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## One Raymond: Continuing Our Journey

By: Sandra Caldwell and Don Willard

The Budget/Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee held a joint meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 2004. The expected outcome of this meeting was to begin a dialogue and process of working collaboratively to accomplish common goals to strengthen the "spirit" of One Raymond. Creating opportunities for a nucleus of people to come together and begin to communicate and develop a shared vision of where they want the town to be in ten years can maximize the potential of the One

Raymond concept. Designing a process for creating a community dialogue that involves a diverse group of community members will be one of the first challenges that this combined committee will address.

Individual members of the three committees shared their initial thoughts of areas that might be addressed as we proceed with working collaboratively towards accomplishing common goals. Those ideas included the following possibilities:

- Combining the town and school resources for the maintenance of vehicles
- Partnering with neighboring towns to share resources

- Developing a strategic plan for the future of One Raymond
- Organizing meetings of different town entities, including but not limited to the library, Parent Teacher Association, Recreation Department and Lions Club
- Utilizing the *Road Runner* to disseminate accurate information to all community members
- Creating a list serve to provide interested folks with agendas and minutes of committee and board meetings
- Developing long range financial plans
- Exploring the possibility of common purchasing practices for services and supplies

- Creating a communication network that is inclusive and does not disenfranchise any group of citizens.

A sub-committee was formed to begin the planning. It was agreed that the issues shared at this meeting need to be explored and strengthened. The sub-committee includes Jeri Keane, Mark Gendron, Suzi Brockelbank, Dennis Cole, Sandy Caldwell and Don Willard. The first meeting of this sub-committee is scheduled for July 13, 2004, at 7pm at the Town Office. The sub-committee will design a plan to go forward with this initiative. That plan will be brought back to the members of the joint committee for review. The plan would then be brought to the Board of Selectmen for concept endorsement.

### Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by the last Friday of July. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

**E-Mail; Diskette; Paper; CDROM**

Articles should be submitted in RTF and pictures in JPEG format. E-mail articles and pictures to:

[kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org](mailto:kevin.woodbrey@raymondmaine.org)

or drop them off at the Town Office or at one of the school offices.

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## Raymond Tomorrow! is Almost Here

By Bradley C. McCurtain, Co-Chair, Raymond Comprehensive Planning Committee

Your Comprehensive Planning Committee is planning to present the updated Comprehensive Plan for your approval this fall. A Public Forum will be scheduled prior to the vote. The purpose of this Forum will be to present and discuss those parts of the plan that have been updated since the March Forum.

The Committee submitted its plan to the State in February, hoping to present it at the Town Meeting. Unfortunately, just prior to this year's meeting, the State Planning Office (SPO) responded that the Plan needed work on some "relatively minor issues" prior to SPO approval. With that news, the Committee determined not to place the Plan before voters at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee's feeling was that our citizens should have an opportunity to properly view and comment upon the changes prior to a town-wide vote. Citizens attending the Annual Meeting overwhelmingly expressed their wish that the remaining town-wide Comp Plan meetings be scheduled as evening meetings in the fall, rather than during the summer.

Your Comp Plan Committee met with Matt Nazar Monday evening, June 21. Nazar is the SPO representative charged with reviewing, and ultimately approving, Raymond's Comprehensive Plan. At the meeting, the Committee and Nazar reached a consensus on his recommendations. The most significant of the changes will involve dropping, for now, a town-wide building cap, while retaining a building cap in the rural areas of Raymond. Nazar conceded that the "Growth District" and proposed density changes that the Committee had originally submitted would be sufficient to accommodate projected growth after all. Separately, he advised that the Town "should seek to achieve" a goal in which 20 percent of all new housing in our community is "Affordable Housing." Presently, that means housing that is affordable to families with a household income of \$40,000 or less. The Committee agreed

to amend its plan to meet these State objectives.

Nazar then took time to praise Committee members saying that he "really was impressed" with the Committee's work and innovative ideas. He referred to the Plan as "one of the better ones that I've reviewed."

The Comprehensive Plan, once approved by the State and the community, is the legal framework that provides the impetus from which many of our community's future ordinances will be drafted. In its approved form, it will reflect the will of the majority of its citizens in terms of goals and strategies for growth, land use, education, natural resources, municipal services, public safety, and transportation.

Your Committee is making the recommended changes and preparing to resubmit the Plan to Nazar for his review and approval. In the interim, those changes—and the entire proposed Plan—will be available on the town's website for citizen review as

soon as they are ready. Copies of the Plan will also be available at Town Hall and at the Raymond Village Library.

Once scheduled, notice of the dates, times, and locations of the upcoming Town Forum and Special Town Meeting will be advertised at the town website and in the *Road Runner*. You may contact Town Hall or email [compplan@raymondmaine.org](mailto:compplan@raymondmaine.org)

As we enter our fourth year of this long planning process, would you please join me in giving thanks to your fellow citizens who have faithfully served and participated on this volunteer committee? These community-minded individuals have given far too many hours of their personal time—giving up some of the finest summer evenings as well as some of the coldest winter nights—to strategically plan for our future and for an even better *Raymond Tomorrow!*

Thank you, Committee members, and thank you, Raymond!

