

TOWN OF RANGELEY
SELECTMEN'S TOWN MEETING WARRANT
June 14, 2022

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 14, 2022 at 7:45 a.m.** in the forenoon then and there to act by secret ballot on Article A1 to RV1 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ARTICLE A1: To elect a moderator to serve for the annual meeting, and to permit the moderator to appoint an alternate, as 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 Park Commission members for terms of three years; two RSU #78 School Board members for terms of two years; two Sewer Commission members for terms of three years; three Budget Committee members for terms of three years and three Budget Committee members for terms 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: Shall the Town fix the following two dates when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable, and after which interest shall accrue?

First Installment: September 1, 2022
Second Installment: February 1, 2023

ARTICLE B2: Shall Town set a rate of 4 % interest to be assessed by the Town after the due dates on delinquent taxes?

ARTICLE B3: Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes? No interest is to be paid on prepayment of taxes.

ARTICLE B4: Shall a rate of 4% interest be assessed on unpaid sewer charges?

ARTICLE B5: Shall all Fiscal Year 2021/2022 overdrafts be closed from fund balance?

ARTICLE B6: Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized, 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 to return funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales if applicable?

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ARTICLE B7: Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to (1) 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); or (2) to keep any parcel or part thereof for municipal purposes and use?

ARTICLE B8: Shall the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow in anticipation of taxes?

ARTICLE B9: Shall a rate of 3% interest to be paid on abated taxes and/or abated sewer service charges pursuant to MRSA 36 Section 506-A?

ARTICLE B10: Shall tax abatements and applicable interest be appropriated out of overlay?

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass.

ARTICLE B11: Shall the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, and cash donations, and to appropriate said gifts and donations for the purpose designated?

ARTICLE B12: Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized 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: Shall the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager be authorized to enter into leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate?

ARTICLE B14: Shall the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager be authorized 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: Shall the Town 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: Shall the Town 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: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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 2023?

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

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ARTICLE B18: Shall the Town 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: Shall the Town 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, 2022, to October 1, 2022, or until a budget is passed for the 2022-2023 year in the event any budget article fails, where such expenditure is legally required or necessary to provide an essential service. *

ARTICLE B20: Shall the Town vote on all warrant articles by Secret Ballot at the 2023 (Fiscal Year 2024) Town Meeting? *

ARTICLE B21: Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to expend up to \$50,000 from the first installment of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (*aka* American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) from the federal government for the purpose of providing a one-time retroactive premium payment to employees who worked during the Covid-19 State of Emergency? *

RECOMMENDATIONS: The article to pass

ARTICLE B22: Shall the Town vote to join the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) as a Participating Local District effective July 1, 2022, and:

- a.) To offer Special Plan 2C to its full-time police officers and firefighters who work at least 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year.
- b.) To offer Regular Plan AC to all other full-time employees who work at least 40 hours per week, 52 weeks per year.
- c.) To exclude all other employees who work less than full-time, including its elected/appointed officials, from participating in MainePERS.
- d.) To allow its eligible employees who are currently employed by the Town on July 1, 2022, who elect to join MainePERS, to purchase credit for any and all years of prior service upon the employee's full payment of all associated costs. The Town will not participate in the purchase of prior service and so employees are responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service.
- e.) To adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. §18252-C as enacted by PL 2021, Chapter 286 as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 for its non-participating employees with optional membership who previously declined to participate in MainePERS ("eligible employees") and to comply with the following requirements:
 - i. Beginning in 2022, to annually offer eligible employees who have been employed for less than 5 years, and in 2022 eligible employees who had reached 5 years of employment between November 1, 2021, and November 1, 2022, the opportunity to join MainePERS on a prospective basis during an open enrollment period from September 1st through November 1st and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each election made by eligible employees under this provision: and
 - ii. To withhold employee contributions for employees who join under this provision on an after-tax basis and to remit them to MainePERS.
- f.) To authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement between the Town and Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

ARTICLE B23: Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take any actions and execute any documents necessary to enter a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase agreement for the purchase of a Pumper Truck at the total cost not to exceed \$750,000*, with a term not to exceed 7 years, reserving in the Board of Selectmen the discretion and authority to set the further terms of said agreement? *

RECOMMENDATIONS: Citizen Petition

**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 \$180,000 for the Capital Reserve Budget. *

	2020-2021	2021-2022	<u>Request</u>
A. Fire Dept Reserve	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
B. Public Works Reserve	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
C. Police Reserve	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
D. Technology Reserve	\$25,000	\$0	\$0
E. Sewer Reserve	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
F. Downtown Revitalization	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$0
G. Solid Waste Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
H. Cemetery Reserve	\$15,000	\$0	\$25,000
I. <u>Town Park Reserve</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
	\$330,000	\$120,000	\$180,000

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board of Selectmen Recommends: \$180,000 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE C2: Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to expend monies from Reserve Accounts for their intended purposes?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend article to pass

ARTICLE C3: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$7,000 for the express use of Capital Equipment? *

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$7,000 Vote: 3-2

ARTICLE C4: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,000 for the express use of the Rangeley Health Ride?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommend \$5,000 Vote: 5-0

