

Town of Rockland Warrant

Special Town Meeting

Monday May 5, 2025

7:00p.m. Rockland High School

Annual Town Meeting

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SELECT BOARD

Tiffanie Needham, Chair

Lori Childs, Vice Chair

Michael P. O'Loughlin

John J. Ellard, Jr.

Steven O'Donnell, Jr.

MODERATOR

Kevin Henderson

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE MEETING

EVERY VOTER desiring to speak shall arise and address the Chair, after recognition is obtained, state his name and address and stand while speaking, using the microphone in the front, unless otherwise directed. No motion made by anyone will be in order unless this procedure is followed.

ANY VOTER has the right to speak for or against any Article. A **NON-VOTER** may speak as long as they have the permission of the Moderator. After you speak on an Article, return to your seat. If you have a question on any Article before the house, address the Chair and I will direct the question to the proper person for an answer.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE recommendation is the first and main motion under each Article and under each Budget. Any attempt by a Department Head or anyone to move another figure would be an amendment to the main motion.

A motion to pass the Article over is the same as defeating the Article.

IF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE DISAPPROVES AN ARTICLE it is an automatic motion to **PASS THE ARTICLE OVER** and that will be the first action on the Article.

After the Finance Committee reports on an Article, if they so desire, and the Article is referred to a certain **BOARD, COMMITTEE, or DEPARTMENT HEAD, IT WILL BE THE RULE** that they will be recognized first for their report. **IF I FORGET, REMIND ME.**

A UNANIMOUS VOTE IS BEST AND SAVES TIME. If I do not see or hear any objection, I will declare it, **“A UNANIMOUS VOTE”**.

If an Article requires a 2/3rd or 4/5th vote and it is not **UNANIMOUS**, IT IS THE Moderator's responsibility to see that a vote is taken.

IF A HAND VOTE is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more voters who stand to question the **VOTE**; it will be counted by the Tellers.

ARTICLE III SECTION 10 OF THE TOWN BY-LAWS STATES:

NO VOTE SHALL BE RECONSIDERED except after the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voters present and voting on a motion to reconsider such vote. Any voter may move to reconsider except that no motion to reconsider shall be made by any adjourned session of the same meeting unless he has given notice of his intention to move reconsideration at the session of the meeting at which the vote was passed. A vote shall not be reconsidered a second time or after a motion to reconsider has failed to pass.

TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE II

SECTION 4. All reports, motions, and resolutions Requested for the consideration of the meeting involving the expenditure of money shall be in writing and other reports, motions or resolutions shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator so directs.

TOWN CHARTER

SECTION 3.06. All action taken at any and all Town Meetings shall be only upon those items contained in the Warrant for said Town Meeting and all articles in the Warrant shall be acted upon in order unless otherwise voted at any such Town Meeting, and printed copies of each such Warrant, with the recommendations of the Finance Committee is hereinafter set forth, shall be furnished to the voters of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.02 (a) (iv) Article II of this Charter.

Kevin T. Henderson, Town Moderator

MUNICIPAL FINANCE TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are frequently used in the Annual Town Warrant and at Town Meetings. In order to provide everyone with a better understanding of the meaning, the following definitions are provided.

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE:

The amount allowable by General Law to be raised for annual appropriations based on Property Tax Levy Limits and estimated local and state receipts.

AVAILABLE FUNDS:

Available Funds include Undesignated Fund Balance in the General Fund and Unreserved Fund Balance in the Water and Sewer Funds as well as Overlay Surplus and the Host Community Trust Fund Balance.

UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE: (often referred to as “Free Cash”)

Fund Balance is the amount certified annually by the State Bureau of Accounts by deducting from surplus revenue all uncollected taxes for prior years. This fund may be used by a vote for the Town Meeting.

OVERLAY:

The overlay is the amount raised by the Assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements granted and avoiding fractions.

OVERLAY SURPLUS:

This is the accumulated amount of the Overlay for various years not used or required to be held in the specific Overlay Account for a given year, certified by the Board of Assessor, and may be used by a vote of the Town.

RESERVE FUND:

This fund is established by the votes at an Annual Town Meeting only and may be composed of an appropriation (not exceeding 5% of the tax levy of the preceding year). It is available throughout the year by vote of the Finance Committee for Unexpected and/or Extraordinary expenditures.

STABILIZATION FUND:

This is a fund created to provide a reserve. Appropriations from the Stabilization funds may be made at an Annual Town Meeting by a two-thirds vote for any lawful purpose.

CHERRY SHEET:

Named for the cherry-colored paper on which the Massachusetts Commission of Corporations and Taxation traditionally has printed it. The cherry sheet carries the state aid figures that must be used by the Assessors in determining the amount to be raised by taxation.

It lists the amounts of county tax and state assessments, as well as the established tax distributions from the General Fund, reimbursements, agency funds and the Sales and Use Taxes.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING				
MAY 5, 2025				
LIST OF ARTICLES				
Art. #	Department	Subject	Amount	Funding Source
1.	Town Accountant	Unpaid Bills from Prior Year	\$325	Use of Current Budget
2.	Town Accountant	Snow & Ice Deficit	\$350,000	Free Cash
3.	School Committee	Transfer of Article #36 from the 5/6/24 Annual Town Meeting for FY25 School Out of District Costs	\$500,000	Free Cash
4.	ARJWW	Storage Tank Cleaning	\$30,000	Water Retained Earnings
5.	Community Preservation Committee	Bicentennial Track Replacement Feasibility Study	\$9,850	Community Preservation Act Funds

ARTICLE # 1

Will the Town vote to authorize the Accounting Department to pay the following unpaid bills of a prior year as of June 30, 2024 from the current year departmental budgets as listed or take any other action relative thereto?

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>
\$325.00	122 Select Board	Spring 2024 Conference Registration Fee

Emergency: The above-mentioned invoices were unpaid June 30, 2024 and were not requested in time to meet the deadline to be paid via encumbrances. The invoices should be paid as soon as practicable to minimize hardship for the vendors.

Requested by: Town Accountant

Approval Recommend by: Finance Committee

Funding Source: FY2025 Departmental Budgets

9/10th Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE # 2

Will the Town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$350,000.00) as follows for the FY2025 Snow & Ice deficit, or take any other action relative thereto?

Emergency: These items must be addressed as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.

Requested by: Town Accountant

Approval Recommend by: Finance Committee

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 3

Will the Town vote to transfer Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from Article #36 from the May 6, 2024 Annual Town Meeting to the FY25 School Department budget to fund FY25 Out of District expenses for the Rockland School Department, or take any other action relative thereto?

Emergency: This vote is required in order to use these funds in FY25.

Requested by: School Committee

Approval Recommend by: School Committee, Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Re-use of Article #36 from the 5/6/24 Annual Town Meeting, which was originally appropriated for “Esten School HVAC & Electrical Improvements.”

ARTICLE # 4

Will the Town vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for water storage tank cleaning, or take any other action relative thereto?

Emergency: This vote is required in order to complete this project prior to FY26.

Requested by: Board of Water Commissioners

Approval Recommend by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Water Retained Earnings

ARTICLE # 5

Will the Town vote to approve and expend, from the Community Preservation Fund, the sum of Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$9,850) to supplement the funding for the

feasibility study for the reconstruction of the Bicentennial Park Track, or take any other action relative thereto?

Emergency: This vote is required in order to use pay for the remaining FY25 invoices.

Requested by: Parks Commissioners

Approval Recommended by: Select Board, Parks Commissioners, Community Preservation Committee, Finance Committee

Funding Source: Community Preservation Act Funds – Budgeted Reserve

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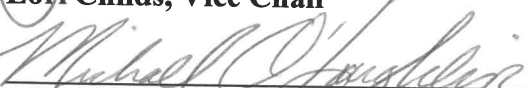
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting in each of the six precincts in said Town.

Hereof, fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, on the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

Given under our hand this 15th of April, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Five.


Tiffanie Needham, Chair


Lori Childs, Vice Chair


Michael P. O'Loughlin


John J. Ellard, Jr.


Steven O'Donnell, Jr.

RETURN OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this 16 day of April 2025, posted this warrant in each of the six precincts in the Town of Rockland.

ATTEST:
CONSTABLE



Precinct 1	T.K.O. Shea's	932 Hingham Street
Precinct 2	Sullivan Tire	1 VFW Drive
Precinct 3	Town Hall (Rockland Town Offices)	242 Union Street
	Rockland Public Library	20 Belmont Street
	Rockland Senior Center	344 Plain Street
	Rockland Post Office	39 Webster Street
Precinct 4	UPS Store	319 Centre Avenue
Precinct 5	Stevie G's Restaurant	372 Market Street
Precinct 6	Rockland Housing Authority	8 Studley Court

TOWN OF ROCKLAND
WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To one of the constables in the Town of Rockland, County of Plymouth and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Greetings: 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 town affairs to meet at the

High School Auditorium
Rockland High School
52 MacKinlay Way

in said Town on Monday, **May 5, 2025 at 7:15 P.M.**, then and there to act on the following articles:

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING				
May 5, 2025				
LIST OF ARTICLES				
Article #	Department	Subject	Amount	Funding Source
1.	Select Board	Annual Elections	N/A	N/A
2.	Select Board	Set Elected Official Compensation	N/A	N/A
3.	Select Board	General Fund Operating Budget	\$82,612,389	Raise, appropriate & transfer
4.	ARJWW	Water Dept. Enterprise Budget	\$4,605,398	Water Dept Revenues
5.	ARJWW	Capital Articles	\$1,012,500	Water Dept Revenues
6.	Sewer	Sewer Enterprise Budget	\$4,402,711	Sewer Revenues
7.	Sewer	Authorize Additional Borrowing for WWTP Improvements	\$22,000,000	Sewer Dept Revenues
8.	Sewer	Capital Articles	\$225,000	Sewer Dept Revenues
9.	Assessing	Valuation/Appraisal Software Upgrade	\$10,000	Free Cash
10.	Administration	Town Capital Projects	\$75,000	Free Cash
11.	Cemetery	New Dump Truck	\$95,000	Free Cash
12.	Fire	Capital Articles	\$801,000	Free Cash
13.	Highway	Capital Articles	\$400,000	Free Cash
14.	Information Technology	Network Switch Replacements	\$45,200	Free Cash
15.	Parks	Capital Articles	\$30,000	Free Cash
16.	Planning	Update Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$30,000	Free Cash
17.	Police	Capital Articles	\$264,754	Free Cash & Marijuana Host Community Agreement Funds
18.	Recreation	New Enclosed Equipment Trailer	\$8,000	Free Cash
19.	School	Free Cash Articles	\$790,000	Free Cash
20.	ARJWW	Add New ARJWW Revolving Fund	N/A	Self-funding
21.	Treasurer	Add New Tax Title Revolving Fund	N/A	Self-funding
22.	Town Accountant	Revolving Funds Maximum Spending Limits	Various	Self-funding
23.	Fire	Authorization for Debt Exclusion for New Fire Station	\$26.1 million	Debt Exclusion
24.	Fire	Capital Exclusion for new Ladder Truck	\$2 million	Capital Exclusion
25.	Select Board	Town Charter Updates	N/A	N/A

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING				
May 5, 2025				
LIST OF ARTICLES				
Article #	Department	Subject	Amount	Funding Source
26.	Select Board	Use of Opioid Settlement Funds	\$160,000	Opioid Settlement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund
27.	Veterans	Disabled Veterans Tax Abatement Annual COLA	N/A	N/A
28.	Veterans	Disabled Veterans Tax Abatement Additional Exemption	N/A	N/A
29.	Veterans	National Guardsmen & Military Reservists' Property Tax Exemption	N/A	N/A
30.	Veterans	Accept MGL c.33 s.59	N/A	N/A
31.	Community Preservation Committee	Community Preservation Allocations	Misc.	CPA Estimated Revenue
32.	Community Preservation Committee	Bicentennial Track Replacement	\$3,000,000	Community Preservation Act Borrowing
33.	Community Preservation Committee	Microfiche of Historical Town Documents	\$2,200	Community Preservation Act Funds
34.	Community Preservation Committee	Garden Terrace Affordable Housing Generator	\$110,000	Community Preservation Act Funds
35.	Community Preservation Committee	Beal Cemetery Improvements	\$20,000	Community Preservation Act Funds
36.	Planning Board	Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Setback Requirements	N/A	N/A
37.	Planning Board	Zoning Bylaw Amendment: ADU's	N/A	N/A
38.	Planning Board	Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Lots in Common Ownership	N/A	N/A

ARTICLE # 1

Will the Town vote to cast votes in the 2026 Annual Town Election for the election of candidates for the following offices?

Board of Health	One Seat	3-year term
Board of Library Trustees	Two Seats	3-year term
Board of Park Commissioners	One Seat	3-year term
Select Board	Two Seats	3-year term
Board of Sewer Commissioners	One Seat	3-year term
Board of Water Commissioners	One Seat	3-year term
Planning Board	One Seat	5-year term
School Committee	One Seat	3-year term
Board of Assessor	One Seat	3-year term

Requested by: Town Clerk

Approval Recommended by: Select Board

Funding Source: N/A

ARTICLE # 2

Will the Town vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elective officers in the Town in the amounts indicated in the Department Budgets and make such salaries and compensation effective July 1, 2025 (FY2026), in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41 Section 108, as amended, and to raise and appropriate such sums of money for the ensuing year and that all sums be appropriated for the specific purpose designated; and that the same be expended on for such boards and commissions of the Town as voted, or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Select Board

Approval Recommended by: Select Board, Finance Committee

Funding Source: FY26 Budget

ARTICLE # 3

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds as indicated, such sums of money necessary for the ensuing year in the General Fund Operating Budget, or take any other action relative thereto?

General Fund Operating Budget: \$82,612,389
(Each department is allocated the department total.)

