

**WARRANT FOR  
ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING ON JUNE 4, 2018 and  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION MEETING ON JUNE 12, 2018**

**STATE OF MAINE, COUNTY OF OXFORD**

**TO: Thomas Bourret, Constable of the Town of Rumford, in said County.**

**GREETINGS:**

In the Name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford, qualified by law to vote in Town Affairs, to assemble in the MUSKIE AUDITORIUM at MOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, 799 HANCOCK STREET in said Town, on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June AD, 2018 at seven o'clock in the evening for a Business Meeting to act on the following articles, except such as requires disposition by Secret Ballot, which will be voted upon at the Election Meeting at the American Legion Hall, located at 184 Congress Street, on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., to wit:

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting and serve pursuant to ARTICLE XII of the Town Charter.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers of said Town for year ending June 30, 2017.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to collect taxes on a semi-annual basis and allow the Board of Selectpersons to determine the dates of collection based on the Town's ability to set the tax rate.

Recommended by the Finance Committee that the Town collect taxes on a semi-annual basis, with the due dates to be determined by the Board of Selectpersons, based on the Town's ability to set the tax rate.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes on a semi-annual basis, until revoked, and to see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes unpaid after a specified time; and to set an amount of interest it will pay on over payment of taxes.

Recommended by the Finance Committee that the Town collect taxes on a semi-annual basis until revoked, and that 7 percent interest be charged on all unpaid taxes after each due date, and that 3 percent interest be paid on over payment of taxes.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town shall fix the salaries of the various Town Officers for the year 2018-2019 (a) Selectpersons and Overseers of General Assistance: \$1,275.00 for Chairperson, per annum, payable monthly; each other member \$918.00 per annum, payable

monthly (b) Assessors: \$1,450.00 for Chairperson, per annum, payable monthly; \$950.00 for each other member per annum, payable monthly, (c) Town Clerk-Treasurer: \$45,706.00 per annum, (d) Tax Collector-Constable: \$45,706.00 per annum, (e) Moderator: \$300.00 for annual Town Meeting and \$75.00 for each Special Town Meeting in accordance with Article II, Section 1, of the Town Charter.

Recommended by the Finance Committee that the salaries of the various Town Officers for the Fiscal year 2018-2019 be fixed as follows:

Selectpersons and Overseers of General Assistance: (a) \$1,275.00, for Chairperson, per annum, payable monthly; \$918.00 each other member, per annum, payable monthly; (b) Assessors: Chairperson \$1,450.00, per annum, payable monthly; \$950.00 for each other member per annum, payable monthly; (c) Town Clerk-Treasurer: \$45,706.00 per annum; (d) Tax Collector-Constable: \$45,706.00 per annum; and (e) Moderator: \$300.00 for Annual Town Meeting and \$75.00 for each Special Town Meeting.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to continue an eight (8) month payment plan known as the “Rumford Tax Club,” under such terms and conditions as the Tax Collector deems are in the best interest of the Town, including, but not limited to, the abatement of interest for all members of the Tax Club making regular payments in accordance with any rules and regulations for said “Rumford Tax Club” established by the Tax Collector.

**ARTICLE 7.** To authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes prior to the date of commitment to the Tax Collector, pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 506, and issue a receipt for the same.

**THE FOLLOWING MATTERS WILL BE VOTED UPON BY SECRET BALLOT AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 IN THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL, 184 CONGRESS STREET, TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:**

**ARTICLE 8.** To elect all municipal officers and Regional School Unit #10 board members as are required to be elected.

**ARTICLE 9.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$997,397.00 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following accounts. [Employer payroll costs for General Government of \$169,208.15 (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security. The total cost for the General Government, including payroll costs and retirement, is \$ 1,166,605.15.]

