

TOWN OF RANGELEY
SELECTMEN'S TOWN MEETING WARRANT
July 14, 2020

Franklin, ss State of Maine

To: Russell French, A Police Officer in the Town of Rangeley, in said County of Franklin, State of Maine.

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rangeley, in said County and State, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the **Rangeley Town Office** in said Town on **Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:45 a.m.** in the forenoon then and there to act on Article A1 and by secret ballot on Article A2 to ORD4 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ARTICLE A1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting and to permit the moderator to appoint an alternate if necessary.

ARTICLE A2: To elect under the provisions of Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. § 2528, the following Town Officers: two Selectmen, for terms of three years; two Sewer Commission members for terms of three years and one Sewer Commission member for a term of one year; one Park Commission member for a terms of three years; one RSU #78 School Board member for a term of three years and two RSU #78 School Board members for two years; one Budget Committee member for a term of three years and three Budget Committee members for two year terms.

To vote by ballot the following warrant articles for the ensuing year in accordance with Title 30-A Section 2528, of the Revised Statutes of Maine for the year 1964 and amendments thereto.

BUSINESS ARTICLES

ARTICLE B1: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to fix two dates when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable and after which interest shall accrue.

RECOMMENDATIONS: First Installment: September 1, 2020
 Second Installment: February 1, 2021

ARTICLE B2: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will set a rate of 7 % interest to be assessed by the Town after the due dates on delinquent taxes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Article to pass. Interest Rate 7 % per-annum to be assessed by the Town on delinquent tax payments (pursuant to MRSA § 36, Section 505.4).

ARTICLE B3: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes. No interest is to be paid on prepayment of taxes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B4: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will set a rate of 7% interest to be assessed on unpaid sewer charges.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B5: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to close all Fiscal Year 2019/2020 overdrafts to fund balance.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B6: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper and return funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales if applicable.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B7: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to rent, sell, and/or dispose of any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable and execute Municipal Quit Claim Deeds for the same. Except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36-M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s). Also, to authorize the Selectmen to keep any parcel or part thereof for municipal purposes and use.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B8: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B9: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to set a rate of 3% interest to be paid on abated taxes and/or abated sewer service charges.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass. Interest Rate 3% per-annum to be paid on abated taxes and/or sewer service charges (pursuant to MRSA 36 Section 506-A).

ARTICLE B10: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to appropriate tax abatements and applicable interest out of overlay.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B11: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts and cash donations and to appropriate said gifts and donations for the purpose designated.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B12: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account. The express purpose of this Article is to allow the continuation of ongoing Voter approved programs.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B13: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to enter into leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B14: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to apply for and/or accept funds from any grant opportunities, pursuant to the Grant Policy of the Town of Rangeley, that they deem beneficial to the Town of Rangeley and to appropriate funds to their designated purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B15: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will authorize monies to be expended from the Cemetery Fund(s), as prescribed by policy, ordinance and/or law (if any apply), with the sole intent of care and maintenance of the Town of Rangeley Cemeteries.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

ARTICLE B16: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Rangeley Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on conditions that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club under such terms and conditions as the Municipal officers may deem advisable for that purpose.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

ARTICLE B17: To see what sum of money, if any, pursuant to the undesignated fund balance policy, the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate from surplus as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

ARTICLE B18: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to appropriate all motor vehicle excise tax revenue to the dedicated Roads Capital Improvements Fund for future road projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

ARTICLE B19: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to authorize the municipal officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of last year's annual budget during the period from July 1, 2019 to October 1, 2020 or until a budget is passed for the 2020-2021 year in the event any budget fails **FOR ESSENTIAL SERVICES ONLY**. *

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

ARTICLE B20: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote on all warrant articles by Secret Ballot at the 2021 Town Meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

**TRANSFERS OUT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT &
RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES**

ARTICLE C1: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$380,000 for the Capital Reserve Budget.*

	2018-2019	2019-2020	<u>Request</u>
A. Fire Dept Reserve	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
B. Public Works Reserve	\$20,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
C. Police Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
D. General Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
E. Technology Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
F. Sewer Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
G. Airport Reserve	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
H. Cemetery Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
I. Economic Reserve	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$0
J. Downtown Revitalization	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
K. Solid Waste Reserve	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
L. <u>Town Park Reserve</u>	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
	\$210,000	\$380,000	\$330,000

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board of Selectmen Recommends: \$350,000 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$350,000 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE C2: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend monies from Reserve Accounts for their intended purposes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend article to pass
 Budget Committee recommend article to pass

ARTICLE C3: To see if the voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,400 for the express use of Capital Equipment. *

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$5,400 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommend \$5,400 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE C4: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for the express use of Capital Infrastructure. *

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommend \$2,000 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommend \$2,000 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE C5: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 for the express use of the Rangeley Health Ride.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommend \$5,000 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee \$5,000 Vote: 5-0

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2020-2021</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Selectmen / Legislative	\$103,443	\$74,907	\$82,683
B. Administration	\$211,381	\$186,988	\$205,316
C. Assessor	\$75,735	\$76,188	\$76,419
D. Finance	\$153,816	\$166,186	\$144,197
E. Planning	\$128,021	\$141,826	\$136,085
F. Buildings - Town Hall	\$40,763	\$38,121	\$38,055
G. Buildings - Public Safety	\$90,273	\$86,235	\$85,362
H. Town Clerk	\$78,796	\$82,200	\$82,497
I. Property/Casualty Insurance		<u>\$47,624</u>	<u>\$51,674</u>
	\$882,228	\$900,275	\$902,288

