

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF RUMNEY  
WARRANT for  
2012 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012, 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 13th):

Selectman for 3 years	Treasurer for 1 year
Library Trustee for 3 years	Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds for 2 years	Cemetery Trustee for 3 years
Fire Commissioner for 3 years	(2) Planning Board Members for 3 years
Moderator for 2 years	Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years

**ARTICLE 2:** To choose two members for the **Advisory Committee** for three-year terms to represent the Lake and West Rumney areas.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$281,495** to defray the following **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$ 63,857
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 71,010
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 4,142
Financial Administration	\$ 34,240
Legal Expense	\$ 35,000
Planning Board	\$ 2,954
General Government Buildings	\$ 35,900
Street Lights	\$ 7,800
Insurance-Property/Liability & WC	\$ 22,992
Regional Association Dues	\$ 3,600
<b>Total General Government Expenses</b>	<b>\$281,495</b>

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$37,200** for **Assessing Services and Tax Maps updates** for the ensuing year and to authorize the withdrawal of \$21,500 from

the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (established 1984); the remaining \$15,700 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000** for the purpose of **Code Enforcement** for the ensuing year. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 6:** 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. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$247,298** to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 8:** 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. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,548** 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	\$ 250
Emergency Management	\$ 5,798
<b>Total Safety, E-911 &amp; Emg Mgt</b>	<b>\$ 7,548</b>

**ARTICLE 10:** Fire Department/Code Enforcement – Town meeting has the authority to decide which method should be used to determine the compensation of the Fire Chief. RSA 154:15. Question – Do the voters intend for the Chief to earn a flat \$1,500 for the year for code enforcement services or \$1,500 plus the actual inspection fees collected.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$56,817** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$19,892** to defray the cost of running the **EMS (Emergency Medical Services)** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$296,245** for the maintenance of **Highways and Bridges** for the ensuing year. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for **Road and Bridge Improvements** for the ensuing year; \$60,000 to be raised by taxes and \$15,000 to come from fund balance (FEMA funds received in 2011). This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 V. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$145,206** to defray the cost of maintaining the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,471** to defray the Town's share of the cost of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District (\$1,370.84)** and the annual **Plymouth Water and Sewer District Permit Fee (\$100)** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,000** to defray the cost of services, labor and/or equipment needed at the Transfer Station for part of Phase II of the **Landfill Closure** process for the ensuing year as required by the State of New Hampshire. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$41,948** for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Animal Control	\$ 1,550
Health Officer Stipend, etc	\$ 1,135
Health Administration	\$ 500
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	\$ 1,250
Pemi-Baker Home, Health & Hospice	\$ 6,660
Plymouth Regional Clinic	\$ 1,000
Voices Against Violence	\$ 1,200
Bridge House	\$ 1,000
Genesis	\$ 300
CASA	\$ 300
CADY	\$ 500
Direct Assistance	\$ 15,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc	\$ 4,658
Grafton County Seniors	\$ 3,000
Tri-County CAP	<u>\$ 3,895</u>
<b>Total Animal Control, Health &amp; Welfare</b>	<b>\$ 41,948</b>

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$13,900** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Common-Mowing & Maintenance	\$ 1,500
Baker Athletic Field	\$ 3,000
Old Home Day	\$ 4,100
Jim Darling Natural Area	\$ 500
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 350
Conservation Commission	\$ 750
Baker River Watershed Dues	\$ 200
Conservation Trust	<u>\$ 3,500</u>
<b>Total Culture, Recreation &amp; Conservation</b>	<b>\$ 13,900</b>

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,730** to operate the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year; \$37,730 to be raised by taxes and \$3,000 to come from Library Endowment Funds. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**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 for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$145,000** to be added to the previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**; \$125,000 to be raised by taxes and \$20,000 to come from fund balance (FEMA funds). The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Highway Equipment Fund (1960)	30,000
Fire Department Fund (1963)	20,000
Town Revaluation Fund (1984)	10,000
Police Department Fund (1986)	8,000
Town Facilities Fund (1987)	20,000
EMS Vehicle Fund (2005)	10,000
Transfer Station Equipment Fund (2008)	8,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	30,000
Fire Department Equipment Fund (2009)	4,000
Merrill Library Capital Improvement Fund (1998)	5,000
<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$ 145,000</b>

