

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
MINUTES OF THE
2017 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 14th day of March 2017, 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 16th day of March 2017, 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.

On March 16th, 2017, the meeting was brought to order by moderator, Mr. Buttolph, at 7:00 PM with the Pledge Allegiance to the American flag.

Each year Mr. Buttolph begins the meeting with information about the history of our town. As this year marks the 250th Anniversary of Rumney, Mr. Buttolph shared from the minutes of our town's very first town meeting. It was held on "Tuesday the 14th of March at 10 o'clock fournoon," 1767. The Constable, Charles Clark, was "required to warn all the legal voters in the town of Rumney to meet together at the Meeting House" to transact the following business: choose a Moderator, vote for Governor, Senator, County Treasurer, Recorder of Deeds and select a Town Clerk, Selectmen and all other town officers as the law directs.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 14th):

Selectman for 3 years	George Bonfiglio	89
Selectman for 2 years	Robert Berti	101
Treasurer for 1 year	Janet Sherburne	116
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years		
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years	Dwight Lyon	110
Library Trustee for 3 years	Lori Eaton	116
Fire Commissioner for 3 years	Cameron Brown	112
(2) Planning Board Members for 3 years	Steven J. Weber	108
	David E. Coursey	104

ARTICLE 2: To choose three members for the **Advisory Committee:**

Nominations were taken from the floor, one volunteer from Quincy and one from the Rumney Village. Moderator instructed clerk to give each volunteer one vote.

1 for a 3-year term from the Depot – We had no one for this position.

1 for a 2-year term from Quincy – Jerry Thibodeau

1 for a 3-year term from the Rumney Village – Kevin Maes

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$458,551** to defray the following **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

General Government Expenses	
Executive	\$ 65,240
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 79,929
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 1,620
Financial Administration	\$ 42,796
Legal Expenses	\$ 42,000
Health Insurance	\$137,000
Planning Board	\$ 5,002
General Government Buildings	\$ 39,250
Street Lights	\$ 9,000
Insurance-Property/Liability & WC	\$ 34,714
Regional Association Dues	\$ 2,000
Total General Government Expenses	\$458,551

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,000** to build a Gazebo on the town owned property known as the Rumney Common, and further to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend any donations or other funds which become available for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained donations will be received toward the cost of the gazebo with the remainder up to \$18,000 coming from taxes. A secret ballot was requested and passed with 56 voting in favor and 9 voting against.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,617** for the purpose of an **Old Home Day** celebration; \$3,617 will come from the 2016 end-of-year fund balance, with the remaining \$12,000 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$45,650** for **Assessing Services and Tax Map updates** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 7: 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)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$27,765** for the operation of the **Cemeteries** for the ensuing year; \$5,000 to come from the Cemetery Trust Fund and \$22,765 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained this article is for normal upkeep. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$211,959** to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote. Chief Miller made a motion to restrict reconsideration of this article. It was seconded and passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$165,000** 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
Police Department Fund (1986)	14,500
EMS Vehicle (2005)	6,500
EMS Equipment (2012)	7,000
Transfer Station Compactor Fund (2005)	2,000
Transfer Station Equipment Fund (2008)	3,000
Town Facilities Improvement (1998)	20,000
Cemetery Improvement (2014)	6,500
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	20,000
Merrill Library Capital Improvement Fund (1998)	1,000
Town Office Equipment Fund (2015)	2,500
Water Supply-Dry Hydrant (2010)	2,000
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$165,000

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$29,557** for **Ambulance Service** contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,350** to defray the cost of the **Safety Committee, E-911, F and Emergency Management**, of said sum \$5,692 to come from NHDS Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the remaining \$6,658 to be raised by taxes. (Majority vote required)

Safety Committee	\$ 2,000
E-911	\$ 200
Emergency Management	\$ 10,150
Total Safety, E-911 & Emg Mgt	\$ 12,350

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$77,286** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 14: 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)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** to defray the cost of purchasing **five (5) new Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles** to replace expired bottles for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal, for this purpose, of \$4,000 from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2009). The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,000** to defray the cost of repairing the hydrant in Stinson Brook, located by the bridge on Quincy Road, and of that amount, to authorize the withdrawal of \$4,000 from the Water Supply Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010) with the remaining funds to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$18,058** to defray the cost of running the **EMS (Emergency Medical Services)** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained there are more people in training. The article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$231,585** to defray the cost of running the **Rumney Highway Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$55,000** for **Road Improvements** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,757** for payment on the **2016 Rumney Highway Dump Truck Purchase bond**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$41,909** to defray the cost of operating the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$47,089** for payment on the **Byron G. Merrill Library Improvement bond**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$145,356** to defray the cost of maintaining the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,400** to defray the cost of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District** (\$1,300) and the annual **Plymouth Water and Sewer District Permit Fee** (\$100) for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$500** to continue with Phase II of the Landfill Closure process as required by the State of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew made a motion to change the amount from \$500 to \$2540. The change was seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the need was due to the state changing how often testing must be done, as well as when certain tests need to be done. The amendment passed with a voice vote. With no further discussion, the amended article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$33,517** for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Animal Control	1,002
Health Officer Stipend, etc.	946
Health Administration	500
Mount Mooselaukee Health Center	1,500
Pemi-Baker Community Health	4,500
Voices Against Violence	1,000
Bridge House	2,000
Genesis	300
CASA	500
CADY	600
Transport Central	118
Direct Assistance	10,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc	4,306
Grafton County Seniors	2,100
Tri-County CAP	3,895
Tyler Blain Homeless Shelter	<u>250</u>
Total Animal Control, Health & Welfare	\$ 33,517

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,966** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Common-Mowing & Maintenance	1,600
Baker Athletic Field	1,600
Jim Darling Natural Area	750
Patriotic Purposes	400
Conservation Commission	1,146
Baker River Watershed Dues	470
Conservation Trust	3,500
Stinson Lake Port-a-toilet	500
Total Culture, Recreation & Conservation	\$9,966

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for the purpose of purchasing security equipment for the Town Office Building and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,000 from the Town Facilities' Fund (established in 1987). The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

The article was read. A motion was made to put it to the floor and seconded. Selectman Mark Andrew explained the article. With no discussion, the article passed with a voice vote.

ARTICLE 29: 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.

There being no farther business, meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Paulette Bowers
Town Clerk
Rumney Board of Selectmen