4,600.00
Municipal Audit	4,000.00
Town Coordinator/Town Accountant Salary	57,697.00
Administrative Asst/Acctg Asst Compensation	10,606.00
FRCOG Regional Services Assessment	10,565.00
FRCOG Statutory Assessment	5,872.00
IT Hardware/Software	10,350.00

IT Consultant	16,000.00
FRCOG Fees	100.00
Tax Collector's Operations	6,800.00
Election/Teller Expenses	2,000.00
Registrars & Census Takers Compensation	350.00
Assistant Treasurer Compensation	100.00
Bank Charges/Loan Interest	500.00
Bonding and Insurance	45,000.00
Town-wide Notification System	1,000.00
<u>One-time bonus for town employees</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Subtotal Administration	212,094.00
<b>Assessors' Office</b>	
Assessors' Clerk Compensation	8,900.00
Assessors' Operations	7,950.00
<u>Assessors' Triennial Revaluation</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Subtotal Assessors' Office	31,850.00
<b>Other</b>	
Agricultural Commission	250.00
Conservation Commission Operations	200.00
Council on Aging	4,500.00
<u>Yankee Land Committee</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal Other	5,950.00
<b>Stipends</b>	
Selectmen Stipends	5,562.00
Assessors Stipends	5,100.00
Board of Health Stipends	4,635.00
School Committee Stipends	4,284.00
Tax Collector Stipend	6,910.00
Town Clerk Stipend	6,910.00
Treasurer	7,576.00
Misc Officers Stipends - Moderator	412.00
- Constable	515.00
- Animal Inspector	515.00
- Dog Officer	618.00
<u>Subtotal Stipends</u>	<u>43,037.00</u>
<b>Veterans' Services</b>	
Veterans' Agent Stipend	500.00
Operations	450.00
<u>Veterans' Benefits</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Subtotal Veterans' Services	1,050.00
<b>SUB-TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION</b>	<b>293,981.00</b>
<i>Recommended by the Finance Committee</i>	

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Planning Board** for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Planning Board Operations	1,250.00
Planning Board Consulting Expenses	2,500.00
<u>Planning Board Goal Post Operations</u>	<u>10,100.00</u>
Total Planning Board	13,850.00
<i>Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee</i>	

<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT FROM TAXATION</b>	<b>307,831.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the operation and maintenance of **Public Works and Facilities** for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

**Highway Department**

DPW Heavy Equipment Operators' Wages	171,469.00
DPW Superintendent's Salary	76,206.00
DPW Operations & Maintenance	30,391.00
DPW Heating Oil	6,032.00
DPW Electricity	1,558.00
DPW ESCO Lease Payment	4,580.00
Fuel for Town Vehicles	32,307.00
Road Surface Maintenance/Reclamation	94,556.00
Annual DPW Projects	41,000.00
<u>Snow &amp; Ice Removal</u>	<u>70,932.00</u>
Subtotal Highway Department	529,031.00

**Other Public Works & Facilities**

Summer Youth Employment Program	25,500.00
Municipal Center Operations/Maintenance	15,044.00
Town Hall Custodian Wages	7,000.00
Town Hall Fuel Oil	8,000.00
Town Hall Electricity	9,654.00
Town Hall ESCO Lease Payment	3,295.00
ESCO Annual Measure & Verification	4,000.00
Town Hall Elevator Maintenance Contract	3,380.00
Street Lighting	5,253.00
Beautification Committee	2,500.00
Energy Committee Operations	500.00
Gracy House Operations	5,000.00
Gracy House Materials/Supplies	1,000.00
<u>Dam Maintenance, Inspections &amp; Repairs</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Subtotal Other Public Works & Facilities	90,226.00

**Cemeteries - Cemeteries - Maintenance/Repair** 15,000.00

**SUBTOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES FROM TAXATION** 634,257.00

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE from AVAILABLE FUNDS** the sum of \$147,650.00 for the maintenance, repair, improvement and construction of town highways, or any other purpose allowed under Chapter 90, which amounts shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through funds made available by Chapter 90, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS & FACILITIES** 781,907.00

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**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Safety** for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

**Police Department**

Police Chief Stipend	10,000.00
Police Officers Compensation	15,683.00
<u>Operations</u>	<u>7,550.00</u>
Sub-total Police Department	33,233.00

