

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
MAY 23, 2011**

Plymouth, ss.

To the Constable(s) of the Town of Rochester in the County of Plymouth,

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 elections and in Town affairs to meet at the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, 476 North Avenue in said Town on Monday, the 23rd of May 2011 at seven p.m. (7:00 p.m.) in the evening to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1: ANNUAL REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

To see if the Town will accept the annual report of all town officers and committees, or take any other action thereon.

**ARTICLE 2: ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the elected officials of the Town for the Fiscal Year 2012 as follows: or take any other action thereon.

	Previous FY 2011	Requested FY 2012	Recommended FY 2012
Moderator - Annual Town Meeting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Special Town Meeting	50.00	50.00	50.00
Board of Selectmen (3) each member	4,158.00	4,241.00	4,241.00
Board of Assessors (3) each member	9,093.00	9,275.00	9,275.00
Board of Assessors Assessment Admin	24.11/hr	24.59/hr	24.59/hr
Tax Collector	21,005.00	21,426.00	21,426.00
Town Clerk	21,005.00	22,622.00	22,622.00
Tree Warden	648.00	661.00	661.00
Constables (2)	8.87/hr	9.05/hr	9.05/hr
Highway Surveyor	67,187.00	68,531.00	68,531.00
Board of Health Chairman	1,950.00	1,989.00	1,989.00
Board of Health (2) each member	1,626.00	1,659.00	1,659.00
Herring Inspector	411.00	419.00	419.00

**ARTICLE 3: PERSONNEL BY-LAW AMENDMENT – CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Part IV, Classification and Compensation Plan or take any other action thereon.

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ARTICLE 3:											
CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN											
EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2011											
Position:											
Exempt Prof. - Salaried	GRADE	MIN	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6	STEP 7	STEP 8	MAX
Chief Dispatcher/Conservation Agent Environmental Planner	11	\$25.20	\$25.84	\$26.61	\$27.41	\$29.07	\$30.81	\$32.35	\$33.98	\$35.00	\$36.05
Non-Exempt											
None	10	\$20.45	\$21.06	\$21.70	\$22.35	\$23.02	\$23.71	\$24.42	\$25.15	\$25.91	\$26.68
BOS Adm Asst./Assessment Adm.	9	\$18.57	\$19.13	\$19.71	\$20.30	\$20.91	\$21.53	\$22.18	\$22.84	\$23.53	\$24.24
Adm. Asst. - General / Outreach	8	\$16.88	\$17.39	\$17.91	\$18.45	\$19.00	\$19.57	\$20.16	\$20.76	\$21.38	\$22.03
Adm. Asst. - Police / Payroll Clerk	7	\$15.36	\$15.82	\$16.30	\$16.79	\$17.29	\$17.81	\$18.34	\$18.89	\$19.46	\$20.04
Clerk/Secretary to Department Head	6	\$13.94	\$14.36	\$14.79	\$15.24	\$15.69	\$16.16	\$16.65	\$17.15	\$17.66	\$18.19
BOH Secretary	5	\$12.70	\$13.08	\$13.47	\$13.88	\$14.29	\$14.72	\$15.16	\$15.62	\$16.09	\$16.57
Program Assistant COA	4	\$11.54	\$11.88	\$12.24	\$12.61	\$12.98	\$13.37	\$13.77	\$14.19	\$14.61	\$15.05
Van Driver	3	\$10.50	\$10.81	\$11.13	\$11.47	\$11.81	\$12.17	\$12.53	\$12.91	\$13.30	\$13.69
COA Custodian	9	\$11.88	\$12.24	\$12.61	\$12.98	\$13.37	\$13.78	\$14.19	\$14.61	\$15.05	\$15.50
Recycle Operator	5	\$16.35	\$16.84	\$17.35	\$17.87	\$18.40	\$18.95	\$19.52	\$20.11	\$20.71	\$21.33
Heavy Motor Equip Operator/Laborer	4	\$21.00	\$21.63	\$22.28	\$22.95	\$23.64	\$24.35	\$25.08	\$25.83	\$26.60	\$27.40
Lead Heavy Motor Equip Op	3	\$22.55	\$23.23	\$23.93	\$24.64	\$25.38	\$26.14	\$26.93	\$27.74	\$28.57	\$29.43
<b>FY 2012</b>											
<b>CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN</b>											

#### ARTICLE 4: TOWN OF ROCHESTER FY 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to defray Town charges and expenses for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2012, or take any other action thereon.

