



ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2026

BALLOT 1 of 2

Shana Eichner TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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Table with 3 columns: FOR BOARD OF SELECTMEN, FOR ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, FOR MODERATOR, FOR PLANNING BOARD, FOR TAX COLLECTOR, FOR TOWN CLERK, FOR BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS, FOR SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST, FOR INGALLS MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEE, FOR TREASURER. Includes names like Robert Hamilton, Marcia Breckenridge, Kirk Stenersen, etc., with handwritten votes and checkboxes.

ARTICLES

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

1130 YES [checked]
526 NO

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**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 Eight Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$5,810,000). Should this Article be defeated, the Default Budget shall be Five Million Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$5,654,177) 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).

207 YES   
804 NO

**Article 4 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, and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

1004 YES   
5210 NO

**Article 5 Fire Department Equipment CRF**

To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

1082 YES   
4410 NO

**Article 6 Ambulance Service ETF**

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 funding the additional cost of ambulance services. If Article Three (3) (Operating Budget) passes, this article will become null and void. If Article 3 fails, and this article is approved, the appropriations will be included in the following year's operating budget and default budget. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

1307 YES   
230 NO

**Article 7 Building Maintenance 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 Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

1060 YES   
465 NO

**Article 8 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 Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

1095 YES   
438 NO

**Article 9 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 Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).

0910 YES   
535 NO

**Article 10 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 Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 1 opposed).

1171 YES   
301 NO

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**





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*Shara Echnu*  
TOWN CLERK

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

<p>Article 11      250th Anniversary Celebration</p> <p>To see if the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of celebrating the United States' 250th anniversary. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).</p>	<p>1188      YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>358      NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Article 12      Veterans Disability Tax Credit Increase</p> <p>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, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).</p>	<p>1288      YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>256      NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Article 13      Adoption of Farm Structure Exemption</p> <p>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, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 7 in favor, 0 opposed).</p>	<p>1151      YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>361      NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Article 14      Land Use Change Tax</p> <p>To see if the Town shall vote to reduce the percentage of Land Use Change Tax revenue deposited into the Conservation Fund from its current One Hundred percent to Ninety-Nine percent pursuant to RSA 79-A:25, IV. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed). (Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 5 in favor, 2 opposed).</p>	<p>917      YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>206      NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Article 15      Protect the Taxpayer (By Petition)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>1041      YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>486      NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Article 16      Rescind Ninth Police Officer Position (By Petition)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>914      YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>1019      NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

**YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT**



**ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
JAFFREY – RINDGE COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL ELECTION  
RINDGE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2026**

*Leah S. Miller*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

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FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR	
1 Year Term	Vote for not more than 1
ROBERT C. SCHAUMANN	608 <input checked="" type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

FOR RINDGE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	
3 Year Term	Vote for not more than 1
ANGELA MAY JOHNSON	520 <input type="radio"/>
JARED REINI	903 <input checked="" type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

**ARTICLES**

The average cost-per-pupil for the preceding year as calculated in accordance with RSA 189:75, I(a) is \$23,397. ELA Proficiency: 45%; Math Proficiency: 30%; Science Proficiency: 26%.

**ARTICLE II:** Shall the School District 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 \$33,500,000? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$31,991,442, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district 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 the revised operating budget only.

(Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)  
(The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$1.95 per \$1000 assessment for Jaffrey and an increase of \$1.14 per \$1000 assessment for Rindge. The estimated tax impact of not passing this article is an increase of \$1.22 per \$1000 assessment for Jaffrey and an increase of \$0.59 per \$1000 assessment for Rindge.)  
This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant articles.

608 YES   
943 NO

**ARTICLE III:** Shall the School District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District and the Jaffrey-Rindge Support Staff Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels, over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2026-27	\$236,283
2027-28	\$214,174
2028-29	\$245,290

and to further raise and appropriate \$236,283 for the 2026-27 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels?

(Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 5-0-1)  
(The estimated FY27 tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.11 per \$1000 assessment for Jaffrey and an increase of \$0.09 per \$1000 assessment for Rindge.)

685 YES   
808 NO

**ARTICLE IV:** Shall the School District, if Article III is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only?

(Majority vote required)  
(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)

805 YES   
783 NO

**VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT**

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE V: Shall the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School District vote to adopt the provisions of NH RSA Chapter 194-D and become an open enrollment school district under the terms of the RSA, and to admit up to one hundred fifty students from outside the School District to grades kindergarten through grade twelve, and to permit zero percent of the resident student population eligible to enroll outside of the District in open enrollment schools or programs?

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)

211 YES   
807 NO

ARTICLE VI: Shall the School District establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c called "The Employee Benefits Capital Reserve Fund" for the purpose of funding the cost of negotiated employee benefits including but not limited to: health insurance reimbursements, health insurance assessments, changes in coverage or policies chosen by employees, severance benefits and such other negotiated benefits which are or which become obligations of the district, and further to raise and appropriate up to \$25,000 to be placed in this fund, said sum to come from the June 30, 2026 fund balance available for transfer on July 1, 2026 and further to name the School Board as agents to expend this fund?

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 5-1-0)

(No additional tax impact)

735 YES   
783 NO

ARTICLE VII: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund created for the reconstruction and repair of real estate, buildings and capital equipment of the District established in 1990 and amended in 1999?

(Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Jaffrey-Rindge Cooperative School Board by a vote of 6-0-0)

(The estimated tax impact of passing this article is an increase of \$0.17 per \$1000 assessment for Jaffrey and an increase of \$0.13 per \$1000 assessment for Rindge.)

709 YES   
811 NO

ARTICLE VIII - BY PETITION: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-e, and implement a budget cap whereby the school board (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that is higher than \$100,000 per pupil cost times the average daily membership in residence of the school district as of October 1 of the year immediately preceding the proposed budget year plus an annual increase for inflation using CPI-U for the Boston-Cambridge-Newton MA-NH area published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of October 1. Requires a 3/5ths majority of the district.

534 YES   
931 NO

ARTICLE IX - BY PETITION: Petition Warrant Article requesting the Jaffrey Rindge School District adopt a bathroom policy that supports a student's right to privacy.

669 YES   
802 NO

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

