

**WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING**

March 7, 2017

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 MOUNTAIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL located at 799 HANCOCK St. in said Town, on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 2017 AD at six o'clock in the evening for a special town business meeting to act on the following article, to wit:

TO: THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD

You are hereby notified that a special town business meeting in this municipality will be held in the Mountain Valley High School located at 799 Hancock St., Rumford, Maine at 6:00 p.m. on March 7, 2017 to act upon the following article.

Article 1: To see if the Town of Rumford shall adopt a Moratorium Ordinance pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. §4356 regarding "large-scale extraction of water" as defined in Maine Revised Statutes in Title 35-A, Section 6109-B, in order to allow the Town to implement regulation of the large-scale extraction of water, such adoption to be pursuant to the following terms and provisions:

WHEREAS, there are proposals for large-scale extraction of water, in the town of Rumford, for the purpose of reselling the water as "bottled drinking water" or to be resold for consumption or other use outside the town of Rumford; and

WHEREAS, a petition signed by at least 10 percent of the registered voters of the Town of Rumford (the "Petitioners") indicating that they believe that large-scale extraction of water, has hitherto been a possibility not anticipated or planned for by the town of Rumford; and

WHEREAS, the Petitioners believe large-scale extraction of water from the Ellis River Aquifer may place in peril: (a) the aquifer itself; and (b) private wells and water bodies near the proposed extraction site; and

WHEREAS, the Petitioners believe the Town needs time to develop reasonable ordinances governing the large-scale extraction of water to address the concerns cited above; and

WHEREAS, the Town, under its home rule authority, its police power generally, and 30-A M.R.S., chapter 187, subchapter 3 ("land use regulation"), has the authority to impose reasonable restrictions, conditions, and limitations on such large-scale extraction of water; and

WHEREAS, the Petitioners believe that the Town's current Code of Ordinances and other applicable local laws are not adequate to prevent serious public harm that could be caused by the development of the large-scale extracting of water, thereby necessitating a moratorium; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that development and enactment of recommended ordinance changes will take at least one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date the Town enacts this Moratorium Ordinance on large-scale extraction of water;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE TOWN OF RUMFORD that the following Moratorium Ordinance on large-scale extraction of water be, and hereby is, adopted and enacted, as follows:

Section 1. A moratorium is hereby imposed on large-scale extraction of water from the Ellis River Aquifer, by any company, individual, or municipality, for the purpose of reselling the water as "bottled drinking water" or to be resold for consumption or other use outside the town of Rumford.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall apply to large-scale extraction of water, as defined in Maine Revised Statutes in Title 35-A, Section 6109-B, which may be proposed to be located within the Ellis River Aquifer.

Section 3. This Moratorium Ordinance shall take effect, once enacted by the voters of the Town of Rumford. The moratorium shall remain in effect for one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date enacted, for the express purpose of drafting a land use ordinance or amend the Town's current Code of Ordinances to better define and regulate the large-scale extraction of water within Rumford, and to bring this ordinance or amendment(s) to the Town of Rumford officials and voters for consideration.

Approved as to form and legality:



KENDALL A. RICKER, Acting as Town Attorney
Town of Rumford, Maine

Given unto our hands this 16th day of February, 2017.

SELECTPERSONS OF THE TOWN OF RUMFORD



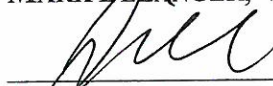
JEFFREY STERLING, Chairperson



MARK BELANGER, Vice-Chairperson



MICHAEL PETER CHASE, Selectperson



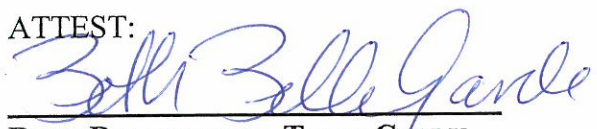
JAMES WINDOVER, Selectperson



CHRISTOPHER BRENNICK, Selectperson

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT

ATTEST:



BETH BELLEGARDE, TOWN CLERK
Town of Rumford, Maine

CONSTABLE'S RETURN


OXFORD, ss

STATE OF MAINE

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 United States Post Office, 137 Congress Street, Rumford, Maine; one at 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 22nd day of February, 2017, which is at least ten days before the time appointed for said meeting.

And I have also 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 February 22, 2017.

Dated: February 22, 2017



THOMAS BOURRET, Constable
Town of Rumford, Maine