 TOWN OF ROCKLAND					
FY2026 BUDGET SUMMARY					
Revenue	Estimated FY2025	Estimated FY2026	Expenditures	Revised FY2025	Requested FY2026
General Fund					
Property Taxes			Operating Budget		
Levy Limit	40,380,129.00	41,727,160.00	General Government	3,756,117.98	4,185,211.75
Prop 2 1/2 %	1,009,503.23	1,043,179.00	Public Safety	10,428,979.38	10,729,209.80
New Growth	200,000.00	200,000.00	Education	30,923,983.07	32,281,342.10
Sub-Total Property Tax:	41,589,632.23	42,970,339.00	South Shore Vo-Tech	1,633,319.00	1,593,675.00
Debt Exclusion			Norfolk Aggie	300,000.00	267,984.00
Debt Exclusions	5,436,202.50	5,406,627.50	Norfolk Aggie Transportation	21,660.00	22,093.20
ADD BACK: BOND PREMIUM					
AMORTIZE	(29,689.61)	(29,689.61)	Public Works	3,649,438.24	3,709,073.53
Sub-Total Debt Exclusion	5,406,512.89	5,376,937.89	Human Services	1,382,920.01	1,393,355.33
Total Property Taxes	46,996,145.12	48,347,276.89	Culture & Recreation	1,190,345.63	1,186,737.31
State Aid			Debt Service	5,808,946.26	5,762,996.30
Cherry Sheet	22,657,154.00	24,026,852.00	State & County Assessments	3,819,288.00	4,113,879.00
Total State Aid:	22,657,154.00	24,026,852.00	South Field Assessments	9,600.00	8,500.00
Local Estimated Receipts			Benefits	14,836,575.81	15,746,683.97
Local Receipts	9,394,055.00	9,795,989.00	Property & Liability	1,386,833.00	1,511,647.97
Total Local Est. Receipts:	9,394,055.00	9,795,989.00	Operating Budget Total	79,148,006	82,512,389
Total Revenue	79,047,354.12	82,170,117.89	To be raised on the recap		
Other Sources of Revenue			Snow & Ice Deficit		
Transfer from Stabilization	-	-	Overlay	300,000	50,000
Transfer from Free Cash	-	-	Other Expenditures Total	300,000	50,000
Indirect Costs Water	159,168.74	163,943.80	Transfer to OPEB	17,500	25,000
Indirect Costs Sewer	61,483.43	63,327.93	Transfer to Stabilization	17,500	25,000
Overlay Surplus	200,000.00	200,000.00	Transfer to Capital Stabilization	-	-
Dog Fund	15,000.00	15,000.00			
Transfer from OPEB Trust	-	-			
Total Other Revenue:	435,652.16	442,271.73			
Total GF Sources of Revenue:	79,483,006.28	82,612,390	Total General Fund Expenditures:	79,483,006.39	82,612,389

FY2026 GENERAL FUND
General Government

122 Select Board			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0112251	511001	Salary Town Administrator	181,023.20	185,548.78
0112251	511006	Salary Exec Assistant	71,397.85	71,397.85
0112251	511038	Assistant Town Administrator	112,749.91	112,749.91
0112252	513301	Wage Adjustment Obligations Allocated Out	-	290,218.00
Sub-Total			365,170.96	659,914.54
0112251	524400	Sundries	2,000.00	2,000.00

0112252	525400	Vehicle Maintenance		
			2,000.00	2,000.00
0112252	529712	Landfill Monitoring		
			80,000.00	80,000.00
0112253	530000	Professional and Technical		
			10,000.00	10,000.00
0112253	534100	Advertising		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
0112257	573100	Conference Meetings/Registration		
			12,500.00	12,500.00
0112153	534200	Postage		
			2,300.00	2,300.00
Sub-Total			113,800.00	113,800.00

Total Board of Selectmen	478,970.96	773,714.54
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131 Finance Committee	Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
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0113151	511003	Secretary		
			2,000.00	2,000.00
Sub-Total			2,000.00	2,000.00
0113157	573100	Conference Meetings/Registration		
			1,000.00	1,000.00
0113157	579800	Reserve Fund		
			199,000.00	199,000.00
Sub-Total			200,000.00	200,000.00

Total Finance Committee	202,000.00	202,000.00
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135 Accounting	Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
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0113551	511001	Town Accountant		
			105,062.30	105,062.30
0113551	511002	Assistant Town Accountant		
			65,407.11	65,407.11
0113551	511003	Clerical		
			43,874.10	45,784.62
Sub-Total			214,343.51	216,254.03
0113552	530000	Professional & Technical		
			10,000.00	10,000.00
0113552	620004	OPEB Report		
			9,000.00	9,000.00
0113553	534400	Telephone		
			540.00	540.00
0113554	543100	Sundries		
			1,200.00	1,200.00
0113557	573200	Dues & Seminars		
			4,000.00	4,000.00

			Sub-Total	24,740.00	24,740.00
			Total Accounting	239,083.51	240,994.03
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141 Assessor			Revised Budget	Requested	
			FY2025	FY2026	
0114151	511001	Personnel - Appraiser			
			85,000.00	85,000.00	
0114151	511003	Personnel - Clerical			
			103,590.90	103,590.90	
0114151	511004	Salaries - Assessors (3)			
			-	-	
Sub-Total			188,590.90	188,590.90	
0114153	530200	Legal Services			
			2,000.00	2,000.00	
0114153	531207	Maps / Engineering			
			3,000.00	3,000.00	
0114153	531209	Binding Tax & Deed Books			
			450.00	450.00	
0114153	534200	Postage			
			1,500.00	1,500.00	
0114153	534400	Telephone			
			600.00	600.00	
0114153	573200	Dues & Seminars			
			4,080.00	4,080.00	
0114157	573000	Auto Allowances			
			-	-	
0114154	543100	Sundries			
			1,500.00	1,500.00	
0114154	543300	Computer Software			
			11,850.00	15,000.00	
Sub-Total			24,980.00	28,130.00	
Total Assessors Budget			213,570.90	216,720.90	
142 Revaluation			Revised Budget	Requested	
			FY2025	FY2026	
0114252	620002	Revaluation Services			
			89,500.00	60,000.00	
Sub-Total			89,500.00	60,000.00	
Total Revaluation Budget			89,500.00	60,000.00	
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145 Treasurer			Revised Budget	Requested	
			FY2025	FY2026	

0114551	511001	Treasurer		
			90,521.49	92,784.53
0114551	511002	Assistant Treasurer		
			64,584.45	64,584.45
0114551	511003	Clerical		
			43,866.27	43,866.27
0114551	511010	S/W Substitute Payroll		
			-	-
		Sub-Total	198,972.21	201,235.25
0114552	520000	Purchase of Service		
			-	-
0114553	530000	Professional & Technical		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
0114553	530200	Legal		
			3,000.00	5,000.00
0114553	534300	Postage		
			6,000.00	6,000.00
0114553	538000	Tax Title		
			50,000.00	50,000.00
0114553	539100	Payroll Processing Fees		
			50,000.00	50,000.00
0114553	539200	Medicaid Billing Fees		
			-	-
0114554	542000	Office Supplies		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
0114557	573200	Dues & Meetings		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
		Sub-Total	124,000.00	126,000.00
Total Treasurer Budget			322,972.21	327,235.25

146 Tax Collector			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0114651	511001	Tax Collector		
			90,521.50	92,784.54
0114651	511002	Assistant Tax Collector		
			52,234.00	52,234.00
0114651	511003	Clerical		
			44,473.52	44,473.52
0114651	511130	Parking Clerk		
			1,200.00	1,500.00
		Sub-Total	188,429.02	190,992.06
0114653	534300	Postage/Maint./Supplies		
			25,000.00	25,000.00
0114653	538000	Tax Lien		
			5,000.00	2,000.00
0114654	543100	Sundries		
			4,000.00	4,000.00
0114657	573201	Dues/Meetings/Travel		
			1,500.00	1,500.00
		Sub-Total	35,500.00	32,500.00

			Total Tax Collector Budget	223,929.02	223,492.06
151 Legal Services			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026	
0115153	530200	Town Counsel - Legal Services	230,000.00	210,000.00	
0115153	530202	Legal Zoning	-	-	
Sub-Total			230,000.00	210,000.00	
			Total Legal Services Budget	230,000.00	210,000.00
152 Personnel			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026	
0115251	511035	HR Director	104,593.92	100,000.00	
0115251	511003	HR Coordinator PT	26,265.72	26,265.72	
Sub-Total			130,859.64	126,265.72	
0115254	543100	Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00	
0119253	534200	Postage	750.00	750.00	
0115253	534102	Employment Advertising	3,000.00	3,000.00	
0115257	573201	Dues, Meetings & Training	31,500.00	31,500.00	
Sub-Total			37,250.00	37,250.00	
			Total Personnel Budget	168,109.64	163,515.72
155 Data Processing			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026	
0115551	511001	Personnel	112,059.04	112,059.04	
Sub-Total			112,059.04	112,059.04	
0115553	530400	Computer Services+C48	356,876.88	528,691.88	-
0115553	534401	Telephone Services	-	-	
0115553	542200	Computer & Telephone Supplies	59,482.50	61,266.98	
Sub-Total			416,359.38	589,958.86	

Total Data Processing Budget	528,418.42	702,017.90
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161 Town Clerk			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0116151	511001	Town Clerk	90,521.49	92,784.53
0116151	511002	Assistant Town Clerk	61,752.60	61,752.60
0116151	511003	Clerical	43,698.20	43,698.20
Sub-Total			195,972.29	198,235.33
0116153	531210	Bookbinding	1,300.00	1,500.00
0116153	531212	By-Law & Charter	4,700.00	4,700.00
0116153	531217	Software Licensing	-	-
0116153	534200	Postage	900.00	900.00
0116154	543100	Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00
0116157	573200	Dues & Meetings	6,000.00	6,000.00
Sub-Total			15,900.00	16,100.00
Total Town Clerk Budget			211,872.29	214,335.33

162 Town Meeting/Elections			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0116251	511019	Personnel	45,000.00	35,000.00
Sub-Total			45,000.00	35,000.00
0116253	539900	Services	10,000.00	10,000.00
0116254	543100	Postage & Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sub-Total			15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Town Meeting/Election Budget			60,000.00	50,000.00

163 Registrar of Voters			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0116353	534200	Postage	5,200.00	7,000.00

0116354	543100	Supplies		14,000.00	14,000.00
			Sub-Total	19,200.00	21,000.00
Total Registrar of Voters Budget				19,200.00	21,000.00
171 Conservation Commission				Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0117151	511003	Secretary		4,500.00	4,500.00
			Sub-Total	4,500.00	4,500.00
0117154	543100	Sundries & Expenses		725.00	725.00
				725.00	725.00
Total Conservation Commission Budget				5,225.00	5,225.00
175 Planning Board				Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0117551	511003	Secretary		4,500.00	4,500.00
			Sub-Total	4,500.00	4,500.00
0117554	543100	Sundries & Expenses		725.00	725.00
			Sub-Total	725.00	725.00
Total Planning Board Budget				5,225.00	5,225.00
176 Zoning				Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0117651	513042	Secretary		5,400.00	5,400.00
			Sub-Total	5,400.00	5,400.00
0117653	534101	Advertising		150.00	150.00
0117653	534200	Postage		150.00	150.00
0117653	539910	Expenses		975.00	975.00
			Sub-Total	1,275.00	1,275.00

Total Zoning Board Budget			6,675.00	6,675.00
179 Land Use			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0117951	511047	Planner		
			92,250.00	92,250.00
0117951	511037	Land Use Coordinator (Non Union)		
			53,844.53	53,844.53
		Sub-Total	146,094.53	146,094.53
0117954	543100	Supplies		
			2,000.00	2,000.00
0117957	573200	Dues & Meetings		
			3,000.00	3,000.00
		Sub-Total	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Land Use			151,094.53	151,094.53
192 Town Hall			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0119251	512020	Personnel - Custodian		
			20,353.40	20,353.40
0119251	NEW	Facilities Stipends		10,000.00
0119251	511046	Personnel - Custodian Stipend		
			1,250.00	1,250.00
		Sub-Total	21,603.40	31,603.40
0119252	521500	Utilities/Maintenance		
			61,500.00	61,500.00
0119254	543100	Supplies		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
		Sub-Total	66,500.00	66,500.00
Total Town Hall Budget			88,103.40	98,103.40
195 Town Reports			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0119553	531000	Town Reports and Warrants		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
		Sub-Total	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Town Reports Budget			5,000.00	5,000.00
196 Utilities General Government			Revised Budget	Requested

			FY2025	FY2026
0119640	521101	Solar Energy Costs	68,737.90	68,737.90
0119641	521101	Solar Energy Costs - School	48,048.86	48,048.86
0119641	521100	Electricity School Administration	242,581.21	242,581.21
0119650	521100	Electricity Town Buildings	79,794.53	79,794.53
0119642	521101	Solar Energy Costs Library	-	-
0119658	521100	Electricity Library	11,505.60	11,505.60
Sub-Total			450,668.10	450,668.10
Total Utilities General Gov. Budget			450,668.10	450,668.10

199 Audit			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0119953	530900	Audit	56,500.00	58,195.00
Sub-Total			56,500.00	58,195.00
Total Audit Budget			56,500.00	58,195.00
Total General Government			3,756,117.98	4,185,211.75

Public Safety				
205 Dispatching			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0120552	520000	Purchase of Service	258,309.75	353,023.00
0120552	581057	Dispatch Software	55,000.00	55,000.00
Sub-Total			313,309.75	408,023.00
Total Dispatching Budget			313,309.75	408,023.00

210 Police			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0121051	511001	Salary - Chief	144,282.00	148,610.00
0121051	511002	Salary - Deputy Chief	121,527.00	127,438.81
0121051	511003	Salary - Clerical	55,452.64	57,806.28

0121051	511005	Salary Executive Assistant		
			72,289.72	72,578.88
0121051	511007	Salary - Lieutenant		
			215,045.85	210,991.48
0121051	511008	Superior Officers		
			571,118.92	565,360.66
0121051	511010	Substitute Payroll		
			460,000.00	460,000.00
0121051	511011	Salaries - Officers		
			1,810,905.08	1,888,928.85
0121051	512041	Salary - Custodian		
			44,803.40	46,953.90
0121051	513090	Salary - Animal Control Officer		
			54,921.43	56,421.43
0121051	513098	Crossing Guards		
			10,200.00	10,200.00
0121051	514010	Longevity		
			14,900.00	12,900.00
0121051	514030	Holiday Pay		
			152,562.83	154,184.95
0121051	514040	Education Incentive		
			482,820.75	487,392.20
0121051	515090	Clothing Allowance		
			50,750.00	52,000.00
0121051	519011	Uniform Allowance		
			350.00	350.00
0121051	515021	Insurance Reimbursement		
			2,500.00	5,000.00
Sub-Total			4,264,429.62	4,357,117.44
0121052	525200	Maintenance of Radios		
			800.00	800.00
0121052	525400	Cruiser Expenses		
			100,000.00	100,000.00
0121052	525404	Aux Vehicle Maintenance		
			4,000.00	4,000.00
0121053	534400	Aux Telephone		
			-	-
0121053	534600	Teletype		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
0121053	534700	Radio & Repeaters		
			10,000.00	10,000.00
0121054	543100	Supplies		
			125,000.00	125,000.00
0121054	543700	Station Maintenance		
			110,000.00	125,000.00
0121054	548100	Gasoline		
			2,000.00	2,000.00
0121054	548402	Aux Uniforms		
			3,000.00	3,000.00
0121054	548403	Aux Vehicle Fuel		
			2,500.00	2,500.00
0121054	548404	Aux Equipment		
			2,500.00	2,500.00
0121054	548405	Aux Training Expense		
			2,500.00	2,500.00
0121055	558100	Dog Supplies		
			1,500.00	1,500.00
0121055	558110	Dog Care		
			2,000.00	2,000.00

0121055	558140	Prof. Medical Care Animals	-	-
0121057	579900	Police Other Charges / Expenses	7,500.00	7,500.00
Sub-Total			378,300.00	393,300.00

Total Police Budget			4,642,729.62	4,750,417.44
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220 Fire			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0122051	511001	Salary - Chief	190,100.24	190,100.00
0122051	511002	Salary - Deputy Chief	181,115.36	181,115.00
0122051	511005	Salary - Executive Assistant	61,950.00	70,805.00
0122051	511007	Salaries Lieutenants	288,202.00	288,202.00
0122051	511010	Clothing Allowance	38,750.00	38,750.00
0122051	511011	Salary - Permanent Fire Fighter	2,068,811.00	2,078,533.00
0122051	511016	College Credits	327,313.00	358,923.00
0122051	514010	Longevity Payroll	8,300.00	11,000.00
0122051	514016	Captains	204,341.00	204,341.00
0122051	514020	Substitute Payroll	600,000.00	600,000.00
0122051	514030	Holiday Pay	185,931.00	186,570.00
0122051	515080	Overtime Payroll	175,000.00	175,000.00
0122051	515012	Vacation Payout	7,111.40	7,112.00
0122051	515021	Disability Insurance	3,000.00	3,000.00
0122051	519040	Training Payroll	105,000.00	105,000.00
0122051	519041	Fire Training	56,292.00	56,504.00
Sub-Total			4,501,217.00	4,554,955.00
0122052	520002	Ambulance Collection Fee	40,000.00	40,000.00
0122052	521400	Natural Gas	20,000.00	20,000.00
0122053	534400	Telephone	15,000.00	15,000.00
0122054	542200	Computer Supplies	15,000.00	15,000.00
0122054	543100	Sundries and other charges	1,200.00	1,200.00
0122054	543400	Equipment Maintenance & Repair	90,000.00	90,000.00
0122054	543700	Building Maintenance & Supplies	35,000.00	35,000.00

