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TOWN OF RINDGE VOTER'S GUIDE

*This handout has been prepared to assist you in making informed
voting decisions prior to walking into the voting booth on March 12th.
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 12, 2013**

*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 or 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.

SELECTMEN – 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Daniel T. Aho

Write-in _____

PLANNING BOARD – 3 YRS

Vote for no more than two

Bruce A. Donati

Charles Eicher

Write-in _____

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 3 YRS

Vote for no more than two

Susan Emerson

Rick Sirvint

Write-in _____

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Kale Stenersen

Write-in _____

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – 3 YRS

Vote for no more than two

Marcia Breckenridge

David Drouin

Write-in _____

LIBRARY TRUSTEES – 3 YRS

Vote for no more than two

Robert Carney

Evelyn L. Lewis

Florence A. Marsh

Write-in _____

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS – 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Dominic Carguilo

Write-in _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEES – 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Douglas M. Hoyt

Write-in _____

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 the Town of Rindge Zoning Ordinance to permit gasoline sales or service stations in the Gateway East District. (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

This amendment is intended to allow gasoline sales or service stations in a district where there are two existing stations currently. This amendment will also make the existing gas stations no longer non-conforming uses.

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 rescind Article III, Section N and replace it as follows:

CAMPING PERMITS: PROPERTY OWNERS

Campers, travel trailers, and motor homes may be stored unoccupied 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 a permanent dwelling at any time. (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

This amendment is intended to allow guests to visit an owner of a property subject to a properly issued permit from the Board of Selectmen. The current language does not address whether a visitor of a property owner is permitted to occupy such a vehicle and is, therefore, not permitted.

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 adopt the Small Wind Energy System Ordinance as presented. (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

This amendment is intended to regulate Small Wind Energy Systems.

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 amend Article V, Section A.5 to allow mobile homes situated within a mobile home park community to not comply with dimensional requirements so long as they are accessed via a private road. (Recommended by the Planning Board.)

This amendment is intended to ease restrictions on mobile homes constructed within a private community to allow them to be built within the setback. Nothing in this amendment is intended to permit mobile homes to be constructed within a setback if they are not part of a mobile home park community.

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 III, Section J to read:

Any bona fide resident of the property and up to one non-resident may conduct up to one home occupation within an existing home provided that:

1. It shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to the principal residential use
2. Does not change the residential character or appearance of the home or any accessory buildings
3. Does not create any unusual noise, dust, odor, or light that would distinguish it from other residential properties
4. Does not occupy more than 25% of the gross building area of the home
5. Has no more than four visitors or deliveries to the home on a daily basis
6. Has no exterior storage of materials
7. Has no more than one vehicle regularly parked on the property associated with the home occupation. Said vehicle shall not have more than six wheels.
(Recommended by the Planning Board.)

This amendment is intended to ease restrictions on home occupations to allow reasonable uses by right while setting parameters. By-right home occupations are currently limited to exclusively office-type uses consisting of a mailbox, computer, and personal vehicle.

7. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) for the purpose of financing the fiscal year conversion from a January–December fiscal year to a July–June fiscal year, said sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,500 for the first year’s interest payment on the bond; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto? If this article passes, Article 8 will be reduced by the amount of the bond issued up to One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000). (Three-fifths vote required.) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. The Budget Advisory Committee did not provide a recommendation on this Article.)

A “yes” vote would authorize a low-interest bond (the Town was quoted between 1% and 2%) to avoid a one-time spike in the December, 2013 tax bill resulting from the 18-month budget. Last year, voters approved Article 19 to “change from a calendar year budget to an optional fiscal year budget (July 1 to June 30) and, in order to do so, to bring forward an 18-month budget to make the transition.” The purpose of changing the fiscal year was to put the Town on the same fiscal year as the School District and the State; to improve cash flow by collecting taxes before the budget year begins; and to facilitate budgeting and year-end procedures. The financial impact of this Article depends on the amount of the bond, the actual interest rate, and other terms that will be negotiated by the Board of Selectmen.

8. 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 Five Million Four Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$5,424,329)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Five Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$5,580,458) 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. If Article 7 passes, this article will be reduced by the amount of the bond issued up to One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000). (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would approve the operating budget of \$5,424,329 for eighteen months of expenses. The operating budget is one and a half times last year’s budget.