**Fire Department**

Fire Chief Stipend	6,910.00
Fire Officers Stipends	5,400.00

Fire Department Administrative Clerk	3500.00
Firefighter Reimbursements	7,250.00
Fire Department General Operations	16,902.00
Fire Station Heating Oil	5,325.00
Fire Station Electricity	2,635.00
Fire Station ESCO Lease Payment	1,284.00
Emergency Management	1,000.00
Forest Fire Control	100.00
<u>Hazardous Material Control</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal Fire Department	51,306.00
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>	
EMS Coordinator Stipend	2,012.00
EMS Operations and Maintenance	2,000.00
<u>Emergency Personnel Stipends/Expenses</u>	<u>4,300.00</u>
Subtotal Emergency Medical Service	8,312.00
<b>Dog Officer</b>	
<u>Dog Officer Expenses</u>	<u>600.00</u>
Subtotal Dog Officer	600.00
<b>Inspections</b>	
Building Inspector Fees (Estimated)	4,500.00
FCCIP Plumbing/Gas Inspec Program	1,129.00
<u>FCCIP Electrical Inspection Program</u>	<u>2,662.00</u>
Subtotal Inspections	8,291.00
<b>SUBTOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY FROM TAXATION</b>	<b>101,742.00</b>
<i>Recommended by the Finance Committee</i>	

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** to the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$3,000.00 for **future ambulance services**, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.  
Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY ALL FUNDS** **104,742.00**

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**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE** and **APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Public Health and Sanitation** for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day	500.00
Refuse Garden Operations	40,000.00
Transfer Station Attendant Compensation	14,477.00
FCSWMD Administration Assessment (50%)	1,585.00
Board of Health Operations	19,372.00
Board of Health Clerk Wages	6,604.00
Town Nurse Wages	32,080.00
Health Services Operations	6,000.00
<u>Physician's Stipend</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal Public Health & Sanitation	121,118.00
<i>Recommended by the Finance Committee</i>	

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to act on the following citizens' petition:

Board of Health Petition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,442.20 for the services of the town nurse to keep the Health Services office open three eight-hour days a week.

*Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen as this would become a benefited position adding increased costs to the town.*  
[Note: Passage of this article will raise the FY2012 Budget \$8,442.20]

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a revolving fund with a limit of \$3,500.00 for the 2012 fiscal year to accept receipts from the Medicare Roster Billing Program for the purpose of providing vaccine services, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2012, or take any action in relation thereto.

Requested by the Board of Health  
*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION FROM TAXATION** 121,118.00\*  
\*Does not include funds in Citizens' Petition

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**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to RAISE and APPROPRIATE the following sums for Public Schools for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

**Rowe School Local Budget**

Instructional Programs	497,429.00
Technology	6,530.00
Instructional Staff Training	4,250.00
Special Education and Tuitions	95,042.00
Library Services	34,863.00
Health Services	55,971.00
School Committee	5,950.00
Principal's Office	94,561.00
Food Services	16,493.00
<u>Plant Operations (incl. ESCO Lease Payment \$31,544)</u>	<u>138,309.00</u>
Subtotal Rowe School Local	949,398.00

**Shared Services Budget**

GenAdmin	25,276.00
Instructional Services	15,822.00
Technology	11,226.00
Facilities	4,063.00
Fixed Costs (Insurance, Benefits)	16,596.00
Transportation	<u>51,802.00</u>
Subtotal Shared Services	124,785.00

**TOTAL K-6 Budget** 1,074,183.00

**High School Budget (Mohawk/FC Tech)**

- Spanish Teacher @ Middle School	15,000.00
- Mohawk Tuition	182,600.00
- Franklin County Tech Tuition	45,000.00
- Transportation to Mohawk (Reg Ed)	47,141.00

- Mohawk Late Bus	<u>16,823.00</u>	
TOTAL High School Budget	306,564.00	306,564.00
SUBTOTAL Public Schools		1,380,747.00
Less Estimated School Choice Receipts		<u>(138,675.00)</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION		1,242,072.00
Less decrease by Board of Selectmen		<u>(18,326.00)</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM TAXATION		1,223,746.00

*The Board of Selectmen voted two in favor, one opposed to lowering the budget adopted and submitted by the School Committee.*

*Recommended by the Finance Committee in accord with the request by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to the School Committee to limit their budget increase to 1% over last year.*

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to act on the following citizens' petition:

A CITIZENS' PETITION to

Return the FY2012 school budget to the 2.5% increase that was adopted and Submitted by the Rowe School Committee

