



## 2024 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Town of Rangeley

# RICHARD D. BROWN

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Richard Brown was born on February 8, 1956, in Shirley, Massachusetts to parents George and Cecelia Brown. The family moved to Emerson, New Jersey, where Richard and his brother attended both Elementary and High School. While there, Richard was a member of the Chess Club, Math Club and the Library A/V Unit. He was also an avid reader, particularly science fiction. Richard enjoyed Star Trek, having attended the first Star Trek Convention in New York City in the early 1970s.

In the late 1960s the family took an interest in camping, with their first trip to Maine in 1969. They went 13 miles by boat to camp at Half Moon Cove on Upper Richardson Lake. Following return trips to camp in the region, the family had the opportunity to purchase the Cupsuptic Campground in 1974. Richard, having just graduated, helped with the daily operations of the campground. The family purchased a home in Oquossoc in 1976 and became full-time residents. They eventually sold the campground and started the family business Mountain Lakes Services, which provided a variety of services, from camp maintenance to computer work. Richard's computer work brought opportunity with TRANET where he helped fix and upgrade computers. The camp maintenance work included splitting wood and cutting ice at Bald Mountain Camps. Richard's mother opened Ceil's Bakery at Haines Landing, where Richard would make deliveries to the Gingerbread House, Oquossoc Grocery and others. The brothers would also sell pizza from the bakery in the evenings.

The Town of Rangeley hired Richard in 1992 as a seasonal part-time Attendant at the Transfer Station. By 1994, he worked his way to being a full-time employee. In 2000, Richard was awarded the Maine State Operator of the Year Award and promoted to the Transfer Station Manager where he remains today.

In 2024, Richard celebrated 30 years as a full-time employee with the Town where he has always shown exemplary performance. He has done whatever has been necessary to provide the best service to the citizens and visitors of Rangeley and Oquossoc. His service has been consistently pleasant, helpful, professional and reliable. It's not often that an individual dedicates 30 years of their life to serving a community, but that is exactly what Richard has done.

It is with gratitude and admiration that the 2024 Annual Town Report be dedicated to Richard D. Brown in recognition of his unwavering civil service to the Town's citizens and visitors.



*The Town of Rangeley is honored to dedicate this year's Annual Town Report to Richard D. Brown. Thank you for your many years of dedicated civil service.*



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# Appointed Officials

## TOWN MANAGER

E. Joseph Roach

## ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER

Traci Lavoie

## TAX COLLECTOR-TREASURER

Marti Belt

## TOWN CLERK REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Marti Belt  
Carina White - Deputy

## ASSESSOR

Rob Duplisea

## CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Breck Parker  
Karl Kolze - Deputy

## POLICE CHIEF

Richard E. Caton IV

## FIRE CHIEF

Michael Bacon

## LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

Lindsey Savage

## ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Ryan Thompson

## ROAD COMMISSIONER

Earl Ross

## AIRPORT COMMISSION

James Ferrara  
Larry Koob  
John Sannizzaro  
Harold Schaetzle

## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Ann Ladd  
Dennis Marquis  
Denise Mercier  
Alice Smith

## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cynthia Egan  
Chris Farmer  
Steve Hewins

## ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Nancy Douglas  
Carolyn Smith  
Ethna Thompson  
Scott Wilson  
Valerie Zapolsky

## PLANNING BOARD

Leo Cerminara  
Noel Dolbier  
Peter Krauss  
Jon Lewis  
Lee Libby

## RANGELEY REGION ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

Shelly Lowell  
Laura Reynolds  
Kate Williamson

## VETERAN'S MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Colin Madrid  
Greg Whalen

## ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

Dennis Marquis  
Brian St. Louis  
Ryan Wilbur

# Elected Officials

## *BOARD OF SELECTMEN*

Jacob Beaulieu  
James Jannace  
Keith Savage  
Ethan Shaffer  
Samantha White

## *BUDGET COMMITTEE*

Cynthia Egan  
James Higgins  
Catherine Johnson  
Shelly Lowell  
Colin Madrid

## *H. A. FURBISH TRUST*

Traci Lavoie  
Dennis Marquis  
Carl Symes

## *PARKS COMMISSION*

James Ferrara  
James Jannace  
Michelle Laliberte  
Lindsey Savage  
Samantha White

## *SEWER COMMISSION*

Jonathan Adkins  
Albert Clinch  
Tomas Clinch  
Lee Grant  
Thomas Haggan

## *SCHOOL BOARD*

Tamara Flewelling  
Danielle Lemay  
Deborah Ladd  
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# State and Federal Government Directory

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LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I welcome this opportunity to share several key accomplishments for our state from the previous year.

As Vice Chair of the Appropriations Committee, I have secured nearly \$580 million for 230 projects across all of Maine's 16 counties to promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; support law enforcement; improve public education and infrastructure; and protect our environment. As the new Congress begins, I am honored to be taking the helm of the Committee, the first Mainer to do so in nearly a century, and I remain committed to ensuring that federal spending produces real results for our state and nation.

Maine has the oldest average age in the country, which is why I have long prioritized health-focused legislative efforts. There were more than 1,860 health care bills introduced during the 118th Congress. Only 15 health care bills were signed into law, and I was a lead sponsor of five of them. These bills will enhance care for individuals with Alzheimer's, autism, and substance abuse issues through improved research funding, strengthened public health programs, and increased support for rural first responders.

Another important bill that I coauthored was the *Social Security Fairness Act*. Since 2003, when I led the first-ever Senate hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, I have sought to end these provisions of the *Social Security Act* that unfairly reduce the Social Security benefits that public employees or their spouses have earned. I am pleased to say that with the passage of my bill, the *Social Security Fairness Act*, in December, public sector retirees will now receive the full Social Security benefits they have earned.

When the Maine way of life was under threat, I was certain to defend the interests of our state. I worked to protect Maine's potato farmers when the Department of Agriculture tried to reclassify the potato from a vegetable to a grain. I thwarted efforts to consolidate USPS mail operations at the Hampden postal facility, which would have disrupted mail delivery throughout our state. I sounded the alarm with leaders at the FBI and Departments of State and Treasury on the spate of illicit marijuana growing operations that are destroying properties and providing refuge to foreign criminals in our state. Following damage to our working waterfronts after last winter's storms, I secured \$15 million to help fishing communities recover. I championed funding to support the Maine Air National Guard base, Bath Iron Works, and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

As of last December, I have cast more than 9,100 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997. My ranking as the most bipartisan Senator reflects Maine's tradition of working with a spirit of cooperation and respect.

My highest priority as a Senator is to ensure that Maine's needs are met. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at [collins.senate.gov](http://collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



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SUBCOMMITTEE  
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VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Dear Friends,

Each year comes with renewed hope – to celebrate each other’s successes and care for each other in times of need. I am thankful to each town in Maine for their commitment to their communities, to their citizens, and to this country. We always work together to get things done. This past year was no different.

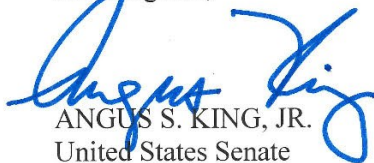
First, it was a true honor to be reelected to the United States Senate for another six-year term. Throughout my travels around the state, I heard many concerns about the cost of living and affordability of housing. Many of you also shared your concerns about access to medical and mental health services. The *Inflation Reduction Act* has been incredible for older people in Maine – Medicare is finally negotiating lower prices for prescription drugs, on top of the \$35 per month cap for insulin that took effect in 2023. We have an opportunity to build on what we have in common and do what Maine people do best; we will continue to help each other and lead through example.

I have also been consistently working to help our veterans. My team has repeatedly been successful in securing long-overdue recognition of military medals for many of Maine’s combat veterans and working to resolve issues with claims, travel pay, and access to healthcare and benefits our veterans earned through their selfless service to our country. I have also worked with my Veterans Affairs and Defense partners in Washington to successfully pass a national defense bill that strengthens our national security, takes care of our service members, and supports Maine businesses from Aroostook to York County.

I am also thankful to have such an incredible team across Maine available to you for hurdles you may face with the federal government. Whether it be veteran issues, social security problems, student loans, immigration, IRS and more, please never hesitate to reach out to my offices in Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta, Portland, or Biddeford and allow us the chance to be part of your solutions.

Together, over the next six years, I know we can continue to build a stronger, brighter future for our great state. Thank you for being one of the reasons Maine is so special; it is not only a pleasure to serve you — it is a pleasure to know you. Mary and I wish you a happy and safe 2025.

Best Regards,

  
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## Jared Golden Congress of the United States 2nd District of Maine

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's an honor to continue serving as your representative in Congress, and I take the responsibility very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to share an update on the work I've been doing for the people of the Second Congressional District.

**Fisheries:** This spring, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) announced a gauge increase for lobsters caught in the Gulf of Maine beginning in January 2025. Maine fishermen warned that this decision is founded on incomplete and inaccurate data. Additionally, this gauge increase could put Mainers at a competitive disadvantage to Canadian fishermen with looser regulations. That's why I sent a [letter](#) to the ASMFC urging them to delay their decision until they can evaluate data with fishermen, whose proactive stewardship provides invaluable insight. I have also submitted an amendment to this year's funding bill that would block federal funding from being used to implement and enforce a gauge increase. Because of these efforts, the ASFMC made the decision to delay the implementation of this new requirement. I'll always stand with Maine lobstermen against unfair, unnecessary regulations that threaten their livelihoods and industry.

**Veterans:** The first meeting I attended as an elected official was with a large group of veterans and the former Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. We discussed a lot, but one issue rose above the rest: how little was being done for Maine veterans who needed treatment for mental health issues or substance use. At the time, there were no in-patient treatment beds in Maine, so veterans had to wait for a bed to open up at an out-of-state facility. Fast forward 10 years, through unending red tape, and I'm delighted to report we just broke ground on a treatment facility at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta. This was the direct result of the tireless advocacy of veterans from across our state — this win is theirs.

**Postal Service:** This spring, the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to consolidate and move some processing operations from the Eastern Maine Processing & Distribution Center in Hampden to Scarborough. This would have caused significant mail delivery delays that disproportionately harm rural communities. That's why I introduced the *Timely Mail Delivery*

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*and Postal Services Protection Act*, which would have halted this planned consolidation across the country. Following these efforts, the USPS announced they have scrapped their plan entirely. While this is a win for Maine, it is also evidence that we cannot become complacent. That's why I recently introduced the bipartisan *Postmaster General Reform Act*, which would establish term limits for the United States Postal Service's (USPS) postmaster general and require nominations to be confirmed by the Senate.

Regardless of the year, one of my top priorities is ensuring I'm accessible to you. My staff and I can help navigate federal programs; find resources in Maine; and resolve issues with Medicare, Social Security, the VA, and other federal agencies and programs. We are here to help:

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I wish you a healthy and prosperous year to come.

Respectfully,



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# State of Maine Governor Janet T. Mills



Janet T. Mills  
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Dear Maine Resident:

I have always been guided by the belief that to strengthen our state, we have to invest in our greatest asset: the people of Maine. With the support of the Legislature, my Administration has been investing in what people need to succeed, like job training, child care, health care, education, broadband, and housing.

We are seeing results — small businesses are expanding their operations; people are moving here to work and raise their families; and graduates are staying in Maine to pursue rewarding, life-long careers. These are all encouraging signs that are reflected in the strength of our economy. In fact, Maine has one of the best rates of economic growth in the nation.

That's good news, but I know that not everyone is feeling the benefits of our strong economy. The cost of living in Maine, as in much of America, is too high. The price of fuel, the cost of supplies, utilities and labor have driven up expenses for families across the country and impacted the budgets of towns, counties and nearly every state, including Maine.

I want everyone to benefit from the availability of good jobs, a good public education, and good health care in our state. That is why I have put forward a balanced budget proposal that proposes some savings and certain targeted revenue increases to maintain things we all support, like the state paying 55 percent of the cost of education and 5 percent municipal revenue sharing, to keep all these costs from being passed along to property taxpayers.

We have made good progress over the past six years to ensure that every person in Maine can find a good-paying job in a rewarding and stable career; go to the doctor when they feel sick because they have health insurance; and have the peace of mind that their children are safe at home and at school.

I look forward to working with communities and citizens across the state to solve problems, manage our finances, and keep our people healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet Mills', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Janet T. Mills  
Governor



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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Let me begin by thanking you for the honor of serving you in the Maine Senate. It is truly an honor to represent the communities of western Maine; and I can assure you I will work diligently on your behalf.

The First Regular Session of the 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine State Legislature began on Dec. 4, 2024, when we were sworn in by Gov. Janet Mills. It was a ceremonial day steeped in tradition and attended by the families and friends of incoming members.

Throughout my campaign, I heard from many of you regarding the biggest issues you are facing. Such issues include the increasingly high costs of energy, child care, housing, and concerns about education, mental health and substance abuse, workforce development and community safety, among others.

As your State Senator, I promise to advocate for commonsense solutions to these problems. Additionally, the 132<sup>nd</sup> Maine Legislature has much work ahead of us regarding our anticipated budget gap and setting our spending priorities for the next biennium. However, I believe there is nothing we cannot accomplish if we work collaboratively.

Throughout my term, I encourage you to reach out to me with your thoughts, concerns and ideas about state government. Your input will greatly help me to represent your interests and those of the community in the best possible way.

Again, thank you for electing me to serve you in the State Senate. Please feel free to contact me by calling (207) 287-1505 or emailing me at [Joseph.Martin@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Joseph.Martin@legislature.maine.gov) if you have comments, questions or would like assistance in navigating our state's bureaucracy. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Martin". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joseph Martin  
State Senator

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Friends and Neighbors,

I want to thank the residents of Rangeley for the opportunity to serve as your State Legislator for a second term. It is the honor of a lifetime, and I look forward to getting to work as the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature convenes.

I am honored to share with you that I have once again been assigned to serve on two important committees in the Maine State Legislature: the Labor Committee and the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. These roles give me a unique opportunity to advocate for both the hardworking people of Maine and the preservation of our natural resources. As a strong proponent of protecting Mainers quality of life, I will continue my work to address PFAS contamination, pushing for stronger action to clean up these harmful chemicals and protect our communities. At the same time, I remain committed to supporting policies that create good-paying jobs and protect workers' rights. I look forward to bringing a balanced, thoughtful approach to these committees as we work towards practical solutions for both our economy and environment.

There is a great deal of work ahead this legislative session for the people of Maine, and I am committed to working tirelessly on their behalf. I believe it is critical to protect the fundamental rights of families and individuals. We must safeguard parental rights, ensuring that parents remain the primary decision makers in their children's education and upbringing. Additionally, I will stand firm in defending the Second Amendment, protecting the constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms. Finally, I am committed to fighting for lower energy costs by supporting policies that foster innovation and reduce burdensome regulations, helping families in Maine keep more of their hard-earned money.

Please know that your questions, comments, and concerns are of great importance to me. I can be reached at (207) 400-7233 or via email at Michael.Soboleski@legislature.maine.gov.

Again, thank you for trusting me to serve you in Augusta!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Soboleski".

Michael A. Soboleski  
State Representative

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# Board of Selectmen



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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Samantha White  
Jacob Beaulieu  
Keith Savage

Joe Roach, Town Manager  
Traci Lavoie, Secretary

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Selectmen Annual Report Letter – 2024

Greetings Citizens of Rangeley and Oquossoc.

The Board of Selectmen spent much of 2024 working to amend Ordinances and update policies. With dedicated assistance from our Ordinance Committee and Planning Board, we were able to put in place through Town Meeting an amended Chapter 38 Zoning Ordinance to include alternative energy, and revised Chapters 5 – Cemetery, 12 – Mooring, and 14 – Vendors. Work continues on Signs which will be encapsulated in Chapter 38. We hope to bring this to the Voters in an upcoming election. We adopted policies for Tax Acquired Property and Municipal Vehicle Use. All these documents can be viewed on our website, [townofrangeley.com](http://townofrangeley.com).

The Board continues to invest in CDARS with Franklin Savings Bank and as of December 2024 it had yielded \$108,954.34 in returns. The sweep checking account with Franklin Savings earned \$413,236 in interest for 2024.

Progress continues on the Scenic Byways Grant Project. This is a six-year grant with a significant Town Match that would see the rehabilitation of the public parking on Rt. 16 in Oquossoc and the Depot Street parking area. The Board held several public hearings and presentations regarding these rehabs and that work will continue into the next year. If you're interested in the drawings, please visit the website. They are located in Documents of Interest.

Workforce housing has been an initiative of the Town for several years and at the June Town Meeting the Voters approved a Credit Enhancement Agreement for housing on Cross Street. This project includes 18 units. Prospective tenants must meet certain criteria, and the rent will be on a sliding scale.

Substantive progress was made in the review of our 2011 Comprehensive Plan. The CRC (Comp Plan Review Committee) worked with LK Planning and AVCOG to rewrite the existing Plan to fit today's Rangeley and Oquossoc with the future in mind. Those various chapters of the Plan continue to be reworked with a prospective Town Meeting vote sometime in 2025.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, we are proud and grateful for the opportunity to serve the community in which we live and love. It is our objective to carry forward the wishes of our constituents and protect our way of life while recognizing the growth in this beautiful region. I would like to thank the community for its support, engagement and trust.

Respectfully,  
James Jannace, Chairman

# Report of the Town Manager

## Report of the Town Manager 2024

Greetings, Rangeley & Oquossoc Residents.