	Requested	Finance Committee	
	Amount	Recommendation	Vote
1 Selectpersons	\$ 9,027.00	\$ 9,027.00	4-0-5
2 Town Manager's Office	\$ 222,350.00	\$ 222,350.00	7-2
3 Town Clerk-Treasurer's Office	\$ 104,641.00	\$ 104,641.00	9-0
4 Tax Collector's Office	\$ 80,395.00	\$ 80,395.00	9-0
5 Assessor's Office	\$ 120,356.00	\$ 120,356.00	7-2
6 Town Attorney	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	8-0-1
7 Town Audit	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	9-0
8 Animal Control	\$ 23,064.00	\$ 23,064.00	9-0
9 Economic Development	\$ 65,020.00	\$ 65,020.00	7-2
10 Elections	\$ 30,929.00	\$ 30,929.00	9-0
11 Municipal Building	\$ 99,215.00	\$ 99,215.00	9-0
12 Computer	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	9-0
13 Information Center	\$ 9,400.00	\$ 9,400.00	9-0
14 Maine PERS (Retirement)	\$ 143,000.00	\$ 143,000.00	9-0
15 Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$ -	-	
	\$ 997,397.00	\$ 997,397.00	

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 10.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$715,212.00 for PUBLIC SAFETY for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following accounts. [Employer payroll costs for Public Safety of \$24,243.32 (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security. The total cost for Public Safety, including payroll costs and retirement, is \$739,455.32.]

	Requested	Finance Committee	
	Amount	Recommendation	Vote
1 Emergency Management	\$ 7,226.00	\$ 7,226.00	9-0
2 Utilities (Streetlights, Hydrant)	\$ 447,744.00	\$ 447,744.00	9-0
3 Maine PERS (Retirement P&F)	\$ 209,800.00	\$ 209,800.00	9-0
4 Code Enforcement	\$ 50,442.00	\$ 50,442.00	9-0
	\$ 715,212.00	\$ 715,212.00	

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 11.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$834,518.00 for POLICE DEPARTMENT for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following account. [Employer payroll costs for Police Department of \$243,099.81 (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security. The total cost for Police Department, including payroll costs and retirement, is \$1,168,352.32.]

	Requested	Finance Committee
	Amount	Recommendation
Police Department	\$834,518.00	\$834,518.00 7-2

YES  
NO

**ARTICLE 12.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$748,905.00 for FIRE DEPARTMENT for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following account. [Employer payroll costs for Fire Department of \$242,175.50 (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security. The total cost for Fire Department, including payroll costs and retirement, is \$1,076,018.08.]

	Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation
Fire Department	\$748,905.00	\$748,905.00 7-2

YES  
NO

**ARTICLE 13.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$668,272.00 for HEALTH AND SANITATION for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following accounts. [Employer payroll costs for Health and Sanitation of \$145.29 (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security.] The total cost for the Health and Sanitation Department, including payroll costs and retirement, is \$668,417.29.]

	Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation	Vote
1 Med-Care	\$ 136,272.00	\$ 136,272.00	9-0
2 Health Officer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	9-0
3 Sewer Maintenance			
4 Solid Waste	\$ 530,000.00	\$ 530,000.00	9-0
	\$ 668,272.00	\$ 668,272.00	

YES  
NO

**ARTICLE 14.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,497,787.00 for PUBLIC WORKS for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following accounts. [Employer payroll costs for Public Works of \$326,416.07 (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security. The total cost for the Public Works, including payroll costs and retirement, is \$2,296,010.76. Also included is \$400,000 which is taken annually from Excise Tax collected by the Town pursuant to Chapter 23-B of the Ordinances of the Town of Rumford.]

	Requested	Finance Committee	
	Amount	Recommendation	Vote
1 Summer Roads	\$ 436,049.00	\$ 436,049.00	9-0
2 Winter Roads	\$ 732,862.00	\$ 732,862.00	9-0
3 Bituminous Surfacing	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	9-0
4 State Aid Road Construction	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	9-0
5 Sidewalks	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	9-0
6 Bridges	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	9-0
7 Building Demolition	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 82,500.00	9-0
8 Puiia Business Park	\$ -	\$ -	
9 Town Garage	\$ 66,376.00	\$ 66,376.00	9-0
	\$ 1,497,787.00	\$ 1,497,787.00	

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 15.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,537.00 and appropriate all revenues and reimbursements received by the Town designated for GENERAL ASSISTANCE for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following account. [Employer payroll costs for General Assistance of \$822.91 (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security. The total cost for General Assistance, including payroll costs, retirement and reimbursements, is \$65,400.31. Actual cost to the Town for General Assistance after 70% reimbursement by the State is \$28,194.00].

	Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation
General Assistance	\$65,537.00	\$63,537.00 9-0

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 16.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$237,894.00 for PUBLIC LIBRARY for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following account. [Employer payroll costs for Public Library of \$41,791.15 (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security. The total cost for Public Library, including payroll costs and retirement, is \$291,206.00.]

	Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation
Public Library	\$237,894.00	\$237,894.00 9-0

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 17.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$248,735.00 for PUBLIC SERVICE for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following accounts. [Employer payroll costs for Public Service of \$52,544.68. (not included in this Article) will be voted on under Article 20, Unclassified Accounts, Insurances and Social Security. The total cost for Public Service, including payroll costs and retirement, is \$308,770.80.]

		Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation	Vote
1	Municipal Planning	\$ 26,400.00	\$ 26,400.00	8-0-1
2	Charter Commission	\$ -	\$ -	
3	Park Department	\$ 199,255.00	\$ 199,255.00	8-1
4	Park Department - Skating	\$ -	\$ -	
5	Park Department - Cemeteries	\$ 23,080.00	\$ 23,080.00	9-0
		\$ 248,735.00	\$ 248,735.00	

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 18.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$267,102.00 for DEBT SERVICE AND INTEREST for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following account:

	Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation
Bond Obligations	\$267,102.00	\$267,102.00 9-0

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 19.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$755,238.00 for CAPITAL ACCOUNTS for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following accounts:

		Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation	Vote
1	Code Enforcement Equipment	\$ 1,000.00		
2	Emergency Management	\$		
3	Fire Equipment	\$ 166,500.00		
4	Public Works Equipment	\$ 250,000.00		
5	Library Building	\$ 32,000.00		
6	Other Town Properties	\$ 25,000.00		
7	Parks & Recreation Equipment	\$ 87,738.00		
8	Police Equipment	\$ 30,000.00		
9	Sewer Extension	\$ 50,000.00		

10	Town Hall	\$ 63,000.00		
11	Revaluation	\$ 50,000.00		
		\$ 755,238.00	\$ 755,238.00	9-0

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 20.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,344,364.00 for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 for the following accounts:

	Requested Amount	Finance Committee Recommendation	Vote
1 CONTINGENCY	20,000.00	20,000.00	9-0
2 UNCLASSIFIED: Employer Payroll Costs			
Dental Insurance	21,000.00	21,000.00	
Social Security / FICA	111,000.00	111,000.00	
Administrative Cost Health Reimb Acct	3,600.00	3,600.00	
Health Reimbursement Account Plan	-	-	
Health Insurance	830,000.00	830,000.00	
Income Protection Insurance	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Life Insurance	300.00	300.00	
Medicare	46,000.00	46,000.00	
Unemployment Insurance	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Worker's Compensation	96,100.00	96,100.00	
<b>TOTAL UNCLASS: Employer Payroll Costs</b>	<b>1,129,600.00</b>	<b>1,129,600.00</b>	
3 UNCLASSIFIED: Insurances			
Automobile Insurance	33,284.00	33,284.00	
Employment Practices Liability Ins.	8,645.00	8,645.00	
Excess Liability Insurance (Umbrella)	6,328.00	6,328.00	
Flood Insurance	2,855.00	2,855.00	
General Liability Insurance	31,248.00	31,248.00	
Law Enforcement Liability Ins.	11,900.00	11,900.00	
Property Package Ins. For Bldgs, Contents	41,812.00	41,812.00	
Public Liability Insurance	8,981.00	8,981.00	
Surety	2,436.00	2,436.00	
VFIS Auto	10,755.00	10,755.00	
VFIS Umbrella	26,520.00	26,520.00	
Insurance Reserve Deductible	10,000.00	10,000.00	
<b>TOTAL UNCLASS: Insurances</b>	<b>194,764.00</b>	<b>194,764.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL CONTINGENCY &amp; UNCLASSIFIED</b>	<b>\$ 1,344,364.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,344,364.00</b>	<b>9-0</b>

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 21.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,000.00 for the Rumford Police Department K-9 [DRUG DETECTION DOG] CAPITAL ACCOUNT for FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 22.** Shall the Town appropriate all revenues obtained from criminal seizures and criminal forfeitures and authorize applications for grants for the approximate yearly maintenance costs of \$10,000.00, for off-duty care, food and other miscellaneous items associated with the Rumford Police Department K-9 Unit.