9. Shall the Town vote to rescind Article 19 on the 2012 Town Warrant thereby remaining on a calendar year budget?

This article was included on the warrant to ensure that voters have a second chance to vote on whether to proceed with the fiscal year change. A “yes” vote would reverse the voters’ decision last year to change to the optional fiscal year budget (July to June) and would return the Town to a calendar year budget (January to December), therefore eliminating the need for this year’s 18-month transition budget and the \$1.5M bond. If the rescission is approved, the Town would need to develop a 12-month budget and petition the Superior Court for authorization to hold a special Town Meeting to approve it.

10. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate Seventy-Six Thousand Dollars (\$76,000) for the second of five lease payments on the fire truck lease approved by 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, 5 in favor, 1 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the expenditure of \$76,000 for the second of five lease payments on the fire truck that was put into service last year. The approximate tax impact would be \$.14 or \$28 on a \$200,000 house.

11. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000) to purchase replacement Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs) with Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and the balance to be paid for by grants, if any, and taxation? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the expenditure of \$140,000 to replace the obsolete breathing apparatus that protect our firefighters from breathing fire, smoke, and hazardous materials in the line of duty. If this article fails, the Town would not be able to buy SCBAs, even if a grant were awarded, until July, 2014. If this article passes and a grant is awarded, there would be no tax impact and the Town’s match would be \$50,000 from capital reserves. If this article passes and a grant is not awarded, \$70,000 would come from capital reserves and \$70,000 would need to be raised; in this case, the approximate tax impact would be \$.13 or \$26 on a \$200,000 house.

- 12.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$39,200) for the purpose of funding a portion of the measuring and listing of property for the 2015 Revaluation? 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, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the expenditure of \$39,200 to begin the measuring and listing of property in preparation for the 2015 Revaluation. The total cost of the project is approximately \$105,000, and there is currently \$35,000 in the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund. The approximate tax impact would be \$.07 or \$14 on a \$200,000 house.

- 13.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing a vehicle for the Fire Department to replace the command vehicle, said sum to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve Fund established for this purpose (Fire Department Equipment) and offset by approximately Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from trading in the old truck? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of a fully equipped first response vehicle for the Fire Department. The Fire Chief would drive this vehicle and the current truck would be traded. This Article will have no tax impact since the moneys would come from the trade and the balance from the Fire Department’s equipment “savings account.”

- 14.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$17,300) to improve the energy efficiency of the Library, Town Office, and Police Station by modifications detailed in the 2011 Building Energy Audits of Rindge Town Buildings? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the expenditure of \$17,300 for the Town’s Energy Commission to implement recommendations of the 2011 Building Energy Audits and reduce electric consumption at the Police Station, fuel consumption at the Library, and both electric and fuel consumption at the Town Office. Payback ranges from 2.5 to 5 years at current energy prices. If energy costs rise, the payback will be faster. The approximate tax impact would be \$.03 or \$6 on a \$200,000 house.

- 15.** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new truck to replace the 2001 one-ton truck in the Highway/Town Buildings Department, said sum to be offset by approximately \$7,000 from trading in the old truck? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of a new one-ton truck for the Highway Department to replace a 12-year-old truck that has serious mechanical problems. After the trade, the approximate tax impact would be \$.10 or \$20 on a \$200,000 house.

16. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) 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, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would add \$25,000 to the savings account for the Meeting House. The Meeting House Oversight Committee was awarded a \$12,000 LCHIP grant to offset the cost of renovating the windows and it plans to paint the exterior of the building. There is approximately \$20,000 in the fund now. The approximate tax impact would be \$.05 or \$10 on a \$200,000 house.

17. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of purchasing an exhaust system for the Highway Garage? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 0 in favor, 6 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of an exhaust system for the Highway Garage, which was recommended by the Town’s Joint Loss Management (Safety) Committee. Although exhaust systems are not specifically required by law, employers must provide a safe workplace under State and Federal laws. The approximate tax impact would be \$.03 or \$6 on a \$200,000 house.

18. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of purchasing a machine to distribute punch cards at the Transfer Station? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 1 in favor, 5 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of a machine that would dispense punch cards to customers at the Transfer Station so they would not have to go to the Town Office to buy them. Similar machines are in use in Sunapee and Lee, New Hampshire. The approximate tax impact is \$.01 or \$2 on a \$200,000 house.

19. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) to be added to the Wellington Road bridge replacement capital reserve fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would deposit \$18,000 into the “savings account” established last year for the replacement of the Wellington Bridge. The Wellington Bridge is on the State’s list of bridges that must be replaced, and the cost is estimated at \$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%, between now and 2020, and there is \$18,000 in the fund now. The approximate tax impact would be \$.03 or \$6 on a \$200,000 house.