In the year 2024, we saw amended versions of Chapter 5 (Cemeteries), Chapter 12 (Mooring), Chapter 14 (Vendors), and Chapter 38 (Zoning) become enacted by Town Meeting after careful work by the Ordinance Committee, Planning Board, and Code Enforcement Office.

Work began and continues on an update of the Town's 2012 Comprehensive Plan.

The Town was awarded multiple grants, including:

- MMA Risk Reduction Grant in the amount of \$3,000 to be used for new locking mechanisms at the Town Office.
- Homeland Security – MEMA in the amount of \$7,005.75 to be used for police cruiser laptops.
- Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation Grant in the amount of \$21,828.50 for the purchase of Fire Department educational equipment.
- The Scenic Byway Grant in the amount of \$481,650 for gateway improvements at Depot Street and Routes 16 and 4 in Oquossoc is ongoing.

The electric heat pumps that were installed at the Highway Garage saved the town several thousand dollars in heating oil. The Wastewater Treatment Facility utilized ARPA funds of \$65,000 to contribute to a new SCADA / Telemetry system which will be completed in 2025.

Town Meeting approved the use of the TIF project account to fund two projects in Oquossoc. Under Phase I of the Improvement Project, Oquossoc Park received new tennis, pickleball, and basketball courts plus new vinyl-coated fencing. Work began on the Oquossoc boat launch that is expected to be completed in Spring of 2025.

The Swim Dock at Rangeley Town Park was rebuilt and new playground equipment was installed between the beach and the bathhouse.

At the Town Office we reorganized some front-end positions and were able to promote from within. We have been fortunate to build a first-class Police Department and to hire another full-time firefighter.

I want to recognize all the employees of the Town for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Rangeley and Oquossoc. It is my privilege to work with such talented people. I thank the various Committee members and volunteers. I especially wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for providing the policy and budget direction that guides my administration in carrying out the vision of the Town.

**I will take this opportunity to highlight and recognize the following long-term employees who have more than 15 years of continuous service.**

Richard Brown, Transfer Station Supervisor – 31 Years

Dale Quimby, Lead Operator, Wastewater Treatment Facility – 24 Years

Earl Ross, Highway Foreman – 22 Years

Gene White, Fleet Mechanic – 20 Years

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, concerns, or ideas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Roach, Town Manager

# 2024 Audit



*Photo by Amy Fitzherbert  
Aurora Borealis: May 2024*



# Auditor's Report

## STATEMENT A

TOWN OF RANGELEY, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,448,994
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	
Taxes	4,098
Liens	106,758
Other	215,235
Tax acquired property	17,685
Inventory	49,334
Prepaid items	813
Total current assets	<u>9,842,917</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Land and other assets not being depreciated	552,105
Buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	28,637,516
Total noncurrent assets	<u>29,189,621</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>39,032,538</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows related to pension	167,144
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	15,069
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>182,213</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>\$ 39,214,751</u>

# Auditor's Report

STATEMENT A (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF RANGELEY, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 184,462
Accrued expenses	26,222
Current portion of long-term obligations	685,686
Total current liabilities	<u>896,370</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:	
Bonds payable	3,242,173
Notes from direct borrowings payable	486,090
Net pension liability	148,922
Accrued compensated absences	45,645
Net OPEB liability	28,344
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>3,951,174</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>4,847,544</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Prepaid taxes	27,372
Deferred inflows related to pensions	25,271
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	46,765
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>99,408</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	24,790,887
Restricted Nonexpendable	635,477
Unrestricted	8,841,435
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>34,267,799</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 39,214,751</u>

# Auditor's Report

STATEMENT B

TOWN OF RANGELEY, MAINE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
					Total Governmental Activities
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 1,204,816	\$ 94,243	\$ 285	\$ -	\$ (1,110,288)
Public safety	1,016,069	258,298	-	-	(757,771)
Public works	2,708,013	455,523	36,632	-	(2,215,858)
Public facility	29,895	-	-	-	(29,895)
County tax	1,073,897	-	-	-	(1,073,897)
Education	3,955,044	-	-	-	(3,955,044)
Parks and recreation	64,172	4,797	-	-	(59,375)
General assistance	408	-	-	-	(408)
Unclassified	459,645	-	-	-	(459,645)
Interest on long-term debt	139,801	-	-	-	(139,801)
Total government	<u>\$ 10,651,760</u>	<u>\$ 812,861</u>	<u>\$ 36,917</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>(9,801,982)</u>



# Auditor's Report

STATEMENT B (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF RANGELEY, MAINE

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Changes in net position:	
Net (expense) revenue	<u>(9,801,982)</u>
General revenues:	
Taxes:	
Property taxes, levied for general purposes	8,989,281
Excise taxes	515,481
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	486,292
Interest income	406,649
Miscellaneous	103,882
Total general revenues	<u>10,501,585</u>
Change in net position	<u>699,603</u>
NET POSITION - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	33,798,725
Fund Balance/Net Position Correction	<u>(230,529)</u>
NET POSITION - JULY 1, AS RESTATED	<u>33,568,196</u>
NET POSITION - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 34,267,799</u>

# Auditor's Report

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF RANGELEY, MAINE

## BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Capital Projects	Moved to Nonmajor Fund Airport Improvement Project	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,893,777	\$ 434,037	\$ -	\$ 121,180	\$ 9,448,994
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):					
Taxes	4,098	-	-	-	4,098
Liens	106,758	-	-	-	106,758
Other	79,998	-	-	135,237	215,235
Due from other governments	-	-	-	-	-
Tax acquired property	17,685	-	-	-	17,685
Inventory	49,334	-	-	-	49,334
Prepaid items	813	-	-	-	813
Due from other funds	135,237	2,559,515	-	953,908	3,648,660
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 9,287,700</b>	<b>\$ 2,993,552</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,210,325</b>	<b>\$ 13,491,577</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 184,462	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 184,462
Accrued expenses	26,222	-	-	-	26,222
Due to other funds	3,513,423	-	-	135,237	3,648,660
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,724,107</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>135,237</b>	<b>3,859,344</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Prepaid taxes	27,372	-	-	-	27,372
Deferred property tax	93,178	-	-	-	93,178
<b>TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>120,550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,550</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	67,832	-	-	35,872	103,704
Restricted	-	-	-	599,605	599,605
Committed	-	2,993,552	-	439,611	3,433,163
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	5,375,211	-	-	-	5,375,211
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>5,443,043</b>	<b>2,993,552</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,075,088</b>	<b>9,511,683</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 9,287,700</b>	<b>\$ 2,993,552</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,210,325</b>	<b>\$ 13,491,577</b>

# Auditor's Report

STATEMENT D

TOWN OF RANGELEY, MAINE

## RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Total Fund Balances	\$ 9,511,683
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation	29,189,621
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds shown above:	
Taxes and liens receivable	93,178
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	182,213
Long-term obligations are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds payable	(3,815,153)
Notes from direct borrowings payable	(583,581)
Accrued compensated absences	(60,860)
Net pension liability	(148,922)
Net OPEB liability	(28,344)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension and OPEB are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	<u>(72,036)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 34,267,799</u>



# Auditor's Report

STATEMENT E

TOWN OF RANGELEY, MAINE

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Capital Projects	<i>Moved to Nonmajor Fund</i> Airport Improvement Project	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes:					
Property	\$ 8,966,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,966,119
Excise	49,187	466,294	-	-	515,481
Intergovernmental	335,984	39,635	-	147,590	523,209
Interest income	343,312	51,445	-	11,892	406,649
Charges for services	812,861	-	-	-	812,861
Miscellaneous	-	27,322	-	76,560	103,882
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>10,507,463</b>	<b>584,696</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>236,042</b>	<b>11,328,201</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General government	924,447	-	-	-	924,447
Public safety	813,920	-	-	-	813,920
Public works	1,790,354	-	-	-	1,790,354
Public facility	29,895	-	-	-	29,895
County tax	1,073,897	-	-	-	1,073,897
Education	3,955,044	-	-	-	3,955,044
Parks and recreation	21,149	-	-	-	21,149
General assistance	408	-	-	-	408
Unclassified	224,652	469	-	234,524	459,645
Debt service:					
Principal	162,652	464,564	-	-	627,216
Interest	22,601	117,200	-	-	139,801
Capital outlay	25,538	420,349	-	-	445,887
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>9,044,557</b>	<b>1,002,582</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>234,524</b>	<b>10,281,663</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,462,906</b>	<b>(417,886)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,518</b>	<b>1,046,538</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers in	-	395,000	-	568,680	963,680
Transfers (out)	(963,680)	-	-	-	(963,680)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(963,680)</b>	<b>395,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>568,680</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>499,226</b>	<b>(22,886)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>570,198</b>	<b>1,046,538</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED</b>	<b>3,470,440</b>	<b>3,779,986</b>	<b>(77,777)</b>	<b>1,053,867</b>	<b>8,226,516</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE CORRECTION</b>	<b>1,473,377</b>	<b>(763,548)</b>	<b>77,777</b>	<b>(548,977)</b>	<b>238,629</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, AS RESTATED</b>	<b>4,943,817</b>	<b>3,016,438</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>504,890</b>	<b>8,465,145</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30</b>	<b>\$ 5,443,043</b>	<b>\$ 2,993,552</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,075,088</b>	<b>\$ 9,511,683</b>

# Auditor's Report

## STATEMENT F

### TOWN OF RANGELEY, MAINE

#### RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E)	<u>\$ 1,046,538</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to be allocated to those expenditures over the life of the assets:	
Capital asset acquisitions	443,909
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,360,802)</u>
	<u>(916,893)</u>
Deferred outflows of resources are a consumption of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Pension	124,167
OPEB	<u>5,209</u>
	<u>129,376</u>
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term obligations in the Statement of Net Position	<u>(43,075)</u>
Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:	
Taxes and liens receivable	<u>23,162</u>
	<u>23,162</u>
Repayment of long-term debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position	<u>639,537</u>
Deferred inflows of resources are an acquisition of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds	
Pension	(25,271)
OPEB	<u>(16,117)</u>
	<u>(41,388)</u>
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:	
Accrued compensated absences	856
Net pension liability	(148,922)
Net OPEB liability	<u>10,412</u>
	<u>(137,654)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u>\$ 699,603</u>

# Department Reports



*Photo by Karen Quimby  
Solar Eclipse: April 8, 2024*

# Finance Department

## TAX COLLECTOR - TREASURER FISCAL YEAR 2024

The Tax Collector - Treasurer for the Town of Rangeley has the privilege of serving you daily in assisting with property taxes, sewer bills, vehicle registrations, recreational licenses and registrations, payroll and accounts payable. The Treasurer is also responsible for state and federal reporting, assisting in the Town's annual financial audit, as well as other financial duties.

In July 2024, Rebekah Carmichael-Austin left the Town of Rangeley to pursue other opportunities. Rebekah had been with the Town for over 11 years and her knowledge and experience will be missed.

It is our goal to ensure a smooth and efficient process for your daily needs. We are here to answer any questions you may have and to assist you to the best of our ability!

Sincerely,

**Marti Belt**  
Treasurer-Tax Collector

### Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

	FY24
Boats, ATV, Snowmobile Registrations	
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	\$ 117,423

### Excise Tax & Agent Fees

		FY24
Vehicle Excise Tax Collected	\$	466,294
Boat Excise Tax Collected	\$	14,706

### Taxes

	<b>Valuation</b>	
	FY23	FY24
Land & Building	\$ 519,361,300	\$ 779,573,000
Personal Property	\$ 4,016,200	\$ 4,166,400
Exemptions	\$ 7,083,300	\$ 54,962,500

<b>Tax Rate Distribution</b>	
Municipal Services	49.0 %
Education	37.7 %
County Tax	8.7 %
TIF	4.6 %
Mil Rate: 12.23 / \$1000	
Tax Due Dates: 09/01 & 02/01	

<b>Tax Commitment</b>		FY24
Appropriations	\$	5,147,825
RSU 78	\$	3,955,044
County Tax	\$	912,328
TIF & Overlay	\$	521,791
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,536,988</b>

<b>Revenues</b>		
State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$	162,000
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	\$	65,528
BETE Reimbursement	\$	1,014
Other Revenue	\$	1,393,475
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,622,017</b>



# Fiscal Year 2024 Real Estate Liens

NAME	ACCT #	FISCAL YEAR	TOTAL DUE
Abely, Jerome	5	2024	\$ 915.92
Benedict, Kevin	165	2024	\$ 1,867.37
Betts, Margaret	188	2024	\$ 3,989.18
Brackett, Andrew	239	2024	\$ 1,546.57
Chase, Diana	2343	2024	\$ 772.58
Ellrich, Sandra	664	2024	\$ 3,625.57
Hedlund Sr., John	2559	2024	\$ 207.44
Lauter, Jacqueline	2093	2024	\$ 657.77
Mannix, Tim	2558	2024	\$ 218.37
Marsh, Matt	2629	2024	\$ 201.99
Miller, William, Karen, Lori & K. Miller	1398	2024	\$ 7,820.43
Sirois, Lucas J	683	2024	\$ 1,854.67
Sirois, Lucas J	1985	2024	\$ 3,357.94
Sullivan, Thomas	2078	2024	\$ 6,606.97
Thompson, Ryan	2129	2024	\$ 1,268.10
Thompson, Ryan	2131	2024	\$ 1,422.35
Tilas, Mary Plummer	1669	2024	\$ 1,303.63
Turner, Rosemary	2170	2024	\$ 6,353.48
Violette, Richard & Rachel - Trustees	2209	2024	\$ 309.13
Total			\$ 44,299.46

# Town Clerk

To the Residents of Rangeley and Oquossoc,

It has been my privilege to continue to serve as the Clerk for the Town of Rangeley. In addition to providing customer service at the front counter, the Clerk has a variety of responsibilities which include dog registrations, mercantile and vendor licensing, cemetery records and plot sales, as well as the care and preservation of our Town's municipal records. The Clerk also serves as secretary to multiple Boards and Committees for the Town.

## *Life Events Recorded - 2024*

Births	1
Marriages	52
Deaths	18

The Clerk serves as the Registrar of Voters and has a duty of helping to ensure a clean and fair election process. Three elections were held in 2024: the Presidential primary on March 5<sup>th</sup>, the annual town meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> and the Presidential Election and State-wide Referendum Election on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

## *Ballots Cast - 2024*

March Presidential Primary	225
June town meeting	279
November Presidential	889

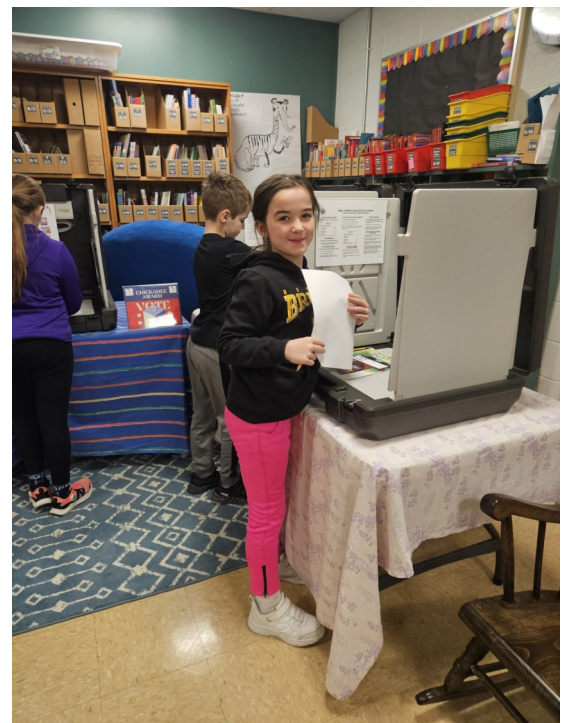
The upcoming year will see us having 4 total elections, including 2 Special Town Meetings. If you would like to volunteer as an election clerk or have questions regarding voting or elections in the Town of Rangeley, please reach out to me!

2024 has seen many changes to the dynamic of the Town Office, and I would like to introduce our new Deputy Town Clerk, Carina White. She has been an amazing addition to our office, and we value her hard work. As always, I appreciate the assistance of my co-workers, and the support of the members of our various Boards and Committees. I look forward to continuing to serve our community.

Sincerely,

Marti Belt

[townclerk@rangeleyme.org](mailto:townclerk@rangeleyme.org)



*Photos by Abby Thopson*

# Assessor's Report

## Assessor's Report

We have enjoyed serving the Town of Rangeley as its Assessor/Assessor Agents over the last year. We are available at the Town Office two days per week. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Annually, the Assessor's Office reviews valuations and adjust the valuations that include any additions and deletions. We are also responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual "ratio study", which compares the actual selling price of property to assessments. The most recent study conducted for the state valuation purposes indicated the assessed values, on average, to be at approximately 100% of market value.

### **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF**

#### HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

Most homeowners whose principal residence is in Maine are entitled up to a \$25,000 reduction in valuation (adjusted by the community's ratio of valuation to actual market sales). To qualify, homeowners must fill out a simple form declaring their Rangeley property as their principal residence by April 1 in the tax year claimed. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains until the owner sells or changes their place of residence. Forms are available in the Assessor's Office.

#### VETERANS EXEMPTION

Any person who was in active service in the armed forces of the United States during a federally recognized war campaign period and, if discharged or retired under honorable conditions, may be eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence.

