

CHOOSE YOUR TOWN OFFICERS

Article 1: Officers for the Year Ensuing

To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year:



(1) Board of Selectmen for 3 Years

Larry Cleveland

Forbes Farmer

Write In: _____

(2) Planning Board Members for 3 Years

Mark Hower

Matthew Olson

Curt Sauvola

Write In: _____

(2) Budget Advisory Committee Members for 3 Years

Mark Hower

Daniel Whitney

Write In: _____

(1) Zoning Board of Adjustment Members for 3 Years

Martin Kulla

Write In: _____

(1) Cemetery Trustee for 3 Years

Joseph Hannon

Paula (Candy) Philips

Anne Reed

Write In: _____

(1) Trustee of the Trust Fund for 3 Years

(2) Library Trustee for 3 Years

L. Lorraine Horne

Florence March

Write In: _____

ZONING ARTICLES (ARTICLES 2-9)

Article 2 Zoning Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 1 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows:

To amend Article III, A by adding a new first and second sentence in **bold**, as follows:

- A. **After passage of this ordinance, no building, structure, or land shall be used except for the purposes permitted in the district as specified in this ordinance. Any use not listed shall be construed as prohibited.** (Recommended by the Planning Board 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A "YES" vote would add a clause clarifying the meaning of the town ordinances as permissive.

Article 3 Zoning Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 2 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows:

To amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance, Section 2 by adding "existing" to the first sentence as shown in **bold** below, as follows:

For the purpose of providing expanded housing opportunities and flexibility in household arrangements to accommodate family members or non-related people of a permitted, **existing** owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, while maintaining aesthetics and residential use compatible with homes in the neighborhood.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A "YES" vote would clarify the existing ordinance to specifically refer to existing homes.

Article 4 Zoning Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 3 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows:

To amend Article III, N by adding the words "on the owner's property" to the first paragraph as shown in **bold** below, and removing the words "Tents do not require permits" from the second paragraph as shown in strikethrough below, as follows:

Campers, travel trailers and motor homes may be stored unoccupied **on the owner's property** in any district in the Town of Rindge for any period of time.

The Board of Selectmen may issue a permit for any residential property owner to accommodate him/herself or nonpaying guests on their property to reside in campers, travel trailers or motor homes for a period not exceeding 60 days in any one year. ~~Tents do not require permits.~~ In granting the permit, the Board of Selectmen shall take into consideration legitimate concerns raised by abutters. The units shall demonstrate that proper sanitary facilities are available, as determined by the Health Officer and all applicable life safety codes are met. No unit may be used for permanent dwelling at any time. (Recommended by the Planning Board 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A "YES" vote would clarify the ordinance to refer to personally owned campers, travel trailers and motor homes stored on the owner's property. It would also strike language referring to tent permits which are not in the purview of the Planning Board.

Article 5 Zoning Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 4 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board to amend Article III, S by deleting the words in strikethrough and adding the words in **bold** as follows:

Short Term Rentals: The rental of all or any portion of a Single-Family Dwelling, Two-Family Dwelling, or Multi-Unit Dwelling, with the exception of ~~Bed and Breakfast Facilities,~~ **Accessory Dwelling Units**, by the property owner thereof, **to any other person or group for periods of less than 30 days is a permitted commercial use provided that: Short Term Rentals shall require Site Plan approval, issuance of a Conditional Use Permit by the Planning Board and be in compliance with all local ordinances, regulations and applicable state laws and rules. Issuance of a Conditional Use Permit shall take into consideration adequate septic, water supply, adequate on site parking, maximum occupancy of up to three (3) people per bedroom, life safety inspections and other items deemed appropriate to protect public health and safety.** Acceptable rentals shall

~~include rentals for wedding parties and receptions, bachelor parties, corporate or institutional meetings, seminars, workshops, religious retreats, and events or activities for which attendance is not expected to exceed 25 people.~~

The purpose of the Amendment is to provide a new approval process for Short Term Rentals.

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5 in favor, 1 opposed.)

A "YES" vote would amend the existing ordinance to give the Planning Board more oversight in regard to short-term rentals, to comply with life and health safety standards, to ensure adequate parking, and to ensure reasonable limits on occupation.

