STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for
2008 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 11th day of March 2008, 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 Tuesday, the 18th day of March 2008, 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 11th):

Selectman for 3 years
Treasurer for 1 year
Library Trustee for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
2 Planning Board Members for 3 years

Moderator for 2 years
Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years
Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Fire Commissioner for 3 years
1 Planning Board Member for 1-year unexpired portion of 3-year term

ARTICLE 2: To choose one member for the Budgetary Finance Advisory Board for a 3-year term to represent the Village area.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $373,396 to defray General Government Expenses for the ensuing year; $362,624 to be raised by taxes, $4,972 is paid by employees for 5% share of health insurance, and $5,800 will come from municipal agent fees.

Executive .......................................................... $ 53,000
Town Clerk/Tax Collector ................................. $ 40,476
Supervisors of the Checklist ......................... $ 4,735
Financial Administration ............................... $ 29,950
Legal Expense .................................................. $ 16,000
Personnel Administration/Benefits ............... $ 152,635
Planning Board .................................................. $ 3,250
General Government Buildings ................. $ 34,250
Street Lights .................................................... $ 7,500
Insurance/Other ............................................... $ 30,000
Regional Association Dues .......................... $ 1,600

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT $ 373,396
ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $54,400 for assessing services ($53,000) and updating the tax maps ($1,400) for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,200 for the purchase of assessing & tax collection software as contracted with Avitar in 2007 and to authorize the withdrawal of said sum from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (created in 1984). (This purchase is part of the 3-year Revaluation Project with the assessing firm CNP).

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 for Code Enforcement for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7: 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 8 : To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $174,745 to defray the cost of running the Police Department for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,195 for Ambulance Service contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,600 to defray the cost of the Safety Committee, E-911 and Emergency Management services for the ensuing year.

Safety Committee ........................................ $ 1,500  
E-911............................................................... $  400  
Emergency Management............................... $ 2,700  
(includes Forest Fires)  
TOTAL SAFETY, E-911 & EMG MGT $ 4,600

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $53,723 to defray the cost of running the Fire Department for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,515 to defray the cost of running the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $189,924 for the maintenance of Highways and Bridges for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000 for Road Improvements as listed:

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<td>Depot Street</td>
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<td>Buffalo Road</td>
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ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $24,572 for the purpose of the second of two payments due on the 2006 Ford F-550 Highway Truck.
**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $116,600 to defray the cost of maintaining the town Transfer Station for the ensuing year.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,640 to defray the Town’s share of the costs of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District ($1,540) and Plymouth Water & Sewer District Permit Fee ($100).

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500 to defray the estimated cost of monitoring the wells at the Transfer Station as part of Phase II of the Landfill Closure process as may be required by the State of New Hampshire.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,557 for the purposes of Animal Control, Health and Welfare.

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<td>Health Officer</td>
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<td>Grafton County Senior Citizens</td>
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**TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL, HEALTH & WELFARE** $30,557

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,550 for the purposes of Culture, Recreation and Conservation for the ensuing year; $14,405 to be raised by taxes and $1,145 to come from fund balance.

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<td>Conservation Trust Account</td>
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<td>Conservation Commission Administration</td>
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<td>Baker River Watershed</td>
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**TOTAL CULTURE, RECREATION & CONSERVATION** $15,550

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $38,900 to operate the Byron G. Merrill Library for the ensuing year; $32,400 to be raised by taxes and $6,500 to come from Library Endowment Funds.
ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $54,000 to be added to the previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows:

- To the Highway Equipment Fund-established in 1960  ..........  $20,000
- To the Fire Department Fund-established 1963  .................  $15,000
- To the Police Cruiser Fund-established 1986  ...................  $7,500
- To the Town Revaluation Fund-established 1992  ..............  $10,000
- To the EMS Vehicle Fund-established 2005  ....................  $1,500

**TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**  $54,000

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 23: 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 24: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing equipment as needed for the Transfer Station and further appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 to be placed in said fund. The sum of $2,759 will come from taxation and the remaining $2,241 from the proceeds of a property tax surcharge settlement between Casella and the Town of Bethlehem. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Bridge Capital Reserve Fund** under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of bridge repair and maintenance and further appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,500 to be placed in said fund. (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing used **Guard Rails** on portions of Groton Hollow Road and Cross Road.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $19,270 for the purpose of improving the **Baker Athletic Field** area for additional recreational opportunities to include a skating/hockey rink, skateboarding, storage shed and electricity.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 for the purpose of funding a portion of the **Summer Enrichment Program** for Rumney children through Rumney Recreation and the Russell School A+ program.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars, $10,000, to be added to the **Rumney Conservation Commission Fund** (created in 1989). This sum to come from fund balance, and no amount will be raised from taxation. (This represents a portion of the funds received from the sale of the Cook woodlot to the United States Forest Service in 2007.) (The Selectmen recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars $20,000 to be added to the **Town Facilities Capital Reserve Fund** (created in 1987). This sum to come from the fund balance and no amount will be raised from taxation. (This represents a portion of the funds received from the sale of the Cook woodlot to the United States Forest Service in 2007.) (The Selectmen recommend this article.)
ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500 for the purpose of purchasing a storage facility/trailer to be used for overflow storage by the Town Office.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100, or such other sum as the Town may determine, for the purpose of planning for an expansion to the town office building.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor:

    Resolved: We the citizens of Rumney, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the “Pledge”, have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes. (This article submitted by petition.)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property, other than cash, to the municipality for any public purposes. This authorization, in accordance with RSA 31:95-e, shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of the town meeting.

ARTICLE 35: 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 ______ day of ______________, 2008.

Rumney Board of Selectmen

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Mark H. Andrew, Chairman

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Janice Mulherin

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W. John Fucci