0122054	543900	Office Supplies & Advertising		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
0122054	548400	Ambulance Supplies		
			60,000.00	60,000.00
0122054	548401	Vehicle Fuel		
			50,000.00	50,000.00
0122055	553100	Educational Materials		
			30,000.00	30,000.00
	NEW	FF Health and Welfare		
			-	-
		Sub-Total	361,200.00	361,200.00
		Total Fire Budget	4,862,417.00	4,916,155.00

241 Building Department			Revised Budget	Requested
			FY2025	FY2026
0124151	511001	Inspector		
			101,824.47	101,824.47
0124151	511006	Administrative Assistant		
			55,561.61	55,561.61
0124151	511034	Local Inspector		
			19,667.70	34,580.00
0124151	511040	Junior Clerk		
			47,696.63	47,696.63
0124151	514040	Inspector Education		
			500.00	500.00
0124151	515010	Vacation Coverage		
			820.00	820.00
		Sub-Total	226,070.41	240,982.71
0124154	542100	Supplies		
			3,550.00	3,750.00
0124153	534200	Postage		
0124157	573000	Auto Allowance		
			1,800.00	1,800.00
0124157	573100	Seminars		
			2,000.00	2,000.00
0124157	573200	Dues & Meetings		
			750.00	750.00
		Sub-Total	8,100.00	8,300.00
		Total Building Department Budget	234,170.41	249,282.71

242 Gas Inspector			Revised Budget	Requested
			FY2025	FY2026
0124251	511001	Inspector		
			6,638.90	6,638.90
0124251	511014	On Call Coverage		
			525.00	525.00
		Sub-Total	7,163.90	7,163.90

0124257	573000	Auto Allowance		520.00	520.00
			Sub-Total	520.00	520.00
Total Gas Inspector Budget				7,683.90	7,683.90
243 Plumbing Inspector				Revised Budget	Requested
				FY2025	FY2026
0124351	511001	Inspector		10,493.64	10,493.64
0124351	511014	On Call Coverage		525.00	525.00
			Sub-Total	11,018.64	11,018.64
0124357	531211	Seminars		650.00	650.00
0124357	573000	Auto Allowance		875.00	875.00
			Sub-Total	1,525.00	1,525.00
Total Plumbing Inspector Budget				12,543.64	12,543.64
244 Weights / Measures				Revised Budget	Requested
				FY2025	FY2026
0124451	511001	Inspector		5,125.00	5,125.00
			Sub-Total	5,125.00	5,125.00
0124454	543100	Supplies		800.00	800.00
0124457	573000	Auto Allowance		165.00	165.00
			Sub-Total	965.00	965.00
Total Weights & Measurers Budget				6,090.00	6,090.00
245 Wiring Inspector				Revised Budget	Requested
				FY2025	FY2026
0124551	511001	Inspectors		27,930.87	34,000.00
0124551	511014	On Call Coverage		3,075.00	3,075.00
			Sub-Total	31,005.87	37,075.00

0124557	573000	Auto Allowance	740.00	-
0124554	519060	Bi-Annual Certification	650.00	650.00
Sub-Total			1,390.00	650.00
Total Wiring Inspector Budget			32,395.87	37,725.00

291 Emergency Management			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0129151	511000	Emergency Mangment Director	-	7,000.00
0129152	522100	Technology	8,100.00	8,100.00
0129154	526000	Generator Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00
0129154	543100	Sundries	500.00	500.00
0129154	548300	Gas	200.00	200.00
0129154	552401	Equipment	3,200.00	3,200.00
0129154	552900	Training Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sub-Total			15,000.00	22,000.00
Total Emergency Management Budget			15,000.00	22,000.00

293 Traffic Control			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0129353	531213	Traffic Signal	-	-
0129353	531214	Traffic Lighting	25,000.00	25,000.00
Sub-Total			25,000.00	25,000.00
Total Traffic Control Budget			25,000.00	25,000.00

294 Tree Dept			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0129451	511001	Tree Warden	19,996.79	20,496.71
0129451	511016	Labor	116,542.40	132,692.40
0129451	511018	Police Details	10,000.00	10,000.00
0129451	511043	On Call	2,800.00	2,800.00
0129451	514010	Longevity	1,800.00	1,800.00

0129451	514042	Licensing		
			3,000.00	3,000.00
0129451	514043	Pesticide License		
			1,500.00	1,500.00
0129455	562100	Uniforms		
			2,000.00	2,000.00
		Sub-Total	157,639.19	174,289.11
0129452	525400	Vehicle Maintenance		
			15,000.00	15,000.00
0129453	531214	Hired Equipment		
			55,000.00	55,000.00
0129454	543600	Supplies/Clothing/Equipment		
			20,000.00	20,000.00
		Sub-Total	90,000.00	90,000.00
		Total Tree Department Budget	247,639.19	264,289.11
295 Street Lights			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0129552	526300	Street Light Maintenance		
			30,000.00	30,000.00
		Sub-Total	30,000.00	30,000.00
		Total Street Lights	30,000.00	30,000.00
		Total Public Safety	10,428,979.38	10,729,209.80
300 Education 301 Regional Schools			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
300		Rockland Public Schools		
			30,923,983.07	32,281,342.10
0130156	566100	South Shore Vocational Technical HS		
			1,633,319.00	1,593,675.00
0130156	566110	Norfolk Agricultural Tuition		
			300,000.00	267,984.00
0130156	566111	Norfolk Agricultural Transportation		
			21,660.00	22,093.20
		Total Education Budget	32,878,962.07	34,165,094.30
Public Works				
421 Highway Department			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026

0142151	511001	Salary Superintendent	99,717.98	102,210.93
0142151	511006	Salary - Secretary	60,486.40	60,486.40
0142151	511016	Labor	373,218.68	392,105.52
0142151	511018	Highway Police Details	50,000.00	50,000.00
0142151	511019	Highway Police Calls	20,000.00	20,000.00
0142151	511043	On Call Coverage	7,925.00	7,925.00
0142151	514010	Longevity	3,400.00	3,400.00
0142151	514042	Licensing	10,000.00	10,000.00
0142151	514043	Pesticide License	4,500.00	4,500.00
0142151	519010	Uniforms	8,000.00	8,000.00
Sub-Total			637,248.06	658,627.85
0142152	521500	Utilities	6,500.00	6,500.00
0142152	525500	Radio Repairs	2,000.00	5,000.00
0142152	525700	Street Striping	44,000.00	44,000.00
0142152	526100	Machine Maintenance	60,000.00	60,000.00
0142152	533000	Materials & Hired Equipment	500,000.00	500,000.00
0142152	558100	Misc Tools & Supplies	5,000.00	5,000.00
0142154	543900	Building Maintenance	10,000.00	10,000.00
0142154	NEW	Engineering	-	25,000.00
0142157	551000	Gas/Oil/Diesel/Etc.	55,000.00	55,000.00
0142157	570002	Fuel System Maintenance	5,000.00	5,000.00
0142157	573000	Auto Allowance	100.00	100.00
0142157	573200	Dues & Meetings	500.00	500.00
Sub-Total			688,100.00	716,100.00
			-	-
Total Highway Department Budget			1,325,348.06	1,374,727.85
			-	-
423 Snow & Ice			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0142352	511046	Snow Stipends	24,500.00	26,250.00

0142352	NEW	Maintenance		-
0142352	529100	Snow Removal		
			125,500.00	123,750.00
Sub-Total			150,000.00	150,000.00
			-	
Total Snow & Ice			150,000.00	150,000.00
			-	
433 Waste Disposal & Collection			Revised Budget	Requested
			FY2025	FY2026
0143351	511026	Landfill Attendant Full Time		
			40,408.08	40,408.08
0143351	511033	Landfill Attendant Full Time		
			46,147.26	46,147.26
0143351	562100	Portion of Landfill Attendant Salary charged to Revolving Fund Uniforms	(25,175.76)	(25,175.76)
			700.00	700.00
Sub-Total			62,079.58	62,079.58
0143352	525600	Landfill Maintenance		
			1,000.00	2,520.00
0143352	529200	Refuse Collection		
			1,101,000.00	1,070,000.00
0143352	529210	South Shore Recycling Coop Fee		
			7,300.00	7,555.50
0143352	529220	Disposal Fee		
			503,000.00	523,605.00
0143352	529230	Hazardous Waste Collection		
			7,000.00	15,000.00
0143352	529300	Bulky Rubbish Pick Up		
			87,125.00	92,000.00
0143352	529613	Data Processing		
			15,000.00	15,000.00
0143352	529700	Landfill Testing		
			-	-
Sub-Total			1,721,425.00	1,725,680.50
Total Waste Disposal & Collection Budget			1,783,504.58	1,787,760.08
			-	
481 Cemetery			Revised Budget	Requested
			FY2025	FY2026
0148151	511046	Admin Stipend		
			4,000.00	4,000.00
0148151	NEW	Cemetery Director Stipend		
				10,000.00
0148151	NEW	Revolving fund		
				(10,000.00)

0148151	511000	Labor		
			102,336.00	102,336.00
0148151	514042	Licensing		
			6,000.00	6,000.00
		Sub-Total	112,336.00	112,336.00
0148154	NEW	Software		3,500.00
0148154	543600	SUPPLIES/CLOTHING/EQUIP.		
			5,000.00	5,000.00
		Sub-Total	5,000.00	8,500.00
Total Cemetery			117,336.00	120,836.00

490 Storm Water			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0149057	570000	Drainage Repair		
			200,000.00	200,000.00
0149051	511017	PERSONNEL		
			52,249.60	52,249.60
0149051	511018	S/W-POLICE DETAILS		
			17,500.00	20,000.00
0149051	NEW	Engineering		
			-	-
0149051	519010	Uniforms/Lic/Oncall		
			3,500.00	3,500.00
		Sub-Total	273,249.60	275,749.60
Total Storm Water			273,249.60	275,749.60
			-	-
Total Public Works			3,649,438.24	3,709,073.53

Health and Human Services

510 Board of Health			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0151051	511003	Salary Clerical (PT)		
			23,096.27	23,096.27
0151051	511006	Salary Administrative Assistant		
			46,506.65	46,506.65
		Portion of Office Staff Paid out of Revolving Fund		
			(6,814.00)	(6,814.00)
0151051	513041	Salary Health Agent		
			85,429.00	85,429.00

		Portion of Health Agent to be Funded by Revolving Fund	(17,796.00)	(17,796.00)
0151051	513090	Animal Control Pick Up Allowance	1,000.00	1,500.00
		Sub-Total	131,421.91	131,921.91
0151052	530000	Professional & Technical	12,000.00	12,000.00
0151052	531213	Health & Hospitals	1,300.00	1,300.00
0151053	534400	Telephone	-	-
0151054	545300	Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,000.00
0151057	573003	Mileage	1,000.00	1,000.00
0151057	573201	Meeting & Seminars	2,000.00	2,000.00
		Sub-Total	18,300.00	18,300.00
		Total Health Department Budget	149,721.91	150,221.91
522 Public Health Nurse			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0152251	511041	Public Health Nurse	45,760.00	45,760.00
0152254	540000	Supplies	8,140.00	8,140.00
		Sub-Total	53,900.00	53,900.00
		Total Public Health Nurse Budget	53,900.00	53,900.00
541 Council On Aging			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0154151	511001	Personnel - Director	73,800.00	73,800.00
0154151	511026	Personnel - Bus Driver	41,423.00	41,423.00
0154151	511036	Personnel - Receptionist	45,061.00	45,061.00
0154151	511044	Personnel - Kitchen Aide	22,465.31	22,465.31
0154151	511045	Personnel - Kitchen Manager	26,740.23	26,740.23
0154151	513020	Personnel - Custodian	49,274.19	49,274.19
0154151	NEW	Shift State Grant Funded Out Reach Coordinator to GF		
0154151	545300	Other Uniforms	850.00	850.00
		Sub-Total	259,613.73	259,613.73

0154152	521500	Other Energy Utilities	5,000.00	5,000.00
0154152	524200	Maintenance of Buildings	36,000.00	40,000.00
0154152	525400	Maintenance of Vehicles	1,600.00	1,600.00
0154154	542000	Supplies	6,500.00	6,500.00
0154153	530000	Professional Development	2,000.00	2,300.00
0154154	543100	Operating Supplies	6,000.00	6,000.00
Sub-Total			57,100.00	61,400.00

Total Council On Aging Budget	316,713.73	321,013.73
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Recreation 542 (630) Recreation Dept.	Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
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0154251	511001	Salary Director	82,518.17	82,518.17
0154251	511006	Administrative Assistant	50,723.40	50,723.40
0154251	NEW	Event Manager	41,198.86	41,198.86
		Portion of Event Manager Paid out of Revolving	(20,599.43)	(20,599.43)
0154251	511049	Program Leader	46,811.44	46,811.44
		Portion of Program Leader Paid out of Revolving	(23,405.72)	(23,405.72)
0154251	511017	Salaries Park Staff	41,485.00	41,485.00
0154251	513042	Youth Comm Teen Center PT	12,000.00	12,500.00
Sub-Total			230,731.72	231,231.72

0154254	540000	Supplies	13,000.00	14,000.00
0154254	542001	Supplies Hartsuff Park	17,000.00	17,500.00
0154254	542002	Hartstuff Park Camera Service	4,000.00	3,000.00
0154254	573200	Dues & Meetings & Training	2,949.00	2,949.00
0154254	543100	Maintenance (Professional & Technical)	4,500.00	4,500.00
0154254	NEW	Vehicle	5,000.00	5,000.00
Sub-Total			46,449.00	46,949.00

Total Recreation Budget	277,180.72	278,180.72
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543 Veterans Agent	Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
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0154351	511001	Salary - Agent		
			71,442.50	71,442.50
0154351	513024	Van Driver P/T		
			25,000.00	25,000.00
		Sub-Total	96,442.50	96,442.50
0154352	525400	Maintenance of Vehicles		
			6,000.00	6,000.00
0154352	534400	Postage		
			250.00	250.00
0154354	534400	Telephone		
			1,200.00	1,200.00
0154354	540000	Supplies		
			2,000.00	2,000.00
0154357	573000	Auto Allowance/Mileage		
			500.00	500.00
0154357	577000	Dues & Meetings & Training		
			2,000.00	2,000.00
0154357	578000	Veterans Benefits		
			290,000.00	290,000.00
		Sub-Total	301,950.00	301,950.00
Total Veterans Agent Budget			398,392.50	398,392.50
545 McKinley Building			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0154551	511025	Custodian		
			51,196.60	51,196.60
0154551	515010	Custodial Coverage		
			2,310.00	2,310.00
0154551	516000	Overtime		
			984.55	984.55
		Sub-Total	54,491.15	54,491.15
0154552	524200	Building Maintenance		
			69,000.00	71,415.00
0154554	542000	Supplies		
			10,000.00	10,350.00
0154552	521500	Utilites		
			53,520.00	55,390.32
		Sub-Total	132,520.00	137,155.32
Total McKinley Building Budget			187,011.15	191,646.47
Total Health & Human Services			1,382,920.01	1,393,355.33
Culture & Recreation				
610 Library			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026