For the last several years all departments have been requested to keep their budgets within a 2.5% increase. The school has done this with great difficulty. There are fixed charges that increase more than 2.5%, therefore important educational programs and staff would be budgeted for less than 2.5% to meet the overall goal of the Finance Committee and Selectmen. This year the Finance Committee recommended that all departments keep their budget within 2.5% with the exception of the school where they recommended a 1% increase. The reason was to offset much larger increases in the health insurance benefits which are a sizeable fraction of the total school spending. The Superintendent, Principal, and the Rowe School Local Education Council, our educational experts, have spent many long hours reviewing the FY2012 budget to ensure proposed reductions have minimum affect on educational programs. The School Committee has reluctantly approved these recommendations at a 2.5% increase for the last several years. Programs and services that would have to be cut to meet the 1% budget were out of the question, and the School Committee again reluctantly approved a 2.5% increase because too many programs would have to be cut at the 1% level. As you all know Rowe is one of the top elementary school performers in the Commonwealth. The proud Town of Rowe cannot maintain this level of excellence for its school with continued budget level increases of 2.5%--never mind at a 1% level. It is up to you, citizens of Rowe. Do we want an excellent school, which we are capable of supporting, or do we want a mediocre school, or no school at all.

**Therefore, we the undersigned petition that the Town vote to RAISE and APPROPRIATE the sum of \$1,242,072, which represents the 2.5% budget increase adopted by the Rowe School Committee for the Rowe School District for fiscal year 2012.**

*The Board of Selectmen voted two in favor, one opposed to endorsing this petition as they voted two in favor, one opposed to lowering the budget adopted and submitted by the School Committee. This Citizens' Petition represents the full budget adopted and submitted by the School Committee.*

[Note: Passage of this article will raise the FY2012 Budget \$18,326]

The Finance Committee does not recommend approving this article. Education is important and small schools are more expensive than larger ones. But Rowe stands out as being extraordinarily expensive. We spend per pupil more than double what other small Towns in the area pay. We believe that there are things that the School can do to bring down the cost, so we asked the School Committee to limit its increase to 1% this year. One area of concern is wages. The School has been giving 6% raises (combined COLA and step/merit) each year right through the recession, even when

non-school employees were asked to accept no raise. The School is negotiating its next 3-year Teacher contract and has budgeted to continue giving 6% raises. We think this policy leads to escalation of wages to unreasonable levels that cannot easily be corrected. The School should be able to maintain quality of education while exercising some fiscal constraint. Limiting the total appropriation for the School lets them know that the taxpayers would like them to be more careful with our money.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$10,000.00** for the 2012 fiscal year to accept fees for **School Programs** for the purpose of offsetting department costs, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2012, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Requested by the School Committee  
Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **Rowe Town Library** for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Library Director Compensation	22,132.00
Library Staff Wages	14,922.00
Library Operations and Maintenance	16,494.00
Library Heating Oil	1,800.00
Library Electricity	1,470.00
Library ESCO Lease Payment	2,097.00
CWMARS Mininet Annual Membership	3,609.00
<u>Library Equipment Upgrade</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ROWE TOWN LIBRARY</b>	<b>64,524.00</b>

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for an **Old Home Day celebration**, or take any action in relation thereto:

Old Home Day Celebration	6,000.00
<u>Operation and Maintenance</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL OLD HOME DAY</b>	<b>11,000.00</b>

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the **Old Home Day Committee**, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E½, to use a **revolving fund with a limit of \$5,000.00** for the 2012 fiscal year to accept departmental receipts generated by Old Home Day activities and programs for the purpose of **defraying expenses of Old Home Day**, in which any remaining funds may be rolled over into a similar revolving fund for fiscal year 2012, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for the **management and operation of Pelham Lake Park** for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

Park Wages	40,772.00
Head Ranger Wage	41,737.00
<u>Operation and Maintenance</u>	<u>22,755.00</u>
<b>TOTAL PARK</b>	<b>105,264.00</b>

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

<b>TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>180,788.00</b>
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**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to act on the following citizens' petition:

**PETITION ARTICLE**

We the undersigned hereby petition the Select Board pursuant to MGL Ch. 39, S. 10 that the following article be placed on the warrant for the upcoming May 9, 2011, Annual Town Meeting. The signatures below in no way represent a vote for or against this article.

"To see if the Town will vote to reduce the Town's share of Employee Insurance Benefit costs as follows:  
Medical Benefits: For HMO from 85% to 75%; For PPO from 85% to 70%;  
For Dental PPO Core Plan: from 85% to 75%; For Dental PPO High Plan from 85% to 50%;  
For Basic Life Insurance from 85% to 75%; and for Medex 3 from 85% to 75%."