ARTICLE EX1: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$82,683 for Selectmen/Legislative.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$82,683 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$82,683 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX2: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$205,316 for Administration.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$ 205,316 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$ 205,316 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX3: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$76,419 for Assessor.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$ 76,419 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$ 76,419 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX4: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$144,197 for Finance.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$144,197 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$144,197 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX11: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$296,827 for Police Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$296,827 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
Budget Committee recommends \$296,827 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX12: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,067 for Animal Control.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$5,067 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
Budget Committee recommends \$5,067 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX13: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$64,436 for E.M.S.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$64,436 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
Budget Committee recommends \$64,436 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX14: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$146,295 for fire hydrants.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$146,295 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
Budget Committee recommends \$146,295 Vote: 5-0

	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Highways	\$771,895	\$743,263	\$711,540
B. Sanitary Sewers	\$531,910	\$525,020	\$521,857
C. Solid Waste	\$334,962	\$386,855	\$380,376
D. Airport	\$41,457	\$43,212	\$42,494
E. Parks & Recreation	\$229,361	\$228,438	\$225,143
F. Cemeteries	\$37,658	\$37,803	\$37,583
G. Public Services Director	\$107,903	\$107,903	\$106,215
	\$1,947,243	\$2,072,494	\$2,025,208

ARTICLE EX15: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$711,540 for Highways.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$711,540 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
Budget Committee recommends \$711,540 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX16: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$521,857 for Sanitary Sewers.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$521,857 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
Budget Committee recommends \$521,857 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX17: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$380,376 for Solid Waste.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$380,376 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
Budget Committee recommends \$380,376 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX18: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$42,494 for Airport.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$42,494 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$42,494 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX19: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$225,143 for Parks and Recreation.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$225,143 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$225,143 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX20: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$37,583 for Cemeteries.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$37,583 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$37,583 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX21: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$106,215 for Public Services Director.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$106,215 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$106,215 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX22: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$33,156 for Public Facilities Maintenance.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$33,156 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$33,156 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX23: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$12,550 for Culture.*

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$12,550 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee \$12,550 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX24: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for General Assistance.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$2,000 Vote: 4-0-1 (Nuttall Absent)
 Budget Committee recommends \$2,000 Vote: 5-0

DONATION REQUEST ARTICLES

Note: All requests in excess of \$5,000.00 are by Citizen Petition

ARTICLE DN1: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for the Rangeley Housing Development Corporation Meal Site.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN2: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,600 for the Rangeley Lakes Cross Country Ski Club to support its operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN3: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust Water Quality Protection and Invasive Plants program.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN4: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Rangeley Family Medicine.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN5: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for the Maine Forestry Museum.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN6: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for Trail Maintenance and Grooming of the snowmobile trail system in the Rangeley area by the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation
*Snowmobile Club reduced request by \$10K

ARTICLE DN7: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 exclusively for Marketing and Advertising of Rangeley by the Rangeley Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN8: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,272 for the Rangeley Public Library.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation
*Rangeley Public Library reduced request by 25%

ARTICLE DN9: To see what sum, if any, Rangeley voters will raise/appropriate and or transfer moneys to support the Rangeley Region Health and Wellness Partnership for the ensuing year. The request is for \$12,591. RHW services the Town of Rangeley, Plantations of Dallas, Sandy River, Lincoln, Coplin, Rangeley, Magalloway; some areas under Franklin and Oxford County Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN10: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Life Flight.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN11: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,999 for the non-profit Rangeley Community Radio, WRGY, for the following purposes: Licensing fees, signal streaming, and general station operations.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN12: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for AWAP.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN13: The Rangeley Friends of the Arts (RFA) is asking the Town of Rangeley to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for operational support of an After School Arts program at the Rangeley Lakeside Theater for the benefit of students in grades 5-12.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN14: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Red Cross.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN15: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$100 for Maine Public Radio.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN16: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$200 for Community Concepts.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN17: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$3,000 for SeniorsPlus.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN18: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Oquossoc ATV Club.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN19: To see what sum, if any, Rangeley voters will raise/appropriate and or transfer moneys to support the Rangeley Regjon Health and Wellness Partnership Behavioral Health Coordinator program. The request is for \$10,000. RHW services the Town of Rangeley, Plantations of Dallas, Sandy River, Lincoln, Coplin, Rangeley, Magalloway; some areas under Franklin and Oxford County Commissioners.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN20: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$5000 Greater Franklin Development Council.

REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

ARTICLE RV1: To see if the voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to appropriate funds from non-property tax revenues for the approved articles in EX1 through DN20 inclusive, and the remainder to be raised by property taxation. *

Estimated Revenues: \$ _____

ORDINANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE ORD1: Shall the voters of the Town of Rangeley adopt proposed amendments to Chapter 38 Zoning, Article 38.4, Rt. 17 Split Overlay District to allow property owners to have accessory structures without primary residents?

PROPERY AQUISITION ARTICLES

ARTICLE PA1: Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to purchase a parcel of land containing 1.8 acres more or less situated at 10 Depot Street, Rangeley, Maine and shown on the Town’s tax maps at Map 38, Lot 13 for the price of \$110,000, a one-time payment from the Fund Balance?

Given under our hands this ___ day of _____, 2020.

RANGELEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Stephen Philbrick, Chairman

Donald Nuttall, Vice Chairman

David Burgess

Cynthia Egan

Ethan Shaffer

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