### Road Runner Staff:

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### Visit Us on the Web

Make sure to see the on-line archives at the Raymond, Maine, website:

<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Look under Events & News

To learn more about what's new in the Town of Raymond, visit our website at

<http://www.raymondmaine.org>

Online services now include:

- Automobile registration;
- Hunting and fishing licenses;
- Assessment information;
- Property maps;

Raymond, Me.

## Library Planning Committee Looks Ahead

What does the future hold for the Raymond Village Library? A newly formed Planning Committee will be working to ensure a thoughtful approach to the next three to five years, based on community needs and preferences. The long range plan will evolve from surveys on library services and using community profile information to understand potential gaps. Aligning services with the library's financial resources is a priority, as is making the best use of the current facility space.

The planning process started in April with an initial evening of "visioning" facilitated by Brian Walker. Library Board members, staff and committee representatives discussed possible directions for the

library's role in town. The Planning Committee, consisting of Suzie Brockelbank, Diane Cole, Gail Cole, Ellen Gagne, Jane Hoffman, Lori Rand and Sandi Severn, will be using this information along with community input to develop the plan. The committee will be connecting with other community organizations for partnership opportunities and feedback as well.

Look for our survey, which will be distributed this fall. Please also consider signing up on the e-mail list for occasional opportunities to offer your ideas for the future of your library. Stop by the library, call 655-4283 or e-mail [rlibrar1@maine.rr.com](mailto:rlibrar1@maine.rr.com).

## Raymond Village Library News

The library will be closed July 4, celebrating Independence Day. We wish everyone a safe and fun weekend.

The Reading Group will meet Wednesday, July 28, at 7 pm at the library. Members and guests are asked to read any selection by the author Alice Hoffman for discussion.

The Annual Book Sale begins on Sunday, July 18, from 9am to 7pm. The sale will continue into August at regular library hours, which are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday from 10am to 7pm. There will also be books on tape, videos and jigsaw puzzles for sale.

Donations of gently used items listed above are accepted at the library throughout the year. We look forward to seeing the library's many supporters at this sale.

The Summer Reading Program, "Turn Back the Pages of Time," begins July 3 and ends August 16. This is an annual event that is much anticipated, and this year's subject matter, ancient Egypt and Greece, provides many unusual activities.

The Annual Silent Art Auction begins on Sunday, June 27, and the art pieces will be exhibited at the library until the final bidding on August 8. The new method of "Buy It Now" enables the immediate purchase of a picture for a set price, or a person can write their bid in the bid book at the library and visit the library to update their bids as necessary. The pictures, as in previous years, are beautiful and varied, offering something for everyone's taste.

A Mystery picture is selected which will bring with it a generous gift certificate to the Montebello Restaurant, a newly opened upscale restaurant in Raymond featuring excellent Italian cuisine.

If you have visited art galleries recently, you will realize that these framed, original works of art are available to you for an extraordinarily low price.

# HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 7, 2004

9AM TO 1PM

RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

434 Webbs Mills Road (Rt. 85)

Once again Clean Harbors will be at Raymond Elementary School to collect Hazardous Waste from residents of Raymond, Casco, Naples, and Frye Island.

- Antifreeze
- PCB contaminated RCRA Materials
- Propane tanks, grill size (cost will be \$20 each)

Raymond residents will be charged a fee to help defray the expense of disposal, and it will be conducted first come, first served. For Raymond residents we will stop the event when the budget is exhausted. **This event will be held rain or shine.**

**What not to bring:**

- Infectious & biological waste
- Fire extinguishers
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Prescription medicines & syringes
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Radioactive waste
- Asbestos
- Tires (Bulky Waste Facility)
- Latex paint (dry cans go to Bulky Waste Facility)
- Cylinders (gas)
- Motor oil (goes to Bulky Waste Facility)

**What you can bring:**

Unneeded household hazardous waste in sealed containers (use original containers when possible).

- Paints, stains, & varnishes
- Solvents, thinners & strippers
- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Waste fuels (kerosene, gasoline)
- Engine degreaser, brake fluid
- Moth balls
- Poisons, insecticides, weed killers
- Wood preservatives
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets
- Cleaners, spot removers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Dry cell batteries
- Aerosol cans
- Pesticides/fertilizers
- Ni-Cad batteries
- Hearing aid (button) batteries
- Driveway sealers

**To ensure safety, please:**

- Tighten caps and lids, leaving materials in original labeled containers
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- Sort and pack separately: paint, pesticides, household cleaners.
- NEVER MIX CHEMICALS!
- Pack your vehicle and go directly to the site.
- NEVER SMOKE while handling hazardous materials.

- Do not place waste in a garbage bag.

## July/August 2004

### Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FB</b> =Fire Barn <b>JS</b> =Jordan-Small <b>KC</b> =Kokatosi Campgnd <b>PS</b> =Public Safety Bldg. <b>RE</b> =Raymond Elementary	<b>SG</b> =Sheri Gagnon <b>TG</b> =Town Garage RT85 <b>TH</b> =Town Hall <b>VL</b> =Village Library <b>VC</b> =Village Church <b>VT</b> =Village Tennis			1 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 TOWN OFFICE CLOSED
4 Independence Day	5 10:00AM VL Babytime	6 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	7 10:00AM VL Toddler time 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime	8	9	10
11	12 10:00AM VL Babytime	13	14 10:00AM VL Toddler time 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM TH Planning Board Meeting	15	16	17
18 9:00AM-7:00PM VL Summer Book Sale Begins	19 10:00AM VL Babytime 7:00PM VL Raymond-Casco Historical Society	20 7:00PM TH Selectmen Meeting	21 10:00AM VL Toddler time 10:45AM VL Preschool Storytime 7:00PM VL Library Board	22 5:00-7:00PM Naples Marina Chamber of Commerce After Hours Gathering 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	23	24
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## Municipal News Brief

By: Don Willard, Town Manager

The Raymond Board of Selectmen considered the following issues in June.