**Explanation:** A few years ago the Town's share of Employee Benefits was raised from 75% to 85%, well above what other Towns in Franklin County pay. This has proved a costly mistake. Over the past 10 years, health insurance costs have more than tripled and have increased the Town's budget from 5% to 14%. Even after these reductions, Rowe would still provide one of the most generous benefit plans in Franklin County in addition to paying among the highest wages. Many of our Taxpayers pay for all of their own health insurances, as well as pay higher taxes to cover Employee benefits. It's only fair to ask the Employees to pay a slightly higher share of their own insurance costs.

*The Board of Selectmen voted two in favor, one opposed to recommending the lowering of the Town's share of the cost of health insurance premiums; however, they were unable to act on this matter due to Conflicts of Interest.*

The Finance Committee recommends this article to reduce the Town's share of Employee Insurance. At nearly 15% of the budget, future increases in health insurance costs will require tax increases or spending cuts in other areas to support the current share of Employee health insurance.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the following sums for **Pensions and Insurance** for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	98,331.00*
Unemployment Insurance	1,000.00**
Group Health Insurance	390,000.00**
FICA/Medicare Tax	39,000.00**

**TOTAL PENSION & INSURANCE** 528,331.00

\* Excludes pension costs for teachers in MA Teachers' Retirement

\*\* Costs are for all applicable town & school employees

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$15,200.00 for **compensatory payment to town employees** for any increases in health insurance premiums caused by a decrease in the town's share of premiums for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

*[Note: This is for town employees with health insurance coverage only, as they will not be receiving any wage increases in FY2012.]*

The Finance Committee recommends only appropriating an amount equal any increase in health insurance cost to the non-school employees due to changes in the Town's percentage share of their health insurance cost.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of \$43,000 for a **DPW Bridge Rehabilitation Project**, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

The Finance Committee recommends doing all this bridge work in FY'12 because of anticipated savings. We recommended the funding be from Free Cash as much as possible and the remainder from the Stabilization Fund.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **STABILIZATION FUND** the sum of \$89,000 for a **DPW Bridge Rehabilitation Project**, or take any action in relation thereto:

*Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.*

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

The Finance Committee recommends doing all this bridge work in FY'12 because of anticipated savings. We recommended the funding be from Free Cash as much as possible and the remainder from the Stabilization Fund.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of \$20,000.00 to be used as a **Reserve Fund** for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures for the 2012 fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from **FREE CASH** the sum of \$117,622 to partially fund the **FY2012 Budget**, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen*

*The Finance Committee recommends leaving \$60k in Free Cash and using the remainder to fund the FY2012 budget.*

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to **APPROPRIATE** from the **CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND**, the following sums **for capital repairs and improvements**, or take any action in relation thereto:

GEN - Town Hall Electronic Door Access	2,000.00	
DPW - Front End Loader	140,000.00	
DPW - Pick-Up Truck	24,000.00	
PARK - Pontoon Boat	17,000.00	
PARK - Fitness Center Equipment (Treadmill)	4,600.00	
PARK - ADA Ramp for Lavatory Facility	6,000.00	
SCH - Pave Parking Area & Driveway	60,000.00	
SCH - New Garage	6,000.00	
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND</b>		<b>259,600.00</b>

*Note: Two-thirds vote is required to pass Articles involving Stabilization funds.*

*Recommended by the Finance Committee*

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to **amend Town of Rowe By-Law Article VI, INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS, Section 3** by replacing the word **“bi-annual”** with the word **“annual”**, or take any action in relation thereto.

**Proposed by the Board of Selectmen**

**Information:** The by-law will then read:

“...The Town Building Inspector shall also be responsible for the **annual** inspection of all public buildings and on completion of such inspection shall issue certificates of inspection which shall be posted in such public buildings.”

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to act on the following citizens' petition:

**CITIZENS' PETITION**

Petition to increase the number of members on the Board of Health of the Town of Rowe from three (3) members to five (5) members.

We the undersigned ask the town to vote to amend By-laws Article III, section 5 to read as follows:

"The Board of Health shall consist of five (5) members, each to be elected to a three-year term. Two members of said Board shall be elected on each of two consecutive years and one on the third year by ballot at each annual town election. The Board shall have powers and duties as set forth in Chapter 111 of the general laws and other applicable laws. The Board of Health shall appoint the Public Health Nurse, the Health Agent, the Transfer Station Attendant, and the Clerk to the Board of Health. The Board of Health shall maintain the Refuse Garden and Transfer Station."

