

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - Results

Town of Rowe
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Rowe Elementary School

Moderator: Robert Clancy
Town Clerk: Kevin Balawick
Board of Selectmen: Chair Charles Sokol, Vice-Chair Joanne Semanie, Selectman Edward Silva
Town Counsel: Jonathan Murray, Esq. - KP Law

The Special Town Meeting was held on Monday, May 13th, 2024 at the Rowe Elementary Schol, located at 86 Pond Road.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Moderator Clancy. In attendance were approximately forty-eight (48) voters and ten (10) guests. Moderator Clancy read out a brief greeting welcoming voters to the Special Town Meeting. He then informed voters of the rules of the meeting. Tellers were not appointed.

Assessor's Chair Rick Williams spoke to the impact of FY25 taxes.

Moderator Clancy asked for a sense of the meeting to permit certain department heads that not registered voters to speak during the meeting: School Principal, Town Counsel, and Fire Cheif. No objections were noted.

Moderator Clancy turned to the Board of Selectmen for comments.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to **TRANSEFER** from **FREE CASH** the sum of \$13,552.00, to the Bonding and Insurance account (01-124-5740) to cover a shortfall or take any action thereto:

Explanation: The bonding and insurance fund appropriated for FY2024 was calculated incorrectly and an unexpected bond was issued due to unforeseen personnel changes.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

*Recommended by the Finance Committee vote 3-0-0
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0-0*

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** from **FREE CASH** the following sum of money for the purpose of paying unpaid bills from a prior fiscal year, or take any action in relation thereto:

2023 FISCAL YEAR

Legal Counsel Invoice..... \$2,695.44

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

*Recommended by the Finance Committee vote 3-0-0
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0-0*

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to **TRANSFER** the following sums from the specified accounts to the **Park Operations** account (**01-5701-0000**) for the purpose of selected tree removal at the Tennis Courts and stump grinding at Percy's Point:

- \$2,527.51 from the **UTV and Accessories** account (**03-5400-03203**)
- \$4,427.80 from free cash

Explanation: The UTV and Tennis Court special projects have been completed. The Park would like to utilize the remaining funds this fiscal year for the stated purpose.

Requested by the Park Commission

Passed by Show of Hands, Unanimous

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously. The meeting was closed at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Balawick, Town Clerk
May 23rd, 2024