1. Approved a new street name: Alton Drive located off Mountain Road – renamed Homestead Lane. This action was taken to eliminate confusion for 911 operators with the already existing Altman Drive.
2. Met with Viola Avenue area residents and gravel pit owner to discuss hours of operation and off hours closure. The outcome of this discussion was an agreement by the parties to meet and find a mutually satisfactory resolution to the outstanding concerns.
3. Approved 2003 supplemental property tax assessment #4 for Map 70, Lot 4, 15 Hollister Point Road, for \$6,665.48 to reflect a \$375,000 increase in value.
4. Adopted 2004/2005 Certified Ratio. Annually the State completes a sales analysis to calculate the Town's ratio of assessed value to market sales data. Assessors' Agent Amanda Simpson recommended a certified ratio of 78% which is the highest allowable ratio taking into account a 10% factor over the State calculated ratio of 71%.
5. Egypt Road Landfill Update. Woodard & Curran Consulting Engineers have begun evaluation work with the installation of rotary wells for collection and testing of ground water. The Town received a DEP Grant to pay 90% of the Phase I program costs.
6. Revaluation Project Update. Data collection has commenced by Vision Appraisal after Town Meeting. Detailed information about data collectors and the process of the revaluation has appeared in the June *Raymond Road Runner* and is on the Town's website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org). All data collectors will have photo identification and a letter of authorization from the Town.
7. Appointed Nelson Henry to the Planning Board.
8. Adopted several auditor-recommended financial policies in order to standardize and document existing management practices and procedures.
9. Communications and other business:
  - a. Raymond Elementary School March for Parks Campaign. The children at Raymond Elementary conducted another successful fundraising effort and presented the Town Manager with a check in the amount of \$1,160, which will be utilized for improvements at Sheri Gagnon Park.
  - b. Dog Owners Notice. Signage was posted at Sheri Gagnon Park advising dog owners that pets must be leashed at all times and feces removed for sanitary purposes.
  - c. Primary Election and Referendum vote – June 8, 2004 – Jordan-Small Middle School - Polls open 7am – 8 pm.
- d. Request for joint meeting of Selectmen and Budget Finance Committee. A joint meeting was scheduled between the Selectmen, Budget/Finance Committee and School Committee to discuss strategies for future financial planning and establishing shared goals aimed toward working together more closely. A keystone to the effort is to develop future budgetary proposals that address the Town's needs in the most efficient manner while bringing into focus the diverse service expectations of the community.
10. Speed zoning requests made to the State of Maine were approved for Plains Road, reducing the limit from 45 mph to 40 mph, and establishing an official limit on Mill Street of 25 mph and 35 mph. The Public Works Department will install new speed regulatory signage in the near future.
11. Reviewed and authorized the Treasurer's Warrant dated June 1st in the amount of \$78,596.13.
12. Community Endowment - Wayne Holmquist discussed the possibility of establishing a non-profit organization endowment fund. Mr. Holmquist is seeking sponsors to help initiate the fund, which would benefit local non-profit organizations and serve as an entity to facilitate the joint investment of monies as well as acquisition of grants to benefit these organizations.
13. Computer Needs Assessment -The Technology Committee made a recommendation that a needs assessment is no longer an urgent priority given that the Network Administrator position was approved by annual Town Meeting. The Technology Committee will continue to address both the overall strategic technology plan and assess current and future needs.
14. Consideration of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Pavement Management Update. Public Works Director Nathan White was authorized to seek competitive proposals for the provision of a comprehensive pavement management study to determine the current state of repair of all publicly owned roadways in Raymond. At the completion of this study, which is expected by September 2004, data will exist to help prioritize the proceeds of the \$950,000 road improvement bond issue approved at this year's annual Town Meeting. An appropriation of \$75,134 was authorized to be taken from surplus and replenished after the issuance of the bond this fall to facilitate summer road maintenance and construction activities during the present construction season.
15. Consideration of Request for Bids for Fire Apparatus with an elevated boom and waterway. Fire Chief Denis Morse received approval to issue a request for bids to purchase a new or demonstrator fire apparatus as authorized by Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen approved a detailed truck outline including vehicle specifications, required warranties, and service support. A bid award is expected to be made at the July 6, 2004, Board of Selectmen meeting in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.
16. Appointed Mary Picavet to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
17. Comprehensive Plan Committee Appointment. Mark Gendron was appointed to the Comprehensive Plan Committee as a Selectmen representative.
18. The Board of Selectmen agreed to share costs equally with the Raymond School Department for professional audit services related to inquiries about utilization of fund balance (surplus) and teachers' summer salaries.
19. Communications and other business:
  - a. The Town Manager reported on the successful meeting held on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Public Safety Building regarding the establishment of a public/private partnership to promote boating safety on Sebago Lake. The group, Sebago Water Safety Watch, is seeking interested citizens to participate and contribute to future activities.
  - b. The joint meeting of the Budget/Finance Committee, Selectmen, and School Committee was scheduled for June 23, 2004, at 7pm at the Town Office.
  - c. The Town Manager reported that the June issue of the Road Runner was published with a combination of donated funds remaining from the May issue and a donation by each of the Selectmen of their monthly stipend. Future Roadrunner publishing costs are a part of the 04-05 FY School budget.
  - d. The Town Manager provided a preliminary fiscal report outlining the Town's financial position with approximately two weeks to go in the fiscal year. The budget was approximately 93% expended with revenues at 96.6% collected.
  - e. Chairman McDermott read a thank you note for the Collins-Day Scholarship from Bill Yates.
  - f. The Board of Selectmen expressed their congratulations and best wishes to this year's high school graduates.
  - g. Discussed the establishment of a protocol for selectmen-initiated requests and general meeting conduct. It was noted that the School Department has a handout explaining the School Committee meeting process. The Town Manager and Town Clerk will draft a similar document for the Town of Raymond.
20. Reviewed and authorized the June 15th Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$145,263.23.