0161051	511001	Director		
			89,735.00	89,735.00
0161051	511025	Staff		
			412,500.00	415,400.00
0161051	511025	Custodian		
			30,707.00	29,302.02
0161051	545300	Other Uniform		
			350.00	350.00
Sub-Total			533,292.00	534,787.02
0161053	531217	Software Licensing (Budget trf to State Aid)	-	-
0161053	540000	Operating Expenses	70,000.00	73,320.00
0161054	543100	Supplies	10,000.00	11,000.00
0161055	552300	Books & Related Materials	104,500.00	107,000.00
Sub-Total			184,500.00	191,320.00
Total Library Budget			717,792.00	726,107.02

650 Park Department			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0165051	511000	Salaries & Labor		
			243,378.24	243,378.24
0165051	511001	Salary Park Manager	92,773.34	80,000.00
0165051	New	New P/T Office Employee	-	
0165051	514010	Longevity	2,240.00	2,240.00
0165051	514042	Licensing	3,457.05	3,457.05
0165051	516000	Overtime	15,000.00	15,000.00
0165051	519010	Uniforms	5,080.00	5,080.00
Sub-Total			361,928.63	349,155.29
0165052	521500	Other Energy Utilities	12,000.00	12,000.00
0165052	524100	General Maintenance	30,000.00	30,000.00
0165052	525901	Stadium Maintenance	9,000.00	9,000.00
0165052	525400	Maintenance of Vehicles	12,000.00	12,000.00
0165054	543100	Supplies	9,000.00	9,000.00
0165054	543101	Rail Trail Maintenance	5,000.00	5,000.00
0165054	543701	Materials	22,000.00	22,000.00

			Sub-Total	99,000.00	99,000.00
			Total Park Department Budget	460,928.63	448,155.29
691 Historical Commission			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026	
0169152	520000	Purchase of Service	1,525.00	1,575.00	
			Sub-Total	1,525.00	1,575.00
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			Total Historical Commission Budget	1,525.00	1,575.00
692 Celebrations			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026	
0169251	511003	Secretary Memorial Day	400.00	400.00	
			Sub-Total	400.00	400.00
0169257	579600	Memorial Day Observations	3,500.00	4,000.00	
0169257	579700	Tri-Town Parade Celebration	6,200.00	6,500.00	
			Sub-Total	9,700.00	10,500.00
			Total Celebrations Budget	10,100.00	10,900.00
			Total Culture & Recreation Budget	1,190,345.63	1,186,737.31
Debt Service					
710 Principal On Maturing Debt			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026	
0171059	591000	Maturing Principal Excluded Debt	3,490,000.00	3,620,000.00	
0171059	591001	Maturing Principal Non-Excluded Debt	285,000.00	280,000.00	
			Total Principal Maturing Debt	3,775,000.00	3,900,000.00
711 Interest On Maturing Debt			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026	

0175159	592000	Maturing Interest Excluded Debt		
			1,946,202.50	1,786,627.50
0175159	592002	Non-Excluded Interest		
			87,743.76	76,368.80
Total Interest Maturing Debt			2,033,946.26	1,862,996.30
752 Interest on Short Term Debt			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0175259	593000	Short Term Interest, BAN Costs	-	
Total Interest Payments			-	-
Total Debt Service			5,808,946.26	5,762,996.30

State and County Assessments				
820 State and 830 County Assessments			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0182056	563200	School Choice		
			115,389.00	211,892.00
0182056	563400	Special Education	-	1,393.00
0182056	563700	RMV Non Renewal Surcharge	31,260.00	31,260.00
0182056	563900	Group Insurance Municipal Teachers	1,467,252.00	1,554,301.00
0182056	564000	Mosquito Control	44,303.00	47,321.00
0182056	564100	Air Pollution	5,606.00	5,849.00
0182056	564300	Metropolitan Planning Council	10,465.00	10,686.00
0182056	566200	MBTA	60,827.00	61,909.00
0182056	566400	Regional Transit	70,437.00	72,198.00
0182056	570000	Charter Schools	1,966,286.00	2,068,050.00
Sub-Total			3,771,825.00	4,064,859.00
0183056	563000	County Tax	47,463.00	49,020.00
0183056	563001	Southfield Bond Assessment	9,600.00	8,500.00
Sub-Total			57,063.00	57,520.00

Total State and County Assessments			3,828,888.00	4,122,379.00
Benefits				
911 Retirement Contributions 1/4/2022			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0191151	515010	Contributory Retirement	5,506,818.19	6,017,810.75
0191151	515011	Pensions	-	-
Total Retirement Budget			5,506,818.19	6,017,810.75
913 Unemployment Insurance 1/4/2022			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0191351	515070	Unemployment	50,000.00	25,000.00
Total Unemployment Insurance Budget			50,000.00	25,000.00
914 Group Insurance			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0191451	515080	Group Insurance Active	7,308,714.17	7,900,716.95
		School Federal Grants		(374,000.00)
0191451	515081	Retiree Health Life Dental	1,306,043.46	1,502,156.26
0191451	515082	Private Insured	65,000.00	65,000.00
Total Group Insurance Budget			8,679,757.63	9,093,873.21
916 Medicare 1/4/2022			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0191651	515030	FICA Expense	600,000.00	610,000.00
Total Medicare Budget			600,000.00	610,000.00
Total Benefits Budget			14,836,575.81	15,746,683.97
945 Liability Insurance			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0194551	515040	Liability Insurance	1,386,833.00	1,511,647.97

Total Liability Insurance Budget			1,386,833.00	1,511,647.97
990 Other Financing Uses 1/4/2022			Revised Budget FY2025	Requested FY2026
0199059	569201	Transfer to OPEB Fund	17,500.00	25,000.00
		Transfer to Stabilization	17,500.00	25,000.00
		Transfer to Capital Stabilization		-
Subtotal			35,000.00	50,000.00
Subtotal Expenditures			79,183,006.39	82,562,389.25
Overlay			300,000.00	50,000.00
Total Expenditures			79,483,006.39	82,612,389.25

Requested by: Select Board

Approval Recommended by: Select Board, Finance Committee

Funding Source: Raise, appropriate and/or transfer

ARTICLE # 4

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, \$4,605,398.03 to be expended under the direction of the Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works Board of Water Commissioners, for the purpose of funding the enterprise fund budget for the Water Department effective fiscal year 2026, with \$4,441,454.23 for the Water Department operating budget and an additional \$163,943.80 to be transferred to the General Fund operating budget for indirect expenses as shown below, or take any other action relative thereto?

	Approved FY2025	Recommended Budget FY2026
Police Details	18,000.00	18,000.00
Engineering	5,000.00	5,000.00
Systems Maintenance	150,000.00	150,000.00
Field Support / Overhead	50,000.00	50,000.00
Office Supplies	25,000.00	25,000.00
Freight / Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00
Joint Expenses	3,051,994.19	3,304,291.43
Debt Service Principal	339,694.89	343,754.03
Water Debt Interest	103,403.94	92,373.77
Short Term Debt	10,000.00	10,000.00
Administrative Debt Expense	2,535.00	2,535.00
Interfund Transfers Out	159,168.74	163,943.80
Commissioner Reserve	40,000.00	40,000.00
1.3M PFAS Loan Placeholder	650,000.00	400,000.00
	4,605,296.76	4,605,398.03

Requested by: Board of Water Commissioners

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Water Revenues

ARTICLE # 5

Will the Town vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to take from the Water Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of One Million Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,012,500.00), for the following capital projects, or take any other action relative thereto?

<u>Item</u>	<u>Request</u>
Emergency road equipment	\$ 30,000
Flushing equipment	\$ 4,500
Gate valve operating program	\$ 50,000
Sandy Bottom gravity filter repair	\$ 200,000
Main office digital sign	\$ 25,000
Road repairs	\$ 100,000
Sick time buy back	\$ 50,000
Sludge residuals management	\$ 200,000
System leak detection program	\$ 18,000
Technology & I.T. upgrade	\$ 30,000
Treatment emergency repairs	\$ 100,000
Vacuum trailer	\$ 25,000
Volumetric & chemical feed	\$ 60,000
Chemical process conversion	\$ 30,000
Water meter replacement	\$ 90,000
Water Enterprise Fund Subtotal	\$ 1,012,500

Requested by: Abington and Rockland Joint Board of Water Commissioners

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings

ARTICLE # 6

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, \$4,402,710.64 to be expended under the direction of the Rockland Board of Sewer Commissioners, for the purpose of funding the enterprise fund budget for the Sewer Department effective fiscal year 2026, with \$4,337,861.09 for the Sewer Department operating budget and an additional \$64,849.55 to be transferred to the General Fund operating budget for indirect expenses as shown below, or take any other action relative thereto?

	Approved FY2025	Recommended Budget FY2026
Superintendent	115,000.00	120,000.00
Administrative Assistant	61,308.33	65,000.00
Auto Allowance	675.00	675.00
Private Insured	2,500.00	2,500.00
Retire/Ins/Comp	59,342.96	64,849.55
Substitute Payroll	3,250.00	5,200.00
Senior Clerk	17,000.00	25,000.00
Sewer Overtime	1,500.00	1,500.00
Clothing Allowance	350.00	350.00
Sub-Total	260,926.29	285,074.55
Contract Operations	2,371,847.00	2,600,000.00
Computer Services	18,000.00	20,000.00
Legal Services	15,000.00	5,000.00
Drainage	75,000.00	100,000.00
Industrial Pretreatment	20,000.00	20,000.00
Repair & Maintenance	250,000.00	300,000.00
Inflow & Infiltration	400,000.00	400,000.00
Sundries	20,000.00	20,000.00
Insurance Premiums	46,587.46	51,246.21
Debt & Interest	340,000.00	340,000.00
Emergency Fund	66,707.00	66,707.00
Debt. Issuance Fees		129,833.33
Transfer Indirect Costs	61,483.43	64,849.55
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Sub-Total	3,684,624.89	4,117,636.09
Total Expense	3,945,551.18	4,402,710.64

Requested by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Sewer Revenues

ARTICLE # 7

Motion

(To be read into the record)

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000) to be expended under the direction of the Rockland Board of Sewer Commissioners for the purpose of funding wastewater treatment improvements and upgrades, including all costs incidental and related thereto and including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow Twenty Two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000) pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 and/or c.29C or any other enabling authority and issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor; that any such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town but it is the intention of the Town that debt service first be paid from sewer enterprise fund receipts; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to M.G.L. c.29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Select Board , Board of Sewer Commissioners or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

Article

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Million Dollars (\$22,000,000), or any other amount, to be expended under the direction of the Rockland Board of Sewer Commissioners for the purpose of funding wastewater treatment improvements and upgrades, including all costs incidental and related thereto and including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise provided, and if borrowing, to authorize the borrowing of all or any portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to M.G.L. c.29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; to authorize the Select Board , Board of Sewer Commissioners or any other appropriate local body or official to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project. Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by: Sewer Commissioners

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Capital Planning Committee

Funding Source: Sewer Borrowing

2/3rd Approval Required

ARTICLE # 8

Will the Town vote to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to take from the Sewer Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000.00), for the following capital projects, or take any other action relative thereto?

Sewer Pump Repair & Replacement	\$ 50,000
Open Drainage	\$ 75,000
WWTP Repairs & Upgrades	\$ 100,000
Sewer Enterprise Fund Subtotal	\$ 225,000

Requested by: Board of Sewer Commissioners

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings

ARTICLE # 9

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), to fund the purchase of new valuation and appraisal software or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Board of Assessors

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 10

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00), to fund Town Capital Projects or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Town Administrator

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 11

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00), to fund the purchase of a new dump truck for the Cemetery Department or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Town Administrator

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Capital Planning Committee

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 12

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Eight Hundred One Thousand Dollars (\$801,000.00) to fund the purchase of equipment for the Rockland Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto?

Federal Grant Match	\$ 21,000
Fire Alarm Bucket Truck replacement	\$ 200,000
Fire Department Radio System replacement	\$ 300,000
Demolish Lincoln School	\$ 250,000
Update Town Hazard Mitigation Plan	\$ 30,000

Requested by: Fire Chief

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 13

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) to fund the following projects for the Rockland Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto?

Repave Highway Dept. Facility	\$150,000.00
Curbing & Walkway Improvements @ North Ave.	\$250,000.00

Requested by: Highway Superintendent

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 14

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$45,200.00) to fund network switch replacements for the Information Technology Department, or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: I.T. Director

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 15

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to fund the following projects for the Rockland Parks Department, or take any other action relative thereto?

Hartsuff Park Repairs (tree removal & pond sand)	\$	15,000
Repair Veterans Memorial Stadium Well	\$	15,000

Requested by: Parks Commissioners

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 16

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to fund an update of the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan, or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Town Planner

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Open Space Committee

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 17

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$264,754.00) to fund Police Department capital projects, or take any other action relative thereto?

	Free Cash	Marijuana HCA Funds
Replace Lockers	\$124,032	--
Replace Two (2) Cruisers/SUV's	\$104,757	\$35,965
Subtotal	\$228,789	\$35,965

Requested by: Police Chief

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash & Marijuana Host Community Agreement Special Purpose Stabilization Fund

$\frac{2}{3}$ Majority Vote Required Due to Use of Marijuana Host Community Agreement Funds

ARTICLE # 18

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) to fund the purchase of a new Recreation enclosed equipment trailer, or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Recreation Director

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 19

Will the Town vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds, the sum of Seven Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$790,000.00) to fund School Department expenses, or take any other action relative thereto?

Out of District Costs	\$600,000
Chromebook Replacements	\$100,000
Van Leases	\$ 90,000

Requested by: School Committee

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Free Cash

ARTICLE # 20

Will the Town vote to amend the Rockland Town Code, Division 2: General Bylaws, Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 38.6, Department Revolving Funds, by adding the following authorized revolving funds, or take any other action relative thereto?

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Receipt Type</u>	<u>Use of Funds</u>
ARJWW	Water Department Revolving Fund	Water Department Revenues	Water Department Infrastructure Improvements

Requested by: Board of Water Commissioners

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Service fees related to the fund

ARTICLE # 21

Will the Town vote to amend the Rockland Town Code, Division 2: General Bylaws, Part I, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 38.6, Department Revolving Funds, by adding the following authorized revolving funds, or take any other action relative thereto?

<u>Department</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Receipt Type</u>	<u>Use of Funds</u>
Treasurer	Tax Title Revolving Fund	Tax Title Revenues	Tax Title Legal Fees

Requested by: Town Treasurer

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Service fees related to the fund

ARTICLE # 22

Will the Town vote to authorize and/or reauthorize revolving funds for Fiscal 2026, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53 E½ as amended for the following purposes authorized to expend the amounts shown below, or take any other action relative thereto?

