
**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rumney in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium on School Street in said Rumney on Tuesday, the 9th day of March 2021, next, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Article 1 and shall close not earlier than 7:00 o'clock in the evening, and you are hereby notified to meet at the Russell Elementary School Gymnasium in said Rumney on Thursday, the 11th day of March 2021, next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Town Meeting, for the purpose of discussion, debate, and final action, upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

Article 1: Choose Necessary Town Officers

To choose all Necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 9th):

Selectman for 3-year term
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3-year term
Cemetery Trustee for 3-year term
(2) Planning Board Members for 3-year term
Fire Commissioner for 3-year term
Library Trustee for 3-year term
Supervisor of the Checklist for 2- year term

ARTICLE 2: Choose Members for Advisory

To choose two members for the Advisory Budget Committee:

2 - 3-year terms

Article 3: Town Office Addition

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 to remodel and build an addition on to the Rumney Town Office Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$255,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Municipal Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required).

Article 4: Rest Area Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for the purchase of the land and building located at Rumney Tax Map/Lot 12-0710, known as the Rumney Rest Area and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$95,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Municipal Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Money appropriated in this article shall be in addition to any money the Conservation Commission uses for this transaction from the Conservation Fund under their authority in RSA 36-A:4, I and RSA 36-A:5, II, and defeat of this article shall not affect the authority of the Conservation Commission to purchase said property or use the Conservation Fund therefor. The Board of Selectmen recommend this special warrant article. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required)

Article 5: Addition Bond Payment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the first payment on the 2021 Town Office Remodel and Addition Bond authorized under Article 3. This article will only take effect if Article 3 is also approved. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 6: General Government Expenses

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$473,390 to defray the following General Government Expenses for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$75,068.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$87,916.00
Supervisors of Checklist	\$2,831.00
Financial Administration	\$51,432.00
Legal Expense	\$19,000.00
Health Insurance	\$142,000.00
Planning Board	\$9,982.00
General Government Buildings	\$40,750.00
Street Lights	\$9,000.00
Property/Liability/WC	\$33,161.00
Regional Dues	\$2,250.00

Article 7: Code Enforcement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the purpose of Code Enforcement for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 8: Old Home Day

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,315 for the purpose of Old Home Day celebration. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Old Home Day is completed or by March 12, 2025, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 9: Cemetery

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,800 for the operation of the Cemeteries for the ensuing year; \$5,000 to come from the Cemetery Trust Fund and \$20,800 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Article 10: Police Dept.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$244678.00 to defray the cost of running the Police Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 11: Cruiser Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,011 for purchase of a police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of \$53,011 from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund (Establish in 1986) created for that purpose. The Board of Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Article 12: Ambulance Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,639 for Ambulance Service contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 13: Emergency Management

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,435.00 to defray the cost of the Safety Committee, E-911, and Emergency Management. (Majority vote required)

Safety Committee	\$2,500
E-911	\$175
Emergency Management	\$1,760

Article 14: Fire Dept.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,057 to defray the cost of running the Fire Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 15: Fire Department Forest Fire

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,451 to defray the cost of Forest Fire Protection for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 16: Fire Department Non-Capital Reserve

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to add to the Mutual Aid Fire Fighter Fund non-capital reserve account (established in 2016) for the purpose of compensating fire fighters involved in fighting forest fires. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Article 17: EMS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,350 to defray the cost of running the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 18: Highway Dept.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,260 to defray the cost of running the Rumney Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 19: Road Improvement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for road improvements for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 20: Highway Department Bond Payment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,237 for payment on the 2019 Rumney Highway Backhoe Purchase Bond. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 21: Fire Alarm System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to install a fire detection alarm in the Rumney Highway Department garage and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 from the Town Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1998). The Selectmen recommend this special warrant. (Majority vote required)

Article 22: Library

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,525 to defray the cost of operating the Byron G. Merrill Library for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 23: Transfer Station