The Town of Raymond encourages public participation at all meetings. If you would like to obtain additional information regarding meeting schedules, please contact the Town Office at 655-6994 or visit Raymond's website at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

## RWPA Annual Meeting and Events

By: Noralee Raymond, Executive Director,  
Raymond Waterways Protective Association

### Annual Meeting July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm at the Public Safety Building

The month of June has been busy for Raymond Waterways. Our 2004 Lake Rangers have spent many hours educating boaters at the ramps. In June we had three boats come out of Sebago Lake with variable milfoil fragments attached. It is essential we continue to educate boaters to check their boats, trailers, anchors and tackle before launching and when exiting all lakes. We have also been letting people know where colonies are established in Sebago so that they can avoid those areas. Our rangers will continue their presence at the ramps in July.

We had a very successful Plant Identification Workshop on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with 45 people attending. To ensure we do not have any invasive plants in Raymond's lakes, RWPA staff and volunteers will complete plant surveys on all of the lakes in early August.

### **Upcoming Annual Meeting - Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm at the Public Safety Building**

We hope to see everyone at the upcoming RWPA Annual Meeting. We are sure you will be interested in learning about what's going on in Raymond's lakes. We plan to present the results of our 2004 Lakes Ranger Program including our efforts at the boat ramps doing inspections, milfoil remediation projects, and conservation projects this summer. We hope to see you there!

### **Cruising the Buffers - Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am**

Join friends and neighbors for a fun, educational boat ride around Thomas Pond. See the shoreline and learn how to enhance your property. Learn how to protect the lake while beautifying your property and increasing the value of your lot. This educational cruise is part of the Thomas Pond Conservation Project and will showcase many of the completed projects around the lake. One boat will leave from the Common Beach on Watkins Shore Road, and the other boat will leave from 79 Thomas Pond Terrace. To register call Betty Williams at the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District at 856-2777 or e-mail [betty-williams@me.nacdn.org](mailto:betty-williams@me.nacdn.org).



June 22nd Plant Identification Workshop

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## Additional Volunteers Needed For The Beautification Of Raymond

Recently the Board of Selectmen authorized the creation of the Beautification Committee to assist the Town in planning and implementing the maintenance work required for the landscaping adjacent to Route 302, which was installed as a part of last year's long awaited traffic management and aesthetic improvement project. The idea for forming the Committee came in response to an offer of assistance from Michael McClellan, Executive Director of the Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce. After initial discussions took place regarding ways the Chamber could assist Raymond, the concept of forming a public-private partnership to beautify our town was born.

One of the unique aspects of the Beautification Committee's work is the advisory coordination of maintenance efforts by the Public Works Department, contract landscaper, committee volunteers, and area business owners. By working together to clean, weed, mulch, and mow all of the landscaped areas along Route 302, the resulting effect is a streetscape we can all look to with pride. It really helps to have "plant people" out there almost everyday keeping a watchful eye on things. Although this year's cleanup took much more time and

effort than anticipated, we certainly learned a lot about what is required to keep up the improvements. This realization clearly illustrated that a community partnership would produce the best long term care plan. Next year all involved will be much better prepared to get the corridor in good condition prior to the onset of the summer season.

Each year a major cleanup will be necessary, with weeding and mowing on a periodic basis to keep all the plantings looking good throughout the growing season. We are very pleased with the strong support received already from the Town's business community, many of whom have assumed keeping the areas adjacent to their properties looking great. The Town will ensure that all grassed areas in the project footprint not under private care will be mowed. Given the limited Town resources and seemingly unlimited demands for them, volunteer and business help can really make a critical difference.

Maintaining grass along busy Route 302 is a real challenge because of the damage caused each winter from the application of road salt and sand. Some plantings failed to survive their first winter, which unfortunately was a

particularly harsh one. Dead plants and trees have now been replaced under warranty by the contractor. Through consultation with the Beautification Committee and other plant experts, less tolerant species will be replaced over time with plants that are better able to survive despite the environmental stresses. Burned out and damaged grass will be replaced as practicable during the proper time of the year.

