



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 13, 2024**

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 Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street in said Town on Monday, the 13th of May 2024 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 relative thereto.

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 2025 as follows or take any other action relative thereto.

	Previous FY2024	Requested FY2025	Recommended FY2025
Moderator – Annual Town Meeting	100.00	100.00	100.00
Special Town Meeting	50.00	50.00	50.00
Select Board (3) each member	5,326.00	5,460.00	5,460.00
Board of Assessors (3) each member	7,241.00	7,423.00	7,423.00
Tax Collector	30,773.00	31,543.00	31,543.00
Town Clerk	43,285.00	44,368.00	44,368.00
Tree Warden	1,850.00	1,897.00	1,897.00
Constables (2)	15.00/hr.	15.00/hr.	15.00/hr.
Highway Surveyor	95,000.00	97,375.00	97,375.00
Board of Health Chairman	2,497.00	2,560.00	2,560.00
Board of Health (2) each member	2,085.00	2,138.00	2,138.00
Herring Inspector	530.00	544.00	544.00

**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, as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto.

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FY 25 CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLAN FOR PERSONNEL BY-LAW EMPLOYEES
EFFECTIVE ON JULY 1, 2024 - WITH COLA 2.5%

Category	Position	Wage Range	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	MAX
A. Mid-Level Specialists	1. Exec. Asst. T.A./SelectBd	L.	26.12	26.77	27.44	28.13	28.83	29.55	30.29	31.04	31.82	32.62
	2. Hwy Foreman	M.	28.77	29.49	30.23	30.98	31.76	32.55	33.37	34.20	35.06	35.93
	3. Payroll/Benefits Coordinator	H.	31.69	32.49	33.30	34.13	34.98	35.86	36.75	37.67	38.61	39.58
B. Specialty Skilled Workers	1. Hwy Equip. Oper./Laborer	L. 1.	23.14	23.82	24.53	25.27	26.01	26.81	27.60	28.29	29.00	29.73
		L. 2.	26.12	26.77	27.44	28.13	28.83	29.55	30.29	31.04	31.82	32.62
		M.	28.77	29.49	30.23	30.98	31.76	32.55	33.37	34.20	35.06	35.93
		H	29.53	30.27	31.03	31.80	32.60	33.41	34.25	35.10	35.98	36.88
		L.	19.61	20.10	20.60	21.12	21.64	22.18	22.74	23.31	23.89	24.49
		M.	21.60	22.14	22.69	23.26	23.84	24.43	25.05	25.67	26.31	26.97
C. Administrative Assistants	1. Assessors	H. 1.	23.76	24.35	24.96	25.59	26.23	26.88	27.55	28.24	28.95	29.67
	2. Building Coordinator	H. 2.	26.12	26.77	27.44	28.13	28.83	29.55	30.29	31.04	31.82	32.62
	3. COA Outreach Coordinator											
D. Support Staff	4. COA Admin & Transp. Coord.	L.	16.27	16.67	17.09	17.52	17.96	18.40	18.86	19.34	19.82	20.31
	5. ConCom/Planning General	M.	16.70	17.11	17.54	17.98	18.43	18.89	19.36	19.85	20.34	20.85
	6. Health Highway Police ZBA	H.	17.86	18.30	18.76	19.23	19.71	20.20	20.71	21.22	21.76	22.30

ARTICLE 4: TOWN OF ROCHESTER FY2025 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, 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

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ARTICLE 4
TOWN OF ROCHESTER FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET

		FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
		APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:					
113	Town Meeting				
4-1	Salaries/Wages	454	468	480	480
4-2	Expenses	300	300	300	300
	Total Town Meeting	754	768	780	780
114	Town Moderator				
4-3	Elected Official Salaries	300	300	300	300
4-4	Expenses	0			0
	Total Moderator	300	300	300	300
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Moderator \$100 ATM, \$50 STM				
122	Select Board				
4-5	Elected Official Salaries	15,513	15,978	16,380	16,380
	Total Select Board	15,513	15,978	16,380	16,380
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Select Board Member ea.	5,171	5,326	5,460	
131	Finance Committee				
4-6	Expenses	300	300	300	300
132	4-7 Reserve Fund	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
	Total Finance Committee	70,300	70,300	70,300	70,300
134	Capital Planning Committee				
4-8	Expenses	300	300	300	300
	Total Capital Planning Committee	300	300	300	300
135	Finance Director/Town Accountant				
4-9	Salaries/Wages	158,501	163,227	167,284	167,284
4-10	Expenses	4,350	4,350	4,350	4,350
4-11	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Finance Director/Town Accountant	162,851	167,577	171,634	171,634
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Finance Director/Town Accountant	80,000	82,400	84,460	
	Assistant Town Accountant	69,341	71,422	73,208	
	Longevity	8,160	8,405	8,616	
	Town Accountant Certification	1,000	1,000	1,000	
140	Information Systems				
4-12	Expenses	171,080	174,580	177,160	177,160
4-13	Capital				
	Total Information Systems	171,080	174,580	177,160	177,160
141	Board of Assessors				
4-14	Elected Official Salaries	21,090	21,723	22,269	22,269
4-15	Salaries/Wages	182,681	185,097	195,309	195,309
4-16	Expenses	18,285	21,313	28,958	28,958
4-17	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Board of Assessors	222,056	228,133	246,536	246,536
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown				
	Board of Assessors (3 members each)	7,030	7,241	7,423	
	Assessors-Staff Certifications/hours	1,703	1,000	1,000	
	Assessment Administrator	50,666	0	0	
	Principal Assessor	79,048	85,490	90,257	
	Salary Full-Time (2)	47,841	97,559	102,946	
	Longevity	3,423	1,048	1,106	