Department	Fund	Name	Receipt Type	Use of Fund	Spending Limit
School Committee	1211	Transportation Fees	Transportation Fees	Student Transportation	80,000.00
Youth Commission	1212	Youth Commission Revolving	Program Fees	Youth and Tot Enrichment Programs	100,000.00
Council on Aging	2102	COA Revolving	Program Fees	Activities & Programs	50,000.00
Board of Health	2104	BOH Revolving	Recycling Fees	Recycling Center Operations	150,000.00
Highway Department	2108	Highway Gas/Diesel	Department Allocations	Fuel Purchases (Gas & Deisel)	200,000.00
Community Center	2109	McKinley Community Center Revolving	Building User Fees	Building Operations	175,000.00
Youth Commission	2110	Youth Commission Revolving	Program Fees	Youth Activities	275,000.00
Highway Department	2111	MT PLEASENT CEMETERY	Application Fees	Cemetery Fees	100,000.00
Zoning	2113	Zoning Revolving	Application Fees	Consulting Fees	30,000.00
Conservation Commission	2114	Conservation Revolving	Application Fees	Consulting Fees	125,000.00
Fire Department	2115	Fire Alarm Revolving	Permit Fees	Town Wide Alarm System	75,000.00
Rent Control Board	2117	Rent Control Revolving	Rent Control Fees	Legal Fees	15,000.00
Selectmen	2119	Insurance Recovery Revolving	Insurance Claims	Insurance Repairs	150,000.00
Police Department	2120	Police Cruiser Revolving	Cruiser Detail Fees	Cruiser Maintenance	25,000.00
Teen Center	2123	Teen Center	Program Fees	Program Costs	50,000.00
Rockland Day	2124	Rockland Day Revolving	Sponsorship	Celebrations	100,000.00
Road Work Revolving Fund	2125	Road Work Revolving	Road Repair Fees	Repair of Roads	100,000.00
Highway Department	2127	Highway Insurance Revolving	Insurance Claims	Insurance Repairs	100,000.00
Fire Department	2128	Fire Insurance Revolving	Insurance Claims	Insurance Repairs	100,000.00
Park Department	2129	Park Insurance Revolving	Insurance Claims	Insurance Repairs	100,000.00
Water Department	2131	Water Insurance Revolving	Insurance Claims	Insurance Repairs	100,000.00
Sewer Department	2133	Sewer Remediation	Application Fees	Remediation	500,000.00
Sewer Department	2134	Sewer I&I	Application Fees	Sewer I&I	500,000.00
Park Department	2135	Park Revolving	User Fees	Field Operations	50,000.00
Treasurer	2136	Tax Title Revolving	Legal Fees	Legal Fees	60,000.00
Water Department	2137	Infrastructure Improvements & Engineering Review	Application Fees	Engineering Review	100,000.00
Police Department	2805	Police Ins Proceed	Insurance Claims	Claims Costs	150,000.00
				TOTAL	3,560,000.00

Requested by: Town Accountant

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Service fees related to each fund

ARTICLE # 23

Motion:

(To be read into the record)

That the Town appropriates \$26,100,000 to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new Fire Station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, s. 7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. No amounts shall be borrowed or expended hereunder, however, unless the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any borrowing made pursuant to this vote, from the limitations on the total property tax levy, as set forth in G.L. c. 59, s. 21C (also known as Proposition 2½).

Article:

To see if the Town will appropriate \$26,100,000 to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new Fire Station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount should be raised by borrowing or otherwise provided; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by: Fire Chief

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Capital Planning Committee

Funding Source: Debt Exclusion

$\frac{2}{3}$ Approval Required

ARTICLE # 24

Motion:

(To be read into the record)

That the Town appropriates \$2,000,000 to pay costs of purchasing a new ladder truck to replace the Fire Department's current ladder truck which was purchased in 1999, and for the payment of costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, said amount shall be raised by taxation in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, but only in the event that the Town shall have approved the one-time exclusion of this amount from the limitation on total property taxes set forth in G.L. c. 59, s. 21C (also known as Proposition 2½).

Article:

To see if the Town will appropriate \$2,000,000, or any other amount, to pay costs of purchasing a new ladder truck to replace the Fire Department's current ladder truck which was purchased in 1999, and for the payment of costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise provided; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by: Fire Chief

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Capital Planning Committee

Funding Source: Capital Outlay Expenditure Exclusion

$\frac{2}{3}$ Approval Required

ARTICLE # 25

Will the Town vote to authorize the Select Board to request a special act of the General Court, in the form set forth below, amending the Town Charter by replacing the current Town Charter in its entirety and replacing it with the language as follows below provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments shall be within the general public objectives of this petition:

Charter of the Town of Rockland, Massachusetts

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Preamble

We, the people of the Town of Rockland, Massachusetts, in order to reaffirm the customary and traditional liberties of the people with respect to the conduct of local government and to take the fullest advantages inherent in the home rule amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, do hereby adopt the following charter for this Town.

Article I – Powers of the Town of Rockland

C-1.01 Incorporation Continued.

The inhabitants of the Town of Rockland, within its territorial limits as now or may hereafter be established by law, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate, known as the “Town of Rockland.”

C-1.02 Short Title.

This instrument shall be known and may be cited as the “Rockland Home Rule Charter.”

C-1.03 Division of Powers.

All legislative powers of the Town shall be exercised by a Town meeting open to all voters. The administration of all Town fiscal, prudential, and municipal affairs shall be vested in the executive branch comprised of the Select Board, Town Administrator, and elected independent boards pursuant to their enabling legislation.

C-1.04 Powers of the Town.

The intent and purpose of the charter is to secure for the voters of the Town of Rockland, through the adoption of the charter, all the powers possible to secure for their government under article

LXXXIX of the amendments to the constitution and laws of the commonwealth, as fully as though each such power was specifically and individually enumerated herein.

C-1.05 Interpretation of Powers.

The powers of the Town under the charter shall be construed and interpreted liberally in favor of the Town, and the specific mention of any particular power shall not limit the general powers of the Town as stated in section C-1.04.

C-1.06 Intergovernmental Relations.

The Town may enter into agreements with any other unit of government to perform jointly or in cooperation, by contract or otherwise, any of its powers or functions.

Article II – Town Officers

C-2.01 Elected and appointed officials, boards, commissions, and committees.

A. All elected and appointed officials of the Town shall have the powers and duties of their offices as hereinafter set forth, and in addition shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon them by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

B. On multi-member boards filled by election, one-third (1/3) of the members (or as nearly as possible) shall be elected annually, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Charter or by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. Appointed members of multiple-member bodies must be registered voters in the Town of Rockland unless otherwise permitted by General Law, Town charter, or Town bylaws. Non-resident employees of the Town of Rockland may be appointed as non-voting or ex-officio members.

D. Any registered voter of the Town shall be eligible to hold any elective Town office. No elected official shall hold any other elected office in the Town during the term to which he was elected to office, unless otherwise provided by this Charter.

E. Every multiple-member body shall adopt written rules of procedure governing the conduct of its meetings, hearings, and general business. These rules shall not be inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Charter, the Town bylaws, or the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Each multiple-member body shall ensure an updated copy of its rules of procedure is filed with the Town Clerk.

F. Each elected and appointed Town board, commission and committee whose business it is to adopt, from time to time, rules and regulations governing the issuance of licenses, permits, special permits, variances, orders of conditions, and other similar types of actions, shall, at least seven (7) days prior to the adoption of said rules and regulations, post them in their proposed form in a public place in the Town Offices and file a copy of them with the Town Clerk.

G. Each elected and appointed Town board, commission and committee shall meet not less often than once a month (unless otherwise provided for by the General Laws of the Commonwealth) at such times and places as may be specified by the presiding officer. A board, commission or committee may, however, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members, elect not to meet at all for a period of time not to exceed eight (8) consecutive weeks. Emergency meetings may, when necessary, be called by the presiding officer of a board, commission or committee subject to the provisions of the "Open Meeting Law."

C-2.02 Select Board.

A. There shall be a Select Board consisting of five (5) members, each elected for a three (3) year term. The Select Board shall choose a chair and shall act by majority vote, except as may be required by this Charter or the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Select Board members shall be responsible for the general direction and management of the affairs of the Town, except as otherwise provided for by this Charter or by the General Laws of the Commonwealth. The Select Board shall manage the property of the Town, except as otherwise provided for by this Charter or by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

B. As agents for the Town, the Select Board shall have authority to prosecute, defend, settle, or compromise any and all claims by or against the Town, upon advice of counsel.

C. The Select Board may investigate the operation of any Town department, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

D. The Select Board shall cause the Annual Town Report to be printed on or before May first of the following fiscal year and shall cause a copy of the report to be distributed digitally on the Town website and in conspicuous locations in the Town Hall and appropriate municipal buildings. [Amended by c. 94, Acts of 2004]

E. The Select Board shall prepare the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, which warrant shall be closed 50 days before the date of the meeting. The Select Board shall cause copies of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be distributed in conspicuous locations at the Town Hall and appropriate municipal buildings at least fourteen (14) days before holding the meeting. The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall also be announced in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town at least fourteen (14) days before the Town meeting as well as digitally on the Town website. The notice shall include locations where a copy of the warrant can be obtained in print or online. [Amended by c. 94, Acts of 2004]

(a) The Select Board shall have the power to order Special Town Meetings as they consider necessary, and shall prepare the warrants for the meetings; but, to order a Special Town Meeting the Select Board shall first adopt, by a majority vote of their board, a resolution stating clearly the nature of the situation prompting their order.

(b) No warrant for a Special Town Meeting shall close until at least seven (7) days have passed from the date of adoption of their resolution; and each article inserted in the warrant shall have attached to it a brief statement explaining the nature of the article.

(c) The Select Board shall cause copies of the warrant for each Special Town Meeting to be distributed in conspicuous locations at the Town Hall and appropriate municipal buildings at least fourteen (14) days before the Special Town Meeting. The warrant for each Special Town Meeting shall also be announced in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town at least fourteen (14) days before the Town meeting as well as digitally on the Town website. The notice shall include locations where the warrant can be obtained in print or online. Upon a majority vote of the Select Board, they shall have the power to open any warrant after it has closed for the purpose of inserting articles, if the articles are of an emergency nature and have attached to them a brief statement explaining the nature of the emergency.

F. The Select Board may issue permits and/or licenses subject to the requirements of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. However, their power to issue such permits and/or licenses shall not operate to limit the authority of any other Town board, commission, or official to enforce compliance with the terms or conditions of the permit and/or license or the provisions of this Charter, any Town bylaw, or the General Laws of the Commonwealth governing the same subject matter.

G. The Select Board shall, unless otherwise required, appoint the following Town officials, whose powers shall be set forth in the Town bylaws:

[Amended by c. 357, Acts of 1993; c. 170, Acts of 1994]

(a) A Town Counsel.

(b) A Director of Emergency Management.

(c) A Full Member of the Board of Appeals, for a five (5) year term.

(d) An Associate Member of the Board of Appeals, for a three (3) year term.

(e) Election Officers, pursuant to the provisions and requirements of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

(f) Two (2) members of the Capital Planning Committee.

H. The Select Board shall make the following appointments annually to Town boards, commissions, and committees, in such a manner that one-third (1/3), as nearly as possible, of the members of each board, commission, or committee shall be appointed each year. The boards, commissions, and committees listed below shall have such powers and duties as are set forth in the Town bylaws.

(a) One (1) member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, for a three (3) year term.

(b) Two (2) or three (3) members of the Conservation Commission, for three (3) year terms.

(c) Three (3) or four (4) members on the Council on Aging, for three (3) year terms. [Amended by c. 357, Acts of 1993]

(d) Two (2) or three (3) members of the Historical Commission, for three (3) year terms.

(e) One (1) or two (2) members of the Recreation Commission, for a three (3) year term. [Amended by c. 331, Acts of 2020]

I. (a) The Select Board shall, from time to time, appoint a Chief of Police, whose powers and duties shall be as set forth in the Town bylaws. The Board shall appoint the Chief of Police for a term not to exceed five (5) years and may execute a contract for employment pursuant to Chapter 41, Sec. 108O.

(b) The Select Board shall, from time to time, appoint a Fire Chief, whose powers and duties shall be as set forth in the Town bylaws. The Fire Chief shall continue to hold office unless removed by the Select Board for good cause after a public hearing, as detailed in C-2.02(N).

J. The Select Board shall appoint such other Town officials, boards, and committees as may be required by the provisions of this Charter, any Town bylaws, a vote of Town Meeting, or the General Laws of the Commonwealth. In addition, the Select Board may appoint temporary or "ad hoc" committees to deal with certain situations. The duration of any such committee shall be determined by the Select Board.

K. The terms of office of Town officials appointed annually, and of members of boards, commissions, and committees whose terms are expiring, shall end on the first day of May; except that all persons whose terms are expiring may serve until their successors are appointed and sworn in. The Select Board shall make their annual appointments within thirty (30) days following the Annual Town Election. [Amended by c. 357, Acts of 1993]

L. A vacancy in any appointive office, due to death, disability, resignation, or removal of the person holding the office, shall be filled by the Select Board without unreasonable delay. The Select Board shall make no appointment to fill a vacancy, however, until they have publicly announced the availability of the position at least two (2) weeks prior to making the appointment. Any appointment made to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of office.

M. The Select Board shall have the authority to reorganize, consolidate, or establish any department or position under the Town Administrator's direction or supervision, at the Board's discretion. With the approval of both the Select Board and Finance Committee, the Town Administrator may transfer all or part of any unexpended appropriation of a reorganized or consolidated department, board, or office to any other Town department, board, or office.

C-2.03 Town Clerk.

A. There shall be an elected Town Clerk, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

B. The Town Clerk shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon the offices by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. The Town Clerk shall appoint an Assistant Town Clerk, subject to approval by the Town Administrator. In the absence or incapacity of the Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk shall exercise all of the powers and duties of that office.

C-2.04 - Town Treasurer.

- A. There shall be a Town Treasurer, elected, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.
- B. The Town Treasurer shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon the office by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.
- C. The Town Treasurer shall appoint an Assistant Town Treasurer, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Treasurer. In the absence or incapacity of the Town Treasurer, the Assistant Town Treasurer shall exercise all of the powers and duties of that office.

C-2.05 - Town Collector.

- A. There shall be a Town Collector, elected, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.
- B. The Town Collector shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon the office by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.
- C. The Town Collector shall appoint an Assistant Town Collector, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Collector. In the absence or incapacity of the Town Collector, the Assistant Town Collector shall exercise all of the powers and duties of that office.

C-2.06 - Board of Assessors.

- A. There shall be a Board of Assessors consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chair and shall act by majority vote.
- B. The Board of Assessors shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-2.07 Board of Health.

- A. There shall be a Board of Health consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chair and shall act by majority vote.
- B. The Board of Health shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. In the event of a public health emergency, as declared by a majority of the members of the Board of Health, the provisions of Section 2.01(G) shall not be deemed to apply.

C-2.07 Board of Water Commissioners.

A. There shall be a Board of Water Commissioners consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chair and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Board of Water Commissioners shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, the votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. In the event of a water emergency, as declared by a majority of the members of the Board of Water Commissioners, the provisions of Section 2.01(G) shall not be deemed to apply.

C-2.08 Board of Sewer Commissioners.

A. There shall be a Board of Sewer Commissioners, consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chair and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Board of Sewer Commissioners shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-2.09 Board of Library Trustees.

A. There shall be a Board of Library Trustees consisting of six (6) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chair and shall act by a majority vote.

