

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



## TOWN OF RUMNEY

### WARRANT for 2021 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Moderator, James Buttolph, welcomed the residents to the Town of Rumney 2021 Business Session of the Town Meeting. Meeting officially called to order and opened at 7:07 pm with the pledge of allegiance.**

Moderator, James Buttolph, opened the meeting with a brief overview of the Covid-19 protocols in place for the meeting, such as chairs set up to adhere with social distancing recommendations, masks were made available (with an area in the back specifically for those who chose not to), asked to please not touch the microphone if they went to it to speak, and hand sanitizer was available.

Conservation Committee Chairman, Janice Mulherin, introduced the new intern Jared from PSU, who will be assisting at the Quincy Bog.

Moderator, James Buttolph, who usually starts the meeting with a brief history lesson, instead decided to give a current history lesson of how Covid-19 and the changes implemented have affected the past year. The State implemented preprocessing of Absentee Ballots, which greatly assisted the process on election day of the nearly 300 we had received. We have a great team that works at the poll. The State provided Towns with a cost relief of 80% of the additional cost over the amount of absentee ballots from the previous elections. They also provided face masks, hand sanitizer, plastic desk splash guards, disposable placemats, and pencils. We hired a greeter, Haley Vanloon, who rose to the occasion. She provided masks and made sure the voters were headed to the correct areas while following social distancing guidelines.

**Moderator, James Buttolph, then read the Warrant for the 2021 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, 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.

**A motion was made and put to the floor and seconded, to allow non-residents, Milton (Sonny) Ouellette and Nick Coursey who are town employees to speak at the meeting. The motion passed by a voice vote.**

Moderator, James Buttolph, then went over the instructions and Laws for the Warrant Articles.

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## **Article 1: Choose Necessary Town Officers**

To choose all Necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year (by official ballot on March 9th):

Selectman for 3-year term

**Edward Haskell Jr. - 137**

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3-year term

**Deborah B. Maes - 8**

Cemetery Trustee for 3-year term

**Kim Ganley - 132**

(2) Planning Board Members for 3-year term

**R. Bradley Eaton – 127**

**Brian Flynn - 120**

Fire Commissioner for 3-year term

**James J. McCart - 134**

Library Trustee for 3-year term

**Stacie Winsor - 145**

Supervisor of the Checklist for 2- year term

**Rachel Anderson - 140**

Moderator, James Buttolph, announced he will be moving out of the area in the near future, and both is positions as Town Moderator and School Moderator will be available.

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## **ARTICLE 2: Choose Members for Advisory**

To choose two members for the Advisory Budget Committee:

2 - 3-year terms

**Moderator read; Article 2 and asked if there were any nominations for the Advisory.**

Haley Vanloon nominated herself to fill one of positions. No one ran against her leaving still one vacant position to be filled.

**It was seconded which was agreed upon with a voice vote. Moderator asked to have the Clerk enter a single vote for Haley Vanloon to serve as a Member of the Advisory.**

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### **Article 3: Town Office Addition**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 to remodel and build an addition on to the Rumney Town Office Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$255,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Municipal Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required).

**Moderator, James Buttolph, explained due to the cost of this project, it will be a Secret Ballot Vote and must stay open for one hour. Only Rumney registered voters would be allowed to vote.**

**Article 3 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 3 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Selectman, Isaac DeWever, proceeded to explain the need for more space at the Town Office. The space isn't able to be used efficiently due to shared meetings, files, and Planning Board all in the same room. Storage of materials that need to be kept, per retention laws, and the lack of supply storage. Supervisor of the Checklist, Katheryn Grabiek, spoke of how The Town Clerk/Tax Collector office is packed with fireproof safes to protect fragile documents going back to the 1700's with office supplies and materials needed to do their jobs stacked above. Jerry Thibodeau asked why the old Town Hall cannot be used for storage. Isaac DeWever explained that the old Town Hall is in need of repairs itself, such as leaky pipes and a boiler issue and would not be a sufficient space to store these historic documents. Selectman, Bob Berti, stated the Selectmen have been addressing the buildings that have been in need of repair. A Town is a business. The Police Department needs a secure area to do interviews. There is a need. We hope for the Town support to go forward. It will be paid with a bond and with the Library work completed, we will use that money so it will not affect the Town Tax Rates. Interest rates are very low right now and it is a good time to take advantage of that. Cody Carbee said the Town should go to digital storage instead. Leif Anderson questioned the cost of going digital. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained how the need is for much more than just the storage space, although that is one factor, the Town has outgrown this building. Kim Ganley questioned the \$255k figure and how it was decided on and calculated and why we didn't get a quote first. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained you can't get anyone to quote a project that has not even been approved yet. The cost was based on the current cost to build per square footage right now. Bob Berti explained how this also includes an interior remodel. Jerry Thibodeau asked if the Town has a Capital Improvement Plan. Bob Berti explained there is one that \$20k a year is added to and some of the existing funds in that account are being used in one of the later Warrant Articles. Penny Conlon came from another town and stated they always had been provided with more information and she hadn't seen a plan for the new building. It was pointed out that the plan was there in the room, as well as at the Town Election and on display at the Town Office.

