

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for
2009 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 2009, 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 2009, 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	2 Planning Board Members for 3 years
Treasurer for 1 year	Supervisor of Checklist for 3 years
Library Trustee for 3 years	Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years	Fire Commissioner for 3 years

ARTICLE 2: To choose two members for the **Budgetary Finance Advisory Board**; one for a 3-year term to represent the Lake area, one for a 3-year term to represent West Rumney and one for a 1-year term to represent the Quincy area.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$377,629** to defray **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year; \$362,707 to be raised by taxes; \$9,650 to come from collected fees and \$5,272 from employees' share of health insurance.

Executive	\$ 53,695
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 42,866
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 1,190
Financial Administration	\$ 27,895
Legal Expense	\$ 11,000
Personnel Administration/Benefits	\$ 162,976
Planning Board	\$ 2,702
General Government Buildings	\$ 33,825
Street Lights	\$ 7,800
Insurance/Other	\$ 32,000
Regional Association Dues	\$ 1,680
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 377,629

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$49,600** for **assessing services** and updating the tax maps for the ensuing year.

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ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,000** for the purpose of printing and distributing the updated **Master Plan**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, V. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$12,000** 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 **\$174,288** 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 **\$23,009** 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 **\$7,025** to defray the cost of the **Safety Committee, E-911 and Emergency Management** services for the ensuing year.

Safety Committee	\$ 1,500
E-911.....	\$ 300
Emergency Management.....	\$ 5,225
(includes Forest Fires)	
TOTAL SAFETY, E-911 & EMG MGT	\$ 7,025

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$53,540** 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 **\$12,985** 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 **\$199,488** 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** for the ensuing year. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, V. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$125,055** to defray the cost of maintaining the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,636** to defray the Town's share of the costs of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District** and **Plymouth Water and Sewer District Permit Fee**.

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ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1** 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 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,611** for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare**.

Animal Services	\$ 1,000
Animal Control Officer	\$ 1,500
Health Officer	\$ 1,200
Health Administration	\$ 500
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	\$ 1,250
Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice	\$ 7,011
Plymouth Regional Clinic	\$ 1,000
Voices Against Violence	\$ 1,000
Bridge House.....	\$ 250
Genesis	\$ 500
Casa	\$ 250
Cady	\$ 400
Mid-State	\$ 1,250
Direct Welfare Assistance	\$12,000
Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$ 3,000
Tri-County Community Action Program (CAP)	<u>\$ 2,500</u>
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL, HEALTH & WELFARE	\$ 34,611

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,802** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year; \$12,554 to be raised by taxes and \$1,248 to come from unreserved fund balance.

Common Mowing/Maintenance	\$ 1,800
Baker Athletic Field Mowing/Maintenance	\$ 2,652
Old Home Day	\$ 3,000
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 350
Conservation Trust Account	\$ 22/11/20092/11/2009,000
Conservation Commission Administration	\$ 800
Baker River Watershed	<u>\$ 200</u>
TOTAL CULTURE, RECREATION & CONSERVATION	\$10,802

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,950** to operate the Byron G. Merrill Library for the ensuing year; \$34,950 to be raised by taxes and \$5,000 to come from Library Endowment Funds.

ARTICLE 21: 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.

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ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$ 92,000** to be added to the previously established **Capital Reserve Funds** as follows:

To the Highway Equipment Fund (1960)	\$ 22,000
To the Fire Department Fund (1963)	\$ 15,000
To the Town Revaluation Fund (1984)	\$ 10,000
To the Police Cruiser Fund (1986)	\$ 7,500
To the Town Facilities Fund (1987)	\$ 20,000
To the EMS Vehicle Fund (2005)	\$ 5,000
To the Transfer Station Equipment Fund (2008)	\$ 4,000
To the Bridge Repair/Maintenance Fund (2008)	\$ 8,500
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	\$ 92,000

(The Selectmen recommend this article.)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,800** for the purpose of installing **Guard Rails**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, V. *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,000** for improvements to the **Darling property** such as portable toilet rental, signs and mowing; \$750 to be raised by taxes and \$250 to come from the Rumney Conservation Commission Fund for the mowing.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,500** for the purpose of **replacing the roof at the West Rumney fire station**.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,745** for the purpose of purchasing **extrication clothing for Rumney EMS**. A federal grant was applied for in 2008 for this purchase but a decision on the grant has not yet been made by the federal government. If the grant is funded, \$187 would come from unreserved balance and \$3,558 would come from the grant money. If the grant is denied, \$2,000 would come from unreserved fund balance. This article is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, IV. *(The Selectmen recommend this article)*

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of purchasing necessary equipment, other than vehicles, to maintain compliance with current regulations and further appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** to be placed in said fund. (Majority vote required.) *(The Selectmen recommend this article.)*

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000** for the purpose of funding a portion of the **Summer Enrichment Program** for children through Rumney Recreation and the Russell School A+ program; \$3,500 to be raised by taxes, \$1,500 will come from unreserved fund balance and \$5,000 from tuition fees.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$30,000** for the purpose of purchasing an **EMS Ambulance**; \$20,000 to be raised by taxes, \$10,000 to come from the EMS Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund (2005).

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ARTICLE 30: Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Rumney, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$25,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$30,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$20,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. This article shall take effect for the 2009 property tax year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 31: Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I(b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to 'qualified organizations' for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property?

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79-F under which owners of certain structures used for farm purposes may apply for tax appraisal at no more than replacement cost less depreciation, with the land under the structure appraised at no more than 10% of market value.

ARTICLE 33: To direct the Selectmen of the Town of Rumney to cap any increase of their Annual Budget to any projected increase in revenue above the last Annual Budget and in no case to increase the Annual Budget more than the rate of inflation, as defined by the "National Consumer Price Index-(Urban/Rural)" (CPI-U/R) as averaged over the twelve months preceding the vote on the new Annual Budget. (This article submitted by petition.)

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 9th day of February 2009

Rumney Board of Selectmen

Janice Mulherin, Chair

Mark H. Andrew

W. John Fucci