



TOWN OF RINDGE

VOTER'S GUIDE

Guide to the Second Session of the Town Meeting
in accordance with Senate Bill 2

RINDGE MEMORIAL SCHOOL
March 9, 2010

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.
You may register to vote at the polls with proper ID,
such as a driver's license or an invoice indicating residence.

This handout has been prepared to assist you in making informed voting decisions prior to walking into the voting booth March 9. Attached is a sample ballot with brief explanations of most articles. **YOU WILL ALSO FIND WARRANT SUMMARY SHEETS, WHICH YOU CAN BRING WITH YOU ON ELECTION DAY.**

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to call the Selectmen's Office, 899-5181 x 100.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

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Vote for no more than one

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2. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO.1 TO THE TOWN OF RINDGE ZONING ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: by amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding to (1) Article IV, Section A; (2) Article V Section A; (3) Article X, Section A; and (4) Article XI, Section A the use “Supportive Care Home, subject to Site Plan Review” and amending Article XIX of the Ordinance by adding the following definition: “Supportive Care Home: A residence that provides lodging, meals and support services to meet the needs of not more than eight (8) adults, all of whom are over the age of 55, which home is licensed by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 151: 2, I(e)(1) as amended from time to time.”

YES NO

This Article was proposed by the Planning Board and would add “Supportive Care Home” as an allowed use subject to Site Plan Review in the following Zoning Districts: Residential, Residential/Agricultural, Gateway Central and Gateway East.

3. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE TOWN OF RINDGE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: by

amending Section K of the Growth Management Ordinance to change the expiration date from 11:59 p.m., March 31, 2011 to 11:59 p.m., March 9, 2010.

YES NO

This Article was proposed by the Planning Board and would cause the Growth Management Ordinance to expire on March 9, 2010 rather than on March 31, 2011.

4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of purchasing a plow truck with a plow, sander, and associated accessories to replace a 17 year old plow truck, said sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any which may be available for said purchase and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and authorize the Selectmen to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed)

YES NO

A "yes" vote would authorize the Town to purchase a plow truck and finance it with municipal bonds. Assuming a 12 year bond at 3.75% the tax impact would be \$.0272 or \$5.43 the first year (less thereafter) on a \$200,000 house.

An article to purchase the plow truck was rejected by voters last year. Over \$12,000 was spent for repairs in 2009. The truck and plow equipment are worn and rusted. It has logged 94,000 miles, which equates to 282,000 miles with a (3x) wear factor, given the work it must perform. This is one of five plow trucks that maintain 64 miles of town roads each winter.

5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck to replace Engine 2, said sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any which may be available for said purchase and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and authorize the Selectmen to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (3/5 Vote Required) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed)

YES NO

A “yes” vote would authorize the Town to purchase a fire engine and finance it with municipal bonds. Assuming a 20 year bond at 4% the tax impact would be \$.0435 or \$8.70 the first year(less thereafter) on a \$200,000 house.

This truck would replace Engine 2, a 1990 International with 2,544 hours on it, which has failed the pump test twice and needs to be removed from service.

6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Three Million Four Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$3,467,711)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Four Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$3,463,770) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY warrant article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 4 in favor, 3 opposed)

YES NO

A “yes” vote would approve the operating budget proposed by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee. It is \$3,941 more than the Default Budget and \$46,715 more than last year’s budget.

7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Meetinghouse Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund to save for the repairs to the bell tower and exterior painting? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed)

YES NO

A “yes” vote would authorize \$25,000 be put into the Meetinghouse Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, which could be used this year or in subsequent years to make repairs to the Meetinghouse. The Meetinghouse Oversight Committee has received estimates of \$90,000 to fix the bell tower and \$60,000 to paint the exterior of the building. There is approximately \$15,000 in the Fund now.

8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) to be added to the Recycling/Solid Waste Capital Reserve to save for the replacement of the trash hauling truck? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in

favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed)

YES NO

A "yes" vote would authorize \$55,000 be put into the Recycling Capital Reserve (savings) Account. There is nothing saved to replace the trash truck next year for approx. \$150,000.

The truck has 200,000 miles on it. It travels to Bethlehem, NH twice a week (300 miles round trip) and Keene, NH four times a week (30 miles round trip) and breaks down often.

9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve to save for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Wellington Park? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 5 in favor, 1 opposed)

YES NO

A "yes" vote would authorize \$10,000 be put into the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve (savings) Account. Additional funds would be sought in future years for the resurfacing of the tennis courts, estimated to cost at least \$30,000. There is nothing saved to date.

10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle and associated accessories to replace an existing cruiser, said sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve created for that purpose (Police Cruiser)? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed)

YES NO

A "yes" vote would authorize \$25,000 to be spent on a police vehicle to replace an existing cruiser which has high mileage. The entire amount will be withdrawn from savings.