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		FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
		APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
145	Treasurer				
4-18	Salaries/Wages	119,802	124,006	134,753	134,753
4-19	Expenses	9,700	12,095	12,595	12,595
4-20	Capital	0	0	0	0
4-21	Tax Title Expense	0	0	0	0
	Total Treasurer	129,502	136,101	147,348	147,348
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Treasurer	70,750	73,550	80,000	
	Assistant Treasurer Stipend	3,600	3,900	3,900	
	Administrative Assistant	43,768	44,830	48,000	
	Treasurer Certification	0	0	1,000	
	Longevity	1,684	1,726	1,853	
146	Tax Collector				
4-22	Elected Official Salaries	29,876	30,773	31,543	31,543
4-23	Salaries/Wages	1,510	1,510	1,510	1,510
4-24	Expenses	15,450	16,250	16,450	16,450
	Total Tax Collector	46,836	48,533	49,503	49,503
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Tax Collector	29,876	30,773	31,543	
	Additional Clerical	510	510	510	
	Collectors Fees	1,000	1,000	1,000	
151	Town Counsel				
4-25	Salaries/Wages	88,186	0	0	0
4-26	Expenses	18,350	98,650	106,650	106,650
	Total Town Counsel	106,536	98,650	106,650	106,650
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Longevity	3,392	0	0	
152	Personnel Board				
4-27	Expenses	200	200	200	200
	Total Personnel Board	200	200	200	200
161	Town Clerk				
4-28	Elected Official Salaries	42,024	43,285	44,368	44,368
4-29	Expenses	4,445	4,722	5,078	5,078
4-30	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Town Clerk	46,469	48,007	49,446	49,446
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Town Clerk	42,024	43,285	44,368	
	Certification	0	0	0	
	Part-Time Salaries	0	0	0	
162	Elections				
4-31	Salaries/Wages	8,922	6,378	10,445	10,445
4-32	Expenses	7,575	8,896	9,426	9,426
	Total Elections	16,497	15,474	19,871	19,871
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Election Workers	6,372	4,713	7,845	
	Detail Officers / Extended Polling	2,550	1,865	2,600	

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		APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
163	Board of Registrars				
4-33	Salaries/Wages	3,992	9,903	10,449	10,449
4-34	Expenses	7,225	9,083	6,635	6,635
4-35	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Board of Registrars	11,217	18,986	17,084	17,084
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Part-Time Salaries	3,992	9,903	10,449	
	Fees	0	0	0	
171	Conservation Commission				
4-36	Salaries/Wages	91,297	94,699	97,953	97,953
4-37	Expenses	3,350	3,950	3,950	3,950
	Total Conservation Commission	94,647	98,649	101,903	101,903
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent	66,950	68,959	70,683	
	Board Administrator	24,347	25,740	27,270	
	Longevity	0	0	0	
175	Planning Board				
4-38	Salaries/Wages	102,052	108,445	112,042	112,042
4-39	Expenses	6,150	6,150	6,150	6,150
	Total Planning Board	108,202	114,595	118,192	118,192
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Town Planner	75,000	80,000	82,000	
	Board Administrator	24,347	25,740	27,270	
	Recording Secretary - Part-time	2,705	2,705	2,772	
176	Zoning Board of Appeals				
4-40	Salaries/Wages	0	0	0	0
4-41	Expenses	300	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Total Zoning Board of Appeals	300	1,000	1,000	1,000
179	Soil Board				
4-42	Expenses	100	100	100	100
	Total Soil Board	100	100	100	100
192	Town Hall				
4-43	Salaries/Wages	330,235	391,921	401,877	401,877
4-44	Expenses	152,150	156,600	168,100	168,100
4-45	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Town Hall	482,385	548,521	569,977	569,977
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Town Administrator	130,000	135,000	140,000	
	Administrative Assistant to Selectboard/TA	59,905	63,274	67,965	
	Administrative Assistant - General	38,563	42,588	46,511	
	Administrative Assistant - ZBA	0	43,895	46,511	
	Facilities Manager	79,025	84,250	86,157	
	Facilities - Part-time	20,000	20,000	10,000	
	Longevity	2,742	2,914	4,733	
195	Town Hall Annex				
4-46	Expenses	46,400	47,400	48,900	48,900
	Total Town Hall Annex	46,400	47,400	48,900	48,900
	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,732,445	1,834,152	1,913,564	1,913,564