20. Shall the Town vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund for the maintenance and repairs of the interior and exterior, including grounds, the replacement and/or purchase of fixtures, equipment, appliances and furnishings of the Recreation Building at Wellington Park appointing the Selectmen as Agents to expend money from this Fund upon joint recommendation of the Recreation Committee, Recreation Director, and the Director of Public Works and further to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the fund, to come from the unassigned fund balance resulting from excess donations from the Recreation donation account previously established for the purpose of constructing the Recreation Building at Wellington Park? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3 in favor, 0 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 6 in favor, 0 opposed.)

A “yes” vote would establish a new “savings account” for the care of the Recreation Building and deposit \$35,000 into it. The money would come from surplus donations from the original fundraiser to build the building, so there would be no tax impact.

21. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Library Facilities Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2 in favor, 1 opposed. Recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 4 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.)

A “yes” vote would deposit \$100,000 into the “savings account” established for the expansion of Ingalls Memorial Library. The Library Trustees have plans to expand the facility at a cost of approximately \$600,000. There is approximately \$100 in the fund now. The approximate tax impact would be \$.18 or \$36 on a \$200,000 house.

22. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$23,800) for the purpose of purchasing three new video cameras for the police cruisers? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2 in favor, 1 opposed. Not recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee, 1 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstentions.)

A “yes” vote would authorize the purchase of three video cameras to replace the cameras that were originally paid for by a grant and drug forfeiture funds. The approximate tax impact would be \$.04 or \$8 on a \$200,000 house.

23. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept in trust gifts, legacies, and devises made to them under RSA 31:19 indefinitely, or until rescinded?

A “yes” vote would authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, legacies, and devises to be held in trust without having to bring them to Town Meeting for a vote. The Trustees of the Trust Funds would manage the trust funds according to the terms of the trust document.

24. Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept in trust the moneys previously held by the Rindge Woman’s Club, totaling approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of providing scholarships as directed in the Anderson bequest?

A “yes” vote would authorize the Selectmen to accept the moneys the Rindge Woman’s Club would like the Town Trustees to manage in order to reap better investment returns. The Rindge Woman’s Club would still administer the scholarship applications.

25. Shall the Town vote to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend money from the Special Revenue Fund for the Transfer Station established last year?

A “yes” vote would allow the Selectmen to authorize expenditures from the Special Revenue Fund created last year without returning to Town Meeting for a vote. The funds could be used only for the purpose(s) of the fund, namely maintenance and replacement of equipment at the Transfer Station.

TOWN OF RINDGE
WARRANT SUMMARY SHEET
MARCH 12, 2013: SECOND SESSION OF THE TOWN MEETING

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Dominic Carguilo

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BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE – 2 YRS

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Kale Stenersen

Write-in _____

CEMETERY TRUSTEES – 3 YRS

Vote for no more than one

Douglas M. Hoyt

Write-in _____

2	Gasoline Sales Gateway East	Yes _____	No _____	14	Energy Efficiency Projects	Yes _____	No _____
3	Camping Permits	Yes _____	No _____	15	Highway Dept. One-Ton	Yes _____	No _____
4	Small Wind Energy	Yes _____	No _____	16	Meeting House Trust Fund	Yes _____	No _____
5	Mobile Home Parks	Yes _____	No _____	17	Highway Exhaust System	Yes _____	No _____
6	Home Occupations	Yes _____	No _____	18	Punch Card Machine	Yes _____	No _____
7	Bond Fiscal Year Conversion	Yes _____	No _____	19	Wellington Bridge Fund	Yes _____	No _____
8	18-Month Budget	Yes _____	No _____	20	Recreation Building Fund	Yes _____	No _____
9	Rescind Optional Fiscal Year	Yes _____	No _____	21	Library Facilities Fund	Yes _____	No _____
10	Fire Truck Lease Payment 2	Yes _____	No _____	22	Police Dept. Video Cameras	Yes _____	No _____
11	Fire Dept. Breathing Apparatus	Yes _____	No _____	23	Selectmen Accept Trusts	Yes _____	No _____
12	Measuring for Revaluation	Yes _____	No _____	24	Accept \$100,000 Trust	Yes _____	No _____
13	Fire Dept. Command Vehicle	Yes _____	No _____	25	Selectmen Agents on Fund	Yes _____	No _____