YES

NO

### **INITIATED ARTICLE REQUESTS**

**ARTICLE 23.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$640.00 for AMERICAN LEGION, AUXILIARY (for Girl's State) for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0) (Request \$640.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 24.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for AMERICAN LEGION, NAPOLEON OUELLETTE POST 24 (for Boy's State) for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0) (Request \$600.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 25.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for AMERICAN RED CROSS for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote: 6-0) (Request \$3,200.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 26.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for ANDROSCOGGIN HOME CARE & HOSPICE for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019;



provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0?  
(Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote: 6-0) (Request \$5,000.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 27.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 for BLACK MOUNTAIN OF MAINE for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote: 6-0) (Request \$25,000.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 28.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for COMMUNITY CONCEPTS, INC., for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$3,000.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 29.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$109,480.00 for GREATER RUMFORD COMMUNITY CENTER for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$109,480.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 30.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for RUMFORD SENIOR CITIZENS for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0) (Request \$6,000.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 31.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for HOPE ASSOCIATION for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$10,000.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 32.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for OXFORD COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$5,000.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 33.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for RIVER VALLEY ANIMAL ADVOCATES for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$1,000.00.)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 34.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 for RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$3,500.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 35.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for RIVER VALLEY HEALTHY COMMUNITIES for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$2,500.00.)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 36.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for RUMFORD GROUP HOMES for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$6,000.00.)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 37.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 for SAFE VOICES for FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided however, that this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$4,000.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 38.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for SENIORS PLUS for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$5,000.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 39.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE SERVICES (formerly known as R.E.A.C.H.) for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$750.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 40.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,460.00 for THE LIFEFLIGHT FOUNDATION, LIFEFLIGHT OF MAINE for FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item will be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0.) (Request \$1,460.00)

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 41.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH for the FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019; provided, however, that if this article is defeated, the appropriation for this item shall be \$0? (Recommended by the Finance Committee: Vote 6-0). (Request \$5,000.00).

YES

NO

**ARTICLE 42.** Shall the Town approve the ORDINANCE Amendments and Enactments (to be voted by Secret Ballot) at the Election Meeting on June 12, 2018, which amendments and proposed ordinances for adoption are on file with the Town Clerk's Office in the Filing Book as Nos. 2018-01 to 2018-08?

## **ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSED ORDINANCES**

1. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled **Chapter 19, Traffic Regulations, Section 1**, Filing Number 2018-01 as follows?

**Section 1. Interference with Snow Removal.** No person shall allow, permit or suffer any vehicle under his control or registered in his name to stand or be parked in any public street or public right-of-way from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for a period of more than two hours when the Town Manager or the Town Manager's designee has issued a winter storm parking ban, but notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall such standing or parking between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. be legal if it interferes with or hinders the plowing, loading or removal of snow from such public street or way. The winter storm ban notification will be placed on the Town's website, the Town's electronic signs and any other methods that the Town Manager or Town Manager's designee deems likely to notify the public of the parking ban, including, but not limited to local cable, television and radio stations. The Board of Selectpersons shall have the authority to change the date of November 1<sup>st</sup> to any day during the month of November but in no instance beyond the date of December 1<sup>st</sup> and also the date of April 15<sup>th</sup> but in no instance prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**YES**

**NO**

2. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled **Chapter 10-A, Planning Board, in the title and Section 2**, Filing Number 2018-02, as follows?

### **Chapter 10-A** ~~The~~ **Planning Board**

#### **Section 2. Organization and Rules.**

- (a) **Membership:** There shall be 5 members appointed by the Board of Selectpersons. Two ~~associate~~ alternate members shall also be appointed to act in the absence of a regular member.

The officers shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary who shall be elected from among the membership for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected.

- (b) **Meetings:** The organizational meeting shall be held ~~the third Wednesday in June at 7:00 p.m. in July, after new members have been appointed, sworn in and a quorum is met.~~ Regular monthly meetings shall be held on a day to be established annually at the organizational meeting of the Planning Board. The Planning Board may change the day and time of the monthly meetings, as circumstances may require, with a minimum of five (5) days' notice to the public. Meetings shall be held in ~~the conference room on the bottom floor of the Municipal Building or in another room in the Municipal Building if there is not adequate room for attendees, with notice being posted on the conference room door to notify the change of location.~~ All meetings are open to the public.