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		APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
PUBLIC SAFETY:					
210	Police				
4-47	Salaries/Wages	1,375,499	1,424,684	1,453,075	1,453,075
4-48	Expenses	203,955	221,604	243,003	243,003
4-49	Capital	53,000	61,000	9,000	9,000
	Total Police	1,632,454	1,707,288	1,705,078	1,705,078
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Police Chief	131,443	132,032	135,000	
	Sergeant	212,438	232,450	234,714	
	Lieutenant	95,000	97,850	100,750	
	Full-Time Officers / Stipends	607,097	613,000	653,971	
	Reserve Officers	18,001	18,817	5,038	
	Police Chief Admin. Assist.	30,619	31,413	32,962	
	Full-Time Office Coverage	42,126	44,543	47,822	
	Shift Differential	20,045	15,500	15,500	
	Benefit Coverage / Overtime	201,882	204,679	204,804	
	Special Custodian	0	0	0	
	Longevity	16,843	34,400	22,514	
220	Fire				
4-50	Salaries/Wages	180,199	249,856	261,200	261,200
4-51	Expenses	196,890	198,766	197,766	197,766
4-52	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Fire	377,089	448,622	458,966	458,966
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown				
	Fire Chief / EMT Stipend/Emerg. Mgmt Stipend	104,807	107,802	110,373	
	Deputy Chief, On-Call	10,000	10,300	12,228	
	Captain, On-Call	6,000	6,180	8,063	
	Lieutenant, On-Call	8,000	8,240	11,232	
	On-Call Firefighters Wages	42,000	107,660	109,527	
	Inspection Fees	5,400	5,562	5,562	
	Longevity	3992	4112	4215	
232	EMT				
4-53	Salaries/Wages	460,204	474,004	499,812	499,812
4-54	Expenses	98,200	98,200	94,200	94,200
4-55	Capital	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
	Total EMT	564,904	578,704	600,512	600,512
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	On-Call Paramedics /EMT's Wages	460,000	473,800	499,608	
	On-Call EMT's Court Time	204	204	204	
241	Building Inspector				
4-56	Inspection Services	8,000	9,000	8,000	8,000
4-57	Salaries/Wages	170,339	130,201	140,870	140,870
4-58	Expenses	5,802	4,775	4,775	4,775
4-59	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Building Inspector	184,161	143,976	153,645	153,645
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Building Commissioner	80,000	85,000	92,250	
	Administrative Assistant	61,639	45,201	47,666	
	Longevity	4,466	0	954	
	Inspection Fees	8,000	9,000	8,000	
	Administrative Assistant - ZBA	24,234	0	0	
242/243	Gas/Plumbing Inspector				
4-60	Inspection Services	15,500	17,500	17,500	17,500
4-61	Expenses	800	800	800	800
	Total Gas/Plumbing Inspector	16,300	18,300	18,300	18,300
	FY 2024 Position Breakdown:				
	Inspection Fees	15,500	17,500	17,500	

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		APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
245	Wiring Inspector				
4-62	Inspection Services	15,800	16,800	16,800	16,800
4-63	Expenses	915	915	915	915
	Total Wiring Inspector	16,715	17,715	17,715	17,715
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Inspection Fees	15,000	16,800	16,800	
290	Gasoline Account				
4-64	Expenses	85,400	100,400	100,400	100,400
	Total Gasoline	85,400	100,400	100,400	100,400
291	Emergency Management				
4-65	Salaries/Wages	0	500	500	500
4-66	Expenses	1,465	1,465	1,465	1,465
4-67	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Emergency Management	1,465	1,965	1,965	1,965
292	Animal Control				
4-68	Service Fees	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,200
4-69	Expenses	3,075	3,450	3,700	3,700
	Total Animal Control	12,275	12,650	12,900	12,900
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Animal Control Officer	9,200	9,200	9,200	
294	Tree Warden				
4-70	Elected Official Salaries	1,795	1,850	1,897	1,897
4-71	Salaries/Wages	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
4-72	Expenses	23,600	23,600	23,600	23,600
4-73	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Tree Warden	30,395	30,450	30,497	30,497
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Tree Warden	1,795	1,850	1,897	
	Detail Overtime Wages	5,000	5,000	5,000	
297	Constables				
4-74	Elected Official Salaries	300	300	300	300
4-75	Expenses	100	100	100	100
	Total Constables	400	400	400	400
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Constables	300	300	300	
299	Regional Dispatch Center				
4-76	ROCCC Assessment	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
	Total Regional Dispatch Center	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	3,121,558	3,260,470	3,300,378	3,300,378

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	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025	
	APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	
EDUCATION:					
300					
4-77	Rochester Memorial School	6,671,152	6,816,930	7,173,464	7,173,464
	FY 2025 Breakdown:				
	RMS Operating	6,637,794	6,816,930	7,173,464	
	Academic Student Resource Pkg 2 yrs.	33,358	0	0	
4-78	Bristol County Agricultural Assessment	289,698	208,564	244,895	244,895
4-79	Old Rochester Regional Assessment	5,165,848	5,392,520	5,526,283	5,526,283
	FY 2025 Breakdown:				
	ORR Operating	4,780,838	5,122,352	5,265,633	
	ORR Capital Debt	241,520	236,414	227,090	
	ORR Capital Stabilization Fund	143,490	33,754	33,560	
4-80	Old Colony Vocational Technical Assessment	1,482,221	1,513,792	1,694,271	1,694,271
	TOTAL EDUCATION	13,608,919	13,931,806	14,638,913	14,638,913
PUBLIC WORKS:					
421	Highway Surveyor				
4-81	Elected Official Salaries	90,706	95,000	97,375	97,375
	Total Highway Surveyor	90,706	95,000	97,375	97,375
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Highway Surveyor	90,706	95,000	97,375	
422	Highway Department				
4-82	Salaries/Wages	365,323	376,662	397,282	397,282
4-83	Expenses	245,700	286,780	290,700	290,700
4-84	Capital	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Total Highway Department	626,023	678,442	702,982	702,982
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Laborers, Foreman	326,357	291,512	305,999	
	Part-Time	1,200	42,668	45,679	
	Overtime wages	16,995	20,000	20,500	
	Detail	10,000	10,000	12,000	
	Longevity	10,771	12,482	13,104	
423	Snow/Ice Removal				
4-85	Salaries/Wages	24,500	24,500	24,500	24,500
4-86	Expenses	95,500	95,500	95,500	95,500
4-87	Capital	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Total Snow/Ice Removal	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
433/434	Solid Waste				
4-88	Contracted Services	341,268	351,506	450,000	450,000
4-89	Expenses	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
	Total Solid Waste	349,268	359,506	458,000	458,000
435	Recycling				
4-90	Expenses	0	0	20,000	20,000
	Total Recycling	0	0	20,000	20,000
450	Water Department				
4-91	Expenses	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Total Water Department	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
491	Cemeteries				
4-92	Expenses	8,650	8,650	11,200	11,200
	Total Cemeteries	8,650	8,650	11,200	11,200
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,215,647	1,282,598	1,430,557	1,430,557