(SEE CHART NEXT PAGE)

#### ARTICLE 5: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS AUTHORIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain Town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ for the Fiscal Year 2012 or take any other action thereon.

Revolving Fund  
Article 5

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY 2012 Spending Limit
Library Materials	Board of Library Trustees	Charges and fees for lost, damaged, and overdue library material, lost library cards, photocopies, computer printouts, and facsimile transmissions	Purchase library materials, print and non-print, including without limitation books, periodicals, audio & video tapes and computer software, as well as other library materials and equipment	\$10,000
Recycling Program	Highway Surveyor	Fees for recycling materials, bins, etc., and the fees generated from disposal and sale of recycling materials.	Purchase recycling products and costs associated with disposal of recycling materials and equipment	\$20,000
Hazardous Waste Recovery	Fire Chief/Hazardous Waste Coordinator	Charges and fees for responses to hazardous material spills	Purchase materials used in response to hazardous material spills.	\$10,000
Rochester Country Fair Committee	Rochester Country Fair Committee	Entrance, advertising, vendor fees and fund raising activities.	Expenses incurred for fund raising activities, operating expenses of the annual fair, and scholarship awards	\$30,000
Cultural Council	Cultural Council Art Show	Vendor fees, application fees, and fund raising activities	Expenses incurred for operating the art show, and fund raising activities	\$5,000
Council on Aging	Council on Aging Director	Fees and receipts from fund raising, senior program activities, and rental fees for use of the building	Expenses incurred for senior programs and activities	\$10,000
Board of Health	Board of Health	Fees and reimbursements from Flu Clinics	Expenses incurred for Flu Clinics	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>				<b>\$86,000</b>

ARTICLE 4  
TOWN OF ROCHESTER FY 2012 OPERATING BUDGET

		FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2012
		APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>					
113	Town Meeting	635	642	645	645
114	Town Moderator	345	345	345	345
122	Board of Selectmen	12,230	12,475	12,725	12,725
131	Finance Committee	1,400	800	800	800
132	Reserve Fund	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
135	Town Accountant	96,709	98,696	101,514	101,514
140	Information Systems	34,695	36,000	40,200	40,200
141	Board of Assessors	162,842	164,431	164,647	164,647
145	Treasurer	83,452	85,536	87,653	87,653
146	Tax Collector	31,493	33,055	33,583	33,583
151	Town Counsel	71,077	72,376	73,701	73,701
152	Personnel Board	900	900	200	200
161	Town Clerk	41,488	42,840	43,728	43,728
162	Elections	4,182	6,787	8,873	8,873
163	Board of Registrars	3,657	3,669	3,676	3,676
171	Conservation Commission	94,760	94,710	95,206	95,206
175	Planning Board	78,703	53,101	50,704	50,704
176	Zoning Board of Appeals	2,500	1,100	1,000	1,000
178	Town Planner Consulting	0	0	0	0
179	Soil Board	500	500	100	100
192	Town Hall	285,710	306,789	309,046	309,046
195	Town Hall Annex	39,500	37,000	38,100	38,100
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY:</b>					
210	Police	968,517	967,566	984,463	984,463
220	Fire	151,170	158,625	155,997	155,997
232	EMT	109,804	139,281	137,828	137,828
241	Building Inspector	81,331	80,678	80,676	80,676
242/243	Gas/Plumbing Inspector	14,160	13,160	13,000	13,000
245	Wiring Inspector	16,715	14,615	13,000	13,000
290	Gasoline Account	60,400	60,400	60,400	60,400
291	Emergency Management	1,665	1,665	1,465	1,465
292	Animal Control	14,767	11,340	11,340	11,340
294	Tree Warden	17,685	12,948	12,961	12,961
297	Constables	1,282	1,289	1,296	1,296
299	Communications/Dispatch	251,893	253,903	264,869	264,869
<b>EDUCATION:</b>					
300	Rochester Memorial School:	5,638,569	5,682,387	5,750,763	5,750,763
	Old Rochester Regional Assessment	3,989,569	4,218,210	4,467,477	4,467,477
	Old Colony Vocational Technical Ass	637,045	584,688	608,465	608,465
	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>10,265,193</b>	<b>10,485,285</b>	<b>10,826,705</b>	<b>10,826,705</b>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>					
421	Highway Surveyor	65,869	67,187	68,531	68,531
422	Highway Department	411,220	396,709	397,714	397,714
423	Snow/Ice Removal	68,000	68,000	68,000	68,000
433/434	Solid Waste	180,460	155,460	173,787	173,787
435	Recycling	36,566	37,655	39,020	39,020
491	Cemeteries	8,800	8,650	8,650	8,650
<b>HUMAN SERVICES:</b>					
511	Board of Health	67,802	69,523	72,024	72,024
519	Inspector of Animals	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
541	Council On Aging	203,600	205,663	198,978	197,502
543	Veterans Services	29,477	35,114	38,573	38,573
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION:</b>					
610	Plumb Library	177,973	179,177	179,145	179,145
630	Park Department	25,370	25,370	15,370	15,370
631	Herring Inspector	728	736	744	744
691	Historical Commission	1,000	1,000	500	500
692	Town Events/Celebrations	7,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
694	Rochester Historic District	1,000	1,000	200	200
<b>FIXED COSTS &amp; OTHER REQUIREMENTS:</b>					
710	Debt Service	397,851	1,073,458	1,092,764	1,092,764
830/840	Intergovernmental Assessments	1,509	1,509	1,592	1,592
900	Other Fixed Costs	1,253,374	1,389,107	1,505,056	1,505,056
	<b>Total Operating Budget (Article 4)</b>	<b>15,980,459</b>	<b>17,010,325</b>	<b>17,533,594</b>	<b>17,532,118</b>

**ARTICLE 6: NATURAL RESOURCE EXPENSES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sufficient sum of money to fund the following recurring Environmental and Natural Resources Expenses or take any other action thereon.

**FUND 2012 NATURAL RESOURCE EXPENSES**

**DEPARTMENT ITEM/PROJECT**

Selectmen	Planting of Shellfish (Marion)	\$300
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENT</b>		<b>\$300</b>

**ARTICLE 7: CHAPTER 90 FUNDS APPROPRIATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$308,799 from the proceeds due to the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90; for the purposes of repair, construction, maintenance and preservation of the Town roads and bridges and other related costs which qualify under the State Aid Highway Guidelines adopted by the Massachusetts Highway Authority;

**ARTICLE 8: PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or any combination thereof, the sum of \$225,000.00 more or less, for the costs of purchasing and equipping an ambulance and any related equipment, and also including all costs incidental and related thereto; and to see whether to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, shall be authorized to borrow the full amount of such appropriation under General Laws Chapter 44 or any other general or special law, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town in connection therewith, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9: OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote that the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District through the assessment of its member town of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett and Rochester appropriate the sum not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand (\$2,500,000) Dollars for the replacement of the current urethane foam roof and renovation of existing science laboratory said sum to be expended under the direction of the Old Colony Regional School District School Building Committee and to meet said appropriation the District Treasurer with the approval of the Regional District School Committee is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; the Old Colony Regional School District Committee acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Old Colony Regional School District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Old Colony Regional School District and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the member towns of Acushnet, Carver, Lakeville, Mattapoisett and Rochester to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Old Colony Regional School District and the MSBA