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YES  
NO

3. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled **Chapter 3, Finance Committee, Sections 4 and 5**, Filing Number 2018-03, as follows?

**Section 4. Budget Meetings.** Upon receipt of the budget for the ensuing fiscal year from the Town Manager, the Committee shall hold as many budget meetings as are required to complete its budgetary work and submit their final recommendations at least ~~50~~60 days prior to the Secret Ballot Election to the Town Manager to give reasonable time for absentee ballots to be prepared. The Committee shall hold as many public meetings as they may require.

**Section 5. Hearings on Warrant.** The Committee shall hold a public hearing ~~during the month of April,~~ to consider and hear comment on the articles in the warrant for the next Annual Town Meeting.

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4. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled **Chapter 36-C, Recall of Elected Officials, Sections 1 and 2**, Filing Number 2018-04, as follows?

**Section 1. Authority.** This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to ~~Title 30-A M.R.S.~~M.R.S. § 2602 (6).

**Section 2. Applicability.** Any elected official of the Town of Rumford, Maine, may be recalled and removed from office as herein provided for. The elected officials are Selectpersons, Assessors, Tax Collector, Town Clerk-Treasurer. This Ordinance does not apply to Directors of ~~MSAD 43~~Regional School Unit 10.

YES

NO

5. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled **Chapter 40, Political and Yard Signs and Banners Ordinance**, Filing Number 2018-05 as follows?

## CHAPTER 40

### Temporary Political and Yard Sale Signs and Advertisement Banners Ordinance

**Section 1. Political Temporary Signs and Banners.** No ~~political temporary signs or banners~~ shall be posted on ~~the Island~~ the Town Hall or near the Information Booth. Signs and banners must not impair the view of the Rumford Falls from any location. They will not be allowed on Town owned property without the permission of the Town Manager. The time of placement of ~~political temporary signs~~ shall be governed by the State Statute and ~~removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the closing of the election voting hours~~ may only be placed up for a maximum time of 6 weeks per year unless another time limitation is provided below in Sections 2, 3 or 4 below.

**Section 2. Yard Sale Signs.** The time of placement shall not be more than ~~twenty-four (24) hours~~ five (5) days before the yard sale and removed within twenty-four (24) hours after the end of the sale. ~~The y~~Yard sale signs will not be allowed on Town owned property

**Section 3. Advertisement Banners.** When banners are used to advertise a charitable event, they may be hung fourteen (14) days prior to the event after notifying the Town Manager's Office, and removed the morning following the event. All exceptions must be approved by the Town Manager.

**Section 4. All Temporary Signs and Banners.** All signs and banners shall not exceed ~~500~~ 24 square inches, and banners shall not exceed ~~30 square feet~~. All temporary signs, other than yard sale sign on telephone posts, must be displayed on their own stakes. All signs and banners shall have the name, address and phone number of the person responsible for putting the sign or banner up and the date that the sign or banner was put up. ~~There shall be no alcoholic messages or logos allowed as part of any signs or banners covered by this ordinance.~~

**Section 5. All Other Temporary Signs.** All other temporary signs and banners that are posted to inform the public about public events, business or informational signs shall be posted for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days with a ninety (90) day period in between postings. They will not be allowed on Town owned property.

**Section 56. Penalties.** A ten (10) dollar fine will be assessed for each day of noncompliance with any section of the ordinance. The ~~candidate~~ entity, or persons associated with the signs,

shall be responsible for payment of the penalty. A violator found guilty by the Court shall be also responsible for the attorney's fees and costs of the Town.

**YES**

**NO**

**Explanation:** Laws regarding political signs have been held unconstitutional and ordinances regarding signs must be phrased to be neutral as temporary signage.

6. Shall the Town amend the Ordinance entitled **Chapter 43, Changeable Message Sign Ordinance**, Filing Number 2018-06 as follows?

## **CHAPTER 43**

### **Changeable Message Sign Ordinance**

**Section 1. Changeable Message Signs.** Changeable message signs are permitted provided that each message remains fixed on the display surface, but which may be changed at reasonable intervals by electronic process or remote control and do not include any flashing, intermittent or moving light or lights. Signs whose messages change by mechanical or electronic means are not prohibited as long as the intermittent lighting is used to change messages and not solely to attract attention.