The Veteran must have reached age 62 or must be receiving a pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability, either service or non-service connected.

#### RECOGNIZED WAR PERIODS

World War I - April 6, 1917 through November 11, 1918;

World War I - (service in Russia) - April 6, 1917 through March 31, 1920;

World War II - December 7, 1941 through December 31, 1946;

Korean Conflict - June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955;

Vietnam Era – February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975. For the period, February 28, 1961 through August 4, 1964, federal law restricts the definition of the Vietnam Era war period to relating only to veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam.

Persian Gulf War – August 2, 1990 to the date that the U.S. Government recognizes as the end of the Persian Gulf War. This period also includes Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation New Dawn.

#### OTHER RECOGNIZED SERVICE PERIODS

February 28, 1961 through August 4, 1964 (Maine property tax exemption applies to all veterans who served during February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975, regardless of where they served);

August 24, 1982 through July 31, 1984; and December 20, 1989 through January 31, 1990.

Applications forms can be obtained in the Assessor's Office and must be filed with military discharge documentation on or before April 1st of the year it will go into effect.

#### BLIND EXEMPTION

Residents of Rangeley who are certified to be legally blind by their eye care professional are eligible for a partial exemption from taxes on their primary residence in the town.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roger Peppard CMA

RJD Appraisal Assessor Agent



# Planning Department

## Planning Department

Dear Citizens of Rangeley,

The Planning Department oversees Land Use Planning and is responsible for code enforcement, building inspections, docks, moorings and E911 addressing. The Department provides staff support to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Ordinance Committee. It also maintains records on property parcels in the town, which include building permits, plumbing permits, conditional use permits, subdivisions, and other related documents.

<b>Permits Issued January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024:</b>			
New Structures:		Dock Permits	8
Dwelling	66	Sign Permits	12
Commercial	3	RV Permits	2
Repair/Replace:		Solar Panels (Roof)	8
Residential	26	Shoreland Zoning Permits	17
Commercial	1	Conditional Use Permits:	
Addition/Alteration:		New	7
Residential	47	Amended	4
Commercial	1	Subdivision:	
Zoning Variance Request	0	New	4
Demolition Permits	26	Amended	1
<b>Total Permits Reviewed: 238 (5 denied)</b>			

The 2024 year has brought approvals for a new Child Care Center off Loon Lake Rd and a new subdivision off Cross St Extension that includes 18 long-term-only affordable rental units specific for those who choose to live and work in Rangeley.

The Planning Department has continued work on Town Code updates and revisions that have been started in previous years. This includes Chapter 38, zoning ordinances, and the beginning research of new ordinances to address innovations happening in the construction and development industries. There are vacancies on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Ordinance Committee. Please consider serving on one of these boards. It presents an opportunity to provide input and guidance to both community development plans and ordinance creation processes. Public attendance is always welcome for any board.

Permits are required for most building projects, regardless of whether local, or state mandated. In general, a permit is not needed to replace cosmetic materials including roofing, siding, or windows and doors (within an existing opening). If in doubt, please contact Code Enforcement Office with any relevant questions before commencing work. All Permits can be found on the Town of Rangeley website's Planning tab. Please fill them out online and click the submit button.

Appointments are encouraged to guarantee a meeting to discuss projects and answer any questions.

Respectfully,

Breck Parker  
Code Enforcement Officer  
[CEO@rangeleyme.org](mailto:CEO@rangeleyme.org)



# Plumbing Inspector

**Paul Ferguson-Packard, LPI**

6 Packard Way

Sandy River Plt, ME 04970

Home: (207)864-2971

Cell: (207)670-5093

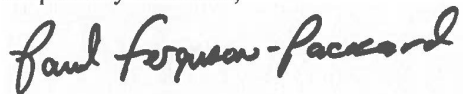
Dated: January 3, 2025

Greetings Town of Rangeley Selectpersons,

This report is for Local Plumbing Inspector activity for the calendar year 2024. There were no violations issued in this period. Shown below is the number of internal (plumbing) and external (septic system) permits that were issued in this time period, and the previous years are shown for comparison purposes.

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Internal Permits:	55	50	45	65
External Permits:	59	30	33	57
Voided Permits:	0	0	0	0
Total:	114	80	78	122

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul Ferguson-Packard

# Fire and Rescue



## RANGELEY FIRE RESCUE

ESTABLISHED 1894

Chief Michael Bacon

(207) 864-3800  
FireChief@rangeleyme.org

Residents of Rangeley,

This year Rangeley Fire Rescue responded to 488 calls for service.

Being operationally ready to respond means training. To be ready for all emergencies our community may face we train. In total Rangeley Fire Rescue firefighters trained for 1,229 hours across a wide range of topics from fire suppression to incident command to better serve our community.

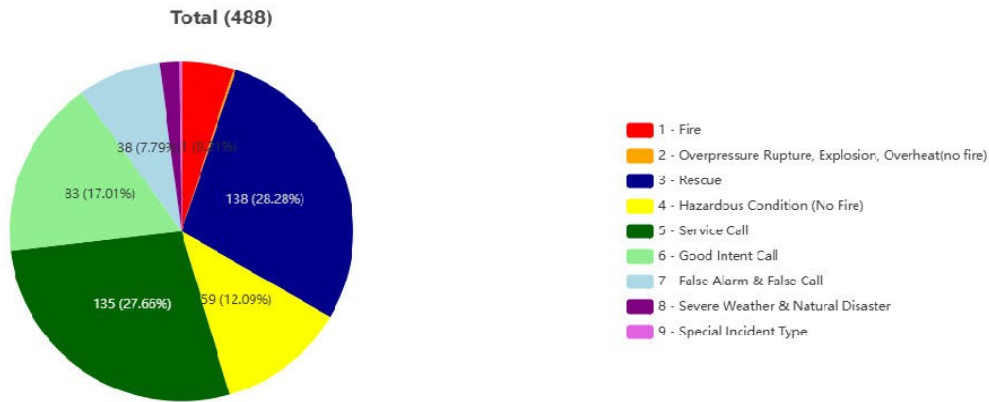
The department also added 2 CPR instructors this year and have begun offering free Community CPR training to businesses and citizens. Please feel free to reach out if you are interested in joining a class.

Some other programs that Rangeley Fire Rescue offers include; courtesy life safety inspections, help with insurance reviews, and urban wildland interface reviews to name a few. If you ever have a question regarding your property or life safety, please reach out, we may have resources to provide assistance.

As always, thank you for allowing us to serve your community.

Yours in Service,

Chief Michael A. Bacon



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	2024
Fire	24
Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (No Fire)	1
Rescue (Vehicle Accidents & Technical Rescues)	138
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	59
Service Call	135
Good Intent Call	83
False Alarm & False Call	38
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	9
Special Incident Response	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>488</b>

**RANGELEY STATION 1**  
15 School St - Rangeley ME 04970



**OQUOSSOC STATION 2**  
15 School St - Rangeley ME 04970

# Police Department



*Chief Richard E. Caton IV*  
*Rangeley Police Department*

*15 School Street*  
*Rangeley, Maine 04970*  
*207-864-3579*  
*policechief@rangeleyme.org*

February 20, 2025

To: Town Manager Joe Roach, Rangeley Select Persons and the Citizens of Rangeley and Oquossoc,

First and foremost, I want to thank all of you for your continued support of your local police department. I am proud to present that your police department is fully staffed as of September 2024 with a Police Chief, Patrol Sergeant and two Patrol Officers. We are fortunate to have hire experienced officers to serve and protect the Community of Rangeley and Oquossoc.

The police department is currently staffed 24 hours a day 7 days a week with a patrol officer. In case of emergencies dial 911 and for all other inquiries you can call **(207) 778-6140 or (207) 864-3579** 24/7.

In 2024 there was a total of **2517 calls for service** in Rangeley and Oquossoc. These calls were handled between the Rangeley Police and the Franklin County Sheriff's Office. The Rangeley Police Department is focused on Community Policing and many of the calls for service handled are community focused designed for high visibility of officers and keeping the citizens of Rangeley and Oquossoc safe and protected.

In 2024 the Rangeley Police Department applied and secured a Homeland Security grant for **\$7,005.75** which was used to purchase and upgrade mobile data terminals for each patrol cruiser. This gives the officer access to dispatch and can also give the ability to self-initiate calls instead of going through the dispatch center.

In closing, on behalf of the Rangeley Police Department, I want to thank the entire Town of Rangeley Staff, NorthStar Ambulance Service, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, and our local United States Border Patrol for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted

Richard E. Caton IV  
Chief of Police

# Highway Department

## End of Year Report 2024

Greetings Citizens of Rangeley,

The services we provide are essential to a good quality of life for citizens and visitors alike. We take public services seriously, and we aim to keep our roads as safe as possible.

Our usual maintenance includes sweeping streets, ditching, painting of our parking spots and crosswalks, patching potholes, grading, keeping our trees trimmed back, cold patching, making sure our three-plus miles of sidewalks are safe for pedestrians, plowing, sanding, and snow removal. We are also responsible for maintaining our airport year-round. These are just a few of the services that the Public Works Department provides for our Town!

This year, we reclaimed and paved the Country Club Road. We changed out some culverts on the Loon Lake Road and we did a lot of resurfacing on our gravel roads. Ditching is a yearly task that we are trying to keep up with as well. We also built a new road for an exit at the Transfer Station, which is helping with congestion in traffic

We are in the planning stages for the next round of road improvements to be completed within the next few years. As always, we will be doing more roadwork this year, so anyone that wishes to have material brought to your lot or home – please complete a Fill Permit at the Town Office and we will be happy to bring some when we are in your area. The employees in the Public Works Department are a great group and deserve a multitude of thanks! I want to take this time to thank my crew and other crews for all their hard work. This group of people makes my job a lot easier. I would also like to thank the taxpayers of Rangeley for their continuing support in the work we do.

Respectfully,

Earl Ross

Highway Foreman  
Road Commissioner



# Wastewater Department



## Chick Hill PCF



### Chick Hill PCF 2024 Annual Report

2023 Report	2023(Jan-Dec)	2024(Jan-Dec)
Flow to Plant(G)	43,035,300	39,290,900
Precip(G)	9,837,744	8,802,380
Available for Processing(G)	52,873,044	52,873,044
Summer Spray(G)	30,577,600	28,697,600
Winter Spray(G)	15,983,000	20,630,000
Total Processed(G)	46,560,600	49,327,600
Average Daily Flow(G)	117,904	107,646
Septic Sludge(G)	ND	ND
Natural Snow(in)	105.10	87.81
Precip(in)	52.44	46.92

2024 was another productive year and we're aging like fine wine! Station to Plant communications have been upgraded and SCADA is in installation phase! We've teamed up with AEC engineering and Whitten's two-way radio to begin upgrading our alarm system. With these upgrades and updates we will be able to take much of the guess work out of why we're getting called at 3 in the morning. Streamlining data collection will expand our perception of "what's happening in the moment". As always, our doors are open and any questions concerning our beautiful facility, current projects and even our amazing staff. Don't hesitate to contact us at Chick Hill.

231 Frenchies Way  
 Rangeley, Maine 04970  
[wwtphill@rangeleyme.org](mailto:wwtphill@rangeleyme.org)  
 P-207-864-3542

# Solid Waste Department

## ANNUAL REPORT Rangeley Transfer Station for 2024

Dear Rangeley Residents,

This is our 35th year of operations at the Rangeley Region Transfer Station and I would like to thank both new and longtime residents for their support and participation in our programs and

There are three programs to keep hazardous materials out of our waste stream.

- 1) The Universal Waste shed. This collects mercury containing items like Rechargeable batteries, ....Fluorescent bulbs, Thermometers, and Thermostats. There is no charge for this so please recycle.
- 2) Recycling of computers, monitors, and TV's. This is MANDATORY BY LAW.
- 3) Our Household Hazardous Waste Day will be August 2nd, 2025, Rangeley/Dallas residents can also bring their material to the Mexico Solid Waste Facility on Jun 07, or the Carrabassett Valley Transfer Station on Jul 12. All collections are on Sat. from 9am to noon

Household trash (MSW) this year was 1520 tons (up 18 tons from last year), and Oversize Bulky Waste (OBW) was 602 tons (up 16 tons from last year). Combined this was an increase of 34 tons (1.6%) from last year. (chart on right ->)  
Yearly cost is \$120.88/ton

We also shipped out 202 tons of Shingles (up 8 tons), recycled 156 tons of metal (down 13 tons), and 35 tons of tires (up 8 tons).

Recycling (Zero-sort material) was 136 tons (up 7 ton). Average cost was \$84.47/ton (down \$30).  
Materials that can be recycled are:

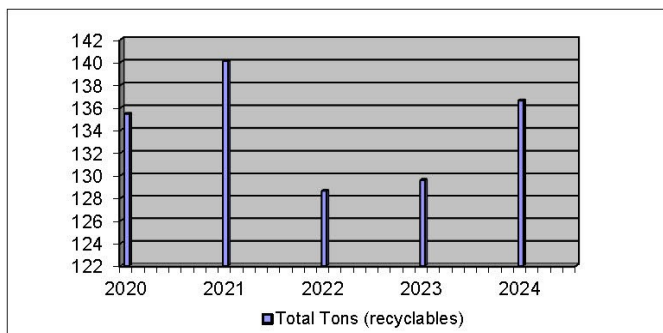
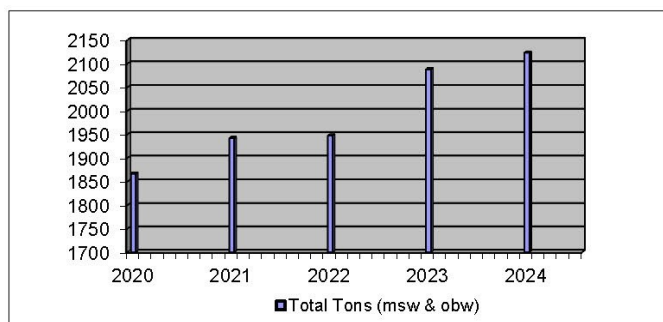
- 1) Cardboard: boxes/brown bags/juice cartons
- 2) Paper: magazines/catalogs/newspapers/junk mail
- 3) Plastic: #1-7/large rigid plastic/cups/jugs.
- 4) Metal: cans/pie plates/empty spray cans/foil  
(If Metal kept separate, it earns the Town money)
- 5) Glass: any color bottles and jars

Please don't waste the potential value of these resources. This was our eighth full year of zero-sort recycling. We just ask you make sure it's recycle materials only. Thanks for your support. Our Household Hazardous Waste collection kept 90 gallons of toxic materials out of Maine's landfill helping to keep our groundwater safe, while the Bargain Barn kept 4.2 tons of re-usable items from being sent out as trash. We de-freonized 99 refridgerator/air-conditioners (down 23 units), and we still recycle used motor oil and used cooking oil.

I thank my co-worker Carmen Steward and attendants Roger Lowell and Steve Nelson. All the residents and businesses that reduce, reuse, and recycle. The Highway Crew who keep the roads open and sanded in the winter. The Rangeley School personnel who help keep the entire school recycling and Town Manager Joe Roach for their support.

Richard Brown Solid Waste Manager  
and Recycling Coordinator

E-mail: [recycle@rangeleyme.org](mailto:recycle@rangeleyme.org)



# Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport



**TOWN OFFICE**  
15 School Street  
Rangeley, Maine 04970

## AIRPORT COMMISSION

Jim Ferrara  
Larry Koob  
Harold Shaetzle  
John Sannizzaro

Joe Roach, Airport Manager

Greetings Residents,

The Stephen Bean Municipal Airport continues to be well maintained. The Commission and I spent much of 2024 updating bylaws that were written in the 1990s. We have also been exploring new hangar development.

I have continued to work with Maine DOT and the FAA as well as our consultant engineer Stantec to prioritize tasks outlined in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Hazardous trees that were identified two years ago have been removed with landowner permission and a few more have been identified recently.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Joseph Roach, Airport Manager



*Uncredited Photo*



# Parks and Recreation Department



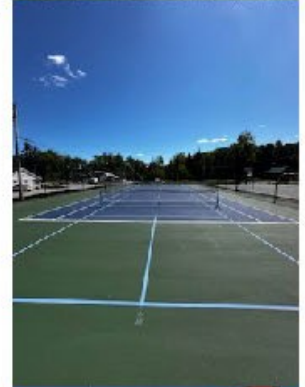
## Parks and Recreation

Dear Rangeley Residents,

It's been another busy year for the Town's Parks and Recreation as we continue our mission to maintain recreation facilities, programs, and open spaces for the well-being of our community. One of our biggest accomplishments has been the completion of phase one of the Oquossoc Village Park redevelopment. This includes new drainage around our newly constructed tennis/pickle ball and basketball courts. We also refurbished both tennis/pickle ball and basketball courts in Rangeley's Town Park. The baseball field received a face lift with brand new dugouts.

Our programs are also thriving with trips to the Sea Dog's game, slide out of summer celebration, trunk or treat, pumpkin patch, kickball tournament, t-ball, Cal Ripken baseball, open gyms, backyard sports, basketball travel leagues and many more programs throughout the year.

We've come a long way and couldn't have done it without our Parks and Rec Staff, Public Works, Greens crew, and the countless volunteers that have made things happen. Our mission will never end as we continue to focus on the wellbeing of our community both young and old.





