



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Emergency Meeting Agenda**

March 23, 2017

6:30pm

Broadcast Studio
423 Webbs Mills Road

Resolution: We, the Raymond Board of Selectmen, recognize our individual and collective responsibilities as leaders and representatives of our community. To this end, we pledge to conduct ourselves in a manner befitting these roles and duties. We pledge and encourage others to "Be the Influence" and to recognize that decisions matter.

1) Call to order

2) New Business

a) Gray Secession Committee – Jennifer White, Chairperson

The Gray Secession Committee Chair, Jennifer White has asked the following, *"After consulting with Attorney Ann Robinson from Pierce Atwood on the upcoming state hearing, she has highly recommended that we should ask for a letter from Raymond Town Officials stating that the Town of Raymond is interested in having us be annexed to them and possibly mentioning that geographically it makes sense and even mentioning that Raymond has provided fire and rescue services to our area for 50+ years would be helpful. The letter would be included in a packet of information given to each legislator of the State and Local Government Committee that is holding our hearing."*

Following are the steps the committee has taken thus far and the steps that complete the process. Those with a number are the steps from MRSA 30-A, Chapter 113, Part 2, Subchapter 2 – Secession Process.

STEP	DATE	DESCRIPTION
	1/27/2016	Presented the Gray Town Manager with a signed Secession Proclamation: <i>Establishment of an Exploratory Committee.</i>
	1/2016 to 1/2017	After establishing the committee and creating a map delineating the physical boundaries, they circulated a petition for registered voters in the territory to sign if they were in favor of secession.
1	1/26/2017	The petition signatures were certified and verified and it was found that over 51% of the registered voters in our area signed in favor.
2	3/21/2017	The Gray Secession Committee will be presenting to the Gray Town Council in a public hearing (presentation included in ePacket).

STEP	DATE	DESCRIPTION
3	3/27/2017	At 1:00pm the Committee on State and Local Government will hold a hearing in Room 214 of the Cross Building for LD 619 – Resolve, Authorizing the Area of the West Side of Little Sebago Lake of the Town of Gray To Proceed with the Secession Process (concept bill only, included in ePacket).
4		Advisory Referendum – As long as the Legislature has authorized the secession process to proceed, the municipality shall conduct an advisory referendum within the secession territory at the next regularly scheduled election. The question must be: <i>“Do you favor secession of the territory described below from the municipality of Gray?”</i>
5		Vote of Municipal Officers 1. If the Municipal Officers vote in favor of the request for secession, then the request may be submitted to the Legislature for consideration. 2. If the Municipal Officers do not vote in favor of the request for secession, then a mediator is engaged. 3. If the mediation is not successful in resolving the differences, then the dispute may be submitted to the Legislature

3) Executive Session

- a) Consideration of request for approval of secession efforts (Pursuant to MRSA 1 §405 (6)(C))

4) Adjournment