**ARTICLE 10: MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATE FEE**

To see if the Town will vote to increase the fee to be charged by the Collector for municipal lien certificates from \$25.00 to \$50; or to take any other action relative thereto

**ARTICLE 11: SITE PLAN BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section XVI.1 of the Zoning By-laws to add Paragraph 14 as follows:

1.14 Expiration

A site plan review approval granted under this section shall lapse within two (2) years, not including such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal from the grant thereof or any other permit or license issued in connection therewith, if a substantial use t hereof has not sooner commenced or in the case of a permit for construction, if construction was not begun by such date. This time period may be extended for an additional one (1) year period at the discretion of the Planning Board, provided an application for said extension was filed prior to the expiration of the

first two (2) year term.

**ARTICLE 12: ROCHESTER WATER SUPPLY – NEW BEDFORD COMPENSATION**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen together with the Board of Water Commissioners to petition the legislature for a Special Act, entitled “An Act Further Compensating the Town of Rochester for Water Facilities”, to require the City of New Bedford to remit payment to the Town of Rochester in the amount of ten cents (\$0.10) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water it sells, or provides by agreement including any compensation, to other communities; and to take all actions necessary for adoption of such Special Act and for implementation of any Special Act adopted in connection therewith, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 13: ROCHESTER WATER SUPPLY – POND YIELD**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen together with the Board of Water Commissioners to petition the legislature for a Special Act, entitled “An Act to Preserve Public Water Supply in Assawompset Ponds Complex Communities”, to reserve a percentage of the Maximum Safe Yield for public water supply, as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, for the use or future use of communities directly abutting Assawompset, Pocksha, Great Quittacas, Little Quittacas and Long Ponds; said percentage to be determined in consultation with DEP and surrounding communities; and to take all actions necessary for adoption of such Special Act and for implementation of any Special Act adopted in connection therewith, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 14: PURCHASE OF PROPERTY OFF MARION ROAD**

To see if the Town of Rochester will vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 (to be reimbursed by an awarded Buzzards Bay National Estuary Program grant) for the purpose of purchasing for conservation and passive recreation purposes, a portion of a property shown as Lot 20 on Rochester Assessors Map 6 on Marion Road containing approximately 29-acres; that said land be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Rochester, and that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant a Conservation Restriction to be held on said property by the Rochester Land Trust, Inc.; and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Rochester any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town of Rochester and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Rochester to affect said purchase and obtain said grants or reimbursement; or take any other action thereon.

**ARTICLE 15: AQUIFER PROTECTION WOLF ISLAND ROAD**

To see if the Town of Rochester will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,506.00 for the purpose of purchasing for aquifer protection, conservation and passive recreation purposes, a certain property, together with buildings thereon, shown as Lot 6 on Rochester Assessors Map 3 on Wolf Island Road containing approximately 10.7 acres; that said land be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Rochester, and that the Conservation Commission is authorized to grant a Conservation Restriction to be held on said property by the Board of Public Works, acting as the Water Commissioners, for the Town of Fairhaven; and that the Conservation Commission be authorized to file on behalf of the Town of Rochester any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and /or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and the Town of Rochester and the Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Rochester to affect said purchase and obtain said grants or reimbursement; or take any other action thereon.

**ARTICLE 16: ROCHESTER HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AND HISTORIC DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote to abolish the Rochester Historic District Commission and the Historic District adopted by vote of the Town Meeting as Article XX, June 7, 1999 Annual Town Meeting and to nullify and strike the boundaries of the Historic District from the Rochester Zoning map as shown on a map entitled “Proposed Rochester Center Historic District” dated June 7, 1999 and signed by the Rochester Historic District Study Committee, which is on file with the office of the Rochester Town Clerk.