

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for 2020 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 2020, 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 2020, 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: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 10th):

Selectman for 3 years	(2) Planning Board Members for 3 years
Town Moderator 2 years	Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Fire Commissioner for 3 years	Cemetery Trustee for 1-year
Library Trustee for 3 years	Supervisor of the Check List for 4 years
Supervisor of the Check List for 6 years	

ARTICLE 2: To choose two members for the **Budget Advisory Committee:**

(1) 3-year term from the Depot	(1) 3-year term from Quincy
(1) 3-year term from the Village	

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$489,181** to defray the following **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

General Government Expenses	
Executive	\$ 73,340
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 85,202
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 6,670
Financial Administration	\$ 50,582
Legal Expenses	\$ 37,000
Health Insurance	\$140,000
Planning Board	\$ 8,682
General Government Buildings	\$ 42,750
Streetlights	\$ 9,000
Insurance-Property/Liability & WC	\$33,705
Regional Association Dues	<u>\$ 2,250</u>
Total General Government Expenses	\$489,181

ARTICLE 4: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** to have an **Architectural Design** developed for a 20' X 30' addition to the Rumney Town Office Building and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 from the Town Facility Improvement Fund (established 1998). The Board of Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5: 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 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,800** for the purpose of an **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 special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,750** to defray the cost of **Assessing Services** and **Tax Map Updates**. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$27,650** for the operation of the **Cemeteries** for the ensuing year; **\$5,000** to come from the Cemetery Trust Fund and **\$22,650** to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$226,849** to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$155,000** to be added to the 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
Town Facilities Improvement (1998)	\$20,000
Fire Department Fund (1963)	\$40,000
Transfer Station Compactor Fund (2005)	\$ 2,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	\$15,000
Transfer Station Equipment Fund (2008)	\$ 2,000
Fire Department Equipment (2009)	\$12,000
Water Supply – Dry Hydrant (2010)	\$2,000
Cemetery Improvement (2014)	\$ 6,000
Office Equipment/Software	\$ 1,500
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$155,000

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$41,024** for **Ambulance Service** contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,735** 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	<u>\$4,060</u>
Total Safety, E-911 & Emg Mgt	\$6,735

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$94,528** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

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)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** to **Replace and or Repair Dry Hydrants** within the town of Rumney and to authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 from the Water Supply – Dry Hydrant Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010) with the remaining \$5,000 raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the replacement and or repairs are completed or by March 12, 2025, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this special article.

ARTICLE 16: 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 with fighting forest fires. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,800** to defray the cost of running the **EMS (Emergency Medical Services)** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$246,652** to defray the cost of running the **Rumney Highway Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19: 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 20: 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: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$160,000** for the purchase of a **Highway Department Dump Truck** and related accessories and to authorize the withdraw of up to **\$160,000** from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1960). The Selectmen recommend this special article.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$159,821** 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 **\$47,789** to defray the cost of operating the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$44,325** for payment on the **Byron G. Merrill Library Improvement bond**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 25: 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: 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 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$33,523** 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 Mooselauke Health Center	\$ 1,250
Pemi-Baker Community Health	\$ 4,500
Voices Against Violence	\$ 1,000
Bridge House	\$ 2,000
Genesis	\$ 300
CASA	\$ 500
CADY	\$ 600
Transport Central	\$ 424
Direct Assistance	\$10,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc.	\$ 4,306
Grafton County Seniors	\$ 2,300
Tri-County CAP	<u>\$ 3,895</u>
Total Animal Control, Health & Welfare	\$33,523

ARTICLE 28: 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 be reimbursed from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency relating to Disaster #4357DR. 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, 2025, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 29: 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, Maint. & 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	<u>\$ 660</u>
Total Culture, Recreation & Conservation	\$13,360

ARTICLE 30: New Hampshire Resolution to Take Action on Climate Pollution. We the town of Rumney hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collection to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the

economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Rumney's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Rumney's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Rumney's Board of Selectmen within 30 days of this vote. (Article Submitted by Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to adopt NH RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit." Currently, in order to qualify for the credit, a veteran must have served during specific time periods. RSA 72:28-(b) eliminates those specific time periods and makes all veterans, who qualify, eligible for the credit. (Article Submitted by Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

ARTICLE 32: 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 3rd day of February 2020.

Rumney Board of Selectmen

Robert J. Berti, Chairman

George Bonfiglio

Edward L. Haskell, Jr.