#### **Section 2. Definitions.**

- A.** “**Electronic Message Sign (or Display)**” - A sign capable of displaying words, symbols, figures or images that can be electronically or mechanically changed by remote or automatic means.
- B.** “**Dissolve**” – A mode of message transition on an Electronic Message Display accomplished by varying the light intensity or pattern, where the first message gradually appears to dissipate and lose legibility simultaneously with the gradual appearance and legibility of the second message.
- C.** “**Fade**” – A mode of message transition on an Electronic Message Display accomplished by varying the light intensity, where the first message gradually reduces the intensity to the point of not being legible and the subsequent message gradually increases intensity to the point of legibility.
- D.** “**Frame**” – A complete, static display screen on an Electronic Message Display.
- E.** “**Foot candle**” – is a measurement of light intensity and is defined as the illuminance on a one-square foot surface from a uniform source of light.

- F.** “**Frame Effect**” – A visual effect used on an Electronic Message Display to change from one message to another.
- G.** “**Lux**” – is the measurement of illumination in metric units.
- H.** “**Scroll**” – A mode of message transition on an Electronic Message Display where the message appears to move vertically across the display surface.
- I.** “**Time & Temperature Sign**” – A special type of changeable message sign that is capable of displaying only public service information such as time, date and temperature, but not words, symbols or other advertising messages.
- J.** “**Travel**” – A mode of message transition on an Electronic Message Display where the message appears to move horizontally across the display surface.

**Section 3. Permitted Uses.** The display on each side of a changeable sign may be changed according to one of the following rates depending on the zone where the sign is erected. Electronic changeable signs must be located on the premises of the applicant. Changeable signs are not permitted in residential zones as classified by the Code Enforcement Officer. Electronic Message Signs are permitted with the approval of the Code Enforcement Officer if the sign meets the following requirements set forth in this ordinance:

- A.** **Level 1 Permitted in the Downtown Area to Include Waldo Street.** Static display (text & images) with a 3 second hold rate of change minimum between changes. The maximum off time between messages shall be 0.3 seconds. The use of subtle transitions such as fade or dissolve, and other such frame effects that do not have the appearance of moving text or images are allowed. Date, time and temperature signs are allowed to change display with a 2 second message hold rate. Any electronic sign shall have a maximum transition period of 2 seconds.
- B.** **Level 2 Permitted at the Hosmer Field Athletic Complex, Oxford County Arc Adult Activity Center and the River Valley Crossing.** Static display (text & images) with a 2 second hold rate of change minimum between changes. The maximum off time between messages shall be 0.3 seconds. The use of subtle transitions such as fade or dissolve, and other such frame effects will be allowed. Frame effects may travel or scroll or have similar transitions or change in size or be revealed sequentially rather than at once including the movement of illumination or the scintillation or varying of light intensity. Date, time & temperature signs are allowed to change display with a 2 second message hold rate. Any electronic sign shall have a maximum transition period of 2 seconds.
- C.** **Level 3 Permitted in All Areas Owned by the Paper Mill to Exclude Canal Street.** Static display (text & images) with a 3 second hold rate of change minimum between changes. The maximum off time between messages shall be 0.3 seconds. The



use of subtle transitions such as fade or dissolve, and other such frame effects that do not have the appearance of moving text or images are allowed. Date, time & temperature signs are allowed to change display with a 2 second message hold rate. Any electronic sign shall have a maximum transition period of 2 seconds.

- D.** **Level 4** All areas that are not covered by level 1, 2, and 3 will be governed by the Code Enforcement Officer, Board of Selectmen and Town Manager on an as need basis.

#### **Section 4. Brightness.**

- A. Brightness levels shall be automatically adjusted to be 0.3 foot candles above ambient light levels, except foot candle brightness shall not exceed 0.3 foot candles at night.
- B. Foot candles are the most common type of measurement used in the U.S. for the density of light that falls on a surface and is a measure of illumination produced by 1 candle at a distance of 1 foot on a 1 square foot area.
- C. Lux is the measurement of illumination in metric units. 1 foot candle is equal to 10.76 lux.
- D. Foot candles shall be measured at 5 feet above grade, using all white settings or the solid color for single-color signs.
- E. Illumination of an Electronic Variable Message Sign shall be measured with an illuminance meter set to measure foot candles accurate to at least two decimals. Illuminance shall be measured with the sign off and then again with the sign displaying a white image for a full-color capable sign or the solid color for a single-color sign.
- F. Measurement shall be taken at the following distances from the sign:
1. Sign area of less than 300 square feet: 150 feet away.
  2. Sign area of 300 – 400 square feet: 200 feet away.
  3. Sign area of greater than 400 square feet: 250 feet away.
- G. Automatic demurrers to maintain brightness measurements are required.
- H. Light levels shall be confirmed by the applicant and submitted to the municipality in writing prior to approval of any electronic variable message sign.