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		APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
HUMAN SERVICES:					
511	Board of Health				
4-93	Elected Official Salaries	6,472	6,667	6,836	6,836
4-94	Salaries/Wages	70,733	80,177	80,121	80,121
4-95	Expenses	7,790	14,290	9,690	9,690
4-96	Capital	0	0	0	0
4-97	Regional Health District	14,135	13,529	20,530	20,550
	Total Board of Health	99,130	114,663	117,197	117,197
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Board of Health, Chairman	2,424	2,497	2,560	
	Board of Health, Member ea. (2)	2,024	2,085	2,138	
	Public Health Nurse	17,895	32,732	33,516	
	Administrative Assistant - Part-time	15,817	15,288	16,537	
	Health Agent	37,021	32,157	30,068	
519	Inspector of Animals				
4-98	Inspection Services	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
4-99	Expenses	25	100	100	100
	Total Inspector of Animals	1,725	1,800	1,800	1,800
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Inspector of Animals	1,700	1,700	1,700	
541	Council On Aging				
4-100	Salaries/Wages	224,147	270,777	272,887	272,887
4-101	Expenses	103,412	93,890	103,050	103,050
4-102	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Council On Aging	327,559	364,667	375,937	375,937
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Council on Aging Director	72,100	90,000	92,250	
	Outreach Worker	42,048	43,150	45,336	
	Council on Aging Van Drivers	63,314	70,345	71,240	
	COA Administrative Assistant & Part-Time	32,697	40,143	48,849	
	Longevity	841	1,726	1,814	
	Custodian	13,147	25,413	13,398	
543	Veterans Services				
4-103	Veterans Benefits	63,900	63,900	63,900	63,900
4-104	Assessment	19,754	24,027	20,800	20,800
	Total Veterans Services	83,654	87,927	84,700	84,700
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	512,068	569,057	579,634	579,634
CULTURE & RECREATION:					
610	Plumb Library				
4-105	Salaries/Wages	181,292	182,943	185,003	185,003
4-106	Expenses	67,948	75,726	76,425	76,425
4-107	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Plumb Library	249,240	258,669	261,428	261,428
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Library Director	73,000	72,000	73,000	
	Library Asst. - Circ & Tech Services	52,559	53,937	57,571	
	Library Asst. - Youth Services	43,417	44,558	49,016	
	Library Page	5,951	7,428	0	
	Longevity	4,365	5,020	5,416	

**ARTICLE 4
TOWN OF ROCHESTER FY 2025 OPERATING BUDGET**

		FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2025
		APPROPRIATED	APPROPRIATED	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
630	Park Department				
4-108	Salaries/Wages	6,500	6,500	7,000	7,000
4-109	Expenses	12,100	22,100	25,700	25,700
4-110	Capital	0	0	0	0
	Total Park Department	18,600	28,600	32,700	32,700
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Laborer - Part-time	6,500	6,500	7,000	
631	Herring Inspector				
4-111	Elected Official Salaries	514	530	544	544
4-112	Expenses	625	625	625	625
	Total Herring Inspector	1,139	1,155	1,169	1,169
	FY 2025 Position Breakdown:				
	Herring Inspector	514	530	544	
691	Historical Commission				
4-113	Expenses	500	500	500	500
	Total Historical Commission	500	500	500	500
692	Town Events/Celebrations				
4-114	Salaries/Wages	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
4-115	Expenses	700	700	700	700
	Total Town Events/Celebrations	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200
694	Rochester Historic District				
4-116	Expenses	200	200	200	200
	Total Rochester Historic District	200	200	200	200
	TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	271,879	291,324	298,197	298,197
FIXED COSTS & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:					
710	Debt Service				
4-117	Principal	800,000	755,000	690,000	690,000
4-118	Long-Term Interest	226,013	199,950	173,150	173,150
4-119	Short-Term Notes	73,800	73,800	73,800	73,800
4-120	Short-Term Interest	6,858	23,753	25,711	25,711
	Total Debt Service	1,106,671	1,052,503	962,661	962,661
830/840	Intergovernmental Assessments				
4-121	SRPEDD: Buzzards Bay Action Comm.	2,654	2,683	2,712	2,712
	Total Intergovernmental Assessments	2,654	2,683	2,712	2,712
900	Other Fixed Costs				
4-122	County Retirement Assessment	1,013,747	1,149,452	1,250,303	1,250,303
4-123	Unemployment	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
4-124	Medicare	129,436	139,450	138,816	138,816
4-125	Employee Group Insurances	1,131,602	1,249,515	1,179,878	1,179,878
4-126	Town Insurances	293,000	277,000	292,000	292,000
4-127	Accumulated Sick Leave Benefit	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
	Total Other Fixed Costs	2,602,785	2,850,417	2,895,997	2,895,997
	TOTAL FIXED COSTS & OTHER REQUIREMENTS	3,712,110	3,905,603	3,861,370	3,861,370
	Total General Government	1,732,445	1,834,152	1,913,564	1,913,564
	Total Public Safety	3,121,558	3,260,470	3,300,378	3,300,378
	Total Education	13,608,919	13,931,806	14,638,913	14,638,913
	Total Public Works	1,215,647	1,282,598	1,430,557	1,430,557
	Total Human Services	512,068	569,057	579,634	579,634
	Total Culture & Recreation	271,879	291,324	298,197	298,197
	Total Fixed Costs & Other Requirements	3,712,110	3,905,603	3,861,370	3,861,370
	TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (Article 4)	24,174,626	25,075,010	26,022,613	26,022,613

ARTICLE 5: SPENDING LIMITS ON REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year 2025 beginning on July 1, 2024, for the revolving funds established in the town by-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½, or take any other action relative thereto.