One of the keys to the success of our joint efforts is an active and committed group of volunteers interested in helping to make the partnership successful. Although the Beautification Committee members have already contributed over 167 hours of work, additional help with weeding is both needed and welcome. Whether you are a bona fide "green thumb" or just enjoy dabbling in the dirt, we want to talk to you! Any offer of assistance will be gladly accepted. If you are interested in learning more about the activities of the Beautification Committee or how you can help promote a more beautiful Raymond by volunteering to help, please contact Beautification Committee Member Donna Johnson at 655-7094 or Don Willard, Town Manager, at the Town Office 655-6994, extension 31. Together we can make a difference.

## Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber Of Commerce "Chamber Chatter"

By: Mike McClellan

The mission of the GBLRCC is to advance the commercial, recreational, industrial, civic and economic interests of its membership in the communities of Bridgton, Brownfield, Casco, Denmark, Fryeburg, Harrison, Lovell, Naples, Raymond, Sebago, Stow, Sweden, and Waterford. We attempt to accomplish this by being strong and collaborative communicators. The Chamber remains in constant contact with our town governments, primarily through the town managers. We ask how our efforts can best support the needs of each specific town. We also do the same with our business members. Businesses who choose to engage with GBLRCC on a regular basis have access to current key information of the events within the region. The Chamber also regularly communicates the growth, success and needs of members who chose to interact. Our e-mail and newsletter communications occur often and reach over 400 businesses, town leaders, political leaders and most of Southern Maine's newspapers. The Chamber also both creates events to bring people to the region and supports the already existing events. We are eager to become a clearinghouse for regional information and want to hear from members and non-members as to their upcoming events. It is an exciting time as our chamber continues to grow. For more information about GBLRCC, call 647-3472 or e-mail [info@mainelakeschamber.com](mailto:info@mainelakeschamber.com).

Happy  
Independence  
Day!



## RWPA Annual Meeting and Events

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### Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to assist with boat inspections. With two rangers and five launch points, we are not able to cover all the ramps at peak hours without the help of volunteers. Spend a morning or afternoon lakeside for a good cause. Contact us today!

### Support

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations this year. We have raised \$9,000 this season. If you have not yet contributed this season, we hope to hear from you soon! Funding helps pay for the Milfoil Ranger Program and other lake protection projects. Donations can be sent to "RWPA, PO Box 1243, Raymond, Maine, 04071."

Please contact us if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering. You can reach us at 207-671-3329 or e-mail [lakes@raymondmaine.org](mailto:lakes@raymondmaine.org). We hope to see you at our Annual Meeting August 7<sup>th</sup>.

### LOST AND FOUND AT THE TOWN OFFICE

1 pair of very nice men's glove/mittens made of natural wool with black polar fleece lining. Left while purchasing a fishing license on New Year's eve.

1 set of car keys. GM product with ignition, door key, and automatic door opener attached. We can't figure out how the driver drove home!

## College Savings Scholarship

By: Bradley C. McCurtain

Did you know that there is a small, but meaningful, college scholarship for which many of Raymond's students can easily qualify? It's the NextGen Matching Grant program.

### Here are the criteria:

1. Family household income must be \$50,000 or less, and
2. The Grantor (typically a parent or grandparent) must be a Maine resident.

### Here's how it works:

If those two criteria are met, the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) will contribute \$200 toward opening a NextGen College Savings Account. The grantor must contribute \$50 in order to obtain this matching grant.

That's it.

In subsequent years, both the "match" ratio and contribution amount decline, but FAME still contributes. After the initial year, if the grantor contributes \$400 or more, FAME will contribute \$100. Keep in mind that this \$100 annual contribution continues for as many years as the grantor keeps contributing \$400.

\$100 is the limit that FAME will contribute in succeeding years. But remember, it's pretty much free money. Why wouldn't you want to take advantage of free money? Between the \$200 first year grant and the successive year annual grants of \$100, a newly born child could receive \$2,000 in scholarships—absolutely free—by the time he/she graduates from high school. Add some interest and compounding to that, along with the \$400 annual contributions from the grantor, and a good little trust fund will be waiting when your child is ready for college. And, best of all, all of the account's appreciation accumulates *tax free*...as long as the funds are used for qualified, post secondary educational expenses such as tuition, books, room & board and other approved items.

Think you can't do it? \$400 a year is less than \$8 per week. And of course you can contribute more, if you are able. So can your child, grandparents or anyone else.

Even if your child or grandchild is already in college, if you qualify, why not apply? Your child could still qualify for \$200 immediately and \$100 in each remaining year of college.

To establish a scholarship program for your children, you can contact any participating financial institution, which includes many of Maine's securities brokerage firms.

*Bradley C. McCurtain is a Raymond resident and president of Maine Securities Corporation, a securities brokerage firm headquartered in Portland.*

## Maine Department of Labor Safeteen Kit A Valuable Resource As Summer Job Season Begins

Representative Joseph Bruno of Raymond is encouraging area employers, teenagers seeking summer jobs and parents to review the Maine Department of Labor's Safeteen Kit. More and more employers are turning to teens to help with the busy summer season. The Safeteen Kit summarizes Maine's child labor laws and outlines the rights and responsibilities of teens and employers.

Teenagers, parents and employers are reminded that all persons under 16 are required to have a work permit before they start a job, whether or not they attend school; and they must also have a job offer before applying for a work permit.