**Moderator, James Buttolph, explained due to the amount of the note for this project, it will require a Secret Ballot Vote and voting is to stay open for one hour and we will move on to the next Article in the meantime.**

**With no further discussion. Moderator, James Buttolph, put Article 3 to a Secret Ballot Vote. The article failed by a vote of 42 yes, 31 no. 43.8 yes, or 60% was needed for the 3/5 vote to pass this article. Due to the close vote, Sheila Bonfiglio made a motion to reconsider this Article and the motion was seconded. Moderator, James Buttolph explained we must wait at least 7 days, by Law. It was determined, we will hold another vote for Article 3 on 04/15/2021 at 7pm at the Russell Elementary School.**

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#### **Article 4: Rest Area Purchase**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 for the purchase of the land and building located at Rumney Tax Map/Lot 12-0710, known as the Rumney Rest Area and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$95,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Municipal Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Money appropriated in this article shall be in addition to any money the Conservation Commission uses for this transaction from the Conservation Fund under their authority in RSA 36-A:4, I and RSA 36-A:5, II, and defeat of this article shall not affect the authority of the Conservation Commission to purchase said property or use the Conservation Fund therefor. The Board of Selectmen recommend this special warrant article. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required)

**Moderator, James Buttolph, explained this will be a Secret Ballot Vote.**

**Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 4 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Selectman, Isaac DeWever, stated that the residents wanting an area for the Town to have water access. This has been a process. The State wants to sell and Rumney has Right of First Refusal. Mark Andrew was concerned about State restrictions on the purchase.

Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, said the parking and water access are still being addressed, but all other restrictions were removed. Kelsey Ambrose asked how this would be different from the Jim Darling land. Conservation Committee Chairman, Janice Mulherin, explained that the Jim Darling land doesn't have bathrooms, parking, and allow water access for all Town residents. Selectman, Bob Berti, noted that the Selectmen may not seem conservative tonight, but he assured everyone they are. Part of this is also for conservation of the Baker River. The State offered the property for \$187K with many restrictions. We want to allow the Townspeople access to the river. This would provide the Town with a public access area. The Town of Rumney hasn't made good decisions on purchases in the past and passed up several properties that we should have bought. Think about the residents and children coming after us. He explained how the budget for this purchase will not impact your tax rate. Ken Weinig wanted to know how much water frontage was included and the square footage of the building. Selectman, Isaac DeWever, said there is 1800 feet of water frontage and the building is 1052 square feet with 2 stories, so over 2,104 sq ft., There was also a concern about the upkeep of the building and property and our ability to ensure it is only used by the residents of Rumney. Leif Anderson lives nearby this property and would like to see it owned by the Town and maintained, as it has not been currently. Joe Conlon wanted to know if we do nothing what happens with the property? Selectman, Isaac DeWever, responded that it probably be put on the market and would be sold by the State with all the restrictions on it now.

**With no further discussion. Moderator, James Buttolph, put Article 4: to a Secret Ballot Vote. The article passed with a vote of 51 yes and 22 no.**

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## **Article 5: Addition Bond Payment**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 for the first payment on the 2021 Town Office Remodel and Addition Bond authorized under Article 3. This article will only take effect if Article 3 is also approved. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 5 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 5 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the Article passed by voice vote.**

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## **Article 6: General Government Expenses**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$473,390 to defray the following General Government Expenses for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$75,068.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$87,916.00
Supervisors of Checklist	\$2,831.00
Financial Administration	\$51,432.00
Legal Expense	\$19,000.00
Health Insurance	\$142,000.00
Planning Board	\$9,982.00
General Government Buildings	\$40,750.00
Street Lights	\$9,000.00
Property/Liability/WC	\$33,161.00
Regional Dues	\$2,250.00

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**Article 6 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 6 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

## **Article 7: Code Enforcement**

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 7 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 7 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 8: Old Home Day**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,315 for the purpose of 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 appropriation. (Majority vote required).