Authorized Revolving Funds	FY 2025 Spending Limit
Library Materials	\$10,000
Waste and Recycling Program	\$50,000
Hazardous Waste Recovery	\$10,000
Local Cultural Council	\$6,000
COA Programs and Activities	\$10,000
Flu and Medical Clinics	\$25,000
Tax Title	\$2,500
Arbor Funds	\$50,000
Total FY 2025 Spending Limit	\$163,500

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 relative thereto.

<u>FUND FY 2025 NATURAL RESOURCE EXPENSES</u>		
DEPARTMENT	ITEM/PROJECT	
Select Board	Planting of Shellfish (Marion)	\$300
TOTAL ASSESSMENT		\$300

ARTICLE 7: OPEB FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to fund the Town’s future obligations for the cost of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) identified by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 75 Report or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: GASB 75 AUDIT FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,250) for the purpose of funding the GASB 75 Audit for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: PUBLIC SAFETY STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) to be added to the Public Safety Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Road Improvements Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) to be added to the Capital Improvements Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: CAPITAL PLAN FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$121,180.00) for the following capital expenditures or take any other action in relation thereto.

- a) Fire Department – Twenty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) to purchase a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) for off road rescues.
- b) Rochester Memorial School – Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for overhaul of two (2) Annex HVAC units.
- c) Financial Departments – Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$37,180) for a new Financial Software Package.

ARTICLE 13: ROCHESTER MEMORIAL SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) and authorize the School Superintendent to make the necessary disbursements to the respective school departmental budgets to assist with the special education of students at the Rochester Memorial School or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14: OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$12,000,000 debt authorized by the Old Rochester Regional School District to pay costs of making various capital improvements and repairs to the District's Junior/Senior High School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and, further, to see if the Town will vote to make any such approval contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion pursuant to G.L. c. 59, §21C, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: LIBRARY ROOF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the replacement of the Plumb Library roof, and associated trim replacement and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: AMEND SECTION XI.N.1 OF THE TOWNS BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section XI.N.1 of the Town's Bylaws to allow Town Meeting to take place on any Monday before the third Monday in May, or take any other action relative thereto, so the bylaw reads as follows (new language in **bold** and deleted language in ~~strikethrough~~):

The Annual Town Meeting in the Town of Rochester will be held **on any Monday before the third Monday** ~~the second Monday~~ in May, beginning in **2025** ~~1998~~.

ARTICLE 17: AMEND THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BY LAWS CHAPTER 20.40 SECTION D

To see if the Town will amend Section 20.40.D as follows (New language provided in **bold**):

1. Add the following new sentence to section D.1 after the second sentence: – **Lot access shall only be through or across legal road frontage.**
2. Add the following language to the second paragraph:

“This rectangle does not need to be within the building setback area,” so the paragraph reads as follows:

The shape of the lot must be capable of containing a rectangle with a width of at least one hundred feet (100) at the street-side, and parallel with the street on which frontage is measured, or, if a curve as in a cul-de-sac, parallel to a tangent to the curve with orientation such that the width-line is at right angles to the radius and a length sufficient that the area of the rectangle contains no less than 50 percent (50%) of the minimum lot size requirements. It must be possible to draw a straight line from this rectangle to the frontage. **This rectangle does not need to touch the forty-foot setback line.** At no point between the required frontage and

the aforementioned rectangle shall the lot width be less than 50 feet.

3. Add a new section D.6.a. - **The proposed lot shall have been owned by the Applicant for at least five years prior to submission of the application.**
4. Re-letter existing sections a through m

**ARTICLE 18: AMEND THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BY-LAWS
CHAPTER 21.40.**

To see if the Town will amend Section 21.40.2.2 of the Zoning By-laws as follows (Deleted language in ~~strike through~~):

Location of GMSP Overlay District: The GMSP Overly District shall be comprised of Town Assessors Map 21, Lots 5A and 5B, ~~and the land identified as 0 High Street.~~

**ARTICLE 19: AMEND THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BY-LAWS CHAPTER
22.10 SECTION 1.10 (HISTORIC SOIL DISTURBANCE)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws by adding a new section 1.10.7 under 22.50 Site Plan Review as follows:

7. Historical Resources

The location of any and all formally identified or known historically significant sites, as identified or recognized by the Massachusetts Historical Commission or Rochester Historical Commission shall be noted on the plan submitted to the Planning Board. The plan and supporting material shall identify any means and measures of avoiding or mitigating impacts to such sites.

As a condition of any approval, during soil disturbance, the Planning Board may require a qualified professional observer to be present to ensure that historical resources are not disturbed; and/or any significant historical discoveries are properly reported.

