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Dear Main Street Resident,

Following is a brief timeline of the Main Street Sidewalk Project:

- June 3, 2013 – The Town of Raymond was awarded a grant from Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT), to construct a sidewalk on Main Street, beginning at Route 302 and extending to Meadow Road (Route 121). The anticipated cost was \$159,800 - \$127,800 from the grant and \$32,000 in matching funds from the Town of Raymond.
- July 1, 2013 – MaineDOT informed the Town of Raymond that the funds would not be available until 2016 due to the number of projects underway.
- June 3, 2014 – The Town of Raymond voted at the Annual Town Meeting to approve raising and appropriating the \$32,000 in matching funds for the Main Street Sidewalk Project.
- January 13, 2015 – An Informational Presentation and Public Hearing was held to which all residents abutting the Main Street Sidewalk Project were invited.
- June 2016 – It was determined that \$159,800 was not sufficient to complete the project.
- April 7, 2017 – The Town of Raymond was informed that the MaineDOT would provide more project grant money to address the increased estimated costs. The new anticipated cost is \$486,000 - \$405,000 from the grant and \$81,000 in matching funds (\$32,000 of which were approved at the 2013 Town Meeting).
- May 9, 2017 – Town Engineer Owens McCoullough (Sebago Technics) presented an update on the project to the Board of Selectmen.

On June 6, 2017, the Annual Town Meeting will be held at 6:00pm in the Jordan Small Middle School gymnasium and included is Article 40 – to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow from or appropriate from undesignated fund balance (surplus) as they deem advisable for matching grant monies for a federal-aid project with the State of Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) to develop a new sidewalk and make roadway drainage improvements on Main Street.

There is more information regarding this project and sidewalks in general on the Town website ([www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org)), including a “concept sketch” which depicts sidewalks on both sides of the street. Currently the sidewalk is intended to extend the sidewalk on Route 302 and continue on the same side of the street to the intersection with Route 121 (Meadow Road).

Sincerely yours,

Don Willard, Town Manager