

## TOWN OF RANGELEY

### SELECTMEN'S TOWN MEETING WARRANT

June 10, 2025

**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.

**Breck Parker motioned to nominate Traci Lavoie as Moderator over the Town Meeting on June 10, 2025.**

**Patric O'Neil second**

**PASS 3-0**

**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

**SHAFFER, ETHAN 248**

**WHITE, SAM 223**

**WRITE-INS 89**

One Parks Commission member for a term of three years

**JANNACE, JAMES 278**

**WRITE-INS 6**

One RSU #78 School Board member for a term of three years

**SEAMAN, KAREN 301**

**WRITE-INS 3**

Two Sewer Commission members for terms of three years

**ADKINS, JONATHAN 281**

**CLINCH, TOMAS 281**

**WRITE-INS 1**

Two Budget Committee members for terms of three years

**ALEXANDER, PIPER 178**

**LOWELL, SHELLY 203**

**MADRID, COLIN 176**

**WRITE-INS 12**

**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

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**YES 294 NO 33**

**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 248 NO 81**

**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 298 NO 31**

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

**YES 249 NO 78**

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

**YES 241 NO 75**

**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 262 NO 63**

**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 251 NO 74**

**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 257 NO 65**

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

RECOMMENDATION: The article to pass.

**YES 255 NO 62**

**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 257 NO 65**

**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 275 NO 52**

**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 274 NO 52**

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**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 302 NO 25**

**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 305 NO 23**

**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 291 NO 45**

**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 267 NO 66**

**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 302 NO 34**

**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 253 NO 76**

**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 196 NO 134**

**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 205 NO 128**

**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) \$183,000

\$602,400

**YES 206 NO 111**

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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><br><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                           |
|                            | <b>\$395,000</b> | <b>\$405,000</b> | <b>\$455,000</b>                   |

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

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

**YES 226 NO 107****\*There was a typographical error on the ballot. The voted and approved amount is \$405,000****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 234 NO 98****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 223 NO 111****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 221 NO 113****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 277 NO 53****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

**YES 215 NO 104**

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**EXPENSE BUDGET ARTICLES**

|                                | <u>2023-2024</u>   | <u>2024-2025</u>   | <u>2025-2026</u><br><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

**YES 194 NO 130****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 184 NO 139****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 192 NO 128****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 184 NO 138****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 168 NO 155****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 199 NO 126**

**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 211 NO 115**

**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 181 NO 141**

**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 240 NO 90**

|                      | <u>2023-2024</u> | <u>2024-2025</u>   | <u>2025-2026</u><br><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

**YES 210 NO 132**

**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 166 NO 176**

**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 245 NO 94**

**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 286 NO 56**

**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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**YES 257 NO 82**

**ARTICLE EX15:** Shall the Town raise and appropriate \$4,541 for Health Officer?

RECOMMENDATION: Selectmen: \$4,541 Vote: 4-0-1  
Budget Committee: \$4,541 Vote: 4-2

**YES 220 NO 119**

|                       | <u>2023-2024</u>   | <u>2024-2025</u>   | <u>2025-2026</u><br><u>Request</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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                           |
|                       | <u>\$2,441,147</u> | <u>\$2,187,624</u> | <u>\$2,287,494</u>                 |

**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 266 NO 75**

**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 246 NO 91**

**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 252 NO 86**

**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 217 NO 116**

**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 224 NO 109**

**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 268 NO 62**

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

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

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

**YES 259 NO 72**

**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 203 NO 130**

**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 249 NO 83**

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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

**YES 208 NO 127**

**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 246 NO 87**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 249 NO 84**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 202 NO 131**

**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 190 NO 145**

**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 178 NO 155**

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**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

**YES 211 NO 122**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 242 NO 96**

**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

**YES 251 NO 87**

**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?

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 243 NO 96**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 290 NO 49**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 183 NO 150**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 191 NO 146**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 215 NO 120**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 167 NO 167**

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

RECOMMENDATION: No recommendation

**YES 276 NO 61**

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**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    207                      NO    130**

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**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                      Vote: 5-0

**YES    204                      NO    126**

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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**