**ARTICLE 20: AMEND THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BY-LAWS BY ADDING
A NEW CHAPTER 22.80 (BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE)**

To see if the Town will approve a new Battery Energy Storage Systems By-Law within the Town of Rochester Zoning By-Laws under Section 22.80 as follows:

CHAPTER 22.80: Battery Energy Storage Systems

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this By-Law is to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring, modification, and removal of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS), said standards designed to address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural, and historic resources of the Town and provide adequate financial assurance for decommissioning. The provisions set forth in this section shall take precedence over all other sections when considering applications related to the construction, operation, and/or repair of Battery Energy Storage Systems.

1.3 Definitions

BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM – a physical container or structure providing secondary containment to one or more battery cells for storing electrical energy derived from solar or sourced directly from the electrical grid. A BESS shall include features that provide cooling, ventilation, fire suppression, and an electronic battery management system. A BESS may be a primary structure and use or may be accessory to a solar energy facility, power generation facility, an electrical sub-station, or other similar structures and uses. A Battery Energy Storage System can be classified as Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3 Battery Energy Storage System, as follows:

- A. Tier 1 Battery Energy Storage Systems are defined as those that have an aggregate energy capacity equal to 20kWh and greater and, whose purpose is to store energy from residential solar energy systems if in a room or enclosed area, consist of only a single energy storage system technology. The facility must comply with the State's electrical code (527 CMR. 12.00) and the State's Fire Code (527 CMR 1.00).
- B. Tier 2 Battery Energy Storage Systems are defined as those that are interconnected to utility distribution lines and have an aggregate energy capacity greater than 20kWh but less than or equal to 10 Megawatts. The facility must comply with the State's electrical code (527 CMR. 12.00) and the State's Fire Code (527 CMR 1.00).
- C. Tier 3 Battery Energy Storage Systems are defined as those that are interconnected to high voltage transmission lines and have an aggregate energy capacity greater than 10 Megawatts. The facility must comply with the State's electrical code (527 CMR. 12.00) and the State's Fire Code (527 CMR 1.00).

1.3 Applicability

- A. Building-integrated Battery Energy Storage Systems
 1. A BESS that is integrated into a building shall not be erected, constructed, installed, or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit from the Building Inspector.
 2. A BESS may be coupled with rooftop solar or behind the meter applications.
 3. A building-integrated BESS may be located in any zoning district except the Groundwater Protection District, and the Mattapoisett River Valley Watershed, where a Special permit is required for location of a building-integrated BESS.
- B. Co-located Battery Energy Storage Systems
 1. It is encouraged that Battery Energy Storage Facilities be co-located with solar photovoltaic installations, electric power generating stations, and sub-stations.

2. A BESS associated with on-site solar power generation shall be permitted in all districts where solar photovoltaic installations are permitted as of right with Site Plan Approval requirements established herein, and in Section 22.50 of the Zoning By-Law for solar photovoltaic installations provided that a BESS may not be placed or constructed in the Groundwater Protection District, and the Mattapoissett River Valley Watershed unless the Planning Board has issued a Special Permit therefor,.
- C. Except as may be otherwise stated herein, a BESS not associated with on-site solar generation shall require site plan approval as stated herein, and in accordance with Section 22.50 of the Zoning By-Law for solar photovoltaic installations, and further, such systems that are proposed in the Groundwater Protection District require issuance of a Special Permit from the Planning Board in accordance with Section 21.30 of the Zoning By-Laws and the requirements set forth herein.
 1. The nameplate capacity of an Energy Storage system shall not exceed the total kw of renewable energy being produced on the 3-phase distribution line that the energy storage system will be interconnected to.
- D. Modifications to, retrofits or replacements of an existing BESS that increase the total battery energy storage system designed discharge duration or power rating shall be subject to this By-Law and shall be treated as a new system.
- E. BESS installations are not permitted within 300 feet of a street or way, unless existing topographic features of the landscape preclude observation of the entire BESS from any portion of the way. Side and rear setbacks shall be 100 feet.
- F. A Tier 1 BESS is allowed as of right without Site Plan Review but is subject to residential setback requirements in accordance with Chapter 22.40 of the Town's By-Laws.

1.4 General Requirements

- A. All Tier 2 and 3 battery energy storage systems shall require site plan approval by the Planning Board prior to construction, installation, or modification as provided in this By-Law. A Special Permit is required for proposals within the Groundwater Protection District and the Mattapoissett River Valley Watershed as noted above.
- B. The construction, operation, and decommissioning of any BESS shall be consistent with all applicable local, state, and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable environmental, safety, construction, fire, and electrical requirements.
- C. A building permit and an electrical permit shall be required for installation of any BESS.

1.5 Application Materials

- A. In addition to requirements for Site Plan Approval (or a Special Permit, where required) stated elsewhere in the By-Laws, the application shall include the following:
 1. A site plan prepared, stamped, and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts, that shows the following:
 - a. An existing condition plan with property lines and physical features, including topography and roads, characteristics of vegetation (trees- mature, old growth, shrubs, open field, etc.), wetlands, streams, ledge, for the project site;
 - b. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures, driveways, snow

