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Vote Verification

To townclerk rowe-ma.gov <townclerk@rowe-ma.gov>

Hello,

Project I hoped you can help me with. I need copies of the following votes that Ellen said the town took in regards to insurance. I am going to try to come to town hall early tonight to start the search and can come up Saturday too. Any help you can give me would be great!

- ✓ 5 Mar 1973: Art 15: Increase town's share of Group Insurance Premiums from 50% to 75%. PASSED (Unanimous)
- ✓ 15 Oct 1974: Art 3: Town pay 50% of Group Benefit Premiums for retirees. PASSED (Yes, 26 - No 1)
- 4 Feb 1975: [see Pg 91 & 92 in yellow book I think]...reference to c.32B, Sec 9D-- insurance for employee's surviving spouse - put question on Annual Town Election ballot *on warrant*
- ✓ 9 May 1988: Art 19: Increase town's share of insurance premiums for retired employees from 50% to 75%. PASSED (unanimous)
- ✓ 21 June 1990: Art 7: Town pay 50% premium cost of surviving spouse of employee or retiree. PASSED (Unanimous)
- ✓ 21 June 1990: Art 8: Town pay--in addition to the 50% in Art 7 above--pay additional percentage, not to exceed percentage paid for employees or retirees. PASSED (Unanimous)
- ✓ 14 May 2007: Art 26: Increase employee contribution for insurances (Health, Dental, Life, Medicare) from 15% to 25% [Citizen's Petition]: DEFEATED (majority)

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Copies of below listed attached:

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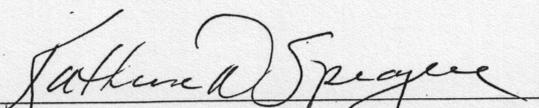
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A True Copy:: Attest:


Katherine D. Sprague - Town of Rowe - Clerk

July 25, 2018

Date

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$552.04 for the Town of Rowe's apportioned share of the Franklin County Technical School District Operating and Maintenance Budget covering the fiscal period January 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 14. Voted that the town petition the legislature by a special act under the provisions of the home rule amendment of the Constitution to allow the town of Rowe to place on the official ballot at the annual town election in 1974 the beans question as defined under the provisions of Section 4, Chapter 486 of the Acts of 1971.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

Yes 22 No 48 (motion defeated)

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the 18 month fiscal period; to increase the town's share of Group Insurance from one-half to three-quarters for the town employees.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 16. Voted that the town give to the town of Heath, for its Fire Department, a complete mobile radio unit and miscellaneous equipment.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE

Yes 57 No 7

Article 17. Voted that the town transfer from a State Aid Library Reserve Fund the sum of \$1,000.00 for library operation.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the repair of the camp located on the newly purchased town property.

ORAL UNANIMOUS VOTE.

OFFICIAL RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 15, 1974

MEETING HELD AT ROWE TOWN HALL AT 8:00 P.M. QUORUM PRESENT AT THAT TIME. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MODERATOR JOHN WILLIAMS. CONSTABLE GERALD TRUESDELL SERVED WARRANT READ BY MODERATOR. TELLERS ALICE TRUESDELL, ARLENE ANDOGNINI AND RICHARD TOWER APPOINTED AND SWORN BY MODERATOR. WARRANT WAS POSTED OCTOBER 8, 1974.

Article 1. Voted to rescind the affirmative action taken under that portion of Article #13 of the Annual Town Meeting, March 4, 1974 which read "in addition voted to transfer from unappropriated funds in the Treasury the sum of \$10,997 to cover the States share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored, upon its' receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the treasury", and further vote to appropriate from unappropriated Treasury funds the sum of \$10,997 for General Highway Maintenance.

UNANIMOUS VOTE ORAL

Article 2. Voted to appropriate from unappropriated Treasury funds the sum of \$6,000 for repair of Highway damages caused by the flood of June 1973, the reimbursement from the Commonwealth, upon its' receipt, to be returned to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

UNANIMOUS VOTE ORAL

Article 3. Voted that the Town shall pay one half the premium costs payable by a retired employee for Group Life Insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
26 YES 1 NO

Article 4. Voted to postpone until Annual Town Meeting.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
28 YES 4 NO

Article 5. Voted to authorize and direct the Selectmen to purchase for future municipal purposes, the parcel of land situated easterly of Pond Road in Rowe and owned by Edmund A. White, in accordance with Section 14, Chapter 40, Mass. General Laws; said parcel being the one described by deed of Ruth A. White to Edmund A. White July 5, 1956 and recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book #1046, Page #163, and to appropriate the sum of \$8,500 as payment in full for this parcel of land, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum for a period not to exceed one year.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
31 YES 5 NO

A true Copy, Attest: *A. Donna Down - Town Clerk*

COPIES SENT TO: Town Council, Dept. of Pub. Wks., Dept. of corp. and taxation, Moderator, Selectmen and Clerk, Finance Com., Planning Board Treasurer, Assessors and Highway Supt.

