

TOWN OF RANGELEY
SELECTMEN'S TOWN MEETING WARRANT
June 13, 2023

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 13, 2023 at 7:45 a.m.** in the forenoon then and there to act by secret ballot on Article A1 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 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; one RSU #78 School Board member for a term of three years; one RSU #78 School Board member for a term of two years; two Sewer Commission members for terms of three years; three Budget Committee members for terms of three years; two Budget Committee members for terms of two years, and one Budget Committee member for a term of one year.

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, 2023
Second Installment: February 1, 2024

ARTICLE B2: Shall the Town set a rate of 8% 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 8% interest be assessed on unpaid sewer charges?

ARTICLE B5: Shall all Fiscal Year 2022/2023 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 4% 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?

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: 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?

RECOMMENDATION: 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?

RECOMMENDATION: 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 Lakes 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?

RECOMMENDATION: 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 2024?

RECOMMENDATION: 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?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

ARTICLE B19: Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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, 2023, to October 1, 2023, or until a budget is passed for the 2023-2024 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 2024 (Fiscal Year 2025) Town Meeting? *

ARTICLE B21: Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to expend the remaining funds (\$68,621.61 plus any interest accrued) received from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, *aka* the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), from the Federal Government for the purpose of purchasing and installing a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system from the Wastewater Treatment Facility?

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 \$395,000 for the Capital Reserve Budget. *

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Fire Dept Reserve	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
B. Public Works Reserve	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$75,000
C. Police Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
D. Technology Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0
E. Sewer Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
F. Downtown Revitalization	\$25,000	\$0	\$70,000
G. Solid Waste Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
H. Cemetery Reserve	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
I. Town Park Reserve	\$0	\$10,000	\$50,000
	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$180,000</u>	<u>\$395,000</u>

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen Recommends: \$395,000 Vote: 5-0

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

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends article to pass

ARTICLE C3: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$35,000 for the express use of Capital Equipment? *

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$35,000 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE C4: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,500 for the express use of the Rangeley Health Ride?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommend \$5,500 Vote: 5-0

EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024 Request</u>
A. Selectmen / Legislative	\$85,153	\$80,060	\$94,208
B. Administration	\$219,402	\$223,844	\$310,032
C. Assessor	\$76,977	\$77,402	\$77,722
D. Finance	\$149,506	\$151,466	\$111,371
E. Planning	\$160,332	\$133,586	\$164,518
F. Buildings - Town Hall	\$51,933	\$76,474	\$61,515
G. Buildings - Public Safety	\$83,569	\$82,100	\$89,618
H. Town Clerk	\$77,302	\$64,719	\$64,968
I. Property/Casualty Insurance	\$55,317	\$58,895	\$72,101
J. TIF	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$11,000
	<hr/> \$974,691	<hr/> \$963,546	<hr/> \$1,057,053

ARTICLE EX1: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$94,208 for Selectmen/Legislative?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$94,208 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX2: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$310,032 for Administration?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$310,032 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX3: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$77,722 for Assessor?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$77,722 Vote: 4-0-1

ARTICLE EX4: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$111,371 for Finance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$111,371 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX5: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$164,518 for Planning?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$164,518 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX6: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$61,515 for Buildings – Town Hall?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$61,515 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX7: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$89,618 for Buildings – Public Safety?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$89,618 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX8: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$64,968 for Town Clerk?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$64,968 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX9: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$72,101 for Property/Casualty Insurance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$72,101 Vote: 4-0-1

ARTICLE EX10: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$11,000 for Tax Increment Financing District administration?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$11,000 Vote: 4-0-1

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	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Fire and Rescue	\$284,280	\$287,128	\$324,802
B. Police Department	\$288,331	\$337,182	\$352,034
C. Animal Control	\$5,591	\$5,708	\$6,281
D. E.M.S.	\$66,495	\$70,507	\$91,863
E. Fire Hydrants	\$146,295	\$149,955	\$161,989
F. Health Officer	\$3,869	\$3,950	\$4,618
	\$794,861	\$854,430	\$941,587

ARTICLE EX11: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$324,802 for Fire and Rescue?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$324,802 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX12: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$352,034 for Police Department?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$352,034 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX13: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$6,281 for Animal Control?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$6,281 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX14: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$91,863 for E.M.S.?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$91,863 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX15: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$161,989 for Fire Hydrants?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$161,989 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX 16: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$4,618 for Health Officer?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$4,618 Vote: 5-0

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Highways	\$723,432	\$1,007,811	\$1,054,434
B. Sanitary Sewers	\$514,406	\$521,607	\$456,784
C. Solid Waste	\$402,398	\$452,788	\$485,474
D. Airport	\$41,941	\$41,785	\$47,950
E. Parks & Recreation	\$224,558	\$238,941	\$358,702
F. Cemeteries	\$52,150	\$51,818	\$37,803
G. Public Services Director	\$109,554	\$112,576	\$0
	\$2,068,439	\$2,427,326	\$2,441,147

ARTICLE EX17: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$1,054,434 for Highways?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$1,054,434 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX18: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$456,784 for Sanitary Sewers?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$456,784 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX19: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$485,474 for Solid Waste?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$485,474 Vote: 5-0

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ARTICLE EX20: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$47,950 for Airport?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$47,950 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX21: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$358,702 for Parks and Recreation?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$358,702 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX22: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$37,803 for Cemeteries?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$37,803 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX23: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$34,527 for Public Facilities Maintenance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$34,527 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX24: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$16,000 for Culture? *

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends \$16,000 Vote: 5-0

ARTICLE EX25: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for General Assistance?

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

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen 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.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen no recommendation

ARTICLE DN4: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,800 for the Maine Forestry Museum.

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen no recommendation

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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.

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: 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 \$9,180.

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen no recommendation

ARTICLE DN14: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$100 for Maine Public Radio.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen no recommendation

ARTICLE DN15: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Oquossoc ATV Club.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen no recommendation

ARTICLE DN16: To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$500 to Tri-County Mental Health Services.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen no recommendation

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ARTICLE DN17: 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.

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen no recommendation

ARTICLE DN18: 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 2023/24 fiscal year.

RECOMMENDATION: 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 DN18, which includes \$500,000 from unassigned fund balance, and the remainder to be raised by property taxation. *

Estimated Revenues: \$1,368,475

RECOMMENDATIONS:


ORDINANCE ARTICLES

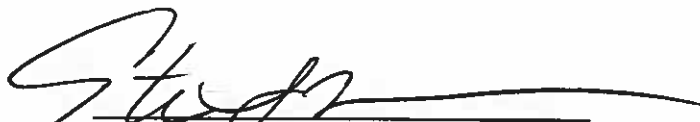
ARTICLE ORD1: Shall the voters of the Town of Rangeley repeal the current Chapter 38 Zoning Ordinance of the Town Code and replace with the proposed Chapter 38 Zoning Ordinance?

ARTICLE ORD2: Shall the voters of the Town of Rangeley adopt the proposed moratorium for Commercial Solar Arrays?


Given under our hands this 11th day of April, 2023.


RANGELEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Cynthia Egan, Chairman


Ethna Thompson, Vice-Chairman


Ethan Shaffer


Shelly Lowell


Samantha White