- storage, and storm water management systems; including total acreage of disturbed area, total vegetation cleared, not including mowed fields;
- c. Trees with a Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) of 20" or greater within project parcel(s) shall be identified to determine tree loss, along with inventorying of diseased or hazard trees slated to be removed due to proposed development;
 - d. Property lines and physical dimensions of the subject property with contour intervals of no more than 10 feet;
 - e. Property lines of adjacent parcels within 30 feet;
 - f. Location, dimensions, and types of existing major structures on the property;
 - g. Location of the proposed BESS, foundation/pad, and associated equipment;
 - h. The right-of-way of any public road that is contiguous with the property;
 - i. Any overhead or underground utilities.
 - j. At least one color photograph of the existing site, measuring eight inches by 10 inches.
 - k. Locations of active farmland and prime farmland soils, wetlands, permanently protected open space, Priority Habitat Areas and BioMap 2 Critical Natural Landscape Core Habitat mapped by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and "Important Wildlife Habitat" mapped by the DEP.
 - l. Locations of floodplains or inundation areas for moderate or high hazard dams;
 - m. Locations of local or National Historic Districts.
 - n. Stormwater management and erosion and sediment control
2. A preliminary equipment specification sheet that documents the proposed BESS components, inverters and associated electrical equipment that are to be installed, including manufacturer and model. A final equipment specification sheet shall be submitted prior to the issuance of building permit;
 3. One- or three-line electrical diagram showing associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code (NEC) compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
 4. Contact information and signature of the project proponent, as well as all co-proponents, if any, and all property owners;
 5. Contact information and signature of agents representing the project proponent, if any;
 6. Contact information for the person(s) responsible for public inquiries throughout the life of the system;
 7. An operations and maintenance plan for the BESS. Such plan shall describe continuing battery energy storage system maintenance and property upkeep, as well as design, construction, installation, testing and commissioning information;
 8. BESS technical specifications, including manufacturer and model;
 9. Electrical schematic;
 10. Documentation that shows the owner of the BESS has site control, which shall include easements and access roads;
 11. Documentation that shows the owner of the BESS has notified the electric utility of this installation.
 12. Emergency Operations Plan. A copy of the approved Emergency Operations Plan shall be given to the system owner, the local fire department, and local fire code official. A permanent copy shall also be placed in an approved location to be accessible to facility

personnel, fire code officials, and emergency responders. The emergency operations plan shall include the following information:

- a. Procedures for safe shutdown, de-energizing, or isolation of equipment and systems under emergency conditions to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injuries, and for safe start-up following cessation of emergency conditions.
 - b. Procedures for inspection and testing of associated alarms, interlocks, and controls.
 - c. Procedures to be followed in response to notifications from the Battery Energy Storage Management System, when provided, that could signify potentially dangerous conditions, including shutting down equipment, summoning service and repair personnel, and providing agreed upon notification to fire department personnel for potentially hazardous conditions in the event of a system failure.
 - d. Emergency procedures to be followed in case of fire, explosion, release of liquids or vapors, damage to critical moving parts, or other potentially dangerous conditions. Procedures can include sounding the alarm, notifying the fire department, evacuating personnel, de-energizing equipment, and controlling and extinguishing the fire.
 - e. Response considerations similar to a safety data sheet (SDS) that will address response safety concerns and extinguishment when an SDS is not required.
 - f. Procedures for dealing with BESS equipment damaged in a fire or other emergency event, including maintaining contact information for personnel qualified to safely remove and replace damaged BESS equipment from the facility.
 - g. Other procedures as determined necessary by the Town to provide for the safety of occupants, neighboring properties, and emergency responders.
 - h. Procedures and schedules for conducting drills of these procedures and for training local first responders on the contents of the plan and appropriate response procedures.
13. Proof of liability insurance: The applicant shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance in an amount and for a duration sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and property caused by the failure of the system.
14. A noise study, prepared by a qualified individual with experience in environmental acoustics, to assess the impact of all noise sources generated from the project to abutting properties, and determine the appropriate layout, design, and control measures. The report should include details of assessment methods, summarize the results, and recommend the required outdoor as well as any indoor control measures.

1.6 Design and Site Standards

- A. In addition to the standards for Site Plan Review in the Zoning By-Laws, the applicant shall adhere to the following standards and provide such information on the site plan:
1. Utility Lines. All on-site utility lines shall be placed underground to the extent feasible and as permitted by the serving utility.
 2. Signage. The signage shall include the type of technology associated with the systems, any special hazards associated, the type of suppression system installed, and 24-hour emergency contact information. All information shall be clearly displayed on a light reflective surface. Clearly visible warning signs concerning voltage shall be placed at the base of all pad-mounted transformers and substations.

3. Lighting. Lighting of the systems shall be limited to that minimally required for safety and operational purposes and shall be reasonably shielded and downcast from abutting properties.
4. Vegetation and Tree-Cutting. Areas within ten (10) feet on each side of a system shall be cleared of combustible vegetation and other combustible growth. Single specimens of trees or shrubbery and cultivated ground covers such as green grass, ivy, succulents, or similar plants shall be exempt provided that they do not form a means of readily transmitting fire. Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the system and that which is otherwise prescribed by applicable By-Laws and regulations.
5. Noise. The 1-hour average noise generated from the systems, components, and associated ancillary equipment shall not exceed a noise level of 10 dBA as measured at the property line.

1.7 Special Permit Criteria

- A. The Planning Board shall approve an application if the Board finds that the system complies with the Site Plan Review and Approval criteria and may approve a Special Permit application with the conditions for granting Special Permits under the Groundwater Protection District or Mattapoissett River Valley Watershed, where applicable. A proposal for a BESS shall also satisfy the following additional criteria:
 1. Environmental features of the site are protected, and surface runoff will not cause damage to surrounding properties or increase soil erosion and sedimentation of nearby streams and ponds.
 2. The Planning Board may also impose conditions as it finds reasonably appropriate to safeguard the Town or neighborhood including, but not limited to, screening, lighting, noise, fences, modification of the exterior appearance of electrical cabinets, battery storage systems, or other structures, limitation upon system size, and means of vehicular access or traffic features.
 3. No occupancy permit shall be granted by the Building Inspector, nor shall the site be energized or interconnected to the utility until the Planning Board has received, reviewed, and approved an as-built plan that demonstrates that the work proposed on the approved site plan, including all stormwater management components and associated off-site improvements, have been completed in accordance with the approved plan and certified same to the Building Inspector.
 4. The Planning Board may, in its discretion, require that approval of an as-built plan shall be upon provision of a proper bond, covenant, or third-party agreement to secure incomplete work where such work is not immediately necessary for lawful operation of the system without negative effect on public health and safety and surrounding properties.
 5. The applicant shall make every effort to coordinate necessary surveying and finalization of the as-built plans and submission of required construction control documents prior to the conclusion of construction. Notwithstanding the above, a temporary occupancy permit may be granted with the approval of the Planning Board subject to conditions for completion of work imposed by the Board.