"Teens can have two work permits (for two different jobs) in summer, but only one permit during the school year," said Representative Bruno. "Child labor laws also limit the number of hours teens may work. Hours are restricted for all workers under 18, but only those under 16 years of age need work permits."

For a free copy of a Safeteen kit for employers of teens, or for more information on work hours and work permits for teens, call the Maine Department of Labor at 624-6400 or visit the SafetyWorks! website at [www.safetyworksmaine.com](http://www.safetyworksmaine.com).

## Panther Pond Association Update

**By: Ben Severn, Vice President, Panther Pond Association**

Annual Meeting August 7, 2004, at 1-3pm at the Public Safety Building

The past year has been a busy one for the Panther Pond Association (PPA), an organization formed in 2002 by landowners concerned with protecting the long-term viability of Panther Pond and a desire to bring together residents, road and neighborhood associations to provide a local organized effort in solving Panther Pond watershed issues.

### Watershed Survey Completed

PPA's first major effort, the Panther Pond Watershed Survey, has been completed. In May, the results of the Survey were sent to current PPA members and to those landowners whose properties were identified as having runoff sites that are currently affecting or have the potential to affect the water quality of the lake. Some 84 sites in the Panther Pond Watershed were identified. A copy of the Survey can be found at the PPA website under Committees at [www.raymondmaine.org](http://www.raymondmaine.org).

### 319 Grant Assistance Applied For

In May, with the assistance of Noralee Raymond, the Executive Director of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association (RWPA), PPA applied for a 319 conservation grant to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. The grant funds will help offset the cost of fixing the more expensive erosion sites identified in the Survey. If received, the grant funds will be available for next year. In the meantime, with assistance from RWPA, we are currently in the process of putting together a modest, low-cost remediation effort with 4 landowners

who have been identified as having erosion sites with low cost solutions.

Upcoming Annual Meeting August 7, 2004, at 1-3 pm at the Public Safety Building:

We invite all landowners and residents within the Panther Pond watershed, whether or not current members of PPA, to attend our upcoming meeting. We have a great deal to discuss including:

- the election of new officers for a 2 year term,
- review of the recent and ongoing efforts of the other environmental groups working on behalf of the lakes and ponds in the Sebago Lake region,
- Hands on discussion and demonstration of low-cost materials such as open top culverts, eco mulch, and water bars or rubber blades that can divert and slow-down water runoff, and
- Benthic barriers and how they help control milfoil.

Noralee Raymond from RWPA will lead the discussion on agenda items 3 and 4.

### Join Us

Annual individual dues for Panther Pond Association are \$20. These funds will be used to produce and distribute the survey reports and provide the necessary local matching funds for the anticipated conservation project grant we have applied for.

Write to PPA at PO Box 68, Raymond, ME, 04071 or e-mail [pantherpondassoc@aol.com](mailto:pantherpondassoc@aol.com) for more information.

*We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>.*

## Raymond Citizens And Public Officials Work Together To Address Safety And Noise Issues On Sebago Lake

**By: Kim Paterson Manoush**

The Sebago Water Safety Watch held its first public meeting at the Raymond Public Safety Building on June 1, and the organizers were very pleased with both the attendance and the outcomes.

Nearly 40 people attended including citizens on or near Sebago Lake, as well as many key people from the public sector: the Warden Service (IFW), the Cumberland County Sheriff's Dept., the Town of Raymond, the Town of Frye Island, and the Greater Portland Council of Governments. The fact that these dedicated people spent their personal time to help us address our concerns in a cooperative forum was one of the best things about the meeting.

John Manoush, one of the organizers, started the meeting by describing the history of the group's efforts to date. He stressed the fact that addressing issues of water safety and noise on Sebago Lake will take sustained effort and cooperation, and that there is no quick fix. "Our experience to date with IFW has shown us that the wardens work very hard and serve many needs, but that their small number relative to the area they must cover makes strict enforcement difficult."

Attendees spent part of the meeting in small groups to allow everyone a chance to express his or her ideas and concerns, discuss current regulations and explore opportunities. Safe boat operation, speed and excessive noise were among the primary issues. The small groups also reviewed and critiqued a tentative mission statement and discussed short and long-term goals for the group.

The Raymond Public Safety patrol boat was available for inspection. Manoush described the cooperative efforts of officials from the towns of Raymond and Frye Island and the contributions of Sabre Yacht and Sebago Sign in readying the boat. According to Denis Morse, Raymond's Fire Chief, "We expect to have a presence on Sebago Lake this summer."

Subjects discussed with the Warden Service and other authorities included creating a data collection process, pursuing potential grant funding, establishing a Harbor Master program, exploring possibilities for a regional Water Safety effort, and meeting with legislators in Augusta to identify opportunities to strengthen water safety regulations.

Our group considers it a major accomplishment to have the involvement of so many knowledgeable and influential people who can help guide us through the often-confusing maze of regulatory procedures and jurisdictions.

A meeting will be scheduled for those who volunteered to be leaders and organizers for the Sebago Water Safety Watch. Next steps will include prioritizing goals and forming action subgroups.

If you are interested in contributing to these efforts or would simply like to be added to the group's mailing list, contact John Manoush at [jmanoush@pivot.net](mailto:jmanoush@pivot.net) or 655-7660.

