



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 8, 2011

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 8. 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.

SELECTMAN - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Samuel R. Seppala

Write-in _____

TREASURER - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Kork Little

Write-in _____

TAX COLLECTOR - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Carol E. Donovan

Write-in _____

TOWN CLERK - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Nancy A. S. Martin

Write-in _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Roberta D. Gordenstein

Write-in _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 1 YR

Vote for no more than one

Arianne Miller

Write-in _____

PLANNING BOARD - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than two

Kirk L. Stenersen

Jesse Hoard

Kim McCummings

Write-in _____

Write-in _____

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS - 1 YR

Vote for no more than one

Jeannete G. Gutteridge

Write-in _____

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than two

Aaron Seppala

Daniel T. Aho

Kork Little

Write-in _____

Write-in _____

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 1 YR

Vote for no more than one

Write-in _____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

William W. Thomas

Ben Asaff

Write-in _____

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 to permit churches and other places of religious assembly in all zoning districts subject to Site Plan Review by the Planning Board and to revise the zoning district regulations accordingly.

This Article was proposed by the Planning Board and would provide that Churches and places of religious assembly are permitted uses in all zoning districts in Rindge in compliance with Federal Law.

3. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE TOWN OF RINDGE ZONING ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: (1) by amending the Zoning Ordinance by adding the following definition as a new paragraph 26 to Article XIX: “Motor Vehicle Repair Shop: An establishment for the repair and servicing of motor vehicles (automobiles, vans and trucks not exceeding “one ton” capacity) which repair and servicing is conducted entirely indoors and does not involve the outside storage of vehicles and/or equipment, the sale or rental of vehicles or the sale of gasoline. Such repair and servicing shall not include accident repairs, body work, paint work, or frame work.” (2) by amending Article XI Gateway East Zoning District by adding the following new paragraph 18 to Section A. Uses Permitted: “Motor Vehicle Repair Shop, subject to Site Plan Review and the granting of a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Board pursuant to the Conditional Use Permit provisions of Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance.” (3) by amending the Zoning Ordinance to add the following new Article XII:

“Conditional Use Permits

Pursuant to RSA 674:21, the Planning Board shall be authorized to issue Conditional Use Permits for certain uses specifically set forth in the Zoning Ordinance. Conditional Use Permit uses are determined to have special characteristics and shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. The Planning Board may attach such conditions to its approval of a Conditional Use Permit as may be reasonable, necessary and appropriate. For a Conditional Use Permit to be granted, the applicant shall have the burden of meeting all of the following standards and conditions:

- Applicant’s property must conform to the area and setback requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and the proposed use must be consistent with the Master Plan;
- The proposed use meets the spirit, intent and purposes of the Zoning Ordinance;
- There will be no adverse impacts from the proposed use upon the public health, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood and the Town of Rindge;
- The proposed use will not produce excessive noise, fumes or vibration and will not diminish the value of surrounding property; and
- The proposed use will not adversely affect wetlands or the ground water resources of the Town of Rindge.”

This Article was proposed by the Planning Board and would create a permitted use category entitled “Motor Vehicle Repair Shop” available in the Gateway East Zoning District, as shown on the Zoning Map. It would provide for a Conditional Use Permit process to be administered by the Planning Board. Currently, motor vehicle repair facilities are allowed only in the Business/Light Industry Zoning District.

4. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE TOWN OF RINDGE ZONING MAP AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: by amending the Zoning Map to add the following parcels of land to the Gateway Central Zoning District: Map 6, Lots 26-1, 26-2, 26-3-1, 26-3-2, 26-3-3, 26-3-4, 26-3-5, 26-3-6, 26-3-7, 26-3-8, 26-3-9, 26-3-10, 26-3-11, 26-3-12, 26-3-13, 26-3-14, 26-3-16, 26-3-17 and 26-3-18.

This Article was proposed by the Planning Board and would expand the Gateway Central Zoning District to include approximately 68 acres of vacant Town-owned land on Cromwell Drive and NH Route 119 which is currently in the Residential/Agricultural Zoning District.

5. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE TOWN OF RINDGE ZONING ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: by amending the Zoning Ordinance in order to renumber and reorder sections, correct cross references and make typographical corrections and clerical revisions as necessary.

This Article was proposed by the Planning Board and would allow minor corrections such as renumbering and reordering of ordinance sections and corrections of typographical mistakes to be made as necessary.

6. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: Amend Article III, to delete Paragraph C in its entirety and replace it with the following: "A permit and/or approval is not required for ordinary maintenance and/or repair of an existing sign as long as such maintenance and/or repair does not enlarge the sign face or relocate the sign."

This Article was proposed by the Planning Board and would amend the Sign Ordinance to make it clear that maintenance and/or repair of signs does not subject the sign owner to additional fees or permit requirements.

7. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT NO.6 TO THE TOWN OF RINDGE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: Rescind the existing Wireless Telecommunication Facility Ordinance and adopt a new Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance in its place. The new Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance regulates telecommunications facilities according to zoning district; establishes six (6) specific classes of telecommunications facilities; clarifies existing definitions and adds new definitions; and clarifies the criteria for Planning Board approval of telecommunication facilities.

This Article was proposed by the Planning Board and is a complete overhaul of the Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance in order to streamline the permitting process for wireless communication facilities and make the Town's regulations governing them consistent with current communications technology.

8. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) for the purpose of financing the renovation of and an addition to the Fire Station; such 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 project 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) (Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 1 in favor, 4 opposed)

A "yes" vote would authorize the renovation of and an addition to the existing fire station. There would be no tax impact in 2011. A 20-year bond, at 5%, would add approximately \$.31 on the tax rate, which translates to \$62 on a \$200,000 house the first year. The tax impact would lessen each year thereafter (see bond schedule). Recommended by the CIP Committee.

9. 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 Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million Five Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$3,564,730) 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. (Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 0 in favor, 3 opposed) (Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 2 in favor, 2 opposed)

A "yes" vote would approve the operating budget of \$3,300,000. The Selectmen proposed an operating budget of \$3,597,203, but it was amended at the Deliberative Session by a vote of 115 to 84. The Town has been operating on a default budget for the past three years. The operating budget would reduce the tax rate by \$.55, which translates to \$110 on a \$200,000 house. The default budget would add \$.19 to the tax rate, which translates to \$38 on a \$200,000 house. Note: the Budget Advisory Committee's recommendation was made prior to the Deliberative Session and was not revised after the budget was amended.

10. 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 fund projects including the bell tower restoration and exterior painting? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 5 in favor, 0 opposed)

A “yes” vote would add \$25,000 to the savings account for the Meetinghouse. The current balance is less than \$20,000. The Meetinghouse Oversight Committee has identified exterior painting and bell tower repair as priorities, which will cost approximately \$140,000 to complete. This would add approximately \$.05 on the tax rate, which translates to \$10 on a \$200,000 house. Recommended by the CIP Committee.

11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to purchase a field maintenance utility vehicle for the Recreation Department? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 4 in favor, 1 opposed)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of a utility vehicle, such as a Gator, for the Recreation Department to use for field maintenance. It will be used to drag the infields and haul lime and other materials around. This would add approximately \$.02 on the tax rate, which translates to \$4 on a \$200,000 house. Recommended by the CIP Committee.

12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of purchasing a cruiser for the Police Department, said sum to be withdrawn from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 5 in favor, 0 opposed)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of a cruiser for the Police Department, to replace one of the existing cruisers which has over 180,000 miles on it. If this article is approved and the operating budget is defeated, the Department would reduce its fleet from 6 cruisers to 5 cruisers. This would have no tax impact, since the money is already in the Police Department savings account. Recommended by the CIP Committee.

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, said sum to come from the fund balance (“surplus”)? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 5 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of a radio repeater for the Police Department to improve communications in the southeastern part of Town, where coverage is poor. This article will have no tax impact, since the moneys will come from the town’s fund balance (“surplus”). Recommended by the CIP Committee.

14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing a fully equipped first response vehicle for the Fire Department, said sum to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 2 in favor, 3 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of fully equipped first response vehicle for the Fire Department. The Fire Chief would drive this vehicle, and the Chief’s truck would be used by the Firefighter/EMT and officers of the Department. They had been using a retired police cruiser, but

it was taken off the road last year because it was no longer road-worthy. Use of this vehicle would be more efficient and cost effective than using fire apparatus. This article will have no tax impact, since the moneys would come from the Fire Department's equipment savings account. Recommended by the CIP Committee.

15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000) for the purpose of purchasing a plow truck with a plow, sander, and associated accessories, and authorize the withdrawal of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 4 in favor, 1 opposed.)

A "yes" vote would authorize the purchase of a plow truck with a plow, sander, and associated accessories to replace an 18-year-old plow truck that breaks down often. \$55,000 would come from the Highway Department's savings account, leaving \$100,000 to be raised by taxation. This would add approximately \$.18 on the tax rate, which translates to \$36 on a \$200,000 house. Recommended by the CIP Committee.

16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 3 in favor, 2 opposed.)

A "yes" vote would add \$35,000 to the savings account for the 2015 Revaluation. The cost will be approximately \$180,000 (that's what we paid for the 2005 revaluation, which included the statistical update and the measure/list). This would add approximately \$.06 on the tax rate, which translates to \$12 on a \$200,000 house. Recommended by the CIP Committee.

17. Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Rindge on March 8, 2005, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? (3/5 vote required)

A "yes" vote would authorize a return to the traditional Town Meeting form of government. Ballot voting would be required for election of officers, zoning articles, and certain other articles required by law. All other articles would be discussed, debated, and voted on at the annual town meeting. A 60% vote is required for passage of this article.

18. Shall the town provide for the appointment of up to 3 alternate members to the Budget Advisory Committee? Alternates shall be appointed by the Budget Advisory Committee for a term of 3 years.

A "yes" vote would authorize the Budget Advisory Committee to appoint up to 3 alternates to the Budget Advisory Committee. This would increase the likelihood of having a quorum at meetings.

19. Shall the town accept the provision of RSA 202-A:4(c) providing that the town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing the Library Trustees of the public

Library to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? This authorization will remain in effect indefinitely, until specific recession of such authority.

Proposed by the Library Trustees. A “yes” vote would authorize the Library Trustees to attempt to acquire and expend funds from outside the town budget.

20. Shall the town accept the provision of RSA 202-A:4(d), permitting the Library Trustees of the public Library to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, that may be offered to the Library for any public purpose? This authorization will remain in effect indefinitely, until specific recession of such authority.

Proposed by the Library Trustees. A “yes” vote would authorize the Library Trustees to accept gifts of personal property that are offered directly to the Library.

21. Shall the town accept the provision of RSA 202-A:11(a), permitting the public Library to retain in a non-lapsing fund all money it receives from its income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies, and income-generating equipment? This authorization will remain in effect indefinitely, until specific recession of such authority.

Proposed by the Library Trustees. A “yes” vote would authorize the Library Trustees to retain, for use in the Library, monies that it receives directly, such as funds from use of the coy machine or the fax machine.

22. Shall the town vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to fund the Tree Replacement Policy, as approved by the Board of Selectmen, with future revenue acquired from timber harvests on Conservation land after covering costs associated with forest management?

A “yes” vote would authorize the Conservation Commission to use the revenue from timber harvests to fund future tree replacements on town property.

23. Shall the town vote to approve Scott’s Lane (approximately .5 miles) as an official town road? (By Petition)

A “yes” vote would make Scott’s Lane a town road. This road, located off NH Rt. 119 East, was built by a private developer. It meets town specifications, but the Roadway Committee recommended and the Board of Selectmen voted not to accept it as a town road, because maintenance costs were not included in the 2010 budget.

TOWN OF RINDGE
WARRANT SUMMARY SHEET
March 8, 2011 – 2nd Session Town Meeting

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

SELECTMAN - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Samuel R. Seppala

Write-in _____

TREASURER - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Kork Little

Write-in _____

TAX COLLECTOR - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Carol E. Donovan

Write-in _____

TOWN CLERK - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Nancy A. S. Martin

Write-in _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Roberta D. Gordenstein

Write-in _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEE - 1 YR

Vote for no more than one

Arianne Miller

Write-in _____

PLANNING BOARD - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than two

Kirk L. Stenersen

Jesse Hoard

Kim McCummings

Write-in _____

Write-in _____

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS - 1 YR

Vote for no more than one

Jeannete G. Gutteridge

Write-in _____

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 3 YRS

Vote for no more than two

Aaron Seppala

Daniel T. Aho

Kork Little

Write-in _____

Write-in _____

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 1 YR

Vote for no more than one

Write-in _____

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Vote for no more than one

William W. Thomas

Ben Asaff

Write-in _____

2	Permit Churches	Yes	_____	No	_____	13	Police Radio Repeater	Yes	_____	No	_____
3	Conditional Use Permits	Yes	_____	No	_____	14	Fire First Response Vehicle	Yes	_____	No	_____
4	Gateway District Addition	Yes	_____	No	_____	15	Plow Truck	Yes	_____	No	_____
5	Renumber & Reorder Ord.	Yes	_____	No	_____	16	Revaluation Capital Reserve	Yes	_____	No	_____
6	Sign Ordinance	Yes	_____	No	_____	17	Rescind SB2	Yes	_____	No	_____
7	Wireless Telecom. Ordin.	Yes	_____	No	_____	18	Alternates for BAC	Yes	_____	No	_____
8	Fire Station Bond	Yes	_____	No	_____	19	Library - Revenue	Yes	_____	No	_____
9	Operating Budget	Yes	_____	No	_____	20	Library Gifts	Yes	_____	No	_____
10	Meetinghouse Fund	Yes	_____	No	_____	21	Library- Income	Yes	_____	No	_____
11	Rec. Utility Vehicle	Yes	_____	No	_____	22	Tree Replacement	Yes	_____	No	_____
12	Police Cruiser	Yes	_____	No	_____	23	Accept Scott's Lane	Yes	_____	No	_____