

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Town of Rowe
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

FRANKLIN, SS.

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are 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 TOWN HALL, 321 Zoar Road**, In said Rowe on **MONDAY, the TWENTY-SEVENTH day of OCTOBER 2025 at 6:00 P.M.**, then to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE & APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$26,000.00** to fund Turnout gear for the Fire Department, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0-0
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE & APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$10,000.00** to fund Borate Treatment for the Browning Bench Powder Beetle Infestation on behalf of the Park Commission, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0-0
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to **RAISE & APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$32,300.17** to fund reconciling discrepancies in FY24 and FY25, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0-0
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to **RAISE & APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$30,000.00** to fund an auditing firm to reconcile FY24 & FY25 discrepancies, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE & APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$9,950.00** to fund Rowe’s participation in the Mohawk Trail Regional School District Sustainability Study, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0-0
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

***Explanation:** The goal is to engage the Rowe community in a discussion about their school district's potential participation in the 2Districts8Towns initiative, which would involve joining an expanded region with eight other towns. This process includes compiling factual information, gathering input from stakeholders through a public meeting, conducting a straw poll to assess support for merging into a single PK-12 campus, and potentially moving forward with an analysis of enrollment and other district data. If favorable, Rowe would contribute \$35,000 for the necessary studies to assess this partnership.*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to **RAISE & APPROPRIATE** the sum of **\$15,000.00** to be placed in the Detail Agency Fund created pursuant to G.L. c.44, §53c, or take any action in relation thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee 5-0-0
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c.40, §8D and establish a Historical Commission, for the purpose of identifying, preserving, and advocating for the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage of Rowe; and to support planning, research, and grant-

seeking activities beneficial to the Town. The Commission shall consist of five (5) members and up to five (5) alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen to staggered three-year terms, or take any action in relation thereto.

Explanation: This article creates a Historical Commission to support the preservation of Rowe's historic and cultural resources. It provides a clear and legal framework for the Town to pursue official recognition and funding for historic properties, particularly Town-owned buildings.

Recommended by the Finance Committee 4-1-0
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 3-0-0

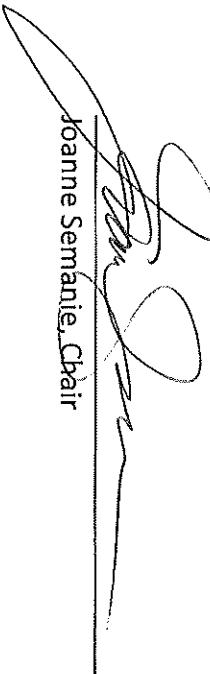
ARTICLE 8: To transact any other business of a lawful and pertinent nature that may come before the meeting.

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 9th Day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty-Five.

ROWE BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Joanne Semanie, Chair


Marilyn Wilson, Vice-Chair


William Baker, Selectman

A true copy, Attest:


Henry Dandpneau, Constable

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.


Henry Dandpneau, Constable

10/9/25
Date