B. The Board of Library Trustees shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-2.10 School Committee.

A. There shall be a School Committee consisting of five (5) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chair and shall act by majority vote, except as may be otherwise required by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

B. The School Committee shall have general charge of all the public schools, including the evening schools and evening high schools, and of vocational schools when not otherwise provided for, and shall be responsible for the full administration of these schools.

C. The School Committee shall appoint one (1) member of the Capital Planning Committee.

D. The School Committee shall have all of the powers conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-2.11 Planning Board.

A. There shall be a Planning Board consisting of five (5) members, each elected for a five (5) year term, who shall choose a chair and a clerk and shall act by majority vote, except as may be otherwise required by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

B. The Planning Board shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-2.12 Town Moderator.

A. There shall be an elected Town Moderator whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

B. The Town Moderator shall preside over and regulate all of the proceedings of the Town at Town Meetings, as hereinafter set forth in Article III of this Charter; and pursuant thereto, shall decide all questions of order and make public declaration of all votes. They shall otherwise have all of the powers and duties conferred upon them by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. The Town Moderator shall appoint the members of the Finance Committee, as hereinafter set forth in Article VI, Section 6.04 (A) of this Charter.

D. The Town Moderator shall appoint two (2) members of the Capital Planning Committee.

C-2.13 Rockland Housing Authority.

A. There shall be a Rockland Housing Authority consisting of five (5) members, four (4) of whom shall be elected for a term of five (5) years in such manner that the term of one (1) member will expire each year, and one (1) member who shall be appointed by the Commonwealth. The Rockland Housing Authority shall choose a chair and a vice chair and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Rockland Housing Authority shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-2.14 Board of Park Commissioners.

A. There shall be a Board of Park Commissioners consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chair and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Board of Park Commissioners shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town bylaws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-2.15 - Highway Superintendent.

A. There shall be a Highway Superintendent, elected, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

B. The Highway Superintendent shall have the responsibility for and control of the ordinary repair of public ways in the Town, and shall have all of the powers and duties of a highway surveyor

under the General Laws of the Commonwealth. He shall, in addition, have all of the powers and duties conferred upon him by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-2.16 Town Administrator. [Added by c. 58, Acts of 2005; amended by c. 331, Acts of 2020]

The Select Board by an affirmative vote of not less than four (4) members shall appoint a Town Administrator for a term of not more than three (3) years and may extend such appointment for additional terms of not more than (3) years.

A. The Town Administrator shall be appointed by qualification of education and experience. They shall not have served in an elective office in or for the Town of Rockland for at least twelve (12) months before their appointment.

B. The Town Administrator shall devote full time to the office and shall not hold any other public office, elected or appointed, nor engage in any other business, occupation, or profession during their term of office, unless the Select Board approves the action in advance in writing.

C-2.17 Removal or suspension of Town Administrator. [Added by c. 58, Acts of 2005]

(A) The Select Board by a 2/3rd vote in the affirmative, may suspend without pay or remove the Town Administrator from office. A vote to place the Town Administrator on paid administrative leave shall not be considered a suspension within the meaning of this paragraph. If the Select Board affirmatively votes to suspend or remove the Town Administrator, the Select Board shall give at least sixty (60) days' notice as to the effective date of their suspension or termination or provide sixty (60) days of severance pay, or a combination of both notice and severance pay equivalent to at least sixty (60) days. At least thirty (30) days before the proposed suspension or termination becomes effective, the Select Board shall file a preliminary written resolution with the Town Clerk setting forth in detail the specific reason for the proposed suspension or termination. A copy of the resolution shall be delivered to the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator may within ten (10) days of service of the resolution, reply in writing to the resolution and may request a public hearing. If the Town Administrator requests, the Select Board shall hold a public hearing not earlier than twenty (20) days nor later than thirty (30) days after the filing of the request. After the public hearing, if any, otherwise at the expiration of thirty (30) days following the filing of the preliminary resolution, the Select Board may suspend or terminate the Town Administrator from duty. Nothing contained herein shall limit the authority of the Select Board to suspend or terminate the Town Administrator as provided by state, federal, or local law. [Amended by c. 331, Acts of 2020]

(B) If the office of Town Administrator is vacant, as a result of death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, or the Town Administrator is on a leave of absence exceeding two (2) weeks, the Select Board by affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 members, shall appoint a qualified Town Administrator officer, or employee to serve as Acting Town Administrator. The Acting Town Administrator shall receive compensation as set by the affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 members, but shall not exceed the rate of compensation approved for the Town Administrator being replaced. The appointment of the Acting Town Administrator shall not exceed a four (4)-month period.

C-2.18 Powers and duties of Town Administrator. [Added by c. 58, Acts of 2005]

The Town Administrator shall be the chief executive officer of the Town. The Town Administrator shall be responsible to the Select Board for the effective management of all Town affairs placed in the Town Administrator's charge by this Charter, the Select Board, or vote of the Town Meeting. The Town Administrator shall be responsible for the implementation of Town policies established by the Select Board. The functions and duties of the Town Administrator shall include, but not be limited to, the functions and duties in subsections A, B, and C provided, however, that this section shall not apply to employees of the Rockland School District, to the statutory responsibilities and functions of the School Committee and the Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works, or to the statutory responsibilities and functions of the Board of Water Commissioners.

A. Powers of Appointment

(a) To ensure compliance with Town personnel policies, collective bargaining agreements and applicable law, the Town Administrator shall appoint all non-elected department heads and approve the appointment of all other Town employees unless such appointing authority is specifically granted to another board, committee or individual under this Charter. The Town Administrator shall consult with the appropriate elected or appointed board, commission, committee, or official and the Select Board prior to making department head appointments. Prior to finalizing a department head appointment, the Town Administrator shall provide notice to the Select Board of the anticipated appointment and the terms and conditions of employment for the appointment. The Select Board shall approve or disapprove the appointment within 20 days of notice to the Select Board. A failure of the Select Board to act in this 20-day period shall be considered approval. Any adjustment to the terms and conditions of employment of department heads or the termination or removal of department heads shall be subject to the Town's personnel policy.

(b) Department heads shall, in accordance with the human resources process, the Town personnel policy, and subject to the consent and approval of the Town Administrator, appoint or remove assistant department heads, officers, subordinates, and employees, including employees serving under elected and appointed boards, commissions, committees and officials for whom no other method of selection is provided in this Charter; provided, however, that the department head shall advise the appropriate elected or appointed board, commission, committee, or official prior to making such appointments or removals. The Town Administrator may transfer personnel between departments as needed.

(c) All appointments under this section shall be based on merit and fitness alone.

B. Administrative Duties

(a) The Town Administrator shall be responsible for the day-to-day supervision of all Town departments and direction of the operations of the Town.

(b) The Town Administrator shall supervise, direct, and be responsible for the efficient administration of all officers appointed by the Town Administrator and their representative

departments, and of all functions for which the Town Administrator is given responsibility, authority, or control by this Charter, bylaw, Town Meeting vote, or vote of the Select Board.

(c) The Town Administrator shall administer, either directly or through a person that the Town Administrator appoints, all provisions of general and special laws applicable to the Town including federal and Massachusetts emergency management agencies' requirements, bylaws, votes of the Town within the scope of the Town Administrator's duty, all policy rules and regulations made by the Select Board, and this Charter.

(d) The Town Administrator shall establish control and data systems appropriate to monitoring expenditures by Town boards and departments to enable the Town Administrator to make periodic reports to the Select Board and the Finance Committee on the status of the Town's finances.

(e) The Town Administrator shall manage and be responsible for creating and maintaining personnel policies subject to the approval of the Select Board.

(f) The Town Administrator shall manage and be responsible for all Town buildings, properties and facilities.

(g) The Town Administrator shall attend and participate in all regular and special Select Board meetings and Town Meetings as a non-voting attendee, unless excused therefrom by the Select Board.

(h) The Town Administrator shall cause full and complete records of meetings of the Select Board to be taken and maintained, and compile reports of the meetings as requested by the Select Board.

(i) The Town Administrator shall act as the liaison with, and represent the Select Board before, state, federal, and regional authorities.

(j) The Town Administrator shall, subject to policies established by the Select Board, approve all warrants or vouchers, including payroll warrants, for payment of Town funds submitted by the Town accountant; provided, that any warrants generated by the Town Administrator shall be signed by the Select Board.

(k) The Town Administrator shall be responsible for approving all grants submitted on behalf of the Town.

(l) The Town Administrator shall act as the Town's insurance coordinator and shall be responsible for ensuring that all pertinent policies are in effect, see that adequate insurance coverage is provided, ensure that claims are properly processed, conduct cost benefit analyses on existing policies, and propose changes. The Town Administrator shall render an annual report to the Select Board on all claims made and losses sustained.

(m) In addition to the annual external financial audit, the Town Administrator may plan, organize, and supervise operational audits of the activities of Town departments to evaluate the efficiency

of resource utilization and the effectiveness of governmental services. Audit areas may include staffing, scheduling, vehicle management, and any other topic requested by the Select Board.

(n) The Town Administrator may investigate or inquire into the affairs of any Town department or office under the supervision of the Town Administrator.

(o) The Town Administrator shall coordinate activities of all Town departments, officers, boards, or commissions.

(p) The Town Administrator shall develop and maintain a full and complete inventory of all Town-owned real and personal property.

(q) The Town Administrator shall be responsible for and may delegate Town government communications, including, but not limited to, developing a timely and comprehensive communication strategy, coordinating the announcements and messages from department heads, communicating regularly with residents, and soliciting recommendations for greater communication from residents.

(r) The Town Administrator shall perform any other duties consistent with the office of the Town Administrator as may be required by bylaw or vote of the Town or by vote of the Select Board.

C. Financial Powers and Duties

(a) The Town Administrator shall prepare and submit at a public meeting to the Select Board and Finance Committee, not later than 90 days prior to the annual Town Meeting, a written proposed balanced budget for Town government, including the school department and the Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works, for the ensuing fiscal year.

(b) The proposed budget shall detail all estimated revenues from all sources, and all expenditures, including debt service for the previous, current and ensuing year. It shall include proposed expenditures for both current operations and capital during the ensuing year, together with estimated revenues and free cash available at the close of the fiscal year, including estimated balances in special accounts.

(c) The Town may, by bylaw, establish additional financial reports to be provided by the Town Administrator.

(d) To assist said Town Administrator in preparing the proposed annual budget of revenues and expenditures, all boards, officers, and committees of the Town, including the School Committee and the Abington/Rockland Joint Water Works, shall, within the time frame requested by the Town Administrator, submit to the Town Administrator all relevant information in their possession and a detailed estimate of the appropriations required and available funds. This submission shall be given to the Town Administrator in writing and in such form as the Town Administrator shall establish.

(e) The Town Administrator shall negotiate collective bargaining contracts on behalf of the Select Board, subject to the approval, ratification, and execution by the Select Board. The Town Administrator shall provide the Select Board with regular updates as to the status of those negotiations. The Select Board may authorize the use of additional counsel, as requested by the Town Administrator to assist the Town Administrator in the negotiations at its discretion.

(f) The Town Administrator shall administer and enforce collective bargaining agreements, personnel rules and regulations, and bylaws adopted by the Town.

(g) The Town Administrator shall act as the chief procurement officer under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws with respect to supplies and services, public construction, and designer selection, and be responsible for the purchasing of all supplies, materials, and equipment for the Town, including the bidding and awarding of all contracts.

Article III – Town Meeting

C-3.01 Legislative powers.

The legislative powers of the Town shall be vested in the qualified voters of the Town convened together in Annual or Special Town Meeting.

C-3.02 Annual Town Meetings.

The Annual Town Meeting (except for Article I, the Annual Town Election) shall be held on a date that will allow completion of all business not later than June thirtieth (30th) of that same year. The date shall be determined by the Select Board and designated by the Select Board not later than January thirty-first (31st) of each year. Seven (7) days' notice shall be given prior to the actual meeting date by distribution of the warrant for said Town Meeting by said Select Board in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

C-3.03 Special Town Meetings.

There shall be Special Town Meetings at such times as the Select Board may order upon fourteen (14) days' notice by distribution of the warrant for each Special Town Meeting by the Select Board in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

C-3.04 Quorum. [Amended by c. 109, Acts of 2013]

The quorum for the transaction of business at Town Meetings shall be one hundred and fifty (150) registered voters of the Town and the quorum for the transaction of business at an adjourned session of the same Town Meeting shall be fifty (50) registered voters of the Town. Any number of registered voters may adjourn or close a meeting.

C-3.05 Matters subject to Town Meeting vote.

Town Meeting shall vote on such matters as may be required by law or by the provisions of this Charter. All action taken at any Town Meeting shall be only upon those items contained in the warrant for said Town Meeting, and all articles in the warrant shall be acted upon in order unless otherwise voted by the Town Meeting. Printed copies of each Town Meeting warrant, with the

recommendations of the Finance Committee contained therein, shall be furnished to the voters of the Town in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

Article IV – Recall Election

C-4.01 Applicability to elective office.

Any holder of an elective office in the Town of Rockland, as defined in Article II of the Town charter, may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of the Town as hereinafter provided.

C-4.02 Filing of sworn affidavit.

Any five hundred (500) qualified voters of the Town may make and file with the Town Clerk a sworn affidavit containing the name and position of the officer sought to be removed and a statement of the grounds of recall. The Town Clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voters making such sworn affidavit sufficient number of copies of petition blanks demanding such recall and removal. The blanks shall be issued by the Town Clerk with their signature and official seal attached thereto. They shall be dated, shall be addressed to the Select Board, shall contain the names of all persons to whom they are issued, the name of the person whose recall is sought, the grounds of recall as stated in the sworn affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk. The recall petition shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within fourteen (14) days after filing the sworn affidavit and shall be signed by at least fifteen (15) percent of the qualified voters of the Town as of the date such sworn affidavit was filed with the Town Clerk. To every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number. The recall petition shall be submitted, at or before five (5) o'clock in the afternoon of Monday preceding the day on which it must be filed, to the Registrar of Voters and the registrars shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of qualified voters in the Town of Rockland.

C-4.03 Procedures.

If the petition shall be found and certified by the Town Clerk to be sufficient, they shall submit the same with their certificate to the Select Board without delay, and said board shall forthwith give written notice to the officer of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the officer sought to be removed does not resign within five (5) days thereafter, thereupon order a recall election to be held on a day fixed by them not less than sixty (60) nor more than ninety (90) days after the date of the Town Clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition is filed, provided, however, that if any other Town election is to occur within one hundred (100) days after the date of said certificate, the Select Board may, in their discretion, postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this section.

C-4.04 Candidacy.

Any Officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed in an election to be held to fill such vacancy, and unless they request otherwise in writing, the Town Clerk shall place their name on the ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the

warrant for the recall election and any election to fill a vacancy caused by a recall election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of the laws relating to elections, unless otherwise provided by this act. A majority of those voting at the recall election shall be sufficient to recall such elected officer.

C-4.05 Duties of incumbents.

The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of their office until the recall election. If then re-elected, they shall continue in the office for the remainder of their unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in this act. If not re-elected in the recall election, they shall be deemed removed upon the qualification of their successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within five (5) days after receiving notification of their election, the incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed and the office vacant.

C-4.06 Ballots.

Ballots used in a recall election shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated:

For the recall of (name of officer)

Against the recall of (name of officer).

