

TOWN OF RANGELEY
SELECTMEN'S TOWN MEETING WARRANT
June 8, 2021

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, June 8, 2021 at 7:45 a.m.** in the forenoon then and there to act on Article A1 and by secret ballot on Article A2 to ORD2 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: one Selectman, for a term of three years; two Park Commission members for a term of three years; one RSU #78 School Board member for a term of three years; one RSU #78 School Board member for a term of two years; three Budget Committee members for terms of three years and three Budget Committee members for a term of two years.

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, 2021
Second Installment: February 1, 2022

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 2020/2021 overdrafts from 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.

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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 if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to authorize the municipal officers to appropriate from surplus a sum not to exceed \$25,000, pursuant to the undesignated fund balance policy, as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2022.

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 annual loan payments for completed and 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, 2021 to October 1, 2021 or until a budget is passed for the 2021-2022 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 2022 Town Meeting. *

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

ARTICLE B21: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to combine the existing funds in the Economic Development Reserve Account with the existing funds in the Downtown Revitalization Reserve Account and to simultaneously create a new reserve account to be named Downtown Revitalization and Economic Development Reserve Account.

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

ARTICLE B22: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter discussions with Sandy River Plantation, Dallas Plantation, and Rangeley Plantation for the purpose of drafting an interlocal agreement which would allow the four communities to work cooperatively to fund and contract for broadband fiber to the premise in the region and to then bring the agreement to a future town meeting for final approval.

RECOMMENDATION: 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 \$120,000 for the Capital Reserve Budget.*

	2019-2020	2020-2021	<u>Request</u>
A. Fire Dept Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
B. Public Works Reserve	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$25,000
C. General Reserve	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
D. Police Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
E. Technology Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
F. Sewer Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
G. Economic Reserve	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
H. Downtown Revitalization	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000
I. Solid Waste Reserve	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
J. Cemetery Reserve	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
K. Town Park Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
	\$355,000	\$330,000	\$120,000

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board of Selectmen Recommends: \$120,000 Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee Recommends: \$120,000 Vote: Agreed with \$120,000

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 \$282,478 for the express use of Capital Roads. *

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$282,478 Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee recommends \$282,478 Vote: 4-0

ARTICLE C4: To see if the voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$50,600 for the express use of Capital Equipment. *

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$50,600 Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee recommend \$50,600 Vote: 4-0

ARTICLE EX5: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$160,332 for Planning.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$160,332 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$160,332 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX6: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$51,933 for Buildings – Town Hall.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$51,933 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$51,933 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX7: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$83,569 for Buildings – Public Safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$83,569 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$83,569 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX8: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$77,302 for Town Clerk.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$77,302 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$77,302 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX9: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$55,317 for Property/Casualty Insurance.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$55,317 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$55,317 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX10: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$15,000 for Tax Increment Financing District administration.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$15,000 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommend \$15,000 Vote: 3-0

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Fire and Rescue	\$242,732	\$323,253	\$284,280
B. Police Department	\$300,858	\$296,827	\$288,331
C. Animal Control	\$5,066	\$5,067	\$5,591
D. E.M.S.	\$67,518	\$64,436	\$66,495
E. Fire Hydrants	\$142,450	\$146,295	\$146,295
F. Health Officer	\$0	\$0	\$3,869
	\$758,624	\$835,878	\$794,861

ARTICLE EX11: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$284,280 for Fire and Rescue.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$284,280 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$284,280 Vote: 2-0-1

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ARTICLE EX12: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$288,331 for Police Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$288,331 Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee recommends \$288,331 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX13: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,591 for Animal Control.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$5,591 Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee recommends \$5,591 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX14: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$66,495 for E.M.S.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$66,495 Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee recommends \$66,495 Vote: 4-0

ARTICLE EX15: 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: 5-0
Budget Committee recommends \$146,295 Vote: 4-0

ARTICLE EX 16: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,869 for Health Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$3,869 Vote 5-0
Budget Committee recommend \$3,869 Vote 3-0

	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	2021-2022 <u>Request</u>
A. Highways	\$743,263	\$711,540	\$723,432
B. Sanitary Sewers	\$525,020	\$521,857	\$514,406
C. Solid Waste	\$386,855	\$380,376	\$402,398
D. Airport	\$43,212	\$42,494	\$41,941
E. Parks & Recreation	\$228,438	\$225,143	\$224,558
F. Cemeteries	\$37,803	\$37,583	\$52,150
G. Public Services Director	\$107,903	\$106,215	\$109,554
	\$2,072,494	\$2,025,208	\$2,068,439

ARTICLE EX17: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$723,432 for Highways.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$723,432 Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee recommends \$723,432 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX18: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$514,406 for Sanitary Sewers.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$514,406 Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee recommends \$514,406 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX19: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$402,398 for Solid Waste.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$402,398 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$402,398 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX20: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$41,941 for Airport.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$41,941 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$41,941 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX21: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$224,558 for Parks and Recreation.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$224,558 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$224,558 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX22: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$52,150 for Cemeteries.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$52,150 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$52,150 Vote: 4-0

ARTICLE EX23: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$109,554 for Public Services Director.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$109,554 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$109,554 Vote: 3-0

ARTICLE EX24: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$32,962 for Public Facilities Maintenance.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$32,962 Vote: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$32,962 Vote: 4-0

ARTICLE EX25: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$12,050 for Culture.*

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$12,050 Vote: 4-0
 Budget Committee \$20,050 Vote: 4-0

ARTICLE EX26: 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: 5-0
 Budget Committee recommends \$2,000 Vote: 4-0

DONATION REQUEST ARTICLES

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

ARTICLE DN1: 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 DN2: 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 DN3: 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 DN4: 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 DN5: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 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

ARTICLE DN6: 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 DN7: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,029 for the Rangeley Public Library.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

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ARTICLE DN8: 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 \$11,332. 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 DN9: 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 DN10: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,750 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 DN11: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$750 for AWAP.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN12: 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 DN13: 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 DN14: 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 DN15: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$2000 for Community Concepts.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN16: 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 DN17: 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 DN18: 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 DN19: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$750 to Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN20: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$500 to Tri-County Mental Health Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN21: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$531 to Western Maine Transportation Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation
Budget Committee no recommendation

ARTICLE DN22: 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

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: \$ 796,475

ORDINANCE ARTICLES

ARTICLE ORD1: Shall the voters of the Town of Rangeley adopt proposed amendments to Chapter 30 Sewer Ordinance. *

ARTICLE ORD2: Shall the voters of the Town of Rangeley adopt the proposed amendment to Chapter 26, Fire Department Ordinance. *

Given under our hands this ___ day of _____, 2021.

RANGELEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Stephen Philbrick, Chairman

Cynthia Egan, Vice Chairman

David Haley

Shelly Lowell

Ethan Shaffer