# Rangeley Health Ride

## Rangeley Health Rides 2024 Annual Report

In 2024, 20 (vs 15 LY) Rangeley Health Rides (RHR) volunteers drove 149 trips (vs 100 LY) delivering 31 unique individuals (vs 25 LY) to their non-local health appointments. These trips covered approximately 16000 miles (vs 11500 LY) to 8 different communities. We were unable to meet the request for 7 trips this year, achieving a 95% fulfillment rate.

The dedicated volunteers are the real heroes. Without them, the program wouldn't exist. There are currently 14 year-round and 6 seasonals. We are always in need of more drivers.

Drivers who drove in 2024: Terry & Jane Donovan, Tom Regan, Allen Wicken, Jennifer Atwood, Nick & Gay Sampson, Sarita Benoit, Ana Wetherill, David Snyder, Brian Smith, Cliff Raymond, John Wetzell, Joanne Dickson, Mike Rodriguez, Carrie Collins, Catherine "Kitty" Johnson & Craig Higgins.

### 2024 Initiatives

- Replace the Subaru- completed
- Recruit Drivers- 5 new drivers recruited
- Implement a new recognition program for the drivers based on miles driven - completed
- Explore the ability to use open seats on medical trips for grocery shoppers – working, need to utilize more

### 2025 Initiatives

- Recruit Drivers
- Increase additional riders for grocery and general shopping

### 2024 Ride Data

Location	Miles/Roundtrip	2023 # Trips	2023 Total Miles	2024 #Trips	2024 Total Miles
Auburn/Lewiston	170	6	1020	12	2040
Augusta	145	6	870	4	580
Bangor	230	3	0	0	0
Falmouth	230	5	1150	0	0
Farmington	85	68	5780	110	9350
Portland	240	6	1440	5	1200
Rumford	90	1	90	7	630
Rangeley	5	0	0	0	0
Skowhegan	125	0	0	1	125
Scar/S. Portland	250	4	1000	6	1500
Waterville	145	1	145	4	580
		100	11495	149	16005
Avg Miles/Trip			115		107

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Nick Sampson

# Community Partners and Resources Submissions



*Photo by Amy Fitzherbert  
Aurora Borealis: May 2024*

# Community Concepts



240 Bates Street, Lewiston, ME 04240  
17 Market Square, South Paris, ME 04281  
1-800-866-5588

January 2, 2024

Town of Rangeley  
Attn: Traci Lavoie, Assistant Town Manager  
15 School Street  
Rangeley, ME 04970

Dear Ms. Lavoie,

On behalf of Community Concepts, Inc. (CCI), I would like to thank the Town of Rangeley for your continued support of our services and programs. At CCI, our commitment to addressing the ever-evolving needs of our community has driven us to pivot, innovate, and stand resilient over the last 12 months. From supporting our neighbors with fuel assistance, to helping children prepare for kindergarten and beyond at our Early Learning Centers, our work this year would not have been possible without the support of community members and local municipalities.

We are proud to share with you the tangible outcomes of our efforts this year, including opening the Maine Resiliency Center in the wake of the mass shooting in Lewiston. The Center provides free community connection, support, and resources to those impacted by this tragedy. You can find more information at [www.maineresiliencycenter.org](http://www.maineresiliencycenter.org). This fall, CCI entered a new partnership with Oxford County Mental Health Services which will allow our organizations to more efficiently bring additional and essential services to current and future customers.

Every contribution to CCI, regardless of size, fuels our ability to pivot and address the most pressing needs of our community. CCI respectfully requests that the Select Board place the following article on the Town Warrant for consideration by the taxpayers: "To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Community Concepts, Inc. to provide a local match for federal, state or private grants and help defray the cost of providing services."

Donations from our local municipalities help us fill the funding gaps not fully covered by federal, state, or foundational grants and contracts. Enclosed is a summary of CCI's services delivered to Rangeley residents from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. With your partnership, we can continue to provide pathways to a healthy life for and with those most impacted by inequities in Western Maine.

From all of us at CCI, thank you for your consideration. Wishing you a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Martin".

Jim Martin  
Chief Executive Officer, Community Concepts, Inc.  
Executive Director, Oxford County Mental Health Services



Community Concepts, Inc. is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



# Life Flight Foundation

October 2023

Joe Roach, Town Manager  
Town of Rangeley  
15 School St  
Rangeley, ME 04970



Greetings,

Maine is a special place with hundreds of communities scattered along the coast and further inland, on small islands and tucked along mountain roads. It often feels like one small town, where people know one another, are committed to this place and to their neighbors, work hard, contribute what they can, and enjoy and take pride in the rugged landscape.

**At LifeFlight of Maine, we are committed to being there for Maine, and for your community, when you need us. We have four teams standing by 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ready to bring ICU-level care to the point of need. Our teams are prepared to respond rapidly with a top speed of nearly 175 miles per hour. Our highly skilled clinicians and our state-of-the-art aircraft give patients their best chance on their worst day.**

We are grateful for every single family that entrusts us with caring for their loved ones. We are grateful to the police and fire departments, emergency medical services, and hospitals who work alongside us in caring for patients. LifeFlight is one important link, among many, in the chain of survival for those who are critically ill or injured. That is as true today as it was when we began 25 years ago.

We are also grateful for each and every community in Maine and the incredible support we continue to receive for our life-saving mission. Since 1998, we have transported more than 37,000 patients, including residents of every single Maine city, town, plantation, and community. **Since 1998, we have transported 107 residents of Rangeley, with 3 in the last year. Additionally, we have landed in Rangeley for 113 scene calls since 1998.**

Each year, we reach out to all municipalities in the state to invite them to support our **Community Giving Campaign** to ensure that LifeFlight teams can continue to answer the call for help today and for years to come. Since 2006, 266 communities have contributed a total of \$840,000. Each one of these gifts is an acknowledgement from these Maine communities that they understand and appreciate the vitally important and unique role that LifeFlight plays as a connector in the state's increasingly fragile healthcare system. **This year, we hope Rangeley will help us reach our goal of having every municipality in Maine participate in our Community Giving Campaign. Please consider a gift of \$2000 again this year.**

LifeFlight is a nonprofit charitable organization that depends on logistical and philanthropic support across Maine. Communities like yours make our work possible. Together, we ensure people have access to the care they need when they need it, and we are grateful for your partnership and commitment.

Enclosed you'll find FAQs and supplemental information about LifeFlight, a map of Maine transport locations, and a map of Maine communities that have supported us. **Please contact Ashley MacMillan at The LifeFlight Foundation at [amacmillan@lifeflightmaine.org](mailto:amacmillan@lifeflightmaine.org) or 207-357-5508 with any questions.** If you need additional information or a specific town application form is required with this request, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Joe Kellner  
Chief Executive Officer  
LifeFlight of Maine

Ashley MacMillan  
Director of Annual Giving  
The LifeFlight Foundation



Celebrating 25 years of safely caring for and transporting the people of Maine.

PO Box 859, Augusta, ME 04332 | (207) 230-7092 | [www.lifeflightmaine.org](http://www.lifeflightmaine.org)



# Maine Public



## **Maine Public Organizational Overview**

Public radio and television broadcasting in the United States is organized as a cooperative of community-based stations which pool resources to create shared national programming and individually serve the needs of their communities.

Through its radio, television, educational and Web services, Maine Public provides inspiration, information and lifelong learning to a diverse public. Maine Public serves Maine, most of New Brunswick, Canada, and parts of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Maine Public's services are available to everyone at no charge. Hundreds of thousands of people find value in Maine Public's services every day. Private donations — including those received from radio members, television members, program sponsors and contributors of unrestricted gifts — comprise the largest source of revenue for the organization. The membership base alone totals more than 54,000 individuals and families.

## **Formation of Maine Public**

Maine Public was formed in 1992 through the merger of the educational radio and television stations provided by the University of Maine System and WCBB public television operated by Colby, Bates and Bowdoin Colleges. Maine Public is an independently owned and operated 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with office and studio locations in Bangor, Lewiston and Portland, Maine.

## **Maine Public's Mission**

Maine Public connects the people of Maine and our region to each other and to the world through the open exchange of information, ideas, and cultural content.

## **Maine Public's Vision**

Maine Public will inform, inspire, and delight.

We will be recognized throughout Maine and beyond as an organization that has made a distinct difference by focusing in a disciplined manner on the issues most important to Maine and by being relentless in pursuit of the truth about them. We will also be noted for the consistent quality of the cultural and entertainment programming that we provide through collaborations with other organizations and independent producers.

We will continue to be regarded as a superb financial steward by all of our supporters, investing resources wisely across our multiple services: Web, radio, TV, and print. We will creatively build on the value created by PBS, NPR, and other organizations to deliver rich, rewarding content.

Maine Public will be known throughout Maine as an organization that listens and acts accordingly.

Our enterprise will help lead Maine towards its bright future.

## **Financial reports**

See Maine Public's federal financial reporting documentation at [mainepublic.org/financial-reports-990-forms](http://mainepublic.org/financial-reports-990-forms).



# Rangeley Health and Wellness



Rangeley Health and Wellness has been a vital part of the community for over 30 years, providing health and wellness services to all. Funding is received from various sources including fees for service, rent, foundation grants, general contributions, fundraising activities and events and municipal support. The number of employees we average is 26 with a FTE of 13.

At Rangeley Health and Wellness, we focus on programs and services that help individuals of all ages to maintain and improve their physical and mental health. We feel this preventative approach helps to improve fitness, reduce illness, address behavioral health issues and, ultimately, decrease visits to the doctor's office or emergency room. Through pro-active programming, education and rehabilitation we can make a difference in the well-being of our community members.

The following show a wealth of low cost and free services provided to this community by RHW. These services are a value-added asset to the town, providing opportunities not only for the full-time resident, but for those who vacation here as well.

- Physical Therapy and rehab services including a therapy pool.
- Wellness services including trigger point release, cervical and lumbar traction, myofascial release, manual assisted stretching and more.
- Award winning Fitness Center with personal trainers, group and individual instruction, pickleball, and other class offerings and fitness consultations.
- Community Health Worker, in response to community need helping children with social and emotional hurdles, helping families and elders access appropriate services, and working to coordinate and develop community programs addressing behavioral health and social determinants of health.
- Senior Services, Helping Elders Live in Place (HELP)
  - Neighbors Calling Neighbors - Free phone check-in service for home bound seniors.
  - Free meal delivery to home bound individuals.
  - Senior Socials
  - HELP Adult Respite Care -Respite care for those with early dementia, low fee-sliding scale
  - Functional fitness and chair yoga - Free exercise classes at the Fitness Center
- Children's Programs
  - Physical and Immunization Program - providing physicals and /or immunizations from birth to age 18 up to \$100 per child per year.
  - Scholarship Program for all children's programming
  - Children in Action - An afterschool program for children K-5
  - Summer programs for Children including Swim Lessons, Summer CIA and British Soccer Camp
  - Youth Fitness - Supplementing the RLRs health program at the Fitness Center at no charge
- Medical Needs Fund- Created to help with medical needs of those not able to pay for medical services and medications
- Nutrition education and assistance with food insecurity including stocking a food pantry weekly at the Townhouse Apartments.
- Community service work and educational seminars
- Low-cost space allocations for Massage, Orthotics, WIC (Women Infants and Children federal assistance program), Jujitsu, and Lakeside Dance
- Scholarship for graduating seniors – Robert N. Dunn Health Science Scholarship



# Rangeley Lakes Trails Center



Town of Rangeley  
15 School Street  
Rangeley, ME 04970  
December 2023

Dear Selectmen, Selectwomen and Budget Committee Members:

The Rangeley Region Cross Country Ski Club dba the Rangeley Lakes Trails Center is requesting a \$9600.00 appropriation for the 2024-25 fiscal year to help to offset operating expenses for our 55 kilometer / 35 mile trail system located on the Saddleback Mountain Road. Our club is a 501(c)3 non-profit, promoting health, wellness and environmental appreciation through trail-based physical activity, education, and outreach programs.

The Trails Center is a regional hub of non-motorized trails located at the base of Saddleback Mountain. The trails are used for nature walking, hiking, bird watching, dog walking, and biking in the spring, summer and fall, and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, skijoring, back country skiing, and fat tire biking in the winter season. We maintain two Pisten Bully groomers and snowmobile groomers which are used in the snow season, and use various mowing equipment in the snow free seasons to maintain the trail system year round. Trail use in the spring, summer and fall is free of charge. In the summer of 2022 we initiated a network of bike suitable trails within our nordic trail system and will continue this effort in the summer of 2024, with a goal of 10 miles of trail.

The Trails Center hosts many recreational events and fundraiser activities throughout the year. Winter events include a fat bike loppet (marathon), a cross country ski loppet, and a snowshoe race, each open to all ages and abilities. Summer and fall bring weekly scheduled recreational bike rides, and use by Rangeley area youth. Over 25 ceramic gnomes made by art students at RLRS are displayed in wooden homes in the Gnome Village and throughout the trail system. This fun public art project has created a year round activity for families as they try and locate as many gnomes as they can using a dedicated map. Each of these events and activities encourages outside recreation and brings participants and their families and friends to the Rangeley region to stay in hotels/motels/rentals and to visit area restaurants and retail venues.

Each month during the winter season we host a 'Locals Day' during which area residents and property owners can use the trails system and rent gear for free. This is a direct benefit of up to \$42 per person for all Rangeley residents and taxpayers and their families for each day they choose to participate. In addition, we provide free season passes and free rentals to Rangeley resident students and siblings for the winter season, and we have collaborated with the Rangeley Regional School to offer a free Tuesday ski and snowshoe lesson program. The direct benefit to each participating child is upwards of \$150. Use of the trails are free in the late spring, summer and fall, and many Rangeley residents use the Trails Center for dog walking, hiking, and biking during this time.

We are thankful to the Plantations of Sandy River, Dallas and Rangeley and the town of Rangeley for the continued support of our Club. Without your help we would not be able to offer the various programs and world class winter grooming and trail maintenance that visitors and residents have come to expect.

Respectfully,

  
Elizabeth Flynn, President, RRCCSC

Rangeley Lakes Trails Center, 524 Saddleback Mountain Road, Dallas Plantation, ME 04970  
[www.rangeleylakestrailscenter.org](http://www.rangeleylakestrailscenter.org) 207.864.4309 [rlxski@gmail.com](mailto:rlxski@gmail.com)

# Safe Voices



Town of Rangeley  
15 School St.  
Rangeley, ME 04970

Dear Town of Rangeley,

We have been so fortunate to receive funding and community support from the Town of Rangeley in the past, this kind of engagement from the communities we work in means so much to our mission and our staff. This year, I am writing to again request funding support.

In addition to the inflation that we are all experiencing (town and city governments included), we have also seen a 40% increase in our call volume compared to pre-pandemic levels. The need for our services is higher than ever, and the demands on our budget bear that out. The support we get from our municipal partners helps bridge the gaps in our funding and ensure that we can provide the services survivors need the most, when they are most needed, no matter when that may be.

Safe Voices has served residents of Rangeley for 45 years, offering a variety of advocacy services for victims of domestic abuse. In the last year we provided support and safety planning to 2,695 individuals throughout our catchment area. We safely housed 83 adults and 23 children. All of these services are **free and confidential**, with the exception of our Violence Intervention Program for those who use abusive behaviors in their relationships.

**This year we are requesting \$500.00 from the Town of Rangeley to continue this vital work and have our services available to residents, including:**

- A 24-hour Helpline for victims, families, service providers, & others affected by domestic abuse
- A 17-bed emergency shelter and six-bed safe house for survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation in Androscoggin County, and a new six-to-eight bed emergency shelter with two attached transitional apartments in Franklin County.
- Transitional services, including housing navigation to help survivors find safe, stable housing
- Rural outreach programs: Outreach offices located in Lewiston, Farmington, and Rumford
- Court advocacy: Assistance and support with criminal and civil proceedings
- Education groups for those who batter: The Violence Intervention Program is a 48-week program certified by the Maine Dept. of Corrections
- Community prevention and education in Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties

If there is other information that would be helpful, or you would like a representative from Safe Voices to attend any of the town's finance or budget committee meetings or the annual town meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me at 207-215-3222 or by email at [gkendall@safevoices.org](mailto:gkendall@safevoices.org).

With gratitude for your town's consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grace Kendall".

Grace Kendall  
Director of Development & Engagement



# 2024 Town Meeting Results



*Photo by Marisol Razik  
Solar Eclipse: April 8, 2024*

# 2024 Town Meeting Results

WARRANT FOR VOTE JUNE 11, 2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOWN OF RANGELEY</b> <b>SELECTMEN'S TOWN MEETING WARRANT</b> June 11, 2024</p>
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Franklin, ss State of Maine

To: Steven E. Lowell, Resident, Town of Rangeley, County of Franklin, State of Maine.

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rangeley, in said County and State, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the **Rangeley Town Office** in said Town on **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:45 a.m.** in the forenoon then and there to act by secret ballot on Article A1 to ORD2 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE A1:** To elect a moderator to serve for the annual meeting, and to permit the moderator to appoint an alternate, as necessary.