**Article 8 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 8 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 9: Cemetery**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,800 for the operation of the Cemeteries for the ensuing year; \$5,000 to come from the Cemetery Trust Fund and \$20,800 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 9 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 9 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 10: Police Dept.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$244,678.00 to defray the cost of running the Police Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**Article 10 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 10 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 11: Cruiser Purchase**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,011 for purchase of a police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of \$53,011 from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund (Establish in 1986) created for that purpose. The Board of Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 11 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 11 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Jerry Thibodeau wanted to know how much would be left in the Capital Reserve Fund after the \$53,011 withdrawal for the cruiser. Deb Maes said there would be approx. \$25,000 left in the Police Capital Reserve Fund.

**With no further discussion, Article 11 passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 12: Ambulance Service**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,639 for Ambulance Service contracted with the Town of Plymouth for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**Article 12 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 12 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 13: Emergency Management**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,435.00 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	\$1,760

**Article 13 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 13 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 14: Fire Dept.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,057 to defray the cost of running the Fire Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**Article 14 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 14 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 15: Fire Department Forest Fire**

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 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 15 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 16: Fire Department Non-Capital Reserve**

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 in fighting forest fires. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 16 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 16 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 17: EMS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,350 to defray the cost of running the EMS (Emergency Medical Services) for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**Article 17 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 17 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 18: Highway Dept.**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,260 to defray the cost of running the Rumney Highway Department for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**Article 18 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 18 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 19: Road Improvement**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for road improvements for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**Article 19 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 19 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Mark Andrew wanted to know which roads are being addressed. Selectman, Bob Berti, said the possibility of paving Mill Street and doing needed repairs to Buffalo Road. Jerry Thibodeau questioned the \$25,000 decrease from previous years. Selectman, Bob Berti, stated with the other road repair projects being completed, they saw an area where we could try to save money where we can.

**With no further discussion, Article 19 passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 20: Highway Department Bond Payment**

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 20 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 20 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 21: Fire Alarm System**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to install a fire detection alarm in the Rumney Highway Department garage and authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 from the Town Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (Established in 1998). The Selectmen recommend this special warrant. (Majority vote required)

**Article 21 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 21 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 22: Library**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$48,525 to defray the cost of operating the Byron G. Merrill Library for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**Article 22 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 22 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 23: Transfer Station**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,484 to defray the cost of maintaining the Transfer Station for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

**Article 23 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 23 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Sonny Ouellette spoke about the rise in trash due to home constructions in the area and how other towns have stopped recycling, but Rumney is continuing to do so.

**With no further discussion, Article 23 passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 24: Landfill Closure**

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 24 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to put Article 24 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Ken Weinig wanted to know how long this payment will continue. Selectman, Bob Berti, said it has been ongoing for 6 dry wells, but hopefully will stop one day.

**With no further discussion, Article 24 passed by voice vote.**

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## **Article 25: Solid Waste**

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 25 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 25 to the floor and was seconded. With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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## **Article 26: Assessing and Mapping**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,000 for assessing and mapping and authorize the withdrawal of \$7,000 from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (Established 1998) created for that purpose. The balance of \$40,000 is to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this Special Article. (Majority vote required)

**Article 26 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 26 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Kelsey Ambrose questioned the increase. Town Administrator, Joe Chivell, explained that there is a requirement for this to be done every 5 years. The Town completed a four (4) year cycle in 2019, took 2020 off and will start the new cycle in 2021.

**With no further discussion, Article 26 passed by voice vote.**

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## **Article 27: Health, Welfare, Animal control**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,565 for the purposes of Animal Control, Health and Welfare for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Animal Control	\$1,002
Health Officer Stipend, etc.	\$969
Health Administration	\$500
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	\$1,250
Pemi-Baker Community Health	\$4,500
Voices Against Violence	\$550
Bridge House	\$2,000
Genesis	\$300
CASA	\$500
CADY	\$600
Transport Central	\$138
Direct Assistance	\$10,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc.	\$4,306
Grafton County Seniors	\$3,000
Tri-County CAP	\$2,950

**Article 27 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 27 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 28: Culture, Recreation, Conservation**

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, Maintenance & 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	\$660

**Article 28 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 28 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

**With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 29: Clark Brook**

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 come as a reimbursement from the Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency relating to Disaster #4357DR and Disaster #4355DR, with 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, 2026, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required.)