11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand dollars (\$72,000) for the purpose of completing the revaluation/statistical update and further to authorize the withdrawal from the Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose, Revaluation, the sum of Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000)? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

YES NO

A "yes" vote would authorize \$72,000 be spent on a revaluation/statistical update. The State requires towns to do a revaluation every 5 years. Rindge did one in 2005 and must do another in 2010. We prepared a Request For Proposals and received three bids. \$72,000 is less than we paid in 2005. We have \$52,000 in savings but must come up with \$20,000 more.

12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing a command vehicle for the Fire Department, said sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose (Fire Department Equipment)? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

YES NO

A "yes" vote would authorize \$35,000 be spent on a vehicle for the Fire Department to replace the Crown Victoria which was taken off the road. There has been much discussion about what type of vehicle to purchase. If this article is approved, a sub-committee, with representatives of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Capital Improvements Program Committee, will be established to study the Department's needs and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for a radio repeater for the Police Department? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

YES NO

A "yes" vote would authorize \$20,000 be spent on a radio repeater to replace a radio repeater which is old and rusted. This allows the police officers to communicate with each other by radio in most of the Town.

14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$34,300) for a 2% pay increase for all regular full and part time Town employees? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 3 in favor, 3 opposed to recommending.)

YES NO

A "yes" vote would authorize \$34,000 be spent on a pay increase for Town employees who have not received a pay increase since January 2008.

15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:26-e rather than electing a Treasurer?

YES NO

A “yes” vote would discontinue the practice of electing a Town Treasurer at the March 2011 Town Meeting, after which time the Town Treasurer would be appointed and supervised by the Board of Selectmen. By statute, the Selectmen are ultimately responsible for the Town’s financial accounting and safeguarding, but the Board does not currently select or supervise the Town Treasurer. The position is responsible for the custody, deposit and disbursement of town funds. This article is unanimously recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee.

16. To see if the Town will vote to abandon a 1,600 foot portion of Brigham Road, a Class VI road, between Lord Brook and the southerly property line of Tax Map 2, Lot 50 or take any other action related thereto.

YES NO

This Article would discontinue a portion of Brigham Road as a Class VI road. This road is not a through road. The land abutting the discontinued portion of the road has been placed under a Conservation Easement. The discontinued portion of the road will become part of a network of hiking trails through the woods.

17. To see.

YES NO

This was a warrant article to abandon certain roads and make others into Class A trails. At the Deliberative Session, a motion was approved to remove the rest of the language.

18. Shall the Town will vote to eliminate Appendix A of the Rindge Sign Ordinance and amend Section III-I of said Ordinance as follows: “Real Estate Directional Signs are allowed at an intersection for all properties being offered for sale on any road connecting to that intersection. Such a sign shall be a 6 inch by 24 inch hardboard sign, printed on one or both sides and anchored to the ground and supported by a 50 inch tall steel frame.” (By Petition) (Not recommended by the Planning Board, 7 opposed to recommending, 0 in favor)

YES NO

This is a citizen’s petition. This article would amend the Sign Ordinance to allow more than one real estate directional sign at intersections for properties being offered for sale on roads connecting to that intersection. This article would also eliminate Appendix A of the Sign Ordinance which restricts sign content requirements for real estate directional signs, including logos or advertising, but the dimensions of the signs remain the same as in the current Ordinance.

19. To see. (By Petition)

YES NO

This was a citizen's petition regarding September 11, 2001. At the Deliberative Session, a motion was approved to remove the rest of the language.

20. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate President. Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be". (By Petition)

YES NO

This was a citizen's petition regarding marriage. At the Deliberative Session, a motion was made and approved to remove the rest of the language.

**TOWN OF RINDGE
WARRANT SUMMARY SHEET
March 9, 2010 – 2nd Session Town Meeting**

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2	Supportive Care	Yes	_____	No	_____	12	Command Vehicle for Fire Department	Yes	_____	No	_____
3	Growth Management Ordinance	Yes	_____	No	_____	13	Radio Repeater for Police Department	Yes	_____	No	_____
4	Bond – Plow Truck	Yes	_____	No	_____	14	2% Pay Increase for Town Employees	Yes	_____	No	_____
5	Bond – Fire Engine	Yes	_____	No	_____	15	Appoint Town Treasurer	Yes	_____	No	_____
6	Operating Budget	Yes	_____	No	_____	16	Abandon Brigham Road	Yes	_____	No	_____
7	Meetinghouse Maintenance Trust Fund	Yes	_____	No	_____	17	To See	Yes	_____	No	_____
8	Recycling/Solid Waste Capital Reserve	Yes	_____	No	_____	18	Sign Ordinance (Petition)	Yes	_____	No	_____
9	Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve	Yes	_____	No	_____	19	To See (Petition)	Yes	_____	No	_____
10	Replace Police Vehicle	Yes	_____	No	_____	20	Resolution to State (Petition)	Yes	_____	No	_____
11	Revaluation / Statistical Update	Yes	_____	No	_____						