

2026 Warrant
Town of Rindge, State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Rindge in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs:

FIRST SESSION: You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the Rindge Memorial Elementary School, 58 School Street, Rindge, NH on Saturday, the 31st day of January 2026 at 9:00 a.m. The First Deliberative Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of articles and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except the election of officers and warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

SECOND SESSION: You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, the 10th day of March 2026, at the Rindge Memorial Elementary School, 58 School Street, Rindge NH between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to vote by official ballot to elect Town officers, to vote by official ballot on warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session and to vote on those other official ballot questions whose wording is prescribed by state law.

Article 1 Officers for the Year Ensuing

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

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| Board of Selectmen | 1 seat | (3 year term) |
| Planning Board | 2 seats | (3 year term) |
| Budget Advisory Committee | 2 seats | (3 year term) |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | 2 seats | (3 year term) |
| Cemetery Trustee | 1 seat | (3 year term) |
| Trustee of the Trust Funds | 1 seat | (3 year term) |
| Ingalls Memorial Library Trustee | 1 seat | (3 year term) |
| Town Moderator | 1 seat | (2 year term) |
| Town Clerk | 1 seat | (3 year term) |
| Tax Collector | 1 seat | (3 year term) |
| Supervisor of the Checklist | 1 seat | (6 year term) |
| Treasurer | 1 seat | (3 year term) |

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Article 2 Zoning Article

To see if the Town shall vote to adopt Amendment No. 1 to the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance to bring it into compliance with RSA 674:72 by removing the requirement for a Special Exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment, updating the maximum square footage permitted, and allowing either attached or detached accessory dwelling units by-right.

Article 3 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 and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$5,670,000). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Five Million Six Hundred Fifty Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy Six Dollars and Seventy Eight Cents (\$5,654,176.78) 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 X in favor, X opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 4 Fire Department Equipment CRF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. ~~funds to be used to replace the 26 year old brush truck.~~ (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen X in favor, X opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 5 Highway Department CRF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Fund previously established ~~funds to be used to replace an 11 year old six wheeler,~~ and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen in favor, opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

~~To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Forty Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty One dollars (\$243,521) to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Fund for the purpose of replacing a 2015 six wheeler with plow and radios and said purchase to be offset by trading in the old six wheeler for Twenty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) and the remaining amount of Two Hundred and Sixteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty One Dollars (\$243,16,521) to be raised through general taxation. And further to name the~~

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~~Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Selectmen X in favor, X opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).~~

Article 6 Municipal Building CRF

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen X in favor, X opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 7 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 X in favor, X opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 8 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 X in favor, X opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 9 Adoption of Farm Structure Exemption

To see if the Town shall vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 79F regarding the taxation of farm structures, as defined in RSA 79-F:3, and the land under farm structures (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen X in favor, X opposed). Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 10 Veterans Disability Tax Credit Increase

To see if the Town shall vote, pursuant to RSA 72:35, to increase the amount of the tax credit for service-connected permanent and total disability to Four Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$4,500). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen X in favor, X opposed). Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 11 Land Use Change Tax

To see if the Town shall vote to amend the percentage of Land Use Change Tax revenue deposited into the Conservation Fund to Twenty Percent, pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, IV? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen X in favor, X opposed). Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

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Article 12 250th Anniversary Celebration

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of celebrating the United State's 250th anniversary. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen X in favor, X opposed). Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 13 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 X in favor, X opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 14 Ambulance Service

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to add to the Ambulance Service Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the purpose of providing additional funds for ambulance service. (Recommended by the Selectmen X in favor X opposed) (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee X in favor, X opposed).

Article 15 Protect the Taxpayer (Petition Warrant Article)

To see if the Town will vote to call on the New Hampshire Legislature to protect local taxpayers by ensuring adequate state revenues for the essential services and by avoiding policies that shift costs onto local taxpayers. Further resolved, if this article passes, the Select Board shall send the results of this vote to the Governor and all members of the New Hampshire General Court who represent the Town within 30 days of the second session of the 2026 Town Meeting

Article 16 Rescind Ninth-Police Officer Position (Petition Warrant Article)

To see if the Town shall vote to rescind Article 17 of the Rindge Town Warrant of March 9th, 2021, authorizing the hiring of a ninth Full-Time Police Officer thereby returning the authority to determine the number of Full-Time Police Officers needed to the Board of Selectmen.

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Given under our hand and seal this 31st day of January in the year Two Thousand Twenty Six.

Rindge Board of Selectmen

Robert Hamilton

Tom Coneys

Larry Cleveland