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter by making a cross mark (X) may vote for either of such propositions. Under the proposition shall appear the word "Candidates" and the direction "Vote for One" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as herein before provided. In case of machine voting, or punch card balloting, or other forms of balloting, appropriate provisions shall be made to allow the same intent of the voter.

If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate that received the highest number of votes in the special election to fill the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of the votes on the question is in the negative, the ballots for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted, or any action taken relative thereto.

C-4.07 Time restrictions.

No recall petition shall be filed against an officer within six (6) months after they take office, nor in the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six (6) months after that election.

C-4.08 Town appointments restricted.

No person who has been recalled from office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against them, shall be appointed to any Town office within two (2) years after such removal by recall or resignation.

Article V – Elections

C-5.01 Annual Town Election. [Amended by c. 357, Acts of 1993]

The annual town election, which is Article 1 of the annual town meeting, shall be held on the second Saturday of April in each year.

C-5.02 Conduct of elections.

All town elections shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. The duly constituted election authorities may adopt such additional regulations for the conduct of town elections as they may deem necessary and desirable, provided said regulations are not inconsistent with the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Any such additional regulations adopted shall be public records, and a copy of them shall be placed on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Article VI – Financial Procedures

C-6.01 Fiscal year.

The fiscal year of the Town of Rockland shall be in accordance with the appropriate Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

C-6.02 Submission of budget.

The Town Administrator shall prepare and submit a written proposed balanced budget for Town government in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.17.

C-6.03 Budget requirements.

The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all Town funds and activities for the ensuing Fiscal Year; and except as required by law, shall be in such forms as the Select Board deem desirable. It shall begin with a clear general summary of its contents and shall show in detail all estimated income and proposed expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. It shall be so arranged as to show comparative figures for actual and estimated income and expenditures of the current fiscal year. It shall indicate in separate sections:

- (1) proposed expenditures for the current operation during the ensuing fiscal year, as detailed by officers, departments and agencies, and the method of financing such expenditures; and
- (2) proposed capital expenditures during the ensuing fiscal year, as detailed by officers, departments and agencies, and the method of financing each such capital expenditure. The total of the proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of the estimated income.

C-6.04 Finance Committee.

A. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of fifteen (15) registered voters of the Town of Rockland who shall be appointed by the Moderator for a term of three (3) years in such a manner that one-third (1/3) of said Finance Committee shall be appointed annually, said appointments being made as soon as practicable after the conclusion of each year's Annual Town Meeting.

B. In the event that any member of the Finance Committee shall resign during their term of office, they shall not be eligible for reappointment to the Finance Committee until the expiration of one (1) year from the date of such resignation.

C. No person shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee who holds any Town position by reason of election or appointment. However, a member or members of the Finance Committee may serve on special committees established by vote of Town Meeting if such vote requires that a member or members of the Finance Committee be named to said special committee. Any member of the Finance Committee who shall become an elected official in the Town shall ipso facto be disqualified from continuing to serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

D. The Finance Committee shall consider the budget as submitted to it by the Select Board and shall give its opinions as to each budgetary item together with an explanation of said opinion. The Select Board shall cause the opinion of the Finance Committee to be included in appropriate places in the warrant. The Finance Committee may hold hearings and take any other action necessary to discharge its duties hereunder. No appropriation shall be made at a Town Meeting until the Finance Committee has reported thereon. The Finance Committee shall endeavor to complete its duties and make its report within such time as to allow the warrant to be printed and distributed by the Select Board in accordance with the terms of this Charter.

E. A majority of those members appointed shall constitute a quorum; however, a lesser number may from time to time adjourn meetings of the Finance Committee. [Amended by c. 59, Acts of 2005]

F. The Finance Committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without compensation, except that the Secretary shall be paid an annual stipend to be determined at the Annual Town Meeting.

G. The Finance Committee shall appoint two (2) members of the Capital Planning Committee.

H. In addition to the specific powers enumerated above, the Finance Committee shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C-6.05 Public records.

A copy of the budget and the capital program as adopted shall be public records and shall be deposited with the Town Clerk.

C-6.06 Expiration of appropriations.

Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital expenditure, shall lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered, or as otherwise provided by a vote at a Town Meeting. An appropriation for a capital expenditure shall continue in force until the purpose for which it was made has been accomplished or abandoned. The purpose of any such appropriation shall be deemed abandoned if three (3) fiscal years pass without any disbursement from or encumbrance of the appropriation.

C-6.07 Capital Planning Committee. [Added by c. 55, Acts of 2005]

A. There shall be a Capital Planning Committee comprised of seven (7) voting members, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Select Board, two (2) by the Finance Committee, one (1) by the School Committee, and two (2) by the Moderator. The Select Board, the Finance Committee,

and the Moderator shall each appoint one (1) member for a one (1)-year term. Thereafter, following the Annual Town Meeting, appointments to the Capital Planning Committee shall be made by the same appointing authorities so as to provide for overlapping three (3)-year terms. Two (2) members of the Capital Planning Committee may also be current members of the Finance Committee. The Town Administrator and the Town Accountant shall be non-voting ex-officio members.

B. The Capital Planning Committee shall study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major recurring and non-recurring tangible assets and projects which (1) are purchased or taken at intervals of not less than five (5) years; or (2) have a useful life of at least five (5) years, and; (3) cost over \$50,000. All officers, boards, departments, and committees, shall, by October 1 of each year, give to the Capital Planning Committee, on forms furnished by the Capital Planning Committee, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring Town Meeting appropriation during the ensuing five (5) years. Using the revenue and expenditure projections prepared by the Town Administrator, the Capital Planning Committee shall consider the relative need, impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the Town. An appropriation shall not be voted for a capital improvement request by the department, board, or committee unless the proposed capital improvements is considered in the Capital Planning Committee's report or the Committee shall first have submitted a report to the Town Meeting explaining the omission.

C. The Capital Planning Committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a capital improvement budget for the next fiscal year and a capital improvement program, including recommending budget for the next fiscal year and capital improvement program, including recommended capital improvements for the following four (4) fiscal years. The report shall be submitted to the Select Board for review and recommendations.

D. The Capital Planning Committee's report and the Select Board's recommended capital improvement budget shall be published and made available in a manner consistent with the distribution of the operating budget.

Article VII – General and Transitional Provisions

Section C-7.01 Effective date.

Except as provided herein, this Charter shall become effective immediately upon approval by the Massachusetts General Court, signature of the Governor of Massachusetts, and ratification by local election.

Section C-7.02 Initial bylaw review.

Not later than 30 days after the effective date, the Select Board shall appoint a special committee to begin a review of the Town bylaws for the purpose of preparing such revisions and amendments as may be needed or necessary to bring them into conformity with the provisions of this Charter and to fully implement the provisions of this Charter. The committee shall complete its review and prepare recommendations to enact revisions to the Town bylaws within one (1) year following the

adoption of this Charter. The Select Board shall vote upon the recommendations so submitted within 90 days of receipt of the recommendations.

Section C-7.03 Charter changes.

This Charter may be replaced, revised, or amended under any procedure made available under the Massachusetts constitution or general laws.

Section C-7.04 Periodic review of Charter.

The Select Board shall provide, in every year ending in a five (5), a review of the Charter by a special committee to be established by the Select Board. All members of the committee shall be registered voters in the Town of Rockland. The committee shall file a report within one (1) year recommending any changes to the Charter that it deems necessary or desirable, unless an extension is authorized by vote of the Select Board. The Select Board shall vote upon the recommendations in the report within 90 days of receipt of the committee's recommendations. Nothing in this section precludes additional reviews of the Charter pursuant to section C-7.03.

Section C-7.04 Periodic review of bylaws.

Subsequent to the completion of the initial bylaw review established in section C-7.02, the Select Board shall provide, in every year ending in a seven (7) or in a two (2), for a review of the Town's general bylaws by a special committee to be established by the Select Board. All members of the committee shall be registered voters in the Town of Rockland. The committee shall file a report within one (1) year recommending any changes to the bylaws that it deems necessary or desirable, unless an extension is authorized by vote of the Select Board. The Select Board shall vote to adopt all, some, or none of the recommendations in the report within 90 days of receipt of the committee's recommendations. Nothing in this section precludes additional reviews of the bylaws more frequently than as provided by this section.

Section C-7.05 Continuation of existing laws.

All general laws, special laws, Town bylaws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and votes of the Town meeting that are in force at the time this Charter is adopted, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Charter, shall continue in full force until amended or repealed. If the provisions of this Charter conflict with provisions of Town bylaws, rules, regulations, orders, special acts, or acceptances of laws, the Charter provisions shall govern.

Section C-7.06 Severability.

The provisions of this Charter are severable. If any provision of this Charter is held invalid, the other provisions shall not be affected thereby. If the application of this Charter, or any of its provisions, to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of the Charter and its provisions to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Section C-7.07 Specific provisions to prevail.

To the extent that any specific provision of this Charter shall conflict with any provision expressed in general terms, the specific provision shall prevail.

Section C-7.08 References to General Law.

All references to Massachusetts General Laws contained in the Charter refer to the General Laws of Massachusetts and are intended to refer to and to include any amendments or revisions to those chapters or sections or to the corresponding chapters and sections of any rearrangement, revision, or recodification of such General Laws enacted or adopted subsequent to the adoption of this Charter.

Section C-7.09 Computation of time.

In computing time under this Charter, the day of the act or event shall not be included. The last day of the period shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, in which event the period shall be extended to the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. When the period of time designated is less than seven (7) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall not be included; when the period is seven (7) days or more, every day shall be counted.

Section C-7.10 Number.

Words importing the singular number may extend and be applied to several persons or things; words importing the plural number may include the singular.

Section C-7.11 Continuation of government and personnel.

All Town offices, boards, committees, commissions, or agencies shall continue to perform their duties until re-appointed, re-elected or until successors to their respective positions are fully appointed or elected or until their duties have been transferred and assumed by another Town office, board, committee, commission, or agency.

Any person holding a Town office or employment under the Town shall retain such office or employment and shall continue to perform the duties of the office until provisions shall have been made in accordance with this Charter for the performance of the said duties by another person or agency. No person in the permanent full-time service or employment of the Town shall forfeit pay grade or time in service.

Section C-7.12 Transition provisions – Select Board.

The Select Board shall have authority to adopt measures that clarify, confirm, or extend any of the transition provisions in order that the transition may be made in the most expeditious and least contentious manner possible.

Section C-7.13 Topic(s) for study.

Within 90 days of the effective date of this Charter, the Select Board, with the assistance of the Town Administrator, shall form individual study committees to investigate the feasibility of taking each of the following actions. The list below is in no particular order or priority.

A. Recommendations for a bylaw outlining procedures for removal from office of appointed board and committee members.

Requested by: Select Board

Approval Recommended by: Select Board, Charter Review Committee

ARTICLE # 26

Will the Town vote to take from available funds the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) from the Opioid Special Purpose Stabilization Fund to support a co-responder/mental health clinician/social worker role within the Rockland Police Department and grant support for existing private organizations serving Rockland who focus on the following outlined allowable opioid abatement strategies: Connections to Care, Addressing Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons, Harm Reduction, Preventing Misuse of Opioids and Implementing Prevention Education.

Requested by: Town Administrator

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Opioid Special Purpose Stabilization Fund

$\frac{2}{3}$ Approval Required

ARTICLE # 27

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause Twenty-second I, inserted by Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, entitled, An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans, known as the “HERO Act,” providing for an increase in property tax abatements granted for veterans under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clauses Twenty-second A through C, Twenty-second E and Twenty-second F, equal to the cost of living as determined by the Consumer Price Index for such year; or take any other action relating thereto.

Requested by: Veterans Agent

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Board of Assessors

Funding Source: N/A

ARTICLE # 28

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause Twenty-second J, inserted by Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, entitled, An Act Honoring, Empowering, and Recognizing Our Servicemembers and Veterans, known as the “HERO Act,” providing for an

additional uniform real estate property tax exemption for who qualify for an exemption under Clauses Twenty-second A through C, Twenty-second E and Twenty-second F, which exemption shall not exceed 100 percent of the exemption for which the taxpayer qualifies, and, further, to set the exemption for FY2026 and future fiscal years, unless Town Meeting determines otherwise, at 100 percent; or take any other action relating thereto.

Requested by: Veterans Agent

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Board of Assessors

Funding Source: N/A

ARTICLE # 29

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Clause 56 of M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, which allows members of the Massachusetts National Guard or military reservists who are performing active duty under Title 10 of the United States Code for greater than 180 days, to obtain a reduction up to 100% of their real and personal property taxes for any fiscal year they are serving in a foreign country, beginning in Fiscal Year 2026. The authority to grant abatements under this section shall expire after 2 years of acceptance unless extended by a vote of the Town.

Requested by: Veterans Agent

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board, Board of Assessors

Funding Source: N/A

ARTICLE # 30

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 33, § 59, Effect of military service on salary, seniority and leave allowances of public employees are as follows:

Section 59: Effect of military service on salary, seniority and leave allowances of public employees

Section 59.

(a) An employee of the commonwealth in the service of the armed forces of the commonwealth or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States shall be entitled to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee during service in the uniformed services, annual training under section 60 or drills and parades under section 61, not exceeding 40 days in any federal fiscal year, and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime. For the purposes of this

section, “uniformed services” shall have the same meaning as defined in section 13. For the purposes of this subsection, “day” shall mean any 24-hour period regardless of calendar day.

(b) An employee of the commonwealth in the service of the armed forces of the commonwealth under sections 38, 40 or 41 shall be entitled to receive pay without loss of ordinary remuneration as a public employee and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime during the first 30 consecutive days of any mission. Thereafter, any such ordinary remuneration shall be reduced by any amount received either from the United States or the commonwealth as base pay for military service performed during the same pay period, and there shall be no loss of any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime. National guard duty performed under Title 32 of the United States Code shall not be deemed service in the armed forces of the commonwealth under sections 38, 40 or 41 for the purposes of this section.

(c) An employee of the commonwealth in the armed forces of the commonwealth performing duty under Titles 10 or 32 of the United States Code shall be paid the regular base salary as a public employee for each pay period of such military leave of absence, reduced by any amount received either from the United States or the commonwealth as base pay for military service performed during the same pay period, and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

(d) An employee of the commonwealth in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States who is ordered to service for more than 30 consecutive days shall be paid the regular base salary as a public employee for each pay period of such military leave of absence, reduced by any amount received either from the United States or the commonwealth as base pay for military service performed during the same pay period. No such employee shall lose any seniority or accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensation time or earned overtime.

(e) An employee of a county, city or town which, by vote of its county commissioners, city council or inhabitants at a town meeting have accepted this section or similar provisions of earlier laws shall be entitled to the benefits and protections of this section or the benefits of the earlier accepted law.

(f) For the purposes of this section, “base pay for military service” shall not include any housing, incentive, bonus, skills pay, allowance or other stipend or benefit paid to the employee for the employee's military service.