Article 6 Zoning Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 5 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows:

To amend the Phased Development Ordinance as follows: add the words "or development" after the word

"subdivision" where it appears in Section 2(1) and in Section 3; add the words "or developments" after the word

"subdivisions" where it appears as shown in **bold** below, and revise the second sentence of Section 3 by deleting the words "are subdivisions that" to read:

This article shall apply to all major subdivision/**development** applications filed with the Rindge Planning Board. Major subdivisions/**developments** are subdivisions that create four (4) or more new dwelling units. (Recommended by the Planning Board 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A "YES" vote would amend the existing ordinance to include all residential development with multiple residential units.

Article 7 Zoning Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 6 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows:

To amend the Phased Development Ordinance to amend the Phasing Table in Section 4 by deleting the numbers shown in strikethrough and adding the numbers shown in **bold** as follows:

Number of Dwelling Units	Years	Max. Units in One Year
2 to 3 2 to 5	Not Applicable	Not applicable
4 to 6 6 to 10	2	50%
7 to 9 11 to 15	3	33%
10 to 20 16 to 20	4	25%
21 to 40	5	20%
Over 40	6 to 7	16%

(Percentages will be rounded to the nearest number)

(Recommended by the Planning Board 5 in favor, 2 opposed.)

A "YES" vote would amend the existing phasing to allow for building multiple residential units at a modest rate.

Article 8 Zoning Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 7 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows:

To amend Article XX, 11 ("Definitions") by adding the words as shown in **bold** as follows:

Dwelling Unit: One (1) or more rooms, including cooking facilities and sanitary facilities in a structure, designed as a single unit for occupancy **with permanent provisions** for living and sleeping purposes. **This use shall not be deemed to include such transient occupancies as hotels, motels, rooming, boarding houses or short-term rentals.** (Recommended by the Planning Board 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A "YES" vote would clarify the existing definition of a Dwelling Unit.

Article 9 Zoning Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment number 8 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows:

To amend Article XX by adding two new definitions as shown in bold below as Article XX, #31 and #35, and renumber Article XX as needed, as follows:

31. Short Term Rental: Any individually or collectively owned single-family house or dwelling unit, or any unit or group of units in a condominium, cooperative, or timeshare, or owner-occupied residential home, or part thereof, that is offered for a fee for less than 30 consecutive days for transient occupancy.

35. Transient occupancy: Temporary lodging of less than 30 days. (Recommended by the Planning Board 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

2025 BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 10 Operating Budget

To see if the Town shall 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 Five Million, Six Hundred Twenty-five Thousand, Two Hundred and Seventy-eight Dollars (\$5,625,278). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Five Million, Four-hundred Eighty-seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-two Dollars (\$5,487,882) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Rindge 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. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

The Increases over last year are broken down as follows:

\$104,188 Increase in new hires for the PD and other mid-year contract increases

\$80,600 = Wage Increases

\$53,970 = 53rd pay week vs 52 weeks

\$41,600 = Retirement

\$10,000 = Succession Plan for Fire & Building

\$32,686= Operating Budget

*The Town was able to save \$73,000 on health insurance by changing vendors & plans.

\$272,544= Total Overall Increase

Tax Impact = \$124 on a \$350,000 home

Article 11 Expenditure of Unused Bond Proceeds

To see if the Town shall vote to authorize pursuant to RSA 33:3-a, II, the expenditure of the unused portion of the Consolidated Communications Bond approved in 2020 for the furnishing, constructing, and installing facilities and equipment to make available to every residential and business address in the Town of Rindge a "Fiber to the premises" network, and to raise and appropriate Sixty Thousand, Three-hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$60,375) in unused bond proceeds, for the installation of an HVAC/Ventilation system for the Town Office building. No amount of money needs to be raised by taxation. (3/5 vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 2 in favor 0 opposed) (Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 3 in favor 4 opposed).

*There is currently \$60,375 left over from the Consolidated Bond Project which can only be used if the voters designate the funds to be used for a specific project that meets the requirements under RSA 33:3-a. A "YES" vote would allow the Town to use the funds to pay for an HVAC/Ventilation system to help reduce/eliminate the high levels of CO2 and radon in the building. It should be noted that in 2011 an energy audit was conducted and recommended the Town NOT "tighten it up for energy efficiency purposes due to the poor air quality in the building". A "YES" vote could potentially allow the Town to save money in the long run, should they apply for grants to make the building energy efficient. Current air quality results can be seen at the Town Office. There would be **NO ADDITIONAL tax impact.***

Article 12 Ambulance Service

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-eight Thousand, Five-hundred Dollars (\$38,500) for funding the additional cost of the ambulance service. If Article Ten (10) (Operating Budget) passes, this article will become null and void. If Article Ten (10) fails, and this Article is approved, the appropriations will be included in the following year's Operating Budget and Default Budget. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

The cost of the Town's ambulance service significantly increased from \$46,000 to \$125,000. The Board of Selectmen allotted \$85,000 of the \$125,000 to be included in the Operating Budget (Article 10). A "YES" vote will allow the Town to fund half a year for the Jaffrey Rindge Ambulance Service ONLY IF the budget goes into default.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (& EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND WARRANT ARTICLES

Why does the Town need Capital Reserves?