### RAYMOND FIRE/RESCUE CALLS FOR MAY/JUNE 2004

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TYPE OF CALL
5/29/2004	1705	CLEARWATER DR	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
5/30/2004	1333	SPRING VALLEY RD	STOVE FIRE
5/30/2004	1928	LEVY LANE	SMOKE ALARM SOUNDING
5/30/2004	2201	WHARF RD	SUBJ. UNCONSCIOUS
6/1/2004	1901	PLUMMER DR.	ELECTRICAL PROBLEM
6/3/2004	911	HASKELL AVE	CARDIAC
6/3/2004	937	COUNTY RD	BACK INJURY
6/3/2004	1408	ROOSEVELT TRL	UNPERMITTED FIRE
6/3/2004	1545	ROOSEVELT TRL	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
6/3/2004	1606	NO.RAYMOND RD	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
6/3/2004	1921	MEADOW RD	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
6/4/2004	2005	NO.RAYMOND RD	PUBLIC ASSIST
6/5/2004	1118	M/A GRAY	MEDICAL ALARM SOUNDING
6/6/2004	1957	TWO ACRE ISL. RD	STRUCTURE FIRE
6/6/2004	2119	M/A CASCO	WATER RESCUE
6/8/2004	537	SHAW RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
6/8/2004	1300	WEBBS MILLS RD	SMOKE IN BUILDING
6/8/2004	1554	ROOSEVELT TRL	HEAD INJURY
6/9/2004	124	M/A WINDHAM	STATION COVERAGE
6/9/2004	1027	ROOSEVELT TRL	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
6/9/2004	1749	M/A CASCO	PROPANE LEAK
6/9/2004	1817	ROOSEVELT TRL	SMOKE INVESTIGATION
6/10/2004	243	M/A GRAY	POSS.CARDIAC
6/10/2004	1112	WEBBS MILLS RD	CARDIAC
6/12/2004	1433	MAPLE AVE	UNPERMITTED FIRE
6/12/2004	2318	M/A GRAY	CARDIAC
6/13/2004	1349	WEBBS MILLS RD	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
6/13/2004	1558	ROOSEVELT TRL	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT
6/15/2004	935	RIPLEY RD	SMOKE ALARM SOUNDING
6/16/2004	821	MEADOW RD	MEDICAL EMERGENCY
6/16/2004	1751	WEBBS MILLS RD	FIRE ALARM SOUNDING
6/17/2004	1113	ROOSEVELT TRL	NOSE BLEED
6/17/2004	2223	MAIN ST	UNPERMITTED FIRE
6/18/2004	1411	MAIN ST	CARDIAC
6/19/2004	1713	ROOSEVELT TRL	WIRES DOWN
6/19/2004	1940	M/A GRAY	STATION COVERAGE
6/20/2004	30	M/A FRYE ISLAND	WIRES DOWN
6/20/2004	1221	ROOSEVELT TRL	BARK MULCH FIRE
6/21/2004	641	M/A CASCO	DIFF. BREATHING
6/21/2004	1119	HASKELL AVE	UNPERMITTED FIRE
6/24/2004	425	LEVY LANE	MEDICAL ALARM SOUNDING
6/24/2004	1312	ROOSEVELT TRL	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

**Facts about Maine**  
**Population of Maine in 2000: 1,274,923**  
**Counties: 16**  
**Land Area: 33,215 square miles**  
**Length of Coastline: 3,500 miles**  
**Lakes and Ponds: 6,000**  
**Forest: 17 million acres**  
**Persons per Square Mile: 41.3**  
**Largest City: Portland**  
**State Capitol: Augusta**  
**Statehood: Became the 23rd State on**  
**March 15, 1820**  
**(Source: [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov))**

## New Student Registrations At Raymond Elementary School

The Raymond Elementary School office will be open each Wednesday this summer from 9am – 3pm for new student registrations in Kindergarten – Grade 4. Proof of Raymond residency is required to register a new student. Kindergarten registrations also require a birth certificate, updated immunizations, and a school physical. For more information, please call the main office at 655-8672 and leave a message for Norma Richard, principal, or Wendy Thoren, school secretary.

## Volunteer Efforts Celebrated

The Raymond Elementary School faculty celebrated the efforts of parent, student and community volunteers at the annual Volunteer Breakfast on Friday, June 4. Volunteers donate well over a thousand hours each year to our elementary program, assisting students and teachers in a wide variety of ways. Their many contributions are much appreciated. Leigh Walker, parent and PTA president, was honored at Friday Opening as the RES Volunteer of the Year. Lisa Schadler, Gail Cole, and Craig Bowie were also given special gifts for their outstanding contributions this year. Principal Norma Richard would like to extend an invitation to parents, friends, and community members to share their talents and skills by volunteering next year at the Raymond Elementary School. She would also like to thank teachers and staff for sharing their tastiest breakfast treats at the Volunteer Breakfast.

## Raymond Elementary School Fitness Awards

Ms. Betsy Lepper, physical education teacher at the Raymond Elementary School, had her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade gym classes participate in the Presidential Fitness test. Rebecca Grondin, grade 3, was the only student who achieved the highest fitness level, the Presidential Award. Ten students, Ella Ashton, Ian McGhie, Ashley Cormier,

Connor Flynn, Molly Miller, Fin Badgewick, Spencer Smith, Kris Darien, Josh Waldron and Paige Richards, achieved a National Award for Fitness. Ms. Lepper would like to congratulate these students and challenge next year's Presidential Fitness Test participants to reach these goals.