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$100,000** for the purpose of purchasing a highway truck to replace the 2004 Ford F-550 truck and to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Highway Equipment Fund established by vote of the town in 1960; \$20,000 will come from fund balance (FEMA funds received in 2011) and the remaining \$55,000 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$40,000** for the purpose of purchasing a generator set-up to power the Town Office building and the Depot Street Fire Station. The Town will apply for an EMPG Grant through NH HSEM (50/50); the Town's match would be \$20,000. Of that approximately \$4,000 could be met by in-kind costs. The remaining \$16,000 would be raised by taxes. If the grant is not funded the generator would not be purchased. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of 35:1 to be known as the **EMS Major Equipment Fund** for the purpose of purchasing major equipment needed to maintain the EMS quality of care demands and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,500** to be placed in said fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,000** for a Feasibility Study to investigate alternatives to make the Byron G. Merrill Library accessible to the disabled in a manner which preserves its historic character; the entire amount to come from the "Mitigation Funds" available to the Town as a result of the permit granted for the Groton Wind Project as administered by the State of New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Program (LCHIP) office, with no amount to be raised by taxation. The Library Trustees are hereby authorized to apply for said funds and take any other necessary action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 27: WHEREAS,** the Town of Rumney is located in the general vicinity of the existing electrical transmission line right of way that carries a High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) power line designated by Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) as Line X-178; and,

**WHEREAS,** PSNH et al., acting on behalf of Northern Pass, LLC, are attempting to purchase property in towns throughout New Hampshire's North Country for a new high voltage electrical transmission line right of way that will extend the aforementioned PSNH right of way generally north to the Canadian Border; and,

**WHEREAS,** the proposed Northern Pass transmission line, would carry 1,200 Megawatts of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) power generally south from Canada through New Hampshire on visually damaging power lines hung from tall, intrusive steel towers at heights ranging from eighty (80') feet to one hundred and thirty-five (135') in the air, well above tree height; and

**WHEREAS,** the Voters of the Town of Rumney have concluded that the Northern Pass transmission line, as it has been proposed, would cause significant area-wide degradation of real estate property values resulting in losses of property tax receipts well in excess of any conceivable property tax revenues from levying tax assessments on the aforesaid towers and transmission lines; and

**WHEREAS,** numerous other negative impacts from the aforesaid proposed Northern Pass transmission line will occur or can reasonably be expected to occur, over time, including, but not limited to:

- a. A drop in area-wide tourist visits and revenues as damages from the power lines to the region's natural scenic beauty will be a deterrent to people coming to visit or live in the region.
- b. A drop in toll fees and New Hampshire gas tax revenues as motorists choose other routes into Northern New England or worse, choose not to come at all.
- c. The strong likelihood of negative health impacts from Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF's) radiating from the 1,200 Megawatt HVDC cables.
- d. A drop in business revenues and consequently, a drop in employment at local businesses throughout the region such as; ski areas, restaurants, gas stations, constructions firms, shops, stores, banks, real estate firms, to mention just a few – all of which are heavily dependent upon visitors coming to the area.

**Therefore,** the undersigned citizens of Rumney, by petition, ask the town to adopt the following ordinance:

*Other than high voltage electrical transmission lines in existence, if any, as of the effective date of this ordinance, there shall be no overhead development of alternating current or direct*

*current high voltage transmission lines within the borders of the Town of Rumney. All such future electrical transmission lines, if any such lines are contemplated, must be placed underground within power line rights of way or within yet to be established power line corridors and installed in a manner approved by the State of New Hampshire's Public Utility Commission and/or Department of Transportation. Distribution lines carrying electrical power and other utility lines such as telephone and cable television for local residential or commercial use may continue to be installed above ground, but undergrounding of such lines, is strongly recommended and encouraged.*

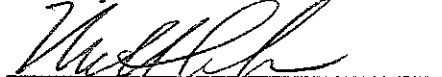
*This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.*

**(This article submitted by petition)**

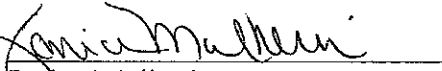
**ARTICLE 28:** To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

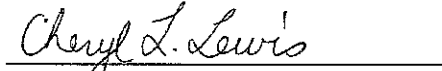
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Mark H. Andrew, Chairman



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