Although the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is not required by law, a Capital Improvement Plan helps the Town anticipate needs rather than just reacting to unanticipated problems, thus preventing surprise expenses among officials and the voters. Planning for large expenses like a new highway truck or building repairs such as a new roof or septic system, gives time to get the necessary resources in place bit by bit rather than all at once. Capital Reserve funds prevent spikes and dips in the property tax rate and can be much easier for taxpayers to handle than a sudden, very large expense in one year.

This year the Capital Improvement Committee (CIP) recommended a total of \$565,000 to go to Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds (ETF), and the Board of Selectmen is asking the voters to approve one ETF for ambulance services, as well as changing the purpose of the municipal buildings CRF. The Articles and an explanation of them are listed below:

Article 13 Establish Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town shall vote to establish an Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of providing additional funds for ambulance service charges not included in the Operating Budget, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to put in this fund and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 6 in favor, 0 opposed).

A "YES" vote would establish an Expendable Trust Fund and further allow the Town to pay the remainder of the balance to fully fund the ambulance service at an annual cost of \$125,000. Tax impact = \$18 on a \$350,000 home.

Article 14 Fire Department Equipment CRF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred, Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 2 in favor, 1 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 6 in favor, 1 opposed).

A "YES" vote would authorize the appropriation of \$145,000 to the Fire Department CRF. The current balance of this fund is approximately \$103,150. Tax Impact = \$66 on a \$350,000 home.

Article 15 Revaluation CRF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established (to meet the Town's constitutional and statutory requirement that revaluations of property assessments be done at least as often as every fifth year) for the Revaluation to be completed in 2025. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

A "YES" vote would authorize the appropriation of \$25,000 to the Revaluation CRF for the Town's next revaluation to be completed in 2025. The current balance of this fund is approximately \$112,877. The cost of the revaluation is \$117,804. There would be **NO ADDITIONAL tax impact**.

Article 16 Highway Department CRF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Fund previously established, and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 2 in favor, 1 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

A "YES" vote would authorize the appropriation of \$150,000 to the Highway CRF. The current balance of this fund is approximately \$100,309. Tax impact = \$46 on a \$350,000 home.

Article 17 Municipal Building CRF

To see if the Town shall vote pursuant to RSA 35:16, to add to the purpose of the existing Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, as a fund to also be used for new construction, additions, significant renovations, and future capital improvements to municipal buildings, and vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to this fund and to further name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 2 in favor, 1 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 4 in favor, 2 opposed).

A "YES" vote would add to the purpose of the Building Maintenance CRF and include "new construction, additions, significant renovations and future capital Improvements to municipal buildings." Capital improvement appropriations have remained status quo while the cost of the equipment has increased substantially leaving insufficient funds for the ongoing degradation of some of the Town's buildings. This article was recommended unanimously by the Capital Improvement Committee. The current balance on the "Building Maintenance Fund" is \$99,500. Tax impact = \$46 on a \$350,000 home.

Article 18 Police Equipment CRF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Police Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 2 in favor 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 5 in favor, 2 opposed).

A "YES" vote would authorize the appropriation of \$50,000 to the Police Equipment CRF. The current balance of this fund is approximately \$10,475. Tax impact = \$18 on a \$350,000 home.

Article 19 Ingalls Memorial Library ETF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Ingalls Memorial Library Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 5 in favor, 2 opposed).

A "YES" vote would authorize the appropriation of \$20,000 to the Ingalls Memorial Library ETF. The current balance of this fund is approximately \$85,278. Tax impact = \$2 on a \$350,000 home.

Article 20 Recreation Facilities CRF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Recreation Facilities Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

*A "YES" vote would authorize the appropriation of \$25,000 to the Recreation Facilities. The current balance of this fund is approximately \$50,255. There would be **NO ADDITIONAL tax impact**.*

Article 21 Meetinghouse Maintenance ETF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Meetinghouse Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

A "YES" vote would authorize the appropriation of \$25,000 to the Meetinghouse Maintenance ETF. The current balance of this fund is approximately \$22,000. Tax impact = \$11 on a \$350,000 home.