**ARTICLE A2:** To elect under the provisions of Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. § 2528, the following Town Officers:

One member of the Board of Selectmen, for term of three years:

**BEAULIEU, JACOB 147**

**THOMPSON, ETHNA 125**

Two Park Commission members for terms of three years:

**LALIBERTE, MICHELLE 217**

**SAVAGE, LINDSEY 213**

One Park Commission member for term of two years:

**WHITE, SAMANTHA 220**

Two RSU #78 School Board members for a term of three years:

**WILBUR, RYAN 231**

**WRITE-INS TBD**

Two RSU #78 School Board members for a term of two years:

**WRITE-INS TBD**

One Sewer Commission member for term of three years:

**GRANT, LEE 239**

Two Budget Committee members for terms of three years:

**WRITE-INS TBD**

To vote by ballot the following warrant articles for the ensuing year in accordance with Title 30-A Section 2528, of the Revised Statutes of Maine and amendments thereto.

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## BUSINESS ARTICLES

**ARTICLE B1:** Shall the Town fix the following two dates when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable, and after which interest shall accrue?

First Installment: September 1, 2024

Second Installment: February 1, 2025

**YES 237 NO 20**

**ARTICLE B2:** Shall the Town set a rate of 8.5% interest to be assessed by the Town after the due dates on delinquent taxes?

**YES 193 NO 66**

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**ARTICLE B3:** Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes? No interest is to be paid on prepayment of taxes.

**YES 243 NO 13**

**ARTICLE B4:** Shall the Town set a rate of 8.5% interest to be assessed on unpaid sewer charges?

**YES 192 NO 63**

**ARTICLE B5:** Shall all Fiscal Year 2023/2024 overdrafts be closed from fund balance?

**YES 217 NO 30**

**ARTICLE B6:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper, and to return funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales if applicable?

**YES 226 NO 34**

**ARTICLE B7:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to (1) rent, sell, and/or dispose of any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable in accordance with State law and execute Municipal Quit Claim Deeds for the same, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36-M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s); or (2) to keep any parcel or part thereof for municipal purposes and use after any necessary payments to the former owner in accordance with State law?

**YES 211 NO 49**

**ARTICLE B8:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to borrow in anticipation of taxes?

**YES 183 NO 73**

**ARTICLE B9:** Shall the Town set a rate of 4% interest to be paid on abated taxes and/or abated sewer service charges pursuant to MRSA 36 Section 506-A?

**YES 207 NO 46**

**ARTICLE B10:** Shall tax abatements and applicable interest be appropriated out of overlay?

**RECOMMENDATION:** The article to pass.

**YES 213 NO 36**

**ARTICLE B11:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, and cash donations, and to appropriate said gifts and donations for the purpose designated?

**YES 220 NO 38**

**ARTICLE B12:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account? The express purpose of this Article is to allow the continuation of ongoing Voter approved programs.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The article to pass.

**YES 243 NO 15**

**ARTICLE B13:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager be authorized to enter into leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate?

**YES 211 NO 45**

**ARTICLE B14:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager be authorized to apply for and/or accept funds from any grant opportunities, pursuant to the Grant Policy of the Town of Rangeley, that they deem beneficial to the Town of Rangeley and to appropriate funds to their designated purpose?

**RECOMMENDATION:** The article to pass.

**YES 243 NO 17**

**ARTICLE B15:** Shall the Town authorize monies to be expended from the Cemetery Fund(s), as prescribed by policy, ordinance and/or law (if any apply), with the sole intent of care and maintenance of the Town of Rangeley Cemeteries?

**RECOMMENDATION:** The article to pass

**YES 254 NO 16**

# 2024 Town Meeting Results

WARRANT FOR VOTE JUNE 11, 2024

**ARTICLE B16:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on conditions that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge and to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into an agreement with the Club under such terms and conditions as the Municipal Officers may deem advisable for that purpose?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

**YES 241 NO 34**

**ARTICLE B17:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from surplus a sum not to exceed \$25,000, pursuant to the undesignated fund balance policy, as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2025?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

**YES 233 NO 37**

**ARTICLE B18:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate all motor vehicle excise tax revenue to the annual loan payments for completed and future road projects?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

**YES 255 NO 15**

**ARTICLE B19:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of last year's annual budget during the period from July 1, 2024, to October 1, 2024, or until a budget is passed for the 2024-2025 year in the event any budget article fails, where such expenditure is legally required or necessary to provide an essential service. \*

**YES 221 NO 42**

**ARTICLE B20:** Shall the Town vote on all warrant articles by Secret Ballot at the 2025 (Fiscal Year 2026) Town Meeting? \*

**YES 181 NO 84**

**ARTICLE B21:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectman and Town Manager to apply, on behalf of the Town of Rangeley for federal financing assistance under the provisions of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, Public Law 88-578 for the construction costs of the Oquossoc Park Improvement Plan; and further authorize the Board of Selectman and Town Manager to enter into the Land and Water Conservation Fund Project Agreement with the State subsequent to federal approval of the project. \*

**YES 240 NO 26**

**ARTICLE B22:** Shall the Town vote to utilize the TIF Project Account to fund and construct Phase 1 of the Oquossoc Town Park Improvement Plan for \$272,107.50? \*

**YES 207 NO 61**

**ARTICLE B23:** Shall the Town vote to utilize the TIF Project Account to fund the Oquossoc Fish Screen Boat Launch for \$221,042? \*

**YES 208 NO 58**

**ARTICLE B24:** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to negotiate and execute a credit enhancement agreement with Rangeley Workforce Housing LLC, the developer of a proposed attainable workforce housing project to be located on Cross Street, to include such terms and conditions determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the Town's best interests and lasting for a term not to exceed the remaining twenty-six years of the Rangeley and Oquossoc Downtown Omnibus TIF District? \*

**YES 186 NO 80**

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## TRANSFERS OUT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES

**ARTICLE C1:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$405,000 for the Capital Reserve Budget. \*



# 2024 Town Meeting Results

WARRANT FOR VOTE JUNE 11, 2024

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Fire Dept Reserve	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
B. Public Works Reserve	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
C. Police Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
D. Sewer Reserve	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$100,000
E. Downtown Revitalization	\$0	\$70,000	\$0
F. Solid Waste Reserve	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
G. Cemetery Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
H. Town Park Reserve	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
	<b>\$180,000</b>	<b>\$395,000</b>	<b>\$405,000</b>

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$405,000 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$405,000 Vote: 5-0

**YES 226 NO 36**

**ARTICLE C2:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to expend monies from Reserve Accounts for their intended purposes?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen recommends article to pass  
 Budget Committee recommends article to pass

**YES 237 NO 28**

**ARTICLE C3:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$10,500 for the express use of Capital Equipment? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$10,500 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$10,500 Vote: 5-0

**YES 226 NO 41**

**ARTICLE C4:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$18,000 for the express use of Capital Vehicles? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$18,000 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$18,000 Vote: 5-0

**YES 214 NO 52**

**ARTICLE C5:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$22,000 for the express use of Capital Communication? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$22,000 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$22,000 Vote: 5-0

**YES 212 NO 54**

**ARTICLE C6:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$130,000 for the express use of Capital Infrastructure? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$130,000 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$130,000 Vote: 5-0

**YES 215 NO 52**

**ARTICLE C7:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$5,500 for the express use of the Rangeley Health Ride?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$5,500 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$5,500 Vote: 5-0

**YES 244 NO 24**

**ARTICLE C8:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$477,629 for the express use of Transfers Out (Debt Fund)? \*

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen: \$477,629 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$477,629 Vote: 5-0

**YES 208 NO 55**

# 2024 Town Meeting Results

WARRANT FOR VOTE JUNE 11, 2024

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## EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Selectmen / Legislative	\$80,060	\$94,208	\$81,505
B. Administration	\$223,844	\$310,032	\$333,755
C. Assessor	\$77,402	\$77,722	\$81,666
D. Finance	\$151,466	\$111,371	\$116,909
E. Planning	\$133,586	\$164,518	\$153,736
F. Buildings - Town Hall	\$76,474	\$61,515	\$88,171
G. Buildings - Public Safety	\$82,100	\$89,618	\$48,870
H. Town Clerk	\$64,719	\$64,968	\$78,917
I. Property/Casualty Insurance	\$58,895	\$72,101	\$67,661
J. TIF	\$15,000	\$11,000	\$0
	<b>\$963,546</b>	<b>\$1,057,053</b>	<b>\$1,051,190</b>

ARTICLE EX1: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$81,505 for Selectmen/Legislative?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$81,505 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$81,505 Vote: 5-0

**YES 202 NO 62**

ARTICLE EX2: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$333,755 for Administration?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$333,755 Vote: 3-2  
Budget Committee: \$332,099 Vote: 5-0

**YES 162 NO 101**

ARTICLE EX3: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$81,666 for Assessor?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$81,666 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$81,666 Vote: 5-0

**YES 205 NO 68**

ARTICLE EX4: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$116,909 for Finance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$116,909 Vote: 3-2  
Budget Committee: \$107,845 Vote: 5-0

**YES 157 NO 114**

ARTICLE EX5: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$153,736 for Planning?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$153,736 Vote: 3-2  
Budget Committee: \$153,736 Vote: 5-0

**YES 177 NO 96**

ARTICLE EX6: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$88,171 for Buildings – Town Hall?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$88,171 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$88,171 Vote: 5-0

**YES 225 NO 48**

ARTICLE EX7: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$48,870 for Buildings – Public Safety?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$48,870 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$48,870 Vote: 5-0

**YES 237 NO 37**

ARTICLE EX8: Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$78,917 for Town Clerk?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$78,917 Vote: 4-1  
Budget Committee: \$77,631 Vote: 4-0-1

**YES 202 NO 69**

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**ARTICLE EX9:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$67,661 for Property/Casualty Insurance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$67,661 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$67,661 Vote: 4-0-1

**YES 240 NO 33**

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Fire and Rescue	\$287,128	\$324,802	\$429,477
B. Police Department	\$337,182	\$352,034	\$473,450
C. Animal Control	\$5,708	\$6,281	\$7,021
D. E.M.S.	\$70,507	\$91,863	\$101,955
E. Fire Hydrants	\$149,955	\$161,989	\$161,989
F. Health Officer	\$3,950	\$4,618	\$4,710
	<u>\$854,430</u>	<u>\$941,587</u>	<u>\$1,178,602</u>

**ARTICLE EX11:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$429,477 for Fire and Rescue?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$429,477 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$425,305 Vote: 5-0

**YES 208 NO 69**

**ARTICLE EX12:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$473,450 for Police Department?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$473,450 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$375,102 Vote: 4-1

**YES 195 NO 80**

**ARTICLE EX13:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$7,021 for Animal Control?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$7,021 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$7,021 Vote: 5-0

**YES 234 NO 41**

**ARTICLE EX14:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$101,955 for E.M.S.?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$101,955 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$101,955 Vote: 5-0

**YES 263 NO 13**

**ARTICLE EX15:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$161,989 for Fire Hydrants?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$161,989 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$161,989 Vote: 5-0

**YES 238 NO 31**

**ARTICLE EX 16:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$4,710 for Health Officer?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$4,710 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$4,710 Vote: 5-0

**YES 220 NO 49**

	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Highways	\$1,007,811	\$1,054,434	\$836,681
B. Sanitary Sewers	\$521,607	\$456,784	\$465,543
C. Solid Waste	\$452,788	\$485,474	\$489,751
D. Airport	\$41,785	\$47,950	\$46,770
E. Parks & Recreation	\$238,941	\$358,702	\$306,326
F. Cemeteries	\$51,818	\$37,803	\$42,553
G. Public Services Director	\$112,576	\$0	\$0
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**ARTICLE EX17:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$836,681 for Highways?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$836,681 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$836,681 Vote: 5-0

**YES 244 NO 26**

**ARTICLE EX18:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$465,543 for Sanitary Sewers?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$465,543 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$465,543 Vote: 5-0

**YES 239 NO 31**

**ARTICLE EX19:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$489,751 for Solid Waste?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$489,751 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$489,751 Vote: 5-0

**YES 241 NO 29**

**ARTICLE EX20:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$46,770 for Airport?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$46,770 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$46,770 Vote: 5-0

**YES 202 NO 67**

**ARTICLE EX21:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$306,326 for Parks and Recreation?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$306,326 Vote: 4-1  
Budget Committee: \$295,798 Vote: 5-0

**YES 209 NO 61**

**ARTICLE EX22:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$42,553 for Cemeteries?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$42,553 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$42,553 Vote: 5-0

**YES 238 NO 33**

**ARTICLE EX23:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$36,527 for Public Facilities Maintenance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$36,527 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$36,527 Vote: 5-0

**YES 245 NO 26**

**ARTICLE EX24:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$16,020 for Culture? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$16,020 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$16,020 Vote: 5-0

**YES 186 NO 85**

**ARTICLE EX25:** Shall the Town vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,000 for General Assistance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$2,000 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$2,000 Vote: 5-0

**YES 234 NO 38**

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## DONATION REQUEST ARTICLES

*Note: All requests in excess of \$5,000.00 are by Citizen Petition.*

**ARTICLE DN1:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,600 for the Rangeley Lakes Cross Country Ski Club to support its operation.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 177 NO 94**

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WARRANT FOR VOTE JUNE 11, 2024

**ARTICLE DN2:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust Water Quality Protection and Invasive Plants program.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 211 NO 60**

**ARTICLE DN3:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Rangeley Family Medicine.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 230 NO 42**

**ARTICLE DN4:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the Maine Forestry Museum.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 184 NO 87**

**ARTICLE DN5:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for trail maintenance and grooming of the snowmobile trail system in the Rangeley area by the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 183 NO 91**

**ARTICLE DN6:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote \$60,000 towards the Chamber's total marketing and advertising expenses to attract visitors to Rangeley year-round by unveiling the enchantment of the Rangeley Lakes Region throughout every season, enticing visitors year-round, resulting in invaluable economic advantages for our community as a whole. Breakdown: \$10,000 (Rangeley area promotional materials); \$35,000 (digital advertising); \$10,000 (radio & TV=advertising); \$5,000 (web hosting, domains, eblast).

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 128 NO 143**

**ARTICLE DN7:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,365 for the Rangeley Public Library.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 213 NO 57**

**ARTICLE DN8:** To see what sum, if any, the Town of Rangeley Voters will raise/appropriate and/or transfer moneys to support programming and services provided by Rangeley Region Health and Wellness Partnership for the ensuing year. The request is for \$8,262.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 202 NO 68**

**ARTICLE DN9:** To see what sum, if any, Rangeley voters will raise/appropriate and or transfer moneys to support the Rangeley Region Health and Wellness Partnership for the ensuing year for the Community Health Coordinator service. The request is for \$12,000.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 190 NO 81**

**ARTICLE DN10:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Life Flight.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 249 NO 25**

**ARTICLE DN11:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for Safe Voices.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 170 NO 98**

# 2024 Town Meeting Results

WARRANT FOR VOTE JUNE 11, 2024

**ARTICLE DN12:** The Rangeley Friends of the Arts (RFA) is asking the Town of Rangeley to raise and appropriate \$4,900 for operational support of an After School Arts program at the Rangeley Lakeside Theater for the benefit of students in grades 5-9.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 187 NO 85**

**ARTICLE DN13:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Red Cross.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 192 NO 80**

**ARTICLE DN14:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$100 for Maine Public Radio.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 164 NO 108**

**ARTICLE DN15:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Oquossoc ATV Club.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 149 NO 121**

**ARTICLE DN16:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$500 to Tri-County Mental Health Services.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 198 NO 71**

**ARTICLE DN17:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Rangeley Housing Development Corporation Meal Site.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 235 NO 35**

**ARTICLE DN18:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,500 for the non-profit Rangeley Community Radio WRGY for licensing fees, signal streaming and general station operations.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 159 NO 114**

**ARTICLE DN19:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the Mason Lodge on Richardson St., Rangeley, ME.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 183 NO 89**

**ARTICLE DN20:** To see if the voters of the Town of Rangeley will raise and appropriate \$200 for Community Concepts.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 153 NO 114**

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## REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

**ARTICLE RV1:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate funds from non-property tax revenues for the approved articles in EX1 through DN20, which includes \$1,118,703 from unassigned fund balance, and the remainder to be raised by property taxation. \*

Estimated Revenues:           \$1,974,153



# 2024 Town Meeting Results

WARRANT FOR VOTE JUNE 11, 2024

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen:	\$1,974,153	Vote: 5-0
Budget Committee:	\$1,974,153	Vote: 4-0-1

**YES 202 NO 58**

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## ORDINANCE ARTICLES

**ARTICLE ORD1:** Shall the voters of the Town of Rangeley amend the current Chapter 5 Cemetery Ordinance of the Town Code with recommended language? \*

**YES 213 NO 43**

**ARTICLE ORD2:** Shall the voters of the Town of Rangeley amend the current Chapter 12 Mooring Ordinance of the Town Code with recommended language? \*

**YES 191 NO 65**

# 2025 Warrant Articles



*Photo by Ashley Quimby  
Aurora Borealis: May 2024*

# 2025 Town Meeting Warrant Articles

WARRANT FOR VOTE JUNE 10, 2025

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOWN OF RANGELEY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SELECTMEN'S TOWN MEETING WARRANT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 10, 2025</p>
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**Franklin, ss State of Maine**

To: Richard Caton, Police Chief, Town of Rangeley, County of Franklin, State of Maine.

**GREETINGS:** In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rangeley, in said County and State, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the **Rangeley Town Office** in said Town on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:45 a.m.** in the forenoon then and there to act by written ballot on Article A1 and by secret ballot on Articles A2 to RV1 as set out below, the polling hours therefore to be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE A1:** To elect a moderator to serve for the annual meeting, and to permit the moderator to appoint an alternate, as necessary.