**Article 29 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 29 to the floor and was seconded. With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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**Article 30: Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,000 to be added to the following 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
Fire Department Fund (1963)	\$20,000
Bridge Repair & Maintenance Fund (2008)	\$5,000
Fire Department Equipment (2009)	\$6,000
EMS Major Equipment	\$1,500
Cemetery Improvement (2014)	\$2,000

**Article 30 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 30 to the floor and was seconded. With no discussion, the article passed by voice vote.**

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## **Article 31: PETITION Warrant Article**

PETITION: To place in the warrant for the 2021 Rumney Town Meeting and bring to a vote MEDICARE FOR ALL ACT resolution.

To see if the town will adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Medicare for All Act of 2019 (H.R. 1384/ S. 1129) would provide national health insurance for every person in the United States for all necessary medical care including inpatient and outpatient hospital services, prescription drugs, primary and preventive care; emergency services; reproductive care; dental and vision care; mental health and substance abuse treatment, and long-term care.

WHEREAS the health and quality of life for the residents of Rumney will improve with Medicare-for-All because they would be able to get the ongoing care they need, without limited networks and without co-pays and deductibles, and no surprise medical bills.

WHEREAS the Medicare-for-All Act of 2019 would result in the elimination of town and school district insurance costs and result in lower property taxes for the residents of Rumney.

NOTE: Budgeted healthcare costs:

Town of Rumney: \$ 140,000.00/year (includes 10% employee contribution)

Rumney/Russell School District: \$383,102 (approximately 12% of school budget)

WHEREAS Pre-Covid polls showed 70 percent of Americans support Medicare For All. Presently, unprecedented closing of small businesses and millions of jobs lost, health insurance tied to jobs is also lost, which follows is that millions lose their health insurance. The Covid-19 pandemic clearly emphasized that our current healthcare funding system is inadequate and unprepared to protect all of us.

BE IT RESOLVED that if the voters of Rumney, New Hampshire, support the Medicare for All Acts of 2019 (HR-1384 and S-1129), the Board of Selectmen shall send a written notice of their constituents' instructions within 30 days of the vote, to Rumney's congressional representatives, to strive toward its immediate enactment, assuring appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

(Article submitted by Petition) (Majority Vote Required)

**Article 31 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 31 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Marcosa Santiago-Ecklein (Cozy) spoke about being a proponent of this Article due to having a previous medical emergency. The MRI company was not in Network and the costs are unbearable. Medical Insurances are so expensive and there are so many choices, each covering different things and having different copays, and some only covering the bare bones only of Medical care. Kelsey Ambrose liked Marcosa Santiago-Ecklein (Cozy) speech, but said anyone can write to their State Representative, Annie Kuster, and suggested voting this down. Jerry Thibodeau stated that it is always the taxpayer that ends up paying. Just as we all pay into Social Security and Medicare (along with the companies we work for). It is always paid by us, the taxpayers. He also stated this would take us in a Socialist direction, of which he is against. Ken Weinig agreed with Jerry and explained how waiting rooms are crowded when there is no co-pay and Single Payer becomes a monopoly. Cody Carbee said that thinking others far away will make better choices for us is farcicle and to Google Direct Primary Care to educate yourself. Terri Downs stated he is on Medicare and it is excellent. Healthcare is more complicated now. Recommends we vote in favor.

**A motion to move the question was so moved and seconded.**

**With no further discussion, Article 31 failed by voice vote.**

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## **Article 32: Reports**

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.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm until we reconvene on 04/15/2021 at 7:00 PM to reconsider Article 3.**

**Meeting called back into order on 04/15/2021 at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance.**

## **Article 3: Town Office Addition**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 to remodel and build an addition on to the Rumney Town Office Building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$255,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Municipal Officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (3/5 Ballot Vote Required).

**Article 3 was read; The Moderator asked for a motion to bring Article 3 to the floor, it was so moved and seconded.**

Town officials presented an overview of the current needs for each department, and how it will be funded.

**With much discussion from Town of Rumney Registered Voters. Moderator, James Buttolph, explained due to the amount of the note for this project, it will require a Secret Ballot Vote and voting is to stay open for one hour. After the hour had passed, votes were counted.**

**Article 3: passed by a vote of 76 yes, 44 no. 72 yes, or 60% was needed for the 3/5 vote to pass this Article. There was a motion to dissolve the meeting at 9:40pm.**



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**Lila Williams, Town Clerk**  
**4/19/2021**