This handout has been prepared to assist you in making informed voting decisions prior to walking into the voting booth on March 10th. It contains a Warrant Summary Sheet that you can bring with you on Election Day.

GUIDE TO THE SECOND SESSION OF THE TOWN MEETING
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE BILL 2
RINDGE MEMORIAL SCHOOL
MARCH 10, 2015

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.
You may register to vote at the polls with proper ID, such as a driver’s license and, if necessary, an invoice indicating residence.

If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Selectmen’s Office at 899-5181 x 100.
1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

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2. Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article XIII of the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance to **eliminate** Section F, which currently states: “An owner of contiguous lots, any one of which has less than the required frontage and/or area, must combine such lots to conform to the frontage and area requirements of this Zoning Ordinance before any building permit may be issued, unless said lots have been previously approved by the Planning Board or exceed five (5) acres in area.” (The Planning Board recommends this amendment. Vote: 6-0-0)

*This amendment is intended to bring the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance into conformance with N.H. State Statutes.*

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article XIII of the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance to **eliminate** Section G, which currently states: “Any lot sold or transferred by the owner of a lot contiguous to said lot on or after March 12, 1991, that does not meet the frontage or area requirements of this Zoning Ordinance will not be considered a separate building lot.” (The Planning Board recommends this amendment. Vote: 6-0-0)
This amendment is intended to bring the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance into conformance with N.H. State Statutes.

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend the following three sections: Article V Section B.3, Article VI Section C.3, and Article VII Section B.3 to read as follows:

3. Area:
   a. Each lot shall have an area of no less than two (2) acres.
   b. Single family dwelling lots shall have an area of no less than two (2) acres.
   c. Two family dwelling lots shall have an area of no less than three (3) acres.
   d. Multi-family dwelling lots shall have an area of no less than two (2) acres for each dwelling unit.

(The Planning Board recommends this amendment. Vote: 6-0-0)

This amendment is intended to add a two (2) acre minimum lot size to non-residential lots. The current Area requirements in the Residential-Agricultural and Village Districts only mention residential dwellings. There are some non-residential uses permitted and therefore should be addressed. This will provide uniform Area requirements across the Residential-Agricultural, Village and College Districts.

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To rescind Article III, Section K and replace it as follows:
K. Road Acceptance: Prior to the acceptance by the Board of Selectman of any road previously approved by the Planning Board as a public way, said road shall be reviewed and inspected in the following manner:

1. The Roadway Committee, consisting of the DPW Director, the Director of Public and Life Safety, the Chief of Police, the Planning Director, one member of the Planning Board and two qualified citizens, in this case one being an abutter to the road being considered, shall be convened to render an advisory opinion to the Board of Selectmen based solely on the construction and acceptability of the road as built.

2. The Roadway Committee shall seek the opinion of a qualified Professional Engineer of their choosing, registered in the State of New Hampshire, who shall provide them with a written report regarding the compliance with Town standards, bond and security issues, projected maintenance, and other items requested. The owner of the road is responsible for the payment of all consulting and engineering fees incurred and failure to do so is cause for disapproval.

3. The Board of Selectmen shall conduct the layout and acceptance of the road as prescribed in New Hampshire R.S.A. 43 and 231, as amended, or to determine that the acceptance of the road shall be by a petition warrant article.
This amendment is intended to clarify the process for the acceptance of a road by the Board of Selectmen. Currently the Roadway Advisory Committee consists of three (3) Selectmen, two (2) Planning Board members and other qualified citizens. Currently the Selectmen are advising themselves.

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article V of the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance to eliminate Section 6, which currently states: “Churches’ are allowed upon the granting of a Special Exception by the Board of Adjustment, when the Board is satisfied that the proposed use meets the requirements imposed by Article XIV,B.”

(The Planning Board recommends this amendment. Vote: 5-1-0)

Currently there is a conflict between Article V, Section 6 (proposed to be eliminated) and Article III, Section R of the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance. Article III, Section 6 reads as follows: “Churches and other places of religious assembly are allowed in all zoning districts and are subject to Site Plan Review by the Planning Board.” Case law allows churches to be subject to Site Plan Review by the Planning Board but not to a Special Exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. As per Article III, Section 6 churches will still be subject to Site Plan Review by the Planning Board in all zoning districts.

