Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rindge in the County of Cheshire, in said State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified that the first session (deliberative) of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Rindge will be held at the Rindge Memorial School on School Street, in said Rindge on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Warrant Articles may be amended at this session per RSA 40:13, IV, with the exception of Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law and cannot be amended per RSA 40:13, IV a. Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for a final vote on the main motion, as amended.

You are further notified that the second session of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Rindge will be held at the Rindge Memorial School in said Rindge on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. to vote on all warrant articles from the first session on official ballot per RSA 40:13, VII. The polls will be open on said date at 7:00 a.m. in the forenoon and will not close until 7:00 p.m. in the evening.

Articles

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

   Selectman: 3 years, 1 seat
   Town Moderator: 2 years, 1 seat
   Treasurer: 3 years, 1 seat
   Tax Collector: 3 years, 1 seat
   Town Clerk: 3 years, 1 seat
   Planning Board: 3 years, 2 seats
   Trustees of the Trust Funds: 3 years, 1 seat
   Budget Advisory Committee: 3 years, 2 seats
   Board of Adjustment: 3 years, 1 seat
   Library Trustees: 3 years, 1 seat
   Cemetery Trustees: 3 years, 1 seat
   Supervisor of the Checklist: 6 years, 1 seat

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment No. 1 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: to create an optional overlay zoning district, known as the Crossroads Overlay, at the northwest, southwest, and southeast corners of the intersection of US-Route 202 and NH Route 119. The Crossroads Overlay district is intended to allow mixed use, higher-density development in a limited area with the goal of serving as the primary center for local commerce and community activity around the Route 202 and 119 intersection. The Crossroads Overlay district is proposed to allow a specific set of uses,
with specific frontage, yard, and area requirements for those uses. Participation in the Crossroads Overlay district is intended as an option for respective landowners. Lots that are covered by the proposed “Crossroads Overlay” include, at respective corners of Routes 202 & 119: NW corner (Map 6, Lot 19 [20 acres]); SW Corner: Map 6, Lot 18-1 [6.2 acres]; Map 6, Lot 18-2 [9.3 acres]); SE Corner: Map 6, Lot 17-1 [2.5 acres]; Map 6, Lot 17-2 [2.7 acres]; and a portion of Map 6, Lot 14 (from the NH 119 right of way south to the center of Cheshire Market Place driveway [estimated at 20 acres]). (Recommended by the Planning Board, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Within the Village zoning district, Article VI, to amend Section C.1. Frontage, to read: Every lot shall have a minimum frontage of one hundred (100) feet as defined in Article XX, Number 17 and further amend Section C.3. Area, to read, in its entirety: Lot area for all permitted uses shall be at least one acre in size provided the state of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services well and septic system requirements are complied with. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 5 in favor, 1 opposed.)

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Within the College zoning district, Article VII, to amend Section B.3. Area, to read, in its entirety: Lot area for all permitted uses shall be at least one (1) acre in size provided the state of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services well and septic system requirements are complied with. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 5 in favor, 1 opposed.)

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Within the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Ordinance, to permit detached ADUs provided they meet specified requirements. Requirements include, but are not limited to: 1) Detached ADUs shall be subordinate in mass, scale and height to the primary residence; 2) Detached ADUs shall have compatible architectural character and style to the primary residence; 3) Detached ADUs shall in no case exceed 1,200 square feet in gross floor area; and 4) Detached ADUs located above otherwise detached structures (i.e. garages) are preferred relative to detached dwelling structures. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Amend the Aquifer Protection District Ordinance to 1) designate a new Water Resources/Aquifer Base Map; 2) clarify internal appeal provisions where the location of an aquifer is uncertain; 3) update conditional uses; 4) clarify prohibited uses; 5) clarify legal appeal provisions; and 6) add select definitions. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Amend the Wetlands Conservation District Ordinance by 1) listing enabling authority for the Ordinance; 2) combining authority and purpose provisions 3) modifying Section 4.G. of the Ordinance by changing a portion
of the first sentence to read: “if essential to a permitted use of the land. . .” instead of (existing) “if essential to the productive use of land” and 4) update/clarifying select definitions. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Amending Article III, General Provisions, by adding a new letter “S” to read as follows: “The rental of all or any portion of Single Family Dwelling, Two Family Dwelling, or Multi-Unit Dwelling, with the exception of Bed and Breakfast Facilities, by the property owner thereof, to any other person or group, shall be a valid, permitted, Accessory Use of said dwelling under this ordinance. 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.” (Recommended by the Planning Board, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Amending Article XX, Definitions, by 1) modifying the definition of Bed and Breakfast Facility to read as follows: “An owner-occupied residence or a portion thereof in which rooms are available for rent, including a daily breakfast meal, to transient guests on a temporary basis for compensation. It does not include hotels, motels, boarding houses, food service establishments, or similar businesses”; and 2) removing the definition for Tourist Homes. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Amending the Impact Fee Ordinance, Assessment Schedule, to set all Residential Impact Fees to zero ($0.00) for any building permits issued after January 1, 2014. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Map as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: Amending the Zoning Map such that all of Map 2, Lot 41-5A lies within the Business-Light Industry Zoning District. Currently, the latter parcel is bisected by the Business-Light Industry and Residential-Agricultural Zoning Districts; the goal is to include the parcel exclusively into the Business-Light Industry District. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 4 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.)