1.8 Decommissioning

- A. As part of the applicant's submission to the Planning Board for Site Plan Approval, the applicant shall submit a decommissioning plan, to be implemented upon abandonment or in conjunction with removal from property. Approval of any BESS system shall be conditioned upon implementation of a decommissioning plan. The plan shall include:
1. A narrative description of the activities to be accomplished, including who will perform that activity and at what point in time, for complete physical removal of all BESS components, structures, equipment, security barriers, and transmission lines from the property.
 2. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.
 3. The anticipated life of the BESS.
 4. The estimated decommissioning costs and how said estimate was determined.
 5. The method of ensuring that funds will be available for decommissioning and restoration.
 6. The method by which the decommissioning cost will be kept current.
 7. The manner in which the site will be restored, including a description of how any changes to the surrounding areas and other systems adjacent to the battery energy storage system, such as, but not limited to, structural elements, building penetrations, means of egress, and required fire detection suppression systems, will be protected during decommissioning and confirmed as being acceptable after the system is removed.
 8. A listing of any contingencies for removing an intact operational battery energy storage system from service, and for removing an energy storage system from service that has been damaged by a fire or other event.
- B. Decommissioning Fund. The owner and/or operator of the energy storage system, shall continuously maintain a fund or bond payable to the Town of Rochester, in an approved form for the removal of the battery energy storage system, in an amount to be determined by the Town, for the period of the life of the facility. All costs of the financial security shall be borne by the applicant. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation. The fund shall be bound by a suitable agreement that is in a form approved by Town Counsel.
- C. An inspection of the completed decommissioned area shall be reviewed by a consultant hired by the Planning Board before approving the decommissioning work in accordance with the Decommissioning Plan. The owner and/or operator shall pay for the cost of this review with such payment being provided by the owner and/or operator prior to the consultant undertaking said review, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53G.

1.9 Abandonment

- A. The BESS shall be considered abandoned when it ceases to operate consistently for more than twelve (12) months. The system shall be presumed abandoned if the owner and/or operator fails to respond affirmatively within thirty (30) days to a written inquiry from the Building Inspector as to the continued validity and operation of the system. If the owner or operator fails to comply with decommissioning upon any abandonment, the Town may, at its discretion, utilize the available bond or surety for the removal of a system and restore the site in accordance with the decommissioning plan.

1.10 Severability

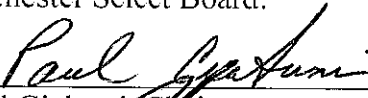
If any provision of this By-Law is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this By-Law shall not be affected but remain in full force. The invalidity of any provision of this By-Law shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws.

ARTICLE 21: TOWN ELECTION

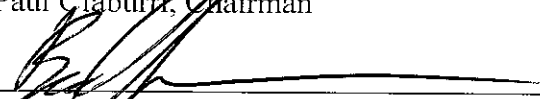
To choose by ballot all necessary officers for the ensuing year, viz; one Town Moderator for three years; one member of the Select Board for three years; one Tree Warden for three years; one Board of Health member for three years; one member of the Board of Health for two years (to fill a vacancy); one member of the Cemetery Commission for three years; one member of the Board of Assessors for three years; two members of the Plumb Library Board of Trustees for three years; one member of the Park Commission for three years; two members of the of the Rochester Memorial School Committee for three years; one member of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee for three years; one member of the Water Commission for three years; and to vote on Question No. 1 as follows: Shall the Town of Rochester be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and a-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bonds issued by the Old Rochester Regional School District to pay costs of making various capital improvements and repairs to the District's Junior/Senior High School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto?; for the Town; on Wednesday, the 22th day of May, 2024, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning in the Rochester Senior Center, 67 Dexter Lane, in said Rochester.

Given under our hands **this 29nd day of April 2024.**

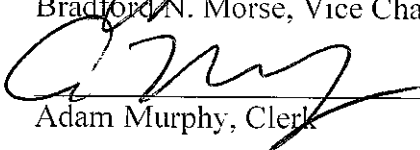
Rochester Select Board:



Paul Ciaburri, Chairman



Bradford N. Morse, Vice Chairman



Adam Murphy, Clerk

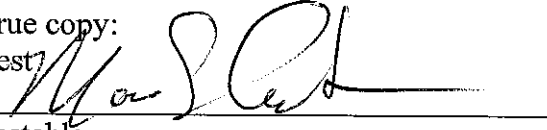
By virtue of this Warrant, I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Rochester qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street, in said Town on Monday the **13th of May 2024** at the time and place for the purpose herein named by posting up attested copies thereon in the following places:

- Rochester Post Office
- Outside the Rochester Town Hall
- Plumb Library
- Council on Aging

Rochester Web Site

A true copy:

Attest



Constable

4/30/2024
Date