**Section 45. Penalties.** Except as otherwise provided by state law, violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be punished as follows:

A. ~~1~~**First Violation** - Written Warning;

B. ~~2~~**Second Violation** - by a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Each act of violation and every day upon which such a violation shall occur shall constitute a separate offense. The maximum fine is \$1,000.00.

C. ~~3~~**Third Violation** – Prohibition to use the changeable sign for one (1) month.

E. ~~4~~**Fourth Violation** – Prohibition to use the changeable sign for six (6) months.

F. ~~5~~**Fifth Violation** – Removal of sign at owner’s expense.

In addition to the above penalties in this section, the Town may enjoin or abate any violation of this Ordinance by appropriate court action. In the event that the Town shall prevail in any court action to enforce this Ordinance, the Town shall recover its costs of suit, including reasonable attorney’s fees.

**Section 56.** The requirements of this ordinance shall complement the sign requirements contained in Chapter 25-C of these ordinances and shall not be in substitution or replacement of Chapter 25-C.

**Section 67. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its official adoption by the Town of Rumford.

YES

NO

7. Shall the Town enact the Ordinance entitled Chapter 25-H, **Property Maintenance Ordinance**, Filing Number 2018-07, as follows?

**CHAPTER 25-H**  
**Property Maintenance Ordinance**

**Section 1. Purpose and Scope.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to set a minimum standard for the maintenance of the premises, surrounding areas of said premises, buildings, structures, vacant lots and access by public safety personnel in the event of an emergency or happenstance.

**Section 2. Maintenance Standards for Premises and Yard Areas.** All properties in the Town are subject to the following requirements:

A. All premises and yard areas shall be kept maintained in a safe condition.

- B. All fences and gates surrounding a property shall be kept maintained in a good condition and functioning use.
- C. All yards or lots shall be kept free of accumulations of trash, garbage, refuse, junk or other material which may cause a hazard to public health, sanitation and safety or may act as a breeding place for vermin.
- D. All areas around vacant buildings shall be kept free of overgrowth of vegetation.
- E. Except as provided for by state statute or in other regulations, no inoperative motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled for a period of time greater than 180 days.
- F. Except as provided for by state statute or in other regulations, 2 or more unregistered vehicles on the property are not allowed for a period of time greater than 180 days.
- G. Anyone placing trash out at the street shall put trash into a trash can/receptacle with lids. Owners of rental properties and multifamily dwellings shall provide trash cans/receptacles with lids for the occupants of their buildings for placement of their trash for trash disposal.
- H. Trash cans/receptacles shall not be placed out for curbside pickup more than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the day before the scheduled pickup.
- I. No household furniture or appliances shall be placed outside for disposal unless it is during the scheduled spring clean up.
- J. All buildings shall be maintained to comply with the requirements of town ordinances and state statutes.

**Section 3. Enforcement.** The Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Rumford shall enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. In the event of a violation, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify the property owner by serving a written notice by certified mail with return receipt requested, by first class mail with certificate of mailing or in hand at the premises. Said notice shall explain the nature of the violation and allow no more than thirty (30) days from the date of the receipt of the notice to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected within the required time allowed, the property owner shall be subject to penalties as set forth in Section 4.

**Section 4. Penalties.** Any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance after receiving notice of such violation pursuant to section 3 above shall be liable for civil penalty

of a minimum of \$100.00 up to \$2,500.00 for each violation. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation as referenced in Maine State Law. In addition, the Town may pursue all remedies and reliefs available by law without limitations. A person convicted of a violation shall also be responsible for legal fees and costs of the Town in bringing prosecution of the violation.