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to act on the following citizens' petition:

**CITIZENS' PETITION to the Rowe Board of Selectmen**

To see if the town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

"RESOLVED: That the Town of Rowe hereby acknowledges and publicly recognizes the exemplary services and leadership that Robert J. Clancy has provided to this town, and especially to Rowe Elementary School over the past 13 years. As principal his dedication to our school is legendary throughout Massachusetts and beyond. We hereby extend to Mr. Clancy and his family the gratitude and respect of the Rowe Community for the wonderful elementary school experiences and the quality of education his leadership and his staff have provided to all those students of Rowe Elementary School over these 13 years. **Thank you, Bob Clancy, a true professional educator, a kind gentleman and a wonderful neighbor;** and as additional expression of the appreciation of the people of Rowe, **Robert J. Clancy** is hereby designated as "**2011 Rowe Good Citizen of the Year**" in recognition of his long and devoted service to Rowe Elementary School, the Town of Rowe and to all Rowe citizens, especially to our children.", or take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Broadband & Telecom Committee / Recommended by the Board of Selectmen  
This article requires 2/3 affirmative vote by paper ballot.

*Also recommended by the Finance Committee. This vote will not cost the Town anything, and potentially will bring economic benefits to the Town.*

**ARTICLE 31:** To transact any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the **Rowe Town Hall** and the **Rowe Transfer Station** in said Town, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time of said meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this **TWENTY-FIFTH** day of **APRIL** in the **YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND and ELEVEN**.

Paul McLatchy III, Chair  
William A. Loomis  
Jennifer Y. Wood

SELECTMEN OF ROWE

A true copy, Attest: Christine A. Tower, Constable 4-25-2011

**FRANKLIN, SS.**

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Rowe by posting up attested copies of the same at the **ROWE TOWN HALL** and the **ROWE TRANSFER STATION**, **FOURTEEN** days before the date hereof, as within directed.

Christine A. Tower, Constable Date: April 25, 2011

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## RECAPITULATION OF FY2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

May 9, 2011

(Recapitulation is for information only)

### *Appropriations from Taxation*

General Government	293,981.00	
Planning Board	13,850.00	
Public Works and Facilities	634,257.00	
Public Safety	101,742.00	
Stabilization Fund	3,000.00	
Public Health/Sanitation	121,118.00	
Schools	1,223,746.00	
Culture & Recreations	180,788.00	
Pensions and Insurance	528,331.00	
Reserve Fund	20,000.00	
<u>Health Insurance Compensation</u>	<u>15,200.00</u>	
<i>Sub-Total Appropriations from Taxation</i>	<i>\$ 3,136,013.00</i>	
<i>Less Appropriation from Free Cash to Balance Budget</i>	<i>(117,622.00)</i>	
<i>Total Appropriations From Taxation</i>		<i>\$3,018,391.00</i>

***Appropriations from Available Funds***

<u>Chapter 90 Highway Funds</u>	147,650.00	
Total Appropriations from Available Funds		147,650.00

***Appropriations from Free Cash***

DPW Bridge Rehabilitation Program	43,000.00	
<u>Fund FY2012 Budget</u>	117,622.00	
Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund		160,622.00

***Appropriations from Stabilization Fund***

<u>DPW Bridge Rehabilitation Program</u>	89,000.00	
Total Appropriations from Stabilization Fund		89,000.00

***Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund***

GEN - Town Hall Electronic Door Access	2,000.00	
DPW - Front End Loader	140,000.00	
DPW - Pick-Up Truck	24,000.00	
PARK - Pontoon Boat	17,000.00	
PARK - Fitness Center Equipment (Treadmill)	4,600.00	
PARK - ADA Ramp for Lavatory Facility	6,000.00	
SCH - Pave Parking Area & Driveway	60,000.00	
<u>SCH - New Garage</u>	6,000.00	
Total Appropriations from Capital Stabilization Fund		<u>259,600.00</u>

TOTAL FY2012 BUDGET \$3,675,263.00

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***Revolving Fund Authorizations***

Board of Health - Vaccine Services	3,500.00	
School Programs	10,000.00	
<u>Old Home Day</u>	5,000.00	
Total Revolving Funds Authorized		\$ 18,500.00

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**Recapitulation of ESCO Lease Payments (due July 1, 2011):**

Town Hall	3,295.00	
DPW Garage	4,580.00	
Fire Station	1,284.00	
Rowe Elementary School	31,544.00	
<u>Rowe Town Library</u>	2,097.00	
Total Lease Payments		\$ 42,800.00