

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for
2010 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 2010, next, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for balloting on Articles 1, 2 and 3 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 2010, next, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening for the second session of the Town Meeting at which time action will be taken upon the remaining articles in this warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year **(by official ballot on March 9th):**

Selectman for 3 years	Moderator for 2 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector for 3 years	Treasurer for 1 year
Library Trustee for 3 years	Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years	Fire Commissioner for 3 years
(2) Planning Board Members for 3 years	(1) Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years

ARTICLE 2: (By Petition/Official Ballot) To see if the Town will establish a Police Commission. The following question will appear on the official ballot: "Shall the government of the police department of the town of Rumney be entrusted to a police commission?"

ARTICLE 3: (By Petition/Official Ballot) To see what method the Town will vote to select as the method for choosing Police Commissioners. This vote will take effect only if the Town adopts Article 2, above. The following question will appear on the official ballot: "In the event that the Town votes to establish a Police Commission, shall the police commissioners be chosen by: (a) Popular election at town election; or (b) Appointment of the governor with consent of the council?" **NOTE:** You may vote on this question even if you vote 'No' on Article 2.

ARTICLE 4: To choose three members for the **Advisory Committee**; one for a three-year term to represent the Quincy area; one for a two-year term to represent West Rumney (to finish out a three-year term); one for a three-year term to represent the Depot area.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$396,600** to defray **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year; \$380,438 to be raised by taxes; \$10,550 to come from collected fees and \$5,612 from employees' share of health insurance.

Executive	\$ 53,420
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 44,669
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 3,210
Financial Administration	\$ 34,855
Legal Expense	\$ 10,000

Personnel Administration/Benefits	\$ 174,770
Planning Board	\$ 2,701
General Government Buildings	\$ 29,475
Street Lights	\$ 7,800
Insurance-Property/Liability & WC	\$ 34,000
Regional Association Dues	\$ 1,700
Total General Government Expenses	\$ 396,600

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,050** for **Assessing Services** and updating the **Tax Maps** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for **Code Enforcement** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for the operation of the **Cemeteries** for the ensuing year; \$20,000 to be raised by taxes and \$10,000 to come from Cemetery Trust Funds.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$174,119** to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year; \$173,969 from taxes and \$150 from fees.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$26,787** for **Ambulance Service** contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$17,710** to defray the cost of the **Safety Committee, E-911 and Emergency Management** services for the ensuing year; \$6,360 to be raised by taxes; \$10,000 from fund balance (grant received from NH Dept. of Safety, Homeland Security & Emergency Management) and \$1,350 to come from State reimbursed forest fire fees and compensation.

Safety Committee	\$ 1,500
E-911	\$ 200
Emergency Management	\$ 16,010
Total Safety, E-911 & Emg Mgt	\$ 17,710

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$51,140** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,117** to defray the cost of running the **EMS (Emergency Medical Services)** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$206,808** for the maintenance of **Highways and Bridges** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for **Road Improvements** for the ensuing year. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, V. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$122,526** to defray the cost of maintaining the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,497** to defray the Town's share of the cost of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District** and **Plymouth Water and Sewer District Permit Fee**.

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District	\$1,397
Plymouth Water & Sewer Fee	<u>100</u>
Total	\$1,497

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to defray the cost of services, labor and/or equipment needed at the Transfer Station for part of Phase II of the **Landfill Closure** process as required by the State of New Hampshire.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$33,700** for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare**.

Animal Services	\$ 500
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,000
Health Officer – Stipend	\$ 1,180
Health Administration	\$ 500
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	\$ 1,250
Pemi-Baker Home, Health & Hospice	\$ 6,975
Plymouth Regional Clinic	\$ 1,000
Voices Against Violence	\$ 1,000
Bridge House	\$ 500
Genesis	\$ 250
CASA	\$ 250
CADY	\$ 400
Direct Assistance	\$ 12,000
Grafton County Seniors	\$ 3,000
Tri-County CAP	<u>\$ 3,895</u>
Total Animal Control, Health & Welfare	\$ 33,700

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,900** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year; \$ 9,971 to be raised by taxes and \$2,929 to come from unreserved fund balance.

Common-Mowing, Maintenance & Lights	\$2,300
Baker Athletic Field	\$3,250
Old Home Day	\$3,000
Jim Darling Natural Area	\$1,000
Patriotic Purposes	\$350
Conservation Commission	\$800
Baker River Watershed Dues	\$200
Conservation Trust	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total Culture, Recreation & Conservation	\$12,900

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 36,605** to operate the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year; \$33,605 to be raised by taxes and \$3,000 to come from Library Endowment Funds.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** to defray the cost of **interest expenses** on loans in **anticipation of taxes** and other temporary loans.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$91,000** to be added to the previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows:
The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Highway Equipment Fund (1960)	\$22,000
Fire Department Fund (1963)	\$10,000
Town Revaluation Fund (1984)	\$10,000
Police Department Fund (1986)	\$7,500
Town Facilities Fund (1987)	\$20,000
EMS Vehicle Fund (2005)	\$5,000
Transfer Station Equipment Fund (2008)	\$4,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	\$8,500
Fire Department Equipment Fund (2009)	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total Capital Reserve Funds	\$91,000

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to be added to the previously established (1998) **Byron Merrill Library Capital Improvement Fund**. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 33,144** for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a 2010 Ford Expedition **Police Cruiser**, and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum of \$33,144 from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund, established by vote of the annual town meeting in 1986. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,520** for the purpose of purchasing an **On-Site Radar Trailer** with solar panel, statistics package and warning light; \$4,260 to be raised by taxes and \$4,260 to come from a grant awarded by the NH Highway Safety Agency. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the purpose of **repairing the pump on the Fire Engine #3**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, V and will not lapse until the repairs are completed or by December 31, 2011, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Water Supply Capital Reserve Fund** under RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding the installation and maintenance of dry hydrants throughout the town as needed and further appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to be placed in said fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** to the **Rumney Historical Society** with \$3,000 to come from fund balance. The Selectmen recommend

this article. Note: This is reimbursement for roof repairs made to the building in 2009 paid by the Historical Society.

ARTICLE 30: (by petition) “To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”.

ARTICLE 31: (by petition) “To see if the Town will vote to raise the Town Veterans Tax Credit from the present \$100.00 credit to a \$500.00 credit for honorably discharged Military Veterans who are Rumney residents. This increase will bring the Rumney Veterans Credit more in line with neighboring towns whose tax credit now surpasses ours.”

ARTICLE 32: (by petition) “To see if the Town will vote to remove the designation “Jim Darling Natural Area” from the recently purchased Town owned land in West Rumney. The present designation does not reflect the voters’ authorization to purchase this parcel for “recreational” use, nor did the now deceased Jim Darling donate, designate or contribute to the Rumney Taxpayers purchase. The Rumney voters, and not a select few, should be allowed full participation in the naming of our lands.”

ARTICLE 33: (by petition) “To see if the Town will vote to require that all votes by the Rumney Advisory Budget Committee relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article in accordance with RSA Section 32:5 (Budget Preparation) as authorized by the State of New Hampshire.”

ARTICLE 34: 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 12th day of February, 2010

Rumney Board of Selectmen

Mark H. Andrew, Chairman

W. John Fucci

Janice Mulherin