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board and generally described as follows: by amending the Zoning Ordinance in order to renumber and reorder sections, correct cross references and make typographical corrections and clerical revisions as necessary. (Recommended by the Planning Board, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

13. 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 Three Million, Seven Hundred and Six Thousand, Five Hundred ($3,706,500) Dollars? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Ninety One ($3,752,991) 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.)

14. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Four Thousand and Eleven ($74,011) Dollars for the third 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, 6 in favor, 1 opposed.)

15. 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? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand ($28,000) Dollars and to discontinue a 480 foot portion of Converseville Road which includes the bridge that spans Millers River? This appropriation will fund construction of a new 80 foot portion of Converseville Road that will provide alternative access to and egress from NH Route 119 and includes road materials and rental equipment, including but not limited, to loam, gravel, bituminous pavement, drainage, barriers and signage in order to construct the new portion of the road and to limit access to the bridge to pedestrian traffic only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Sixty One Thousand ($161,000) Dollars for the purpose of replacing the 18 year old 1996 Highway Department 6 wheel dump 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. Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 2 in favor, 5 opposed.)

18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand ($25,000) Dollars to be added to the Meetinghouse Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Four Thousand ($64,000) Dollars for the purpose of funding a portion of the measuring and listing of property for the 2015 Revaluation and to authorize the withdrawal of Thirty Seven Thousand ($37,000) Dollars from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose with the remaining balance of Twenty Seven Thousand ($27,000) Dollars to come from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or by December 31, 2015, 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.)
20. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand ($25,000) Dollars for the purpose of replacing the 13 year old Recreation Department van with a used 15 passenger minibus or similar vehicle and lettering and equipping this vehicle with a radio? (recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 1 opposed.)

21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand ($18,000) Dollars to fund municipal energy projects as approved by the Board of Selectmen? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum Five Thousand ($5,000) Dollars to be spent for body repair, rust removal, painting and re-lettering of Hose Truck #1 and to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

23. Shall the Town vote to add to the purposes of the Police Detail Revolving Fund, which was established by Town Meeting in 2006, the purposes of repair and replacement of police vehicles? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor 0 opposed.)

24. Shall the Town vote to establish a revolving fund, pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of public safety details? All revenues received for fire special details, fire alarm ordinance fees, and judgments of the court for safety response services provided under RSA 153-A:24 will be deposited into the fund and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town’s general fund balance. The Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created, namely to pay fire personnel wages and benefits associated with details, costs of fire prevention materials and maintenance and replacement of fire equipment, vehicles and apparatus. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 4 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention.)

25. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand ($25,000) Dollars to be added to the Library’s Facilities Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed.)

26. To see if the Town of Rindge voters will approve the following: No Town official elected or appointed shall have the authority to apply for any federal grant unless approved at the annual Town election, in March. (By Petition.) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 0 in favor, 3 opposed.)
27. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to require approval of the legislative body in order to apply for and accept all grant associated with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. (By Petition.) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 0 in favor, 3 opposed.)

28. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to terminate and cease all memberships, affiliations and dealings with the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, and, in addition, to prohibit the Town from requesting or accepting paid or unpaid advice from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, or any organization with which the Southwest Regional Planning Commission is affiliated. (By Petition.) (Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 0 in favor, 3 opposed.)

29. Shall the Town of Rindge vote to request that the Planning Board delete and remove the entire contents of the “Plan NH” Charrette from the Rindge Master Plan. (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2 in favor, 1 opposed.)

30. Are you in favor of Amending the Town of Rindge Wetlands Conservation District Ordinance Section 5.F to read as follows: “No underground or above ground storage of Hazardous Materials shall take place in or within 125 feet of the Ordinary High Water Mark of Surface Waters or within 125 feet of Vegetated Wetlands.” (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Planning Board, 4 in favor, 3 opposed.)

31. Are you in favor of Amending the Town of Rindge Conservation District Ordinance Section 5.D to read as follows: “No net increase in peak flow of storm water runoff into Surface Waters or Vegetated Wetlands as a result of any development shall be allowed. Calculations to be based on a 25 year storm event.” (By Petition.) (Recommended by the Planning Board, 5 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.)

32. To see if the Town will urge: That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and clarifies that constitutional rights were established for people, not corporations.

That the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation support such a constitutional amendment.

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the State for ratification.

That the record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to New Hampshire’s Congressional Delegation, and to New Hampshire’s state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents by the selectmen within 30 days of the vote. (By Petition.)

33. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting?

Given under our hand and seal this ___th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two thousand and Fourteen.

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Samuel Seppala, Chairman

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SELECTMEN OF RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE