

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF RUMNEY
WARRANT for
2014 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 2014, 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 13th day of March 2014, 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	Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years	Cemetery Trustee for 2 year
Fire Commissioner for 3 years	Fire Commissioner for 1 year
(2) Planning Board Members for 3 years	Moderator for 2 years
Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years	

ARTICLE 2: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$361,215** to construct and furnish **an addition and alterations to the Byron G. Merrill Library** to make the building accessible to the disabled and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$334,595 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$25,000 from the Library Improvement Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1998) and to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw \$1,620 from the Donald Young Memorial Fund and to authorize the Town and Library Trustees to apply for, receive and expend grants for this purpose with all such grant amounts received to be used to reduce the amount of the bonds or notes. The first bond payment would not be due until 2015. (The Selectmen do not recommend this special article) (two-thirds (2/3) ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$90,000** for the purpose of purchasing a **highway truck** to replace the 2006 Ford F-550 truck and to authorize the withdrawal of \$90,000 from the Highway Equipment Fund (established in 1960). The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$378,790** for the **replacement of the Buffalo Road Bridge #128/093**, with \$284,092.50 of said sum to come from the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, \$75,758 of said sum to come from the NHDOT State-Aid Bridge Program, and the remaining \$18,939.50 of said sum to come from the Bridge Repair & Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2008). This is to be a non-lapsing appropriation, valid for a period of three years. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,000** for the purpose of replacing the **skidsteer** at the Transfer Station with a similar machine and to fund this appropriation with \$23,000 from the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2008) and the remaining \$5,000 from a New Hampshire the Beautiful grant. In the event the grant is not received, \$28,000 will be withdrawn from the CRF to fund this appropriation with no amount to be raised through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6: To choose three members for the **Advisory Committee:**

- 1 for a 3-year term from the Village
- 1 for a 1 year term from the Lake area (to finish out another member’s term)
- 1 for a 2 year term from the Depot area (to finish out another member’s term)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$308,061** to defray the following **General Government Expenses** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$ 67,965
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 74,437
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$ 3,561
Financial Administration	\$ 44,905
Legal Expense	\$ 35,000
Planning Board	\$ 5,506
General Government Buildings	\$ 39,530
Street Lights	\$ 7,500
Insurance-Property/Liability & WC	\$ 25,957
Regional Association Dues	\$ 3,700
Total General Government Expenses	\$308,061

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$61,650** for **Assessing Services** and **Tax Maps updates** for the ensuing year; of that total, to authorize the withdrawal of \$36,000 from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (established in 1984) with the remaining \$25,650 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 **\$3,000** for the purpose of **Code Enforcement** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10: 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; \$5,000 to come from Cemetery Trust Funds and \$25,000 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the **Cemetery Improvement Fund** for the purpose of funding major repairs, projects, maintenance needs and record updates for the cemeteries and to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$2,500** to be placed in said fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$242,954** to defray the cost of running the **Police Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 13: 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. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,306** 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	\$ 200
Emergency Management	<u>\$ 5,606</u>
Total Safety, E-911 & Emg Mgt	\$ 7,306

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$69,687** to defray the cost of running the **Fire Department** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to modify and clarify the organizational structure of the Rumney Fire Department from the vote taken at the 1994 March Town Meeting to the form of organization outlined below, such changes not to take effect until one year following this vote, in accord with RSA 154:1, paragraph IV.

1. The fire chief shall be voted into office by the firefighters of the Department, as permitted by RSA 154:1, paragraph III, subject to being confirmed by the fire commissioners. The fire chief's term shall be three years as authorized by NH RSA 154:5, I, unless sooner removed in accord with paragraph 2.
2. The provisions of RSA 154:5 shall apply to the fire chief, including but not limited to those provisions governing duties and suspension or removal, except where inconsistent with this article. For purposes of RSA 154:5 only, the fire commissioners shall exercise the authority given by that statute to "the appointing authority", provided, however, that any formal written policies adopted by the fire commissioners shall be consistent with personnel and other applicable policies adopted by the board of selectmen, and with ordinances adopted by the Town.
3. All firefighters shall be appointed by the fire chief, subject to confirmation by the fire commissioners. All new firefighters shall initially serve a probationary period of one year upon their appointment to the Department. However, all firefighters shall remain employees-at-will, and are subject to removal with or without cause, either before or after the end of the probationary period.
4. Other aspects of the organization of the Department, including maximum numbers of firefighters and subordinate officer structure, shall be as determined by vote of the fire commissioners. All subordinate officers shall be appointed by, and shall serve at the pleasure of, the fire chief.
5. The fire chief may suspend or remove any firefighter, subject to a hearing and review by the fire commissioners. Any such action shall be in accordance with the personnel policies adopted by the board of selectmen.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** for the purpose of **installing, repairing and maintaining hydrants** for the town and to authorize the withdrawal of \$3,000 from the Water Supply Capital Reserve Fund (established in 2010) with the remaining \$4,000 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$19,858** to defray the cost of running the **EMS (Emergency Medical Services)** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$300,173** for the maintenance of **Highways and Bridges** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 20: 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 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$153,285** to defray the cost of maintaining the **Transfer Station** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,290** to defray the Town's share of the cost of the **Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District** (\$1,190) and the annual **Plymouth Water and Sewer District Permit Fee** (\$100) for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$3,800** 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 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,612** for the purposes of **Animal Control, Health and Welfare** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Animal Control	2,050
Health Officer Stipend, etc	930
Health Officer-Payroll Taxes	50
Health Administration	500
Mount Mooselauke Health Center	1,500
Pemi-Baker Community Health	4,250
Voices Against Violence	1,000
Bridge House	1,500
Genesis	300
CASA	300
CADY	300
Direct Assistance	11,000
Welfare Administrator Stipend, etc	4,737
Grafton County Seniors	3,300
Tri-County CAP	<u>3,895</u>
Total Animal Control, Health & Welfare	\$ 35,612

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,400** for the purposes of **Culture, Recreation and Conservation** for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

Common-Mowing & Maintenance	1,500
Baker Athletic Field	2,500
Jim Darling Natural Area	500
Patriotic Purposes	450
Conservation Commission	750
Baker River Watershed Dues	200
Conservation Trust	<u>3,500</u>
Total Culture, Recreation & Conservation	\$9,400

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$4,500** for the purpose of an **Old Home Day** celebration for the ensuing year; of that total \$3,075 will come from the 2013 end-of-year fund balance, with the remaining \$1,425 to be raised by taxes. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$39,097** to defray the cost of operating the **Byron G. Merrill Library** for the ensuing year; \$1,367 is to come from the income of privately-created trusts held by the Town for library purposes, with the remaining \$37,730 to be raised by taxes. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 28: 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 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$176,500** to be added to the previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

Highway Equipment Fund (1960)	30,000
Fire Department Fund (1963)	30,000
Town Revaluation Fund (1984)	10,000
Police Department Fund (1986)	8,000
Town Facilities' Fund (1987)	20,000
EMS Vehicle Fund (2005)	5,000
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)	25,000
Water Supply Capital Reserve Fund (2010)	3,000
EMS Major Equipment Fund (2012)	<u>3,500</u>
Total Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 176,500

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$7,000** for the purpose of completing the **perambulation** of the town line **between Rumney and Groton**; \$3,500 to be paid by the Town of Groton and \$3,500 to be raised by taxes. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 V. The Selectmen recommend this special article. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 31: 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 February, 2014.
Rumney Board of Selectmen

Edward L. Haskell, Jr. Chairman

Cheryl L Lewis

Daniel E. Kimble, Jr.