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Selectmen / Legislative	\$82,683	\$85,153	\$80,060
B. Administration	\$205,316	\$219,402	\$223,844
C. Assessor	\$76,419	\$76,977	\$77,402
D. Finance	\$144,197	\$149,506	\$151,466
E. Planning	\$136,085	\$160,332	\$133,586
F. Buildings - Town Hall	\$38,055	\$51,933	\$76,474
G. Buildings - Public Safety	\$85,362	\$83,569	\$82,100
H. Town Clerk	\$82,497	\$77,302	\$64,719
I. Property/Casualty Insurance	\$51,674	\$55,317	\$58,895
J. TIF	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
	\$900,275	\$974,691	\$963,546

ARTICLE EX1: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$80,060 for Selectmen/Legislative?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$80,060 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX2: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$223,844 for Administration?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$223,844 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX3: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$77,402 for Assessor?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$77,402 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX4: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$151,466 for Finance?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$151,466 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX5: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$133,586 for Planning?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$133,586 Vote: 4-1

ARTICLE EX6: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$76,474 for Buildings – Town Hall?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$76,474 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX7: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$82,100 for Buildings – Public Safety?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$82,100 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX8: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$64,719 for Town Clerk?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$64,719 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX9: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$58,895 for Property/Casualty Insurance?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$58,895 Vote: 5-0

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ARTICLE EX10: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$15,000 for Tax Increment Financing District administration?

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

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Fire and Rescue	\$323,253	\$284,280	\$287,128
B. Police Department	\$296,827	\$288,331	\$337,182
C. Animal Control	\$5,067	\$5,591	\$5,708
D. E.M.S.	\$64,436	\$66,495	\$70,507
E. Fire Hydrants	\$146,295	\$146,295	\$149,955
F. Health Officer	\$0	\$3,869	\$3,950
	<u>\$835,878</u>	<u>\$794,861</u>	<u>\$854,430</u>

ARTICLE EX11: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$287,128 for Fire and Rescue?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$287,128 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX12: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$337,182 for Police Department?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$337,182 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX13: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,708 for Animal Control?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$5,708 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX14: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$70,507 for E.M.S.?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$70,507 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX15: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$149,955 for Fire Hydrants?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$149,955 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$3,950 for Health Officer?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$3,950 Vote: 5-0

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Highways	\$711,540	\$723,432	\$1,007,811
B. Sanitary Sewers	\$521,857	\$514,406	\$521,607
C. Solid Waste	\$380,376	\$402,398	\$452,788
D. Airport	\$42,494	\$41,941	\$41,785
E. Parks & Recreation	\$225,143	\$224,558	\$238,941
F. Cemeteries	\$37,583	\$52,150	\$51,818
G. Public Services Director	\$106,215	\$109,554	\$112,576
	<u>\$2,025,208</u>	<u>\$2,068,439</u>	<u>\$2,427,326</u>

ARTICLE EX17: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,007,811 for Highways?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$1,007,811 Vote: 5-0

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ARTICLE EX18: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$521,607 for Sanitary Sewers?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$521,607 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX19: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$452,788 for Solid Waste?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$452,788 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX20: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$41,785 for Airport?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$41,785 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX21: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$238,941 for Parks and Recreation?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$238,941 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX22: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$51,818 for Cemeteries?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$51,818 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX23: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$112,576 for Public Services Director?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$112,576 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX24: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$35,117 for Public Facilities Maintenance?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$35,117 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX25: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$25,550 for Culture? *

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$25,550 Vote: 4-1

ARTICLE EX26: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for General Assistance?

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen recommend \$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 \$9,600 for the Rangeley Lakes Cross Country Ski Club to support its operation.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation

ARTICLE DN2: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust Water Quality Protection and Invasive Plants program.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation

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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

ARTICLE DN4: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Maine Forestry Museum.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen 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

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

ARTICLE DN7: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$44,581 for the Rangeley Public Library.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation

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 \$10,199

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation

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 for the Behavioral Health Coordinator service. The request is for \$10,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen 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

ARTICLE DN11: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for Safe Voices.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen 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 5-9.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen 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

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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

ARTICLE DN15: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$200 for Community Concepts.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen 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

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

ARTICLE DN18: 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

ARTICLE DN19: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$531 to Western Maine Transportation Services.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation

ARTICLE DN20: 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

ARTICLE DN21: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,750 for the Rangeley Community Radio Project for the 2022/23 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen no recommendation

REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

ARTICLE RV1: Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds from non-property tax revenues for the approved articles in EX1 through DN19, which includes \$275,000 from unassigned fund balance, and the remainder to be raised by property taxation. *

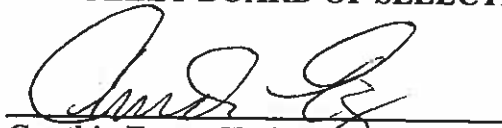
Estimated Revenues: \$1,063,675

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Given under our hands this 2nd day of May, 2022.

RANGELEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN:



Cynthia Egan, Chairman



Shelly Lowell, Vice-Chairman

Stephen Philbrick



Ethan Shaffer



Ethna Thompson