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,484 to defray the cost of maintaining the Transfer Station for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 24: Landfill Closure

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,650 to continue with Phase II of the Landfill Closure process as required by the State of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required)

Article 25: Solid Waste

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,710 to defray the cost of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Article 26: Assessing and Mapping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,000 for assessing and mapping and authorize the withdrawal of \$7,000 from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (Established 1998) created for that purpose. The balance of \$40,000 is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this Special Article. (Majority vote required)

Article 27: Health, Welfare, Animal control

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,565 for the purposes of Animal Control, Health and Welfare for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Animal Control	\$1,002
Health Officer Stipend, etc.	\$969
Health Administration	\$500
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	\$1,250
Pemi-Baker Community Health	\$4,500
Voices Against Violence	\$550
Bridge House	\$2,000
Genesis	\$300
CASA	\$500
CADY	\$600
Transport Central	\$138
Direct Assistance	\$10,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc.	\$4,306
Grafton County Seniors	\$3,000
Tri-County CAP	\$2,950

Article 28: Culture, Recreation, Conservation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,360 for the purposes of Culture, Recreation and Conservation for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Common-Mowing, Maintenance & Port-a-toilet	\$2,460
Baker Athletic Field	\$3,500
Jim Darling Natural Area	\$1,000
Patriotic Purposes	\$400
Conservation Commission	\$1,540
Baker River Watershed Dues	\$300
Conservation Trust	\$3,500
Stinson Lake Port-a-toilet	\$660

Article 29: Clark Brook

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to Dredge and Riprap a section of Clark Brook that runs along Groton Hollow Road with \$15,000 of this amount to come as a reimbursement from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency relating to Disaster #4357DR and Disaster #4355DR, with the remaining \$5,000 to come from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the dredging and riprap is completed or by March 14, 2026, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required.)

Article 30: Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,000 to be added to the following previously established Capital Reserve Funds. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Police Department Fund (1986)	\$14,500
Highway Equipment Fund (1960)	\$40,000
Fire Department Fund (1963)	\$20,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	\$5,000
Fire Department Equipment (2009)	\$6,000
EMS Major Equipment	\$1,500
Cemetery Improvement (2014)	\$2,000

Article 31: PETITION Warrant Article

PETITION: To place in the warrant for the 2021 Rumney Town Meeting, and bring to a vote MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT resolution.

To see if the town will adopt the the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384/ S. 1129) would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including; inpatient and outpatient hospital services, prescription drugs, primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; mental health and substance abuse treatment, and long-term care.

WHEREAS the health and quality of life for the residents of Rumney will improve with Medicare-for-All because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, without limited networks and without co-pays and deductibles; and no surprise medical bills.

WHEREAS the Medicare-for-All Act of 2019 would result in the elimination of town and school district insurance costs and result in lower property taxes for the residents of Rumney.

NOTE: Budgeted healthcare costs:

Town of Rumney: \$ 140,000.00/year (includes 10% employee contribution)

Rumney/Russell School District: \$383,102 (approximately 12% of school budget)
WHEREAS Pre-Covid polls showed 70 percent of Americans support Medicare For All. Presently, unprecedented closing of small businesses and millions of jobs lost, health insurance tied to jobs is also lost, which follows is that millions lose their health insurance. The Covid-19 pandemic clearly emphasize that our current healthcare funding system is inadequate and unprepared to protect all of us.

BE IT RESOLVED that if the voters of Rumney, New Hampshire, support the Medicare for All Acts of 2019 (HR-1384 and S-1129), the Board of Selectmen shall send a written notice of their constituents' instructions within 30 days of the vote, to Rumney's congressional representatives, to strive toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

(Article submitted by Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

Article 32: Reports

To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given our hands this 1st day of February 2021.

Rumney Board of Selectmen

Edward L. Haskell, Jr., Chairman

Robert J. Berti

Isaac DeWever.