ARTICLE 16: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$38,000** for the dredging of Pelham Lake.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 17: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,000** for the FY 1989 Old Home Day celebration.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC RECREATION **60,843**

ARTICLE 18: The motion was made and seconded to raise and appropriate the following sums for various Employee Benefits as specified for the 1989 fiscal year.

Franklin County Retirement Assessment	33,590
Randolph, Ma. Retirement Assessment	1,000
Group Medical, Medicaid and Health Insurance	45,000
Unemployment Insurance	500
Total for Employee Benefits	<u>80,090</u>

ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 19: The motion was made and seconded to increase the Town share of Blue Cross/Blue Shield premiums for retired employees of the Town of Rowe from **50%** to **75%**.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 20: The meeting was declared to be a Federal Revenue Sharing public hearing. The motion was made and seconded to expend the sum of **\$148.00 plus any accrued interest** from the **Federal Revenue Sharing Funds** for the purchase of flags for the Town flagpoles.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 21: The motion was made and seconded to transfer from the Overlay Surplus account and to appropriate as a Reserve Fund the sum of **\$20,000**.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 22: The motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a contract with the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Charlemont to salt, sand and plow approximately 4.3 miles of Zoar Road and Rowe Road lying within the Town of Charlemont, for the one winter season beginning November 1, 1988, in exchange for Charlemont's salting, sanding and plowing Tatro Road in Rowe during the same winter season.

SHOW OF HANDS VOTE
YES 33 NO 7

9, May 1988

OFFICIAL RESULTS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JUNE 21, 1990

TOWN MEETING HELD AT ROWE TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY JUNE 21, 1990 AT 7:00 P.M.
 QUORUM WAS PRESENT. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MODERATOR KARL JURENTKUFF.
 CALL OF MEETING AND CONSTABLES RETURN READ BY MODERATOR. TELLERS GAIL MAY,
 CYNTHIA LAFFOND, GLORIA DANDENEAU AND EFFORD PIERCE APPOINTED AND SWORN BY
 MODERATOR. WARRANT WAS POSTED JUNE 7, 1990.

The motion was made and seconded to move articles seven and eight before
 before articles one and two.

The motion was made and seconded to amend this article as follows:
 To move articles six, seven and eight before articles one and two.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

The motion carried as amended.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. The motion was made and seconded to appropriate from Available
 Funds the sum of \$2,086.00 for the purpose of assisting the funding of the
 Heath Early Childhood Program (Pre-school).

ORAL UNANIMOUS
 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. The motion was made and seconded to pay one-half of the premium
 costs payable by the surviving spouse of an employee or retired employee for
 group general, or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental or other health
 insurance.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 8. The motion was made and seconded to pay, in addition to the
 payment of fifty percent of premium costs payable by the surviving spouse
 of an employee or retired employee for group general, or blanket hospital,
 surgical, medical, and other health insurance, pay an additional or subsidiary
 rate not to exceed the percentage paid to the employee or retiree.

ORAL UNANIMOUS
 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

ARTICLE 25: The motion was made and seconded to **RAISE and APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$100,000.00** for the purpose of funding the **Stabilization Fund**.

MOTION DEFEATED BY SHOW OF HANDS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 26: The motion was made and seconded to **ADVISE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO INCREASE Town Employee Contributions** to their **Group Medical, Medicaid, Health and Life Insurance plans from 15% to 25%** of the cost of said plans, and to adjust the total cost of Employee Benefits accordingly.

MOTION DEFEATED BY SHOW OF HANDS MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 27: Resident Robert Essert made a motion ,which was seconded, to take a sense of the meeting for the request of our Congressman, John W. Olver, to support any and all actions for the impeachment of the current President and Vice-President of the United States of America.

THE SENSE OF THE MEETING WAS AFFIRMATIVE FOR THE IMPEACHMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:43PM.

A true copy,

Attest: Heidi Cousineau
Heidi Cousineau Town Clerk May 14, 2007

LETTERHEAD

Dear Town of Rowe Departments,

The Finance Committee would like to thank you for your continued efforts to produce and utilize an annual budget that maximizes services while minimizing waste. We know that all elected, appointed, and hired officials strive to ensure that every tax dollar raised is spent responsibly.

As we move forward with our new Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the FY2020 Budget, the Finance Committee is looking to work with the various departments to develop and implement plans that will help to prolong the life and lessen the replacement costs of our capital assets. This could be achieved through actions such as: preventative maintenance, quality vs. cost comparison, utilization analysis, interdepartmental sharing, etc... We would like to explore all options we can to reach optimal efficiency for our assets.

If your department has oversight over capital assets, we would suggest over the next year you consider researching whether there may be a way to lengthen the life of those assets. The Finance Committee is prepared to help you in whatever way we can to achieve this goal.

Thank you again for all the hard work you do for the town. We look forward to the upcoming budget season.

Sincerely,

(Signatures)