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Sign Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article III, Section I of the Town of Rindge Sign Ordinance to eliminate the final sentence of that section, which currently states: "No Real Estate Directional signs may be placed in the right of way."

(The Planning Board recommends this amendment. Vote: 6-0-0)

This amendment is intended to allow temporary real estate directional signs in the right-of-way to reflect the way the ordinance is presently enforced.

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of this Amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town of Rindge Sign Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article V of the Town of Rindge Sign Ordinance to eliminate Section Q, which currently states: “Internally illuminated signs including Vending Machine Signs and/or their facades.”

To amend Article III, Section F of the Town of Rindge Sign Ordinance to add the word “External” as the first word of the heading of section F so that it reads as follows: “F. External Illumination Standards:”

To amend Article III, Section F of the Town of Rindge Sign Ordinance to add a new subsection 1 and renumber current subsections 1 through 7 to 2 through 8. The new subsection 1 to read as follows: “The use of LED lighting and/or the use of efficient enclosed internal lighting is encouraged for all new applications and changes to all existing external lighting.”
To amend Article V of the Town of Rindge Sign Ordinance to **eliminate** Section O, which currently states: “Illuminated Canopy signs.”
(The Planning Board recommends this amendment. Vote: 5-1-0)

This amendment is intended to allow external internally illuminated signs while encouraging the use of LED lighting and/or efficient and enclosed lighting.

9. Shall the Town 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 $3,706,400 Dollars? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $3,791,227 Dollars which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town 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. Note: This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY warrant article.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would approve the operating budget of $3,706,400. The operating budget is $100 less than last year’s budget.

10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Four Thousand and Eleven ($74,011) Dollars for the fourth of five lease payments on the fire truck lease approved by the voters at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting? This lease agreement contains an escape clause.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the expenditure of $74,011 for the fourth of five lease payments on the fire truck that was put into service in 2012. The Town will own the fire truck at the end of the lease term. Last year the Town raised and expended $74,011 for this purpose. Since the amount this year is the same, there is no increased tax impact. The proposed appropriation of $74,011 represents approximately $27 on the tax bill for a $200,000 house.

11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand ($18,000) Dollars to be added to the Wellington Road Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Account previously established?
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would deposit $18,000 into the account established in 2012 for replacement of the Wellington Road bridge. This bridge is on the State’s list of bridges which must be replaced, the cost of which is estimated to be $730,000. The Town has applied for State Bridge Aid which would cover 80% of the cost, if approved. The Town must save $146,000 (its 20% portion of the cost) between now and 2020. The Town appropriated $18,000 into the account in 2012, $18,000 in 2013 and $18,000 in 2014. This year’s appropriation would bring the total amount in the account to $72,000. Since the amount of the proposed appropriation this year is the same as last year, there is no increased tax impact. The
proposed appropriation of $18,000 represents approximately $6 on the tax bill for a $200,000 house.

12. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety ($156,590) for the purpose of replacing the 19 year old 1996 Highway Department 6 wheel dump/plow truck and equipping the truck with items such as radio, emergency lights and plow attachments? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of a 6 wheel dump truck to replace the 19 year old truck which has serious mechanical and rust problems that take it out of service and it is increasingly expensive to repair. The trade-in value of this truck was recently estimated to be $4,500. The repair and maintenance costs for this vehicle this year will exceed its value. This is a new appropriation and represents an increased tax impact of approximately $57 on the tax bill for a $200,000 house.

13. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars to fund municipal energy projects as approved by the Board of Selectmen? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2 in favor, 1 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the expenditure of $10,000 for the Town’s Energy Commission. Last year the Town raised $18,000 for this purpose. Since the amount this year is $8000 less than last year’s amount, there is no increased tax impact. The proposed appropriation of $10,000 represents approximately $4 on the tax bill for a $200,000 house.

14. Shall the Town vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of supporting the Town’s 250th Anniversary celebration in 2018 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars for that purpose and for incidental expenses related thereto and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2 in favor, 1 opposed. Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 3 in favor, 4 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the Town to begin saving for the Town’s 250th Anniversary Celebration in 2018. This is a new appropriation and the amount of $5,000 represents an increased tax impact of approximately $2 on the tax bill for a $200,000 house.

15. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand ($30,000) Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a 15 passenger mini-bus or similar vehicle with lettering and a radio to replace the 13 year old Recreation Department van; and to authorize One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars of the purchase amount to be raised from taxes; and to authorize the acceptance of Twenty Nine Thousand ($29,000) Dollars of the purchase amount from donations. This shall be non-lapsing until January 1, 2018 or until the $29,000 in donations have been raised, whichever is sooner? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)
A “yes” vote would authorize the replacement of the 13 year old Recreation Department van with a newer minibus or similar vehicle in order to expand and improve programs for Rindge residents, especially teens and seniors. The current van is difficult for small children and seniors to enter and exit. A newer replacement vehicle will substantially reduce maintenance costs. $29,000 of the purchase amount must be raised by donations. This is a new appropriation of $1,000 from Town funds and represents an increased tax impact of approximately $0.36 on the tax bill for a $200,000 house.

16. Shall the Town vote to pass the following non-binding resolution, which reads: “The Ingalls Memorial Library Board of Trustees should continue to work on the Ingalls Memorial Library expansion and renovation project which was started in the middle 90’s?” (Submitted by the Ingalls Memorial Library Trustees). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would show support for the work on the final phase and completion of the Library expansion and renovation project. There is no tax impact.

17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand ($25,000) Dollars, the total amount to be withdrawn from the Library’s Restricted Funds, for the purpose of developing design documents for the expansion and renovation of the Ingalls Memorial Library? (Submitted by the Ingalls Memorial Library Trustees). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw $25,000 from the Ingalls Memorial Library Restricted Funds account which contains donations and bequests for the benefit of the Library. This money would be used to provide schematic design and design development documents for the final phase of the Library expansion and renovation project started in the middle 90’s. Approval from the Town is needed in order to use the money from this existing fund. There will be no impact on the tax rate.

18. Shall the Town vote, pursuant to RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve fund income? No vote by the Town to rescind such authority shall occur within five (5) years of the original adoption of this Warrant Article. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would enable the Trustees to engage an investment advisor to invest the Town’s Capital Reserve Funds, and it would enable the Trustees to pay for these investment services out of the income from the Capital Reserve Funds. This Warrant Article does not require the Trustees to do anything; it merely enables the Trustees to explore investment options and pay the fees. There is no tax impact.

19. Are you in favor of repealing the Town of Rindge Impact Fee Ordinance? (Submitted by Petition). (Recommended by the Planning Board, 4 in favor, 3 opposed.)
A “yes” vote would repeal the Town of Rindge Impact Fee Ordinance which currently assesses an impact fee on new development in the Town of Rindge.

20. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to oppose approval by the NH Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project because the proposal is inconsistent with the basic tenet of individual property rights whereas if approved, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company LLC shall have the power to force private property owners to give up rights under Eminent Domain proceedings in order to create a new corridor for the installation of the pipeline project? (Submitted by Petition).

A “yes” vote would direct the Selectmen to actively oppose approval of the pipeline project on the grounds that the approval allows a private corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) to construct, install, and maintain a pipeline located in a new utility corridor in Rindge that could include private property taken through Federal eminent domain proceedings.

21. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to oppose approval by the NH Energy Facility Site Evaluation Committee of the construction and installation of a natural gas pipeline by Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) as part of the Northeast Energy Direct Project because the proposal is inconsistent with the Town’s goal of protecting its aquifers, drinking water including community and private wells, wetlands, streams and other bodies of water. In addition, the proposal to extract water to use in drilling or other operations, whether from a body of water or well, is inconsistent with the Town’s goal to protect such waters? (Submitted by Petition).

A “yes” vote would direct the Selectmen to actively oppose approval of the pipeline project on the grounds that approval allows a private corporation, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company) to possibly endanger our sources of drinking water, wetlands, streams, and other bodies of water during the construction, installation, and maintenance of a pipeline in Rindge.

22. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to deny permission to the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC (a Kinder Morgan Company), its representatives, contractors, sub-contractors, or associates to enter any Town-owned property, including but not limited to Converse Meadow, to perform surveys in furtherance of a pipeline infrastructure project. Any such physical entry onto Town-owned property will be considered unauthorized, and treated as trespass and prosecuted as such? (Submitted by Petition).

A “yes” vote would direct the Selectmen to continue to deny permission to Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC or anyone representing them access to Town-owned properties. This action was originally approved unanimously by the Selectmen on Dec 4, 2014 until a vote of the Town could be taken.
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