**ARTICLE A2:** To elect under the provisions of Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. § 2528, the following Town Officers: two members of the Board of Selectmen, for terms of three years; one Parks Commission member for a term of three years; one RSU #78 School Board member for a term of three years; two Sewer Commission members for terms of three years; two Budget Committee members for terms of three years.

**To vote by ballot the following warrant articles for the ensuing year in accordance with Title 30-A Section 2528, of the Revised Statutes of Maine and amendments thereto.**

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## BUSINESS ARTICLES

**ARTICLE B1:** Shall the Town fix the following two dates when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable, and after which interest shall accrue?

First Installment:	September 1, 2025
Second Installment:	February 1, 2026

**ARTICLE B2:** Shall the Town set a rate of 7.5% interest to be assessed by the Town after the due dates on delinquent taxes?

**ARTICLE B3:** Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes? No interest is to be paid on prepayment of taxes.

**ARTICLE B4:** Shall the Town set a rate of 7.5% interest to be assessed on unpaid sewer charges?

**ARTICLE B5:** Shall all Fiscal Year 2024/2025 overdrafts be closed from fund balance?

**ARTICLE B6:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper, and to return funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales if applicable?

**ARTICLE B7:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to (1) rent, sell, and/or dispose of any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable in accordance with State law and execute Municipal Quit Claim Deeds for the same, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36-M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the

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former owner(s); or (2) to keep any parcel or part thereof for municipal purposes and use after any necessary payments to the former owner in accordance with State law?

**ARTICLE B8:** Shall the Town set a rate of 3.5% interest to be paid on abated taxes and/or abated sewer service charges pursuant to MRSA 36 Section 506-A?

**ARTICLE B9:** Shall tax abatements and applicable interest be appropriated out of overlay?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

**ARTICLE B10:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts and cash donations, and to appropriate said gifts and donations for the purpose designated?

**ARTICLE B11:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account? The express purpose of this Article is to allow the continuation of ongoing Voter approved programs.

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

**ARTICLE B12:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager be authorized to enter into leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate?

**ARTICLE B13:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager be authorized to apply for and/or accept funds from any grant opportunities, pursuant to the Grant Policy of the Town of Rangeley, that they deem beneficial to the Town of Rangeley and to appropriate funds to their designated purpose?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

**ARTICLE B14:** Shall the Town authorize monies to be expended from the Cemetery Fund(s), as prescribed by policy, ordinance and/or law (if any apply), with the sole intent of care and maintenance of the Town of Rangeley Cemeteries?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

**ARTICLE B15:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on conditions that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge and to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into an agreement with the Club under such terms and conditions as the Municipal Officers may deem advisable for that purpose?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

**ARTICLE B16:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from surplus a sum not to exceed \$25,000, pursuant to the undesignated fund balance policy, as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2026?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

**ARTICLE B17:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate all motor vehicle excise tax revenue to the annual loan payments for completed and future road projects?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass

**ARTICLE B18:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of last year's annual budget during the period from July 1, 2025, to October 1,



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2025, or until a budget is passed for the 2025-2026 year in the event any budget article fails, where such expenditure is legally required or necessary to provide an essential service? \*

**ARTICLE B19:** Shall the Town authorize the Town Manager to appropriate up to \$5,000 from fund balance to award merit-based increases to qualifying employees during the year? \*

**ARTICLE B20:** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate up to \$35,900 from fund balance to perform a municipal building needs assessment? \*

**ARTICLE B21:** Shall the Town vote to utilize the TIF Project Account to fund the following projects not to exceed \$602,400? \*

Oquossoc Park Phase II Design	\$ 49,000
Main Steet Pedestrian / Sidewalk Improvements Design	\$ 56,600
Main Street Pedestrian / Sidewalk Improvements Construction	\$225,600
Scenic Byways Gateway Construction (Local Share)	\$ 88,200
Scenic Byways Gateway Construction (Amt in Excess of Grant)	<u>\$183,000</u>
	\$602,400

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## TRANSFERS OUT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES

**ARTICLE C1:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$455,000 for the Capital Reserve Budget? \*

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Fire Dept Reserve	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
B. Public Works Reserve	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
C. Police Reserve	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
D. Sewer Reserve	\$30,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
E. Downtown Revitalization	\$70,000	\$0	\$0
F. Solid Waste Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$125,000
G. Cemetery Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
H. Town Park Reserve	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
	<u>\$395,000</u>	<u>\$405,000</u>	<u>\$455,000</u>

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$455,000      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$455,000      Vote: 6-0

**ARTICLE C2:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$24,000 for the express use of Capital Equipment? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$24,000      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$24,000      Vote: 6-0

**ARTICLE C3:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the express use of Capital Communication? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$10,000      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$10,000      Vote: 6-0

**ARTICLE C4:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$141,560 for the express use of Capital Infrastructure? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$141,560      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$141,560      Vote: 6-0

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**ARTICLE C5:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$5,600 for the express use of the Rangeley Health Ride?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen:                 \$5,600                 Vote: 5-0  
                                   Budget Committee:     \$5,600                 Vote: 4-0

**ARTICLE C6:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$203,967 for the express use of Transfers Out (Debt Fund)? \*

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen:                 \$203,967                 Vote: 5-0  
   Budget Committee:     \$203,967                 Vote: 6-0

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## EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Selectmen / Legislative	\$94,208	\$81,505	\$82,965
B. Administration	\$310,032	\$333,755	\$314,179
C. Assessor	\$77,722	\$81,666	\$81,505
D. Finance	\$111,371	\$116,909	\$158,181
E. Planning	\$164,518	\$153,736	\$206,314
F. Buildings - Town Hall	\$61,515	\$88,171	\$117,944
G. Buildings - Public Safety	\$89,618	\$48,870	\$53,210
H. Town Clerk	\$64,968	\$78,917	\$105,486
I. Property/Casualty Insurance	\$72,101	\$67,661	\$73,754
J. TIF	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
	<b>\$1,057,053</b>	<b>\$1,051,190</b>	<b>\$1,193,538</b>

**ARTICLE EX1:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$82,965 for Selectmen/Legislative?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen:                 \$82,965                 Vote: 5-0  
                                   Budget Committee:     \$82,965                 Vote: 5-0

**ARTICLE EX2:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$314,179 for Administration?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen:                 \$314,179                 Vote: 5-0  
                                   Budget Committee:     \$308,325                 Vote: 4-1

**ARTICLE EX3:** Shall the Town vote and appropriate \$81,505 for Assessor?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen:                 \$81,505                 Vote: 5-0  
                                   Budget Committee:     \$81,505                 Vote: 7-0

**ARTICLE EX4:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$158,181 for Finance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen:                 \$158,181                 Vote: 5-0  
                                   Budget Committee:     \$158,181                 Vote: 5-0

**ARTICLE EX5:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$206,314 for Planning?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen:                 \$206,314                 Vote: 5-0  
                                   Budget Committee:     \$199,413                 Vote: 4-1

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**ARTICLE EX6:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$117,944 for Buildings – Town Hall?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$117,944      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$117,944      Vote: 6-0

**ARTICLE EX7:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$53,210 for Buildings – Public Safety?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$53,210      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$53,210      Vote: 5-0

**ARTICLE EX8:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$105,486 for Town Clerk?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$105,486      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$105,486      Vote: 5-0

**ARTICLE EX9:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$73,754 for Property/Casualty Insurance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$73,754      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$73,754      Vote: 6-0

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u> <u>Request</u>
A. Fire and Rescue	\$324,802	\$429,477	\$451,120
B. Police Department	\$352,034	\$473,450	\$705,944
C. Animal Control	\$6,281	\$7,021	\$7,754
D. E.M.S.	\$91,863	\$101,955	\$151,297
E. Fire Hydrants	\$161,989	\$161,989	\$161,989
F. Health Officer	\$4,618	\$4,710	\$4,541
	<b>\$941,587</b>	<b>\$1,178,602</b>	<b>\$1,482,645</b>

**ARTICLE EX10:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$451,120 for Fire and Rescue?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$451,120      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$447,953      Vote: 4-1

**ARTICLE EX11:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$705,944 for Police Department?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$705,944      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$702,218      Vote: 4-1

**ARTICLE EX12:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$7,754 for Animal Control?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$7,754      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$7,754      Vote: 3-0-1

**ARTICLE EX13:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$151,297 for E.M.S.?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$151,297      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$151,297      Vote: 4-0

**ARTICLE EX14:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$161,989 for Fire Hydrants?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$161,989      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$161,989      Vote: 4-0





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**ARTICLE EX24:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000 for General Assistance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$2,000 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$2,000 Vote: 4-0

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## DONATION REQUEST ARTICLES

*Note: All requests in excess of \$5,000.00 are by Citizen Petition.*

**ARTICLE DN1:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Cross Country Ski Club (Rangeley Lakes Trails Center) to support its operation?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN2:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$14,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust Water Quality Protection and Invasive Plants program?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN3:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Rangeley Family Medicine?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN4:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the Maine Forestry Museum?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN5:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club to maintain and groom trails in the Rangeley area?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN6:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to support Rangeley's small businesses with marketing, advertising, advocacy, and management of the Chamber of Commerce?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN7:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for community events such as the White Nose Pete Fly Fishing Festival, 3<sup>rd</sup> of July in the Park, Mountain Holly Days and Winterpaloozah for the Chamber of Commerce?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN8:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$47,755 for the Rangeley Public Library?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN9:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$7,500 to support programming and services provided by Rangeley Region Health and Wellness Partnership for the ensuing year?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**ARTICLE DN10:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$13,000 to support the Rangeley Region Health and Wellness Partnership for the ensuing year for the Community Health Coordinator service?



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Given under our hands this 7th day of April, 2025.

**RANGELEY BOARD OF SELECTMEN:**

  
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**James Jannace, Chairman**

  
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**Ethan Shaffer, Vice-Chairman**

  
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**Samantha White**

  
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**Jacob Beaulieu**

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**Keith Savage**

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*Photo by Amy Fitzherbert  
Aurora Borealis: May 2024*



# 2025 Warrant Article Information

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## 2024 Warrant Article Information

### *Additional Warrant Information*

#### **B18 Essential Services (Page 3 of Warrant) -**

- Schools & Education
- Roads & Public Works
- Land Use & Environmental Protection
- Public Safety & Health
- Licensing & Permitting & Economic Regulations
- Administration & General Government
- Requirement to Administer and Enforce Ordinances

**B19 (Page 3 of Warrant)** - Authorization for the Town Manager to award a one-time merit payment to recognize outstanding performance by one or more employees.

**B20 (Page 3 of Warrant)** - Engineering services for a buildings and infrastructure assessment.

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

TOWN OF RANGELEY

## 2024 Warrant Article Information

### *Additional Warrant Information*

**B21 (Page 3 of Warrant)** - This Article asks voters if they want to utilize funds from the TIF Project Account to design Phase II of the Oquossoc Park Improvement Project to include Franklin Street parking, playground equipment, benches, an enclosure and sidewalk. Design and construct Main Street pedestrian improvements. Also, to construct the Scenic Byways Gateway improvements at the Depot Street parking area and public parking in Oquossoc on Rt. 16. The TIF Project Account is funded by tax revenues that have been sheltered for use on specific projects instead of appropriating the funds.

*Through the use of TIF, municipalities typically divert future property tax revenue increases from a defined area or district toward an economic development project or public improvement project in the community. TIF subsidies are not appropriated directly from a Town's budget, but the Town incurs loss through forgone tax revenue*

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

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## 2024 Warrant Article Information

### *Additional Warrant Information*

#### **C1 Capital Reserve Balances January 31, 2025 (Page 3 of Warrant) -**

A. Fire Dept Reserve	\$ 240,063.23
B. Public Works Reserve	\$ 372,988.05
C. Police Reserve	\$ 55,773.63
D. Sewer Reserve	\$ 458,786.76
E. Downtown Revitalization	\$ 92,984.78
F. Solid Waste Reserve	\$ 215,089.32
G. Cemetery Reserve	\$ 149,671.06
H. Town Park Reserve	\$ 86,296.75
I. General Reserve	\$ 501,065.88

#### Other Reserve Account Balances:

Computer –	\$601.32	Community Cable –	\$22,265.36
Maintenance Equipment –	\$13,793.56	Town Book Restoration –	\$27,855.92
3 School Street –	\$3,036.77	Pond/Lake Dam –	\$44,082.57
Radio Tower –	\$97,188.12	Comfort Station –	\$33,296.28
Town Office Renovations –	\$5,292.81	Technology Reserve –	\$62,541.59
Airport –	\$144,469.27		

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

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## 2024 Warrant Article Information

### *Additional Warrant Information*

#### **C2 Capital Equipment (Page 3 of Warrant) -**

- Fire SCBA – Breathing Air Cylinders \$24,000

#### **C3 Capital Communication (Page 3 of Warrant) -**

- Fire Radio Replacement \$10,000

#### **C4 Capital Infrastructure (Page 3 of Warrant) -**

- Town Park Boat Docks \$58,000
  - Town Office Flooring \$60,000
  - Parking Lot Rehab \$12,325
  - Town Park Gazebo \$11,235
- \$141,560

#### **C6 Transfers Out – Debt Fund (Page 4 of Warrant) -**

- Maine Municipal Bond Parks & Rec (Town Park) \$ 63,150
  - Republic First National (Fire Truck) \$105,280
  - Ford Motor Credit (Sewer Truck) \$ 15,591
  - Skowhegan Lease (Police Cruiser) \$ 19,946
- \$203,967



# 2025 Warrant Article Information

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## 2024 Warrant Article Information

### *Additional Warrant Information*

#### **EX23 Culture (Page 6 of Warrant) -**

- Veteran's Monument \$ 1,600
- Flags \$ 2,000
- StreetScape \$ 1,600
- Fireworks \$10,350
- TOTAL: \$15,550

**RV1 (Page 8 of Warrant)** - When budgeting, it is important to consider what amounts should be used to lower taxes. It is suggested that actual revenues received in the preceding full year are used to base the budgeted revenue and usage of fund balance on (meaning for FY24, actual numbers from FY22 would be used). This recommendation is based on the fact that prior to the close of the current fiscal year, the total amounts of revenues received and the amounts slated to carry forward are not available, nor have those numbers been audited at the time the new budget is being determined. Selectboard put \$1,375,000 from Undesignated Funds toward this amount for FY'26.

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

### SELECTMEN

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
01	COMPENSATION	\$25,240.00	\$27,160.00	\$27,160.00	\$27,160.00
05	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$9,465.00	\$9,505.00	\$9,505.00	\$9,505.00
10	TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
15	SUPPLIES	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
35	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$44,850.00	\$44,350.00	\$44,350.00	\$44,350.00
36	ADVERTISING	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$81,505.00	\$82,965.00	\$82,965.00	\$82,965.00
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$1,460.00	\$1,460.00	\$1,460.00
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>		1.79%	1.79%	1.79%
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

Stipends for Board of Selectmen, HA Furbish Trust, Ordinance Comm, CRIC and RREOC

FICA/Medicare, Workers Compensation Insurance

Mileage, Training, Meals & Lodging

Office & Computer Supplies, Postage

Legal & HR, increase for HR Consultant due to Office Staff forming Union

PaperTalks

## Municipal Budget 2026

### ADMINISTRATION

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
01	COMPENSATION	\$171,058.00	\$201,893.00	\$198,723.00	\$203,607.00
05	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$117,504.00	\$99,027.00	\$99,096.00	\$100,066.00
10	TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$3,900.00	\$4,330.00	\$3,476.00	\$3,476.00
15	SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
20	UTILITIES	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
35	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$4,790.00	\$5,030.00	\$5,030.00	\$5,030.00
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$299,252.00	\$312,280.00	\$308,325.00	\$314,179.00
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$13,028.00	\$9,073.00	\$14,927.00
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>		4.35%	3.03%	4.99%
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

Salary, Wages, Overtime

FICA/Medicare, Health Insurance, 457 Match, Workers Comp Insurance

Mileage Reimbursement, Training, Dues & Subscriptions, Meals & Lodging

Office Supplies, Computer Supplies, Postage

Telephone (Office phones, internet)

MMA Dues



# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

### PLANNING

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
01	\$ 93,845.00	\$ 148,326.00	\$ 142,022.00	\$ 148,326.00	Salary, Stipends for boards, <b>increase for additional deputy code enforcement officer</b>
05	\$ 12,916.00	\$ 17,234.00	\$ 16,637.00	\$ 17,234.00	FICA/Medicare, Health Insurance, 457 Match, Workers Compensation Insurance
10	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00	Mileage, Training, Dues & Subscriptions, Meals & Lodging
15	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00	Office & Computer Supplies, Postage, Minor Equipment, E911 Signs
20	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Office & Cell Phones, Internet
25	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	CEO Vehicle
35	\$ 32,225.00	\$ 32,755.00	\$ 25,854.00	\$ 25,854.00	AVCOG Dues, Consultant Services, Software
36	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	Public Hearings, Zoning Amendments, Conditional Use Permits, Zoning Amendments, etc.
	<b>TOTALS: \$ 153,736.00</b>	<b>\$ 213,215.00</b>	<b>\$ 199,413.00</b>	<b>\$ 206,314.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>	\$ 59,479.00	\$ 45,677.00	\$ 52,578.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	38.69%	29.71%	34.20%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

### TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
15	\$6,050.00	\$10,100.00	\$10,100.00	\$10,100.00	Office, Computer, Building, & Cleaning Supplies, Equipment Rental (Postage Machine)
20	\$14,125.00	\$14,444.00	\$14,444.00	\$14,444.00	Telephones, Electricity, Heating Fuel, Water, Sewer
25	\$25,200.00	\$31,950.00	\$31,950.00	\$31,950.00	Building, Computers, Photocopier
35	\$42,196.00	\$61,450.00	\$61,450.00	\$61,450.00	Website, Software, Copier Lease and Janitorial Services
	<b>TOTALS: \$87,571.00</b>	<b>\$117,944.00</b>	<b>\$117,944.00</b>	<b>\$117,944.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>	\$30,373.00	\$30,373.00	\$30,373.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	34.68%	34.68%	34.68%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change



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## Municipal Budget 2026

### PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
15	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Building & Cleaning Supplies
20	\$23,780.00	\$21,870.00	\$21,870.00	\$21,870.00	Electricity, Heating Fuel, Water, Sewer, Propane Generator, Cable Television
25	\$24,000.00	\$30,250.00	\$30,250.00	\$30,250.00	Building & Equipment repairs
35	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$53,210.00</b>	<b>\$53,210.00</b>	<b>\$53,210.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>	\$4,340.00	\$4,340.00	\$4,340.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	8.88%	8.88%	8.88%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

### TOWN CLERK

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
01	\$57,380.00	\$59,473.00	\$59,473.00	\$59,473.00	Wages, Part Time, Overtime
05	\$7,711.00	\$38,087.00	\$38,087.00	\$38,087.00	FICA/Medicare, Health Insurance, 457 Match, Workers Compensation, HRA. Increase due to health coverage
10	\$2,670.00	\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00	\$1,820.00	Mileage, Training, Dues & Subscriptions, Meals & Lodging
15	\$3,350.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	Office, Computer & Election Supplies, Postage
20	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	Telephone & Internet
35	\$2,506.00	\$2,506.00	\$2,506.00	\$2,506.00	Town Report, Software
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$105,486.00</b>	<b>\$105,486.00</b>	<b>\$105,486.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>	\$31,569.00	\$31,569.00	\$31,569.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	42.71%	42.71%	42.71%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE
30	\$ 12,560.00	\$ 13,691.00	\$ 13,691.00	\$ 13,691.00	
30	\$ 26,910.00	\$ 29,332.00	\$ 29,332.00	\$ 29,332.00	
30	\$ 4,030.00	\$ 4,393.00	\$ 4,393.00	\$ 4,393.00	
30	\$ 6,845.00	\$ 7,462.00	\$ 7,462.00	\$ 7,462.00	
30	\$ 900.00	\$ 981.00	\$ 981.00	\$ 981.00	
30	\$ 7,495.00	\$ 8,170.00	\$ 8,170.00	\$ 8,170.00	
30	\$ 671.00	\$ 732.00	\$ 732.00	\$ 732.00	
30	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 8,993.00	\$ 8,993.00	\$ 8,993.00	
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 67,661.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,754.00</b>	<b>\$ 73,754.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>	\$ 6,093.00	\$ 6,093.00	\$ 6,093.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	9.01%	9.01%	9.01%	
Property Casualty Insurance					
Increase					
Decrease					
No Change					

## Municipal Budget 2026

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	FIRE RESCUE
01	\$213,545.00	\$240,314.00	\$223,985.00	\$227,147.00	Salary, Wages, Part Time, PerDiem
05	\$93,282.00	\$99,923.00	\$99,918.00	\$99,923.00	FICA/Medicare, Health Insurance, 457 Match, Workers Compensation, Volunteer Firefighter
10	\$10,150.00	\$10,150.00	\$10,150.00	\$10,150.00	Mileage, Training, Dues & Subscriptions, Meals & Lodging
15	\$33,000.00	\$33,260.00	\$31,160.00	\$31,160.00	Office, Computer, Postage, Building, Cleaning, Operating, Diesel, Safety, Uniforms, Minor Equipment, Health/Immunizations, Emergency Management
20	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$15,350.00	\$15,350.00	Telephones, Electricity, Heating Fuel, Water
25	\$60,000.00	\$63,700.00	\$60,400.00	\$60,400.00	Buildings; Vehicles; Equipment; Radios; SCBA; Turnout Gear
35	\$4,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,990.00	\$6,990.00	Dispatch and software
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$429,477.00</b>	<b>\$447,953.00</b>	<b>\$451,120.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>	\$40,370.00	\$18,476.00	\$21,643.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	9.40%	4.30%	5.04%	
Increase					
Decrease					
No Change					

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request		
01	COMPENSATION	\$286,535.00	\$466,070.00	\$442,860.00	\$446,354.00	Salary, Wages, Part Time, Overtime
05	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$145,365.00	\$206,715.00	\$206,483.00	\$206,715.00	FICA/Medicare, Health Insurance, 457 Match, Income Protection Ins, Workers Comp
10	TRAVEL TRAINING	\$4,900.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	Mileage, Training, Dues & Subscriptions, Meals & Lodging
15	SUPPLIES	\$22,650.00	\$27,185.00	\$24,185.00	\$24,185.00	Office, Computer, Postage, Operating, Safety, Uniforms, Minor equipment, Hearing Tests
20	UTILITIES	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	Telephone (Office, Cells, Internet)
25	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$5,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	Vehicles, Equipment
35	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$1,000.00	\$7,700.00	\$7,690.00	\$7,690.00	Software, Dispatch
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$473,450.00</b>	<b>\$728,670.00</b>	<b>\$702,218.00</b>	<b>\$705,944.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$255,220.00	\$228,768.00	\$232,494.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>		53.91%	48.32%	49.11%	
						Increase
						Decrease
						No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

### ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request		
01	COMPENSATION	\$2,988.00	\$2,988.00	\$2,988.00	\$2,988.00	Stipend
05	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	FICA/Medicare, Workers Compensation
10	TRAVEL TRAINING	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	Mileage
15	SUPPLIES	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Operating, Safety Uniforms
35	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$2,933.00	\$3,666.00	\$3,666.00	\$3,666.00	Franklin County Animal Shelter
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$7,021.00</b>	<b>\$7,754.00</b>	<b>\$7,754.00</b>	<b>\$7,754.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$733.00	\$733.00	\$733.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>		10.44%	10.44%	10.44%	
						Increase
						Decrease
						No Change

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

### EMS - AMBULANCE

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
35	\$101,955.00	\$151,297.00	\$151,297.00	\$151,297.00	Increase in contract
<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$101,955.00	\$151,297.00	\$151,297.00	\$151,297.00	
<i>Difference of:</i>		\$49,342.00	\$49,342.00	\$49,342.00	
<i>Percentage Change:</i>		48.40%	48.40%	48.40%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

### FIRE HYDRANTS

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
35	\$161,989.00	\$161,989.00	\$161,989.00	\$161,989.00	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$161,989.00	\$161,989.00	\$161,989.00	\$161,989.00	
<i>Difference of:</i>		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<i>Percentage Change:</i>		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

### LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
01	\$3,445.00	\$3,576.00	\$3,576.00	\$3,576.00	Stipend
05	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	FICA
10	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	Mileage and training cost
20	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Cell phone
<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$4,710.00	\$4,841.00	\$4,541.00	\$4,541.00	
<i>Difference of:</i>		\$131.00	-\$169.00	-\$169.00	
<i>Percentage Change:</i>		2.78%	-3.59%	-3.59%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change





# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

### SOLID WASTE-TRANSFER STATION

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request		
01	COMPENSATION	\$114,905.00	\$132,282.00	\$132,282.00	\$132,282.00	Wages, Part Time, Overtime - Wages determined by Union CBA
05	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$39,521.00	\$43,081.00	\$43,081.00	\$43,081.00	FICA/Medicare, Health Insurance, 457 Match, Income Protection, Workers Compensation
10	TRAVEL TRAINING	\$210.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	Mileage, Training, Dues & Subscriptions, Meals & Lodging
15	SUPPLIES	\$6,755.00	\$8,150.00	\$8,150.00	\$8,150.00	Office, Computer, Postage, Building, Cleaning, Operating, Diesel, Safety, Uniforms, Minor Equipment, Health/Immunizations
20	UTILITIES	\$7,060.00	\$5,830.00	\$5,830.00	\$5,830.00	Telephone, Electricity, Heating Fuel, Water
25	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$6,025.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	Buildings, Vehicles, Equipment, Septic Sludge, Routine Road Maintenance
35	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$4,420.00	\$8,330.00	\$6,630.00	\$6,630.00	Testing/Monitoring, Licensing, Building Lease
36	ADVERTISING	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	Advertising
50	WASTE DISPOSAL	\$310,705.00	\$326,435.00	\$326,435.00	\$326,435.00	Tipping Fees, Transportation, Tire Disposal, Recycling, Defreonizing, Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent Tubes
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$489,751.00</b>	<b>\$530,878.00</b>	<b>\$529,178.00</b>	<b>\$529,178.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$41,127.00	\$39,427.00	\$39,427.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>		8.40%	8.05%	8.05%	
						Increase
						Decrease
						No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

### AIRPORT

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request		
01	COMPENSATION	\$6,330.00	\$17,800.00	\$10,502.00	\$10,502.00	Salary, Stipends (Airport Commission)
05	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$485.00	\$1,520.00	\$721.00	\$721.00	FICA/Medicare
15	SUPPLIES	\$2,940.00	\$3,240.00	\$3,140.00	\$3,140.00	Office, Postage, Operating, Diesel, Minor Equipment
20	UTILITIES	\$12,965.00	\$11,315.00	\$11,315.00	\$11,315.00	Telephones, Internet, Electricity, Heating Fuel
25	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$13,150.00	\$13,150.00	\$13,150.00	\$13,150.00	Bldg, Equipment, Runway, Beacon, Lighting
30	INSURANCE	\$2,300.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	Property, Mobile Equipment, Electronic Data Processing, General Liability, Boiler & Machinery, Airport Liability
35	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00	AWOS (Stanwyck Avionics quarterly inspections), Janitorial Services, RSI
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$46,770.00</b>	<b>\$58,025.00</b>	<b>\$49,828.00</b>	<b>\$49,828.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$11,255.00	\$3,058.00	\$3,058.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>		24.06%	6.54%	6.54%	
						Increase
						Decrease
						No Change

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

### PARKS & RECREATION

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
01	COMPENSATION	\$129,685.00	\$152,485.00	\$152,485.00	Wages, O/T Stipends, Part-time Wages
05	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$74,010.00	\$78,615.00	\$78,615.00	FICA/Medicare, Health Insurance, 457 Match, Income Protection, Workers Compensation
10	TRAVEL TRAINING	\$1,450.00	\$1,450.00	\$1,370.00	Mileage, Training, Dues & Subscriptions, Meals & Lodging
15	SUPPLIES	\$38,445.00	\$38,398.00	\$38,660.00	Office, Computer, Postage, Operating, Diesel, Safety, Uniforms, Minor Equipment, Program Supplies, Equipment Rental, Hearing Tests, Gas
20	UTILITIES	\$1,805.00	\$1,805.00	\$1,805.00	Electricity, Water, Sewer
25	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$29,831.00	\$20,800.00	\$20,800.00	Buildings, Vehicles, Equipment, Athletic Facilities, Boat Facilities, Town Park
35	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$21,000.00	\$13,680.00	\$13,680.00	Grounds Maintenance, Consultant Services
36	ADVERTISING	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Advertising
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$296,326.00</b>	<b>\$307,733.00</b>	<b>\$307,915.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$8,351.00	\$11,589.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	3.85%	2.82%	3.91%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

### CEMETERY

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
01	COMPENSATION	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Stipend
05	FRINGE BENEFITS	\$153.00	\$153.00	\$153.00	FICA/Medicare
10	TRAVEL TRAINING	\$350.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
15	SUPPLIES	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	Operating
20	UTILITIES	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Water
25	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$6,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$2,100.00	Buildings, Routine Road Maintenance, Infrastructure
35	CONTRACT SERVICES	\$30,250.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00	Grounds Maintenance
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$42,553.00</b>	<b>\$37,153.00</b>	<b>\$35,653.00</b>	
	<i>Difference of:</i>		-\$5,400.00	-\$6,900.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	-12.69%	-16.22%	-16.22%	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

### COMFORT STATIONS

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request
<b>RANGELEY COMFORT STATION</b>				
15	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
				Operating Supplies
20	\$4,865.00	\$4,865.00	\$4,865.00	\$4,865.00
				Electricity, Heating fuel, Water, and Sewer
25	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
				Maintenance on building
35	\$10,156.00	\$10,168.00	\$10,168.00	\$10,168.00
				Testing, monitoring, Janitorial Services
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$20,021.00</b>	<b>\$20,533.00</b>	<b>\$20,533.00</b>
	<i>Difference of:</i>	<b>\$512.00</b>	<b>\$512.00</b>	<b>\$512.00</b>
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	<b>2.56%</b>	<b>2.56%</b>	<b>2.56%</b>
<b>OQUOSSOC COMFORT STATION</b>				
15	\$1,400.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00
20	\$2,950.00	\$2,950.00	\$2,950.00	\$2,950.00
25	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
35	\$10,156.00	\$10,168.00	\$10,168.00	\$10,168.00
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$17,018.00</b>	<b>\$17,018.00</b>	<b>\$17,018.00</b>
	<i>Difference of:</i>	<b>\$512.00</b>	<b>\$512.00</b>	<b>\$512.00</b>
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	<b>3.10%</b>	<b>3.10%</b>	<b>3.10%</b>
				Increase
				Decrease
				No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

### CULTURE

DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request
60	\$2,820.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
				Veterans Monument
60	\$1,600.00	\$9,765.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
				Christmas Tree Lighting and street scapes
60	\$10,000.00	\$10,350.00	\$10,350.00	\$10,350.00
				Fireworks
60	\$1,600.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
				Flags
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$23,715.00</b>	<b>\$15,550.00</b>	<b>\$15,550.00</b>
	<i>Difference of:</i>	<b>\$7,695.00</b>	<b>-\$470.00</b>	<b>-\$470.00</b>
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>	<b>48.03%</b>	<b>-2.93%</b>	<b>-2.93%</b>
				Increase
				Decrease
				No Change



# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

		GENERAL ASSISTANCE				
DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request		
60	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
TOTALS:						
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Difference of:						
		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Percentage Change:						
		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	Increase
						Decrease
						No Change

## Municipal Budget 2026

		DONATIONS				
DIV	FY2024 Budget	FY2025 Request	FY2026 Request	FY2026 Request		
	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No request FY26	
	\$7,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		
	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00		
	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00		
	\$2,800.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		
	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00		
	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00		
	\$50,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$62,000.00		
	\$10,000.00	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00		
	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No request FY26	
	\$19,180.00	\$20,262.00	\$20,500.00	\$20,500.00		
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
	\$4,750.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00		
	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No request FY26	
	\$44,581.00	\$46,365.00	\$47,755.00	\$47,755.00		
	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00		
	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No request FY26	
	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	No request FY26	
	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00		
TOTALS:		\$220,511.00	\$236,927.00	\$236,655.00		
Difference of:						
			-\$272.00	-\$272.00		
Percentage Change:						
			-0.11%	-0.11%		
						Increase
						Decrease
						No Change

# 2025 Warrant Article Information

## Municipal Budget 2026

		TRANSFERS OUT/CAPITAL RESERVE, HEALTH RIDE, and DEBT FUND			
DIV	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Town Manager Request	FY2026 Budget Committee Request	FY2026 Selectmen Request	
<b>CAPITAL RESERVES</b>					
65-01	FIRE RESERVE	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	
65-02	PUBLIC WORKS RESERVE	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	
65-03	POLICE RESERVE	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
65-04	SOLID WASTE RESERVE	\$50,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	
65-11	TOWN PARK RESERVE	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
65-13	SEWER RESERVE	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
65-15	CEMETERY RESERVE	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$405,000.00	\$455,000.00	\$455,000.00	
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>		12.35%	12.35%	
<b>RANGELEY HEALTH RIDE</b>					
60-05	RANGELEY HEALTH RIDE	\$5,500.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	
	<i>Difference of:</i>		\$100.00	\$100.00	
	<i>Percentage Change:</i>		1.82%	1.82%	
<b>DEBT FUND</b>					
65-21	MBB 2004 PSB BLDG	\$ 42,561.00	\$ -	\$ -	Paid in full FY25
65-23	MBB 2017 B PARKS	\$ 65,347.00	\$ 63,150.00	\$ 63,150.00	
65-24	REPUBLIC 1st NATIONAL FIRE TRUCK	\$ 105,280.00	\$ 105,280.00	\$ 105,280.00	
65-26	FSB ROAD LOAN	\$ 248,850.00	\$ -	\$ -	Paid from Excise taxes
65-27	FORD MOTOR SEWER	\$ 15,591.00	\$ 15,591.00	\$ 15,591.00	
65-28	SKOWHEGAN LEASE - POLICE VEH	\$ -	\$ 19,946.00	\$ 19,946.00	
65-31	CAPITAL PROJECTS (estimated)	\$ -	\$ 69,350.00	\$ -	
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$ 477,629.00	\$ 273,317.00	\$ 203,967.00	
					Increase
					Decrease
					No Change





# 2025 Sample Ballot

*For Fiscal Year 2026 Budget  
Town Meeting June 10, 2025*





# June 2025 Sample Ballot

## OFFICIAL BALLOT BUDGET REFERENDUM RANGELEY, MAINE JUNE 10, 2025

*Marti Bell*  
Town Clerk

### Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote for a candidate of your choice, complete the oval at the left of the person you want to choose, like this: (●)
- ◆ You may vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot by writing the name in the proper space and completing the oval at the left.
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

- A. To vote IN FAVOR of the question, complete the oval to the left of the word YES.  
B. To vote AGAINST the question, complete the oval to the left of the word NO.

