

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for
2015 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 10th day of March 2015, 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 12th day of March 2015, 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 10th):

Selectman 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	

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$322,500 for the purpose of constructing and furnishing an addition and alterations to the Byron G. Merrill Library to make it accessible to the disabled; and of this total, to authorize the issuance of not more than \$224,000 in bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and further, to authorize the withdrawal of \$50,000 from the Merrill Library Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1998); and further, to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw \$20,000 from the Library Endowment Funds; and further, to apply for and expend \$28,500 from a grant through "LCHIP/Mitigation Funds"; and finally, to authorize the Town and/or Library Trustees to apply for, receive and expend other grants for this purpose with all such grant amounts received to be used to reduce the amount of the bonds or notes. The first bond payment would not be due until 2016. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (2/3 ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of \$322,500 for the purpose of constructing and furnishing an addition and alterations to the Byron G. Merrill Library to make it accessible to the disabled; and of this total, to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw \$50,000 from the Merrill Library Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (established in

1998); and further, to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw \$20,000 from the Library Endowment Funds; and further, to apply for and expend \$28,500 from a grant through “LCHIP/Mitigation Funds”; with the remaining sum of \$224,000 to be raised by general taxation; in addition, the Town and/or Library Trustees are authorized to apply for, receive and expend other grants for this purpose with all such grant amounts received to be used to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation under this article. The Selectmen do not recommend this article. (Majority vote required.) **(It is the intent of the Selectmen that if Article 2 passes, no action should be taken on Article 3).**

ARTICLE 4: To choose three members for the **Advisory Committee:**

- 1 for a 3-year term from the Lake area
- 1 for a 3-year term from West Rumney
- 1 for a 1-year term from Quincy

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$464,762** to defray the following **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$ 77,578
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 66,735
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 2,000
Financial Administration	\$ 34,039
Legal Expenses	\$ 49,200
Health Insurance	\$153,370
Planning Board	\$ 4,796
General Government Buildings	\$ 38,000
Street Lights	\$ 8,300
Insurance-Property/Liability & WC	\$ 28,894
Regional Association Dues	<u>\$ 1,850</u>
Total General Government Expenses	\$464,762

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,500** for the purpose of painting the Highway Garage and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw up to \$6,500 from the Town Facilities’ Fund (established in 1987) with no amount to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for **Assessing Services** and **Tax Map updates** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,000** for the purpose of **Code Enforcement** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$31,810** for the operation of the **Cemeteries** for the ensuing year; \$6,150 to come from Cemetery Trust Funds and \$25,660 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** for the purpose of repairing the stone wall and gates at the Highland North Cemetery. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 V. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$198,990** to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$203,000** to be added to the previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Highway Equipment Fund (1960)	40,000
Fire Department Fund (1963)	40,000
Town Revaluation Fund (1984)	20,000
Police Department Fund (1986)	8,000
Town Facilities' Fund (1987)	20,000
Transfer Station Compactor Fund (2005)	4,000
Transfer Station Equipment Fund (2008)	3,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	30,000
Fire Department Equipment Fund (2009)	8,000
Merrill Library Capital Improvement Fund (1998)	25,000
Cemetery Improvement Fund (2014)	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$203,000

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$42,000** to purchase a **police cruiser** to replace the 2007 cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$42,000 from the Police Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1986). The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** for **Ambulance Service** contracted with the Warren-Wentworth Ambulance Service for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,315** to defray the cost of the **Safety Committee, E-911 and Emergency Management** services for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Safety Committee	\$ 1,500
E-911	\$ 200
Emergency Management	<u>\$ 5,615</u>
Total Safety, E-911 & Emg Mgt	\$ 7,315

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$70,019** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,900** to defray the cost of **purchasing two (2) new portable radios and two (s) new pagers** to replace out-of-warranty equipment and for **purchasing three (3) new sets of protective clothing and five (5) new Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles** to replace EXPIRED bottles for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of \$4,900 from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2009) with the remaining funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** so the Fire Department can **complete the repairs on the dry hydrant** located at the New England Fellowship. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,556** to defray the cost of running the **EMS (Emergency Medical Services)** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$252,745** for the maintenance of **Highways and Bridges** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for **Road Improvements** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$143,098** to defray the cost of maintaining the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,348** to defray the cost of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District (\$1,248)** and the annual **Plymouth Water and Sewer District Permit Fee (\$100)** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,200** to continue with Phase II of the Landfill Closure process as required by the State of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,887** for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Animal Control	2,050
Health Officer Stipend, etc.	946
Health Administration	400
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	1,250
Pemi-Baker Community Health	4,250
Voices Against Violence	1,000
Bridge House	1,750
Genesis	300
CASA	400
CADY	600
Direct Assistance	11,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc	4,746

Grafton County Seniors	3,300
Tri-County CAP	<u>3,895</u>
Total Animal Control, Health & Welfare	\$ 35,887

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,300** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Common-Mowing & Maintenance	1,600
Baker Athletic Field	1,800
Jim Darling Natural Area	600
Patriotic Purposes	450
Conservation Commission	1,050
Baker River Watershed Dues	300
Conservation Trust	<u>3,500</u>
Total Culture, Recreation & Conservation	\$9,300

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,500** for the purpose of an **Old Home Day** celebration; \$4,043 will come from the 2014 end-of-year fund balance, with the remaining \$457 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,730** to defray the cost of operating the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 29: Shall the Town accept the provision of RSA.33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the Selectmen to issue **tax anticipation notes**? (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the **Office Equipment/Software Fund** for the purpose of funding purchases of general office equipment and software, as needed, for all town departments and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to be placed in said fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,500** for the purpose of purchasing security equipment for the Town Office Building and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,500 from the Town Facilities' Fund (established in 1987). The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to retain Parcel #11-06-02, taken by Tax Collector's Deed dated 06/12/13 with a street address of 1140 Old Route 25, to be used for public purposes. The intent of this article is to allow the Town to retain the cited tax parcel and obtain a boundary line adjustment to add this parcel to the existing Parcel #11-06-01 (1142 Old Route 25-West Rumney Fire Station) currently owned by the Town of Rumney . The addition of this parcel (#11-06-02) would add ¼ acre to the existing Town parcel and provide a septic system for the property for future Town needs. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 33: 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 16th day of February, 2015.
Rumney Board of Selectmen

Edward L. Haskell
Edward L. Haskell, Jr. Chairman

Daniel E. Kimble, Jr.
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