Article 22 Acceptance of Amalia Way

To see if the Town shall vote to accept and dedicate for public use the road known as Amalia Way as a Class V Town highway pursuant to RSA 674:40 as shown on the Subdivision Plan titled East View Estates, dated and approved by the Planning Board on September 7, 2007, and recorded in the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds, to take effect January 1, 2026. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 6 in favor, 0 opposed).

A "YES" vote would change the classification of Amalia Way from a private road to a public Class V Roadway. The Town would assume the care and maintenance of the road.

Article 23 Tenth Police Officer

To see if the Town shall vote to hire a tenth police officer to be employed no sooner than April 1, 2025, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-three Thousand, Five-hundred, Ninety-one Dollars (\$93,591) for this full-time position. (Recommended by the Selectmen 2 in favor, 1 opposed) (Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 1 in favor, 5 opposed).

A "YES" vote would allow the Town to hire a tenth officer as stated above. Tax impact = \$43 on a \$350,000 home.

Article 24 Town Camping Ordinance

To see if the Town shall vote to adopt a Town Camping Ordinance pursuant to RSA 31:39 and its subsections to provide a safe and efficient use of public properties within the Town of Rindge. (Recommended by the Selectmen 3 in favor, 0 opposed).

A draft of the proposed Ordinance is available at the Town Office.

Article 25 Feasibility Study for the Withdrawal from Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative District (By Petition)

Shall the Town vote to form a committee to study the withdrawal of Rindge and the dissolution of the Jaffrey Rindge Cooperative School District based on RSA 195:25. This shall be advisory only. (Submitted by Petition).

Article 26 Community Power Aggregation (By Petition)

Resolved that pursuant to RSA 53-E:6(1), shall the Board of Selectmen move the default energy supply from Eversource to Cheshire Community Power (CPCNH). CPCNH has consistently offered a lower electric rate than Eversource. The projected energy savings and opportunities for the community are significant. No funding is needed from the Town. Changing the default energy supplier will not disrupt service or billing, which will continue to come from Eversource. Electric customers who do not subscribe to the default energy supply will not be impacted. Any electric customer who does not wish to participate in Community Power can opt-out at any time without charge. Community Power allows Rindge to have local oversight and accountability, whereas Eversource has no option for local input. Rindge would have the option to appoint a representative and alternate to the Cheshire Community Power Governance Council. (Submitted by Petition).

Article 27 Salt Reduction Plan (By Petition)

Shall the Town of Rindge, in order to protect its bodies of water, implement a salt reduction plan for its roads following NH State guidelines. Under this plan, the Town would actively pursue a documented and tracked Salt Reduction Program and become an active participant in the New Hampshire Municipal Green Snow Program. This will help to preserve and protect the numerous lakes, ponds, and streams which are a vital part of Rindge’s rural character and appeal. (Submitted by Petition). (Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 0 in favor 5 opposed).

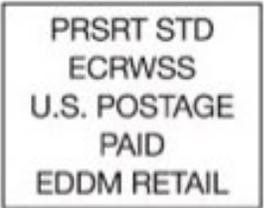
WARRANT SUMMARY – ARTICLES FOR 2025

YES ____	NO ____	Article 10	Budget
YES ____	NO ____	Article 11	Expenditure of Unused Bond Proceeds
YES ____	NO ____	Article 12	Ambulance Service
YES ____	NO ____	Article 13	Establish Ambulance Service ETF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 14	Fire Dept CRF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 15	Revaluation CRF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 16	Highway Dept CRF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 17	Municipal Buildings CRF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 18	Police Equipment CRF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 19	Ingalls Memorial Library ETF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 20	Recreation Facilities CRF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 21	Meetinghouse Maintenance CRF
YES ____	NO ____	Article 22	Acceptance of Amalia Way
YES ____	NO ____	Article 23	Tenth Police Officer
YES ____	NO ____	Article 24	Town Camping Ordinance
YES ____	NO ____	Article 25	Study for the Withdrawal of School District
YES ____	NO ____	Article 26	Community Power Aggregation
YES ____	NO ____	Article 27	Salt Reduction Plan

Thank you for your patronage to the Town of Rindge.
We look forward to serving you in 2025!



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POCKET GUIDE FOR RINDGE VOTERS

**POCKET GUIDE TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE
RINDGE TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.
VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE
RINDGE MEMORIAL SCHOOL
58 SCHOOL STREET**