Board of Selectmen THREE YEAR TERM VOTE FOR TWO	RSU #78 School Board THREE YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	Budget Committee THREE YEAR TERM VOTE FOR TWO
<input type="radio"/> Shaffer, Ethan	<input type="radio"/> Seaman, Karen	<input type="radio"/> Alexander, Piper
<input type="radio"/> White, Samantha	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Lowell, Shelly
<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	<b>Sewer Commission</b> THREE YEAR TERM VOTE FOR TWO	<input type="radio"/> Madrid, Colin
<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in	<input type="radio"/> Adkins, Jonathan	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in
<b>Parks Commission</b> THREE YEAR TERM VOTE FOR ONE	<input type="radio"/> Clinch, Tomas	<input type="radio"/> .....Write-in
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# June 2025 Sample Ballot

## BUSINESS ARTICLES

**ARTICLE B1:** Shall the Town fix the following two dates when taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable, and after which interest shall accrue?

First Installment: September 1, 2025  
Second Installment: February 1, 2026

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B2:** Shall the Town set a rate of 7.5% interest to be assessed by the Town after the due dates on delinquent taxes?

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B3:** Shall the Town authorize the Tax Collector to accept tax payments prior to the commitment of taxes? No interest is to be paid on prepayment of taxes.

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B4:** Shall the Town set a rate of 7.5% interest to be assessed on unpaid sewer charges?

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B5:** Shall all Fiscal Year 2024/2025 overdrafts be closed from fund balance?

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B6:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to sell or dispose of any personal property or equipment and material owned or seized by the Town on such terms as they deem proper, and to return funds to reserve accounts associated with affected sales if applicable?

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B7:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized, on behalf of the Town, to (1) rent, sell, and/or dispose of any real estate acquired for non-payment of taxes thereon on such terms as they deem advisable in accordance with State law and execute Municipal Quit Claim Deeds for the same, except that the Municipal Officers shall use the special sale process required by 36-M.R.S. §943-C for qualifying homestead property if they choose to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s); or (2) to keep any parcel or part thereof for municipal purposes and use after any necessary payments to the former owner in accordance with State law?

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B8:** Shall the Town set a rate of 3.5% interest to be paid on abated taxes and/or abated sewer service charges pursuant to MRSA 36 Section 506-A?

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B9:** Shall tax abatements and applicable interest be appropriated out of overlay?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B10:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer be authorized to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts and cash donations, and to appropriate said gifts and donations for the purpose designated?

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B11:** Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to carry forward specific account balances from the current year to the same accounts for the ensuing year for the specific purpose of each account? The express purpose of this Article is to allow the continuation of ongoing Voter approved programs.

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B12:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager be authorized to enter into leases, contracts and agreements on terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate?

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B13:** Shall the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager be authorized to apply for and/or accept funds from any grant opportunities, pursuant to the Grant Policy of the Town of Rangeley, that they deem beneficial to the Town of Rangeley and to appropriate funds to their designated purpose?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B14:** Shall the Town authorize monies to be expended from the Cemetery Fund(s), as prescribed by policy, ordinance and/or law (if any apply), with the sole intent of care and maintenance of the Town of Rangeley Cemeteries?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

- Yes  
 No

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# June 2025 Sample Ballot

**ARTICLE B15:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on conditions that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge and to authorize the Municipal Officers to enter into an agreement with the Club under such terms and conditions as the Municipal Officers may deem advisable for that purpose?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B16:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate from surplus a sum not to exceed \$25,000, pursuant to the undesignated fund balance policy, as they deem advisable to meet unanticipated expenses and emergencies that occur during the fiscal year 2026?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B17:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate all motor vehicle excise tax revenue to the annual loan payments for completed and future road projects?

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B18:** Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of last year's annual budget during the period from July 1, 2025, to October 1, 2025, or until a budget is passed for the 2025-2026 year in the event any budget article fails, where such expenditure is legally required or necessary to provide an essential service? \*

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B19:** Shall the Town authorize the Town Manager to appropriate up to \$5,000 from fund balance to award merit-based increases to qualifying employees during the year? \*

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B20:** Shall the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate up to \$35,900 from fund balance to perform a municipal building needs assessment? \*

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE B21:** Shall the Town vote to utilize the TIF Project Account to fund the following projects not to exceed \$602,400? \*

- Yes  
 No

**TRANSFERS OUT, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & RESERVE ACCOUNT ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE C1:** To see if the Voters of the Town of Rangeley will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$405,000 for the Capital Reserve Budget. \*

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026 Request
A. Fire Dept Reserve	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
B. Public Works Reserve	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
C. Police Reserve	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
D. Sewer Reserve	\$ 30,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
E. Downtown Revitalization	\$ 70,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
F. Solid Waste Reserve	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$125,000
G. Cemetery Reserve	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 0
H. Town Park Reserve	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
	\$395,000	\$405,000	\$455,000

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$455,000      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$455,000      Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE C2:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$24,000 for the express use of Capital Equipment? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$24,000      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$24,000      Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE C3:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the express use of Capital Communication? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$10,000      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$10,000      Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE C4:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$141,560 for the express use of Capital Infrastructure? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen \$141,560      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee \$141,560      Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

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# June 2025 Sample Ballot

**ARTICLE C5:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$5,600 for the express use of the Rangeley Health Ride?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$5,600 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$5,600 Vote: 4-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE C6:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$203,967 for the express use of Transfers Out (Debt Fund)? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$203,967 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$203,967 Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

### EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026 Request
A. Selectmen / Legislative	\$ 94,208	\$ 81,505	\$ 82,965
B. Administration	\$ 310,032	\$ 333,755	\$ 314,179
C. Assessor	\$ 77,722	\$ 81,666	\$ 81,505
D. Finance	\$ 111,371	\$ 116,909	\$ 158,181
E. Planning	\$ 164,518	\$ 153,736	\$ 206,314
F. Buildings - Town Hall	\$ 61,515	\$ 88,171	\$ 117,944
G. Buildings - Public Safety	\$ 89,618	\$ 48,870	\$ 53,210
H. Town Clerk	\$ 64,968	\$ 78,917	\$ 105,486
I. Property/Casualty Insurance	\$ 72,101	\$ 67,661	\$ 73,754
J. TIF	\$ 11,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
	<b>\$1,057,053</b>	<b>\$1,051,190</b>	<b>\$1,193,538</b>

**ARTICLE EX1:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$82,965 for Selectmen/Legislative?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$82,965 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$82,965 Vote: 5-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX2:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$314,179 for Administration?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$314,179 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$308,325 Vote: 4-1

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX3:** Shall the Town vote and appropriate \$81,505 for Assessor?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$81,505 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$81,505 Vote: 7-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX4:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$158,181 for Finance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$158,181 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$158,181 Vote: 5-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX5:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$206,314 for Planning?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$206,314 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$199,413 Vote: 4-1

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX6:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$117,944 for Buildings - Town Hall?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$117,944 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$117,944 Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX7:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$53,210 for Buildings - Public Safety?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$53,210 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$53,210 Vote: 5-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX8:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$105,486 for Town Clerk?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$105,486 Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$105,486 Vote: 5-0

- Yes  
 No

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# June 2025 Sample Ballot

**ARTICLE EX9:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$73,754 for Property/Casualty Insurance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$73,754      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$73,754      Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026 Request
A. Fire and Rescue	\$ 324,802	\$ 429,477	\$ 451,120
B. Police Department	\$ 352,034	\$ 473,450	\$ 705,944
C. Animal Control	\$ 6,281	\$ 7,021	\$ 7,754
D. E.M.S.	\$ 91,863	\$ 101,955	\$ 151,297
E. Fire Hydrants	\$ 161,989	\$ 161,989	\$ 161,989
F. Health Officer	\$ 4,618	\$ 4,710	\$ 4,541
	\$ 941,587	\$1,178,602	\$1,482,645

**ARTICLE EX10:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$451,120 for Fire and Rescue?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$451,120      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$447,953      Vote: 4-1

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX11:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$705,944 for Police Department?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$705,944      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$702,218      Vote: 4-1

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX12:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$7,754 for Animal Control?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$7,754      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$7,754      Vote: 3-0-1

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX13:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$151,297 for E.M.S.?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$151,297      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$151,297      Vote: 4-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX14:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$161,989 for Fire Hydrants?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$161,989      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$161,989      Vote: 4-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX 15:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$4,541 for Health Officer?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$4,541      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$4,541      Vote: 4-2

- Yes  
 No

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026 Request
A. Highways	\$ 1,054,434	\$ 836,681	\$ 861,316
B. Sanitary Sewers	\$ 456,784	\$ 465,543	\$ 503,604
C. Solid Waste	\$ 485,474	\$ 489,751	\$ 529,178
D. Airport	\$ 47,950	\$ 46,770	\$ 49,828
E. Parks & Recreation	\$ 358,702	\$ 306,326	\$ 307,915
F. Cemeteries	\$ 37,803	\$ 42,553	\$ 35,653
	\$ 2,441,147	\$ 2,187,624	\$ 2,287,494

**ARTICLE EX16:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$861,316 for Highways?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$861,316      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$861,316      Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX17:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$503,604 for Sanitary Sewers?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$503,604      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$503,604      Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX18:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$529,178 for Solid Waste?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$529,178      Vote: 5-0  
 Budget Committee: \$529,178      Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

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# June 2025 Sample Ballot

**ARTICLE EX19:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$49,828 for Airport?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$49,828 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$49,828 Vote: 5-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX20:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$307,915 for Parks and Recreation?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$307,915 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$304,677 Vote: 4-1

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX21:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$35,653 for Cemeteries?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$35,653 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$35,653 Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX22:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$37,551 for Public Facilities Maintenance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$37,551 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$37,551 Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX23:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$15,550 for Culture? \*

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$15,550 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$15,550 Vote: 6-0

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE EX24:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000 for General Assistance?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$2,000 Vote: 5-0  
Budget Committee: \$2,000 Vote: 4-0

- Yes  
 No

## DONATION REQUEST ARTICLES

*Note: All requests in excess of \$5,000.00 are by Citizen Petition.*

**ARTICLE DN1:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Cross Country Ski Club (Rangeley Lakes Trails Center) to support its operation?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN2:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$14,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust Water Quality Protection and Invasive Plants program?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN3:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for Rangeley Family Medicine?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN4:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for the Maine Forestry Museum?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN5:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club to maintain and groom trails in the Rangeley area?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN6:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to support Rangeley's small businesses with marketing, advertising, advocacy, and management of the Chamber of Commerce?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN7:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$12,000 for community events such as the White Nose Pete Fly Fishing Festival, 3rd of July in the Park, Mountain Holly Days and Winterpaloozah for the Chamber of Commerce?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

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# June 2025 Sample Ballot

11 **ARTICLE DN8:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$47,755 for the Rangeley Public Library?.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

21 **ARTICLE DN9:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$7,500 to support programming and services provided by Rangeley Region Health and Wellness Partnership for the ensuing year?

24 RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN10:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$13,000 to support the Rangeley Region Health and Wellness Partnership for the ensuing year for the Community Health Coordinator service?

40 RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- 41  Yes  
42  No

43 **ARTICLE DN11:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Life Flight?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN12:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Safe Voices?

51 RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN13:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$4,900 to The Rangeley Friends of the Arts (RFA)?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN14:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000 for the Red Cross?.

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN15:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000 to the Oquossoc ATV Club?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN16:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Rangeley Housing Development Corporation Meal Site?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

**ARTICLE DN17:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$7,000 for the non-profit Community Radio, WRGY 90.5FM, to help purchase a new Emergency Alert System (EAS) receiver, a downtown back-up transmission antenna to improve signal reliability, auxiliary power back-ups, summit and studio firewalls, an on-air live phone call-in module and related broadcasting equipment and software?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

- Yes  
 No

## REVENUE BUDGET ARTICLE

**ARTICLE RV1:** Shall the Town appropriate funds from non-property tax revenues for the approved articles in EX1 through DN17, which includes \$1,375,000 from unassigned fund balance, and the remainder to be raised by property taxation? \*

Estimated Revenues: \$2,773,000

RECOMMENDATIONS: Selectmen: \$2,773,000

- Yes  
 No

**YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING**

# Town Meeting Schedule And Contact Information



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April 8, 2024*



# Standing Monthly Meeting Schedule

*Below is the list of standing monthly meetings held by the Town of Rangeley:*

<i>Board of Selectmen</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	6:00 pm
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/91015267554">https://zoom.us/j/91015267554</a>	
<i>Sewer Commission</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	5:00 pm
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/94614405939">https://zoom.us/j/94614405939</a>	
<i>Park Commission</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	6:00 pm
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95735638410">https://zoom.us/j/95735638410</a>	
<i>Planning Board</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	6:00 pm
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98586998964">https://zoom.us/j/98586998964</a>	
<i>Ordinance Committee</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	5:30 pm
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98821818682">https://zoom.us/j/98821818682</a>	
<i>Airport Commission</i>	Last Monday of the month	4:30 pm
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98192248595">https://zoom.us/j/98192248595</a>	
<i>School Board</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	6:00 pm

Rangeley Lakes Regional School provides Zoom link information

*Public Notice will be posted when date and time of meeting is determined for the following:*

<i>Budget Committee</i>	(weekly) Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> – April 30 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/93447511918">https://zoom.us/j/93447511918</a>	
<i>Veteran's Memorial Committee</i>	As Needed	TBA
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/83315158730">https://zoom.us/j/83315158730</a>	
<i>Zoning Board of Appeals</i>	As Needed	TBA
	Zoom Link: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98586998964">https://zoom.us/j/98586998964</a>	

***In accordance with the Town's Remote Participation Policy, Zoom is only available to the public if one or more of the Board or Committee members will be participating remotely.***

For meeting information, including agendas, minutes, and video links (when available), please go to: [www.townofrangeley.com](http://www.townofrangeley.com).

Meeting videos are available on our YouTube Channel: Town of Rangeley

# Town Contact Information

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Monday - Thursday

## ADMINISTRATION

### **Town Manager**

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[townmanager@rangeleyme.org](mailto:townmanager@rangeleyme.org)

### **Assistant Town Manager/ Administrative Assistant**

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## FINANCIAL & MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICES

### **Treasurer/Tax Collector**

Marti Belt  
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## LICENSING, ELECTIONS & VITAL RECORDS

### **Town Clerk**

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### **Deputy Town Clerk**

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[deputyclerk@rangeleyme.org](mailto:deputyclerk@rangeleyme.org)

## PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

### **Assessing Department**

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[Assessor1@rangeleyme.org](mailto:Assessor1@rangeleyme.org)

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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[adminassist@rangeleyme.org](mailto:adminassist@rangeleyme.org)

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### **IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 9-1-1**

### **Rangeley Police Department**

15 School St.  
(207) 864-3579

[policechief@rangeleyme.org](mailto:policechief@rangeleyme.org)

### **Rangeley Fire Station**

15 School St.  
(207) 864-3800

[firechief@rangeleyme.org](mailto:firechief@rangeleyme.org)

### **Oquossoc Fire Station**

Route 17, Oquossoc  
(207) 864-3811

[firechief@rangeleyme.org](mailto:firechief@rangeleyme.org)

### **NorthStar Ambulance**

15 School St.  
(207) 864-0938

[www.mainehealth.org](http://www.mainehealth.org)

### **Franklin County Sheriff**

(207) 778-2680

[www.franklincounty.maine.gov](http://www.franklincounty.maine.gov)

### **Maine Warden Service**

(207) 287-8000

[www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov)

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

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(207) 864-3326

[ceo@rangeleyme.org](mailto:ceo@rangeleyme.org)

### **Deputy Code Enforcement Officer**

Karl Kolze

[deputyceo@rangeleyme.org](mailto:deputyceo@rangeleyme.org)

### **Rangeley Region Economic Opportunity Committee**

(207) 864-3326

[townclerk@rangeleyme.org](mailto:townclerk@rangeleyme.org)

## PUBLIC WORKS

### **Highway**

(207) 864-5947

### **Parks & Recreation**

(207) 864-3326

### **Sewer Treatment Plant**

(207) 864-3542

### **Transfer Station**

(207) 864-5610

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### **Rangeley Chamber of Commerce**

6 Park Rd., Rangeley  
(207) 864-5571

### **Rangeley Lakes Regional School**

43 Mendolia Rd., Rangeley  
(207) 864-3311

### **Rangeley Public Library**

7 Lake St., Rangeley  
(207) 864-5529

### **Rangeley Health Ride**

(207) 864-9777

### **Rangeley Family Medicine**

42 Dallas Hill Rd., Rangeley  
(207) 864-3303

### **Rangeley Health and Wellness**

25 Dallas Hill Rd., Rangeley  
(207) 864-4397

### **Rangeley Water District**

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