Requested by: Veterans Agent

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: N/A

ARTICLE # 31

Will the Town vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2026, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as follows:

Appropriations:

From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses	\$ 31,936
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Reserves:

From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 63,872
From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	\$ 63,872
From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve	\$ 63,872
From FY 2026 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	\$415,172

or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Community Preservation Committee

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation Fund Estimated Receipts – Budgeted Reserve & Future Annual CPA Revenue Designated for the Budgeted Reserve Fund

ARTICLE # 32

Motion:

(To be read into the record)

That the Town votes appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 to pay costs of replacing the Bicentennial Track on Reed Street, including, but not limited to the reconstruction of all associated track and field event areas, drainage improvements, bleacher replacement, lighting, grass athletic field improvements, associated engineering and planning costs, and the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, (i) \$750,000 shall be transferred from available Community Preservation Act funds, and (ii) the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow \$2,250,000 under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44B (the Community Preservation Act), as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Article:

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000, or any other amount, to pay costs of replacing the Bicentennial Track on Reed Street, including, but not limited to the reconstruction of all associated track and field event areas, drainage improvements, bleacher replacement, lighting, grass athletic field improvements, associated engineering and planning costs, and the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by transfer and/or borrowing, including a borrowing to be repaid with Community Preservation Act Funds, or otherwise provided; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by: Parks Commissioners, CPA Committee

Approval Recommended by: Finance Committee, Parks Commissioners, CPA Committee, Select Board

Funding Source: CPA Revenue

$\frac{2}{3}$ Approval Required

ARTICLE # 33

Will the Town vote to approve and expend, from the Community Preservation Fund, the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$2,200) for historical document microfiche services for the Rockland Historical Commission, or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Community Preservation Committee

Approval Recommended by: Select Board, Community Preservation Committee, Finance Committee

Funding Source: Community Preservation Act Funds – Historic Resources Reserve

ARTICLE # 34

Will the Town vote to appropriate, from the Community Preservation Fund, the sum of One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000) to purchase and install a generator at the Garden Terrace Affordable Housing Project, or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Community Preservation Committee

Approval Recommended by: Community Preservation Committee, Finance Committee, Select Board, Rockland Housing Authority

Funding Source: Community Preservation Act Funds – Community Housing Reserve

ARTICLE # 35

Will the Town vote to approve and expend, from the Community Preservation Fund, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to make improvements at the Beal Cemetery on Webster Street, or take any other action relative thereto?

Requested by: Community Preservation Committee

Approval Recommended by: Select Board, Community Preservation Committee, Finance Committee

Funding Source: Community Preservation Act Funds – Historic Resources Reserve

ARTICLE # 36

Will the Town vote to amend Rockland Town Code, Division 3, Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 415 Zoning, Article V, Building, Lot and General District Regulations, §415-22 Building and lot regulations, by deleting §415-22.B(4) Accessory structures in its entirety and replacing it with a new subsection §415-22.B(4), as follows:

(4) Accessory structures.

- (a)** An accessory building, including an accessory dwelling unit, may not occupy more than 30% of a required yard.
- (b)** A detached accessory structure, including an accessory dwelling unit less than 24 feet in height and under 400 square feet, may only be erected in the side or rear yard no closer than ten feet from a side or rear lot line and in conformance with the front yard requirement of the district in which it is located. A detached accessory structure, including an accessory dwelling unit, equal to or greater than 24 feet in height or equal to or greater than 400 square feet may only be erected in the side or rear yard no closer than 15 feet from a side or rear lot line and in conformance with the front yard requirement of the district in which it is located. In no event shall any detached accessory structure, including an accessory dwelling unit, be located in the front yard area of a lot between the front boundary line of the property at the street and the principal building in an area equal to the width of the principal building facing the street which serves as its primary access to the property.
- (c)** No accessory structure, including an accessory dwelling unit, located in a side yard shall be located closer to the street than the front yard setback required for the principal structure in the zoning district.

- (d)** For corner lots, the setback from the side street shall be the same for accessory buildings as for principal buildings.
- (e)** When an accessory structure is attached to the principal building, it shall comply in all respects with the yard requirements of this bylaw applicable to the principal building.
- (f)** No accessory structure shall exceed 24 feet in height unless the accessory structure is located at least 15 feet from any point on any dwelling including attached structure to the dwelling on any abutting lot and in no event shall the accessory structure be located within 15 feet of any side or rear lot line.
- (g)** Preexisting nonconforming accessory structures may be converted to an accessory dwelling unit provided such conversion is approved by special permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with §415-89.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 41 Explanation: This zoning change is intended to impose a reasonable side and rear yard setback applicable to all accessory structures including accessory dwelling units that are now allowed by right. The change requires a minimum of 10 feet of side and rear yard setbacks for accessory structures and is intended to balance as of right uses with reasonable privacy expectations. This change also results from changes to accessory dwelling unit laws on the Massachusetts Affordable Homes Act from 2024 (Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024).

Requested by: Planning Board

Approval Recommended by: Planning Board, Finance Committee, Select Board

$\frac{2}{3}$ Approval Required

ARTICLE # 37

Will the Town vote to amend the Rockland Town Code, Division 3, Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 415 Zoning, Article II, Definitions, Article IV, Permitted Uses, and Article V, Building, Lot and General District Regulations, §415-32 Accessory apartment within single family dwelling, as follows:

- (1) By striking the definition in §415-2 of “Accessory Apartment” and replacing it with the following new definition “Accessory Dwelling Unit” as follows:

Accessory Dwelling Unit

A self-contained residential housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities on the same lot as a principal dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that: maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the principal dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code for safe egress; is not larger in floor area than 1/2 the gross floor area of the principal dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller; and; is subject to such additional restrictions as may be imposed by a municipality, including, but not limited to additional size restrictions and restrictions or prohibitions on short-term rental.

(2) By adding a new §415-8.D: Uses requiring site plan approval:

(1) Accessory Dwelling Unit.

(3) By deleting §415-9.B(3) and inserting a new §415-9.D: Uses requiring site plan approval:

(1) Accessory Dwelling Unit.

(4) By deleting §415-10.C(11) and inserting a new inserting a new §415-10.D: Uses requiring site plan approval:

(1) Accessory Dwelling Unit.

(5) By deleting §415-11.B(3) and inserting a new §415-11.D: Uses requiring site plan approval:

(1) Accessory Dwelling Unit.

(6) by deleting the existing §415-32 and replacing it with the following new proposed §415-32, or take any other action relative thereto.

§415-32 Accessory Dwelling Units

A. Purpose: Accessory Dwelling Units

1. To authorize the establishment or legalization of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) within either a single family detached principal dwelling, or an accessory building located in a district where single family residential use is allowed and where a single-family residential property stands or is proposed to stand may be authorized by-right *through Site*

Plan Review but without unreasonable regulation in order to achieve the following objectives:

2. Provide Rockland homeowners with an opportunity to generate rental income, companionship, security, and services.
3. Allow for multi-generational occupancy within a parcel allowing for families to stay more comfortably in homes and neighborhoods they might otherwise be forced to leave;
4. Add moderately priced rental units to the housing stock to meet the needs of smaller households and make housing units available to moderate income households who might otherwise have difficulty finding housing;
5. Develop housing units in single-family neighborhoods that are appropriate for households at a variety of stages in their life cycle;
6. Provide housing units for persons with disabilities;
7. Protect stability, property values, and the residential character of Rockland neighborhoods.

B. Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to Accessory Dwelling Units:

Accessory Dwelling Unit - see §415-2.

Accessory Dwelling Unit Design Review Standards

Clear, measurable and objective provisions of Zoning, or regulations, which are made applicable to the exterior design of, and use of materials for an ADU.

Modular Dwelling Unit

A pre-designed Dwelling Unit assembled and equipped with internal plumbing, electrical or similar systems prior to movement to the site where such Dwelling Unit is affixed to a foundation and connected to external utilities; or any portable structure with walls, a floor, and a roof, designed or used as a Dwelling Unit, transportable in one or more sections and affixed to a foundation and connected to external utilities. A Modular Dwelling Unit shall not include a manufactured home, such as those defined under MGL c. 140, § 32Q.

Site Plan Review

See §415-58 to §415-59.

C. Applicability

An Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be permitted by right subject to Site Plan Review by the Planning Board acting as the Site Plan Review Board, in R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4 districts:

Applications for an Accessory Dwelling Unit shall meet the Accessory Dwelling Unit Design Review Standards as determined by the by the Planning Board under Site Plan Review as a regular agenda item at a duly posted meeting of the Planning Board.

Site Plan Review is limited to imposing reasonable regulation on the use: the Planning Board may “impose reasonable terms and conditions” on the as of right use but may not impose unreasonable regulations or prohibit said use excepting as provided for under state law or regulations.

D. Accessory Dwelling Unit Review Standards

In reviewing and evaluating the application, the following common review standards shall be met.

- (1) Only one Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be allowed per lot.
- (2) Compliance with 310 CMR 15.000 (Title V), Board of Health policies and regulations;
- (3) One parking space to serve the Accessory Dwelling Unit.
- (4) The Accessory Dwelling Unit and its construction shall comply with the State Building Code.
- (5) The property with an ADU shall meet the minimum front, side and rear yard setbacks, the maximum building coverage and the minimum open space area for the respective zoning district in which the proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit is proposed. For an existing non-conforming structure, the ADU shall not cause any increase in the non-conforming nature of the existing principal structure. Any existing non-conforming structure proposed to be an ADU requires a Special Permit.
- (6) A single-family dwelling with an Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be deemed to be a two-family dwelling.
- (7) Both the principal dwelling and Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be prohibited from short term rental use as defined in section one of M.G.L. Chapter 64G.
- (8) Neither the principal dwelling nor the Accessory Dwelling Unit may be sold or otherwise conveyed or transferred separately from the other.
- (9) The Accessory Dwelling Unit, if detached, shall have a minimum setback of 10 feet from the principal dwelling.
- (10) When a new accessory building is built to house an accessory dwelling the new accessory building shall be restricted to not more than two stories with a maximum building height of 24 feet.

- (11) The maximum size of an Accessory Dwelling Unit shall be no more than fifty percent (50%) of the total gross floor area of the primary dwelling or 900 square feet whichever is smaller, and shall be limited to two (2) bedrooms.
- (12) The Accessory Dwelling Unit within the principal dwelling shall be designed so that the appearance of the building remains that of a single-family residence, must be self-contained, and must have a separate entrance. In general, any new entrance shall be located on the side or rear of the building. Reasonable deviation from this condition shall be allowed in order to facilitate access and mobility for disabled persons;
- (13) An Accessory Dwelling Unit when developed within an existing accessory building (such as a barn or garage) shall be designed to keep the appearance and function of the existing accessory building incidental to the principal single family dwelling compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Anything herein to the contrary, an existing accessory building, may not be converted to add an Accessory Dwelling Unit if the existing accessory building does not meet the minimum front, side and rear yard setbacks for the zoning district the property is located in.
- (14) The Accessory Dwelling Unit when developed as the sole use of the accessory building it shall be designed so that the appearance of the accessory building is subordinate to the principal single-family home.
- (15) The accessory building, subject to the restrictions set forth above as to setbacks, may include a garage or other use such as storage in addition to the Accessory Dwelling Unit.

E. Plan Requirements

Anything in §415-58 or §415-59 to the contrary, any person or entity proposing to add an Accessory Dwelling Unit to any property shall provide the following information:

- (1) A completed site plan review application form and a filing fee as set forth on a fee schedule published by the Planning Board. for site plan review applications.
- (2) The existing and proposed square footage of each dwelling unit;
- (3) The existing and proposed floor layouts of each dwelling unit;
- (4) Exterior elevations of new and existing buildings;
- (5) Any proposed changes to the exterior of the existing building;
- (6) The site plan showing new and existing buildings setbacks, parking, grading, drainage, wastewater and landscaping;
- (7) The site plans shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor and/or a registered professional engineer; and
- (8) A table on the plans showing the minimum required and provided dimensional and density zoning regulations.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 39 Explanation: This article replaces the existing any Residential Accessory Apartment Bylaw or Accessory Dwelling Unit Bylaw by allowing an Accessory Dwelling Unit by-right under site plan review in order to meet the requirements of Chapter 150 of the acts of 2024,

Requested by: Planning Board

Approval Recommended by: Planning Board, Select Board

Funding Source: N/A

Simple Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE # 38

Will the Town vote to amend the Rockland Town Code, Division 3, Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 415 Zoning, Article V, Building, Lot and General District Regulations, §415-24 Nonconforming uses, by adding a new subsection §415-24.G., as follows:

G. Lot protection for certain nonconforming lots in common ownership. Notwithstanding any provision of this Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, and in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40A §6, no merger of adjacent lots in common ownership, shall occur if at the time of recording or endorsement of a plan, the lots:

1. conformed to then existing requirements of area, frontage, width, yard or depth, where each such lot has not less than 10,000 square feet of area and 75 feet of frontage; and
2. are located in a zoning district that allows for single-family residential use.

Also, as a condition of maintaining eligibility for said protection, , any single-family residential structures constructed on any lot protected by this exemption shall not exceed 1,850 square feet of heated living area, shall contain not less than 3 bedrooms, and shall not be used as a seasonal home or short-term rental. Any single-family residential structures constructed hereunder shall also be required to meet all yard setback requirements of these Zoning Bylaws.

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 40 Explanation: This zoning change is intended to bring the Rockland Zoning Bylaw into compliance with the changes set forth in Section 10 of the Massachusetts Affordable Homes Act from 2024 (Chapter 150 of the Acts of 2024). Certain nonconforming lots in common ownership will no longer merged by operation of law provided they meet certain lot size and use requirements and the homes are limited in size and are not used seasonally or as short term rentals. In creating these rules, the state is converting qualifying lots to buildable status while simultaneously

imposing permanent restrictions that could, it appears, create a permitting environment favorable to development of so-called “starter homes”.

Requested by: Planning Board

Approval Recommended by: Planning Board, Select Board

Funding Source: N/A

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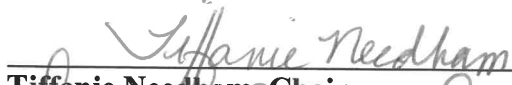
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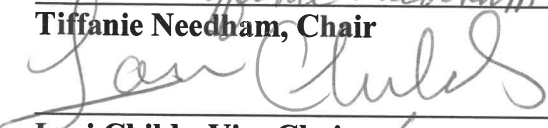
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting copies at least fourteen (14) days prior to said meeting in each of the six precincts in said Town.

Hereof, fail not, and make return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, on the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting.

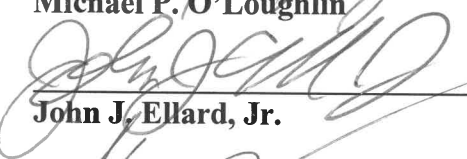
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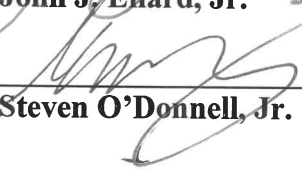
REQUESTED BY: SELECT BOARD


Tiffanie Needham, Chair


Lori Childs, Vice Chair


Michael P. O'Loughlin


John J. Ellard, Jr.


Steven O'Donnell, Jr.

RETURN OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this 16 day of April 2025, posted this warrant in each of the six precincts in the Town of Rockland.

ATTEST:
CONSTABLE



Precinct 1	T.K.O. Shea's	932 Hingham Street
Precinct 2	Sullivan Tire	1 VFW Drive
Precinct 3	Town Hall (Rockland Town Offices)	242 Union Street
	Rockland Public Library	20 Belmont Street
	Rockland Senior Center	344 Plain Street
	Rockland Post Office	39 Webster Street
Precinct 4	UPS Store	319 Centre Avenue
Precinct 5	Stevie G's Restaurant	372 Market Street
Precinct 6	Rockland Housing Authority	8 Studley Court