**YES**

**NO**

8. Shall the Town enact the Ordinance entitled **Chapter 56, Local Food and Community Self Governance Ordinance**, Filing Number 2018-08 in the Town Clerk's Office?

The length of this proposed ordinance for enactment is too lengthy to print out in full in this warrant article. The full version is available from the Town Clerk as Filing No. 2018-08 and may also be viewed online at [www.rumfordme.org](http://www.rumfordme.org).

**Explanation:** The state has recently passed a statute which allows food which is locally grown and processed in the Town to be exempt from state law regarding licensing and inspection if a Town adopts an ordinance permitting this. Locally grown and processed food is only exempt from state law if it sold on the premises where it grown and/or produced. The ordinance does not exempt meat and poultry which is required to meet the inspection standards of state law (7 M.R.S. § 285).

**YES**

**NO**

**ARTICLE 43.** Shall the Town approve the CHARTER Amendments (to be voted by Secret Ballot) at the Election Meeting on June 12, 2018, which amendments are on file with the Town Clerk's Office?

1. Shall the Town amend **Charter Article IV, Section 1**, on file with the Town Clerk, as Filing No. 2018-01C as follows?

**ARTICLE IV  
PROMULGATION OF ORDINANCES AND  
CHARTER AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. Ordinances.** The Board of Selectpersons shall hold 2 public hearings during the months of February and ~~September~~July, for the purpose of receiving proposals for articles relating to new Ordinances or to amendment of or elimination of existing Ordinances, to be included in the warrant for the next Town annual referendum in June or for the November election. Notice of such hearings, and the procedure with relation to such proposals, shall be

the same as provided in section 5, of Article III of this Charter.

**YES**

**NO**

2. Shall the Town amend **Charter Article VI, Section 2**, on file with the Town Clerk, as Filing No. 2018-02C as follows?

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

**Section 2. Nomination.** Nomination for election to such office shall be by petition or petitions filed with the Town Clerk preceding a Town meeting called for such purpose, and the Clerk shall note thereon the date and hour of filing. Such petitions shall be filed with the Town Clerk ~~no sooner than 60 days and not later than 45 days prior to such~~ on or before the 60<sup>th</sup> day before election day.

**YES**

**NO**

3. Shall the Town amend **Charter Article IX, Section 2**, on file with the Town Clerk, as Filing No. 2018-03C as follows?

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **TOWN CLERK-TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR-CONSTABLE**

**Section 3. Training.** The Town Clerk-Treasurer-Clerk and Tax Collector-Constable shall attend the annual training workshop for their respective positions offered by the State of Maine or Maine Municipal Association.

**YES**

**NO**

Notice is hereby given that the Voter Registration Office will be open during business hours at the Municipal Building from June 4 – 8, 2018 and June 11, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to hear and decide upon applications of persons claiming the right to have their names entered upon the voting lists. The law requires all persons to show proof of identity and residency at the time of registration. The law also requires that when a voter's address changes, the voter must notify the registration office of such change. The LAST DAY TO REQUEST absentee ballots will be June 7, 2018 and all ballots requested MUST BE RETURNED NO LATER than Election Day, June 12, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

**Approved as to form and legality:**

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**JENNIFER F. KRECKEL**, Town Attorney  
Town of Rumford, Maine

**Given unto our hand this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.**

**BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS of Rumford, Maine**

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**CHRISTOPHER BRENNICK**, Chairperson

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**M. PETER CHASE**, Vice-Chairperson

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**MARK N. BELANGER**, Selectperson

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**JAMES WINDOVER**, Selectperson

**A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:**

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**BETH BELLEGARDE**, TOWN CLERK  
Town of Rumford, Maine

## CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Rumford, Maine; qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purpose therein mentioned, by posting attested copies of the within warrant; one at the U.S. Post Office, 137 Congress Street, Rumford, Maine; one in the Municipal Building, 145 Congress Street, Rumford, Maine; and one at the Rumford Public Library, 56 Rumford Avenue, Rumford Maine, the same being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand eighteen; the same being at least ten days before the time appointed for said meeting.

And, I also have caused an attested copy of the within warrant to be published in the *Rumford Falls Times*, a paper circulated weekly in said Town of Rumford, in its issue dated May \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Dated: May \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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**THOMAS BOURRET**, Constable  
Town of Rumford, Maine