*Presidential Fitness Awards (left to right): Ella Ashton, Ashley Cormier, Rebecca Grondin, Josh Waldron, Fin Badgewick, Spencer Smith, Connor Flynn, Ms. Betsy Lepper, Kris Darien, Molly Miller and Paige Richards*

## Raymond Elementary School Honor Roll - Third Trimester

Principal Norma Richard would like to congratulate the following Raymond Elementary School students for achieving Honor Roll status during the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2003 – 2004 school year.

### GRADE 4 HIGH HONORS

Clare Valente  
Gaia Cloutier  
Georgia Noonan  
Allison Rand  
Patrick LaChance  
Tyler Nadeau

### GRADE 3 HIGH HONORS

Rebecca Grondin  
Dalton Lorenz  
Felicia Allen  
Marilee Jackson  
Adria Hughes  
Lillie Reder

### GRADE 4 HONORS

Lucy Algeo  
Sam Brockelbank  
Abbey Gillis  
Hallie Mitchell  
Clay Bolduc  
Jacob Desjardins  
Casey Hutchinson  
Kevin Sutton  
Sasha VanBaars  
Erik Woodbrey  
Rob Cave  
Marissa Cerino  
Ryan Hoffman  
Lindsey Hughes  
Rob Lentine  
Aaron Boyington  
Timothy Morris  
Jenna Richardson  
Cory Schweitzer  
Sarah Small  
Natalie Sukhi  
Riley Williamson  
Nicholas MacDonald  
Zuri Murphy  
Bailey Odum  
Ryan Szantyr  
Natalie VanBaars

### GRADE 3 HONORS

Cassidy Gaudet  
Aaron Guiseley  
Jack Haskell  
Emma Laprise  
Paige Richards  
Connor Flynn  
Ian McGhie  
William McIntyre  
Molly Miller  
Marybeth Noonan  
Louise Wilkas  
Kris Darien  
Tyler Davison  
Phoebe Hurd  
Justin MacKenzie  
Kevin McLane  
Cameron Patch  
Marie Piche  
Grace Pomeroy  
Landen Rankin  
Spencer Smith  
Brock Stevenson  
Whitney Walton  
Riley McCourt  
Cameron Hewins  
Emma Bartholomew  
Sandra Carter  
Samantha Feltovic  
Christina Pollard  
Ryan Schweitzer  
Corey Stevenson

## Endicott College Announces Graduates

Beverly, MA - The sixty-fourth commencement exercises of Endicott College were held on Saturday, May 15th, with Anna Kasabian as the distinguished commencement speaker and recipient of an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Over 500 degrees were conferred to students at the Master, Bachelor or Associate degree levels.

Erica Margaret Sanchez, the daughter of Mr. & Ms. David Brook of Raymond, majored in Athletic Training and received a Bachelor of Science degree.

Located in Beverly, Massachusetts, on two hundred acres of oceanfront property, Endicott College offers Master, Bachelor and Associate degree programs in the professional and liberal arts. Endicott provides an education built upon a combination of theory and practice, which is tested through internships and work experience. There are over 2,500 students enrolled at the College.

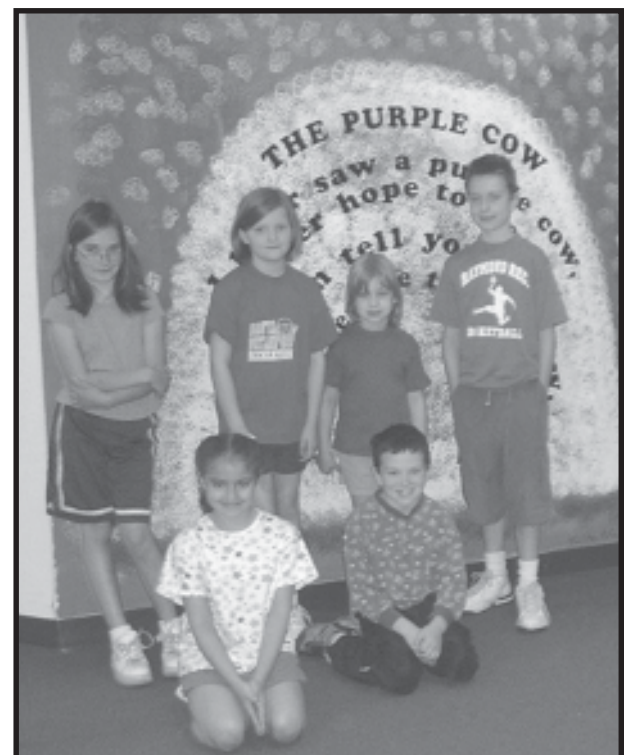
## ACES A Big Success At Raymond Elementary School

Students and staff at the Raymond Elementary School were happy to have sunny skies on the morning of May 12. At 10am on that Wednesday the entire school body, including students and staff members, met around the flagpole to participate in ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously). ACES is an international effort to improve health and fitness for children around the world. Ms. Lepper and Mr. Dionne led the school in a series of exercises to demonstrate the importance of physical fitness both in and out of school each day. A Certificate of Participation was presented to RES from the State of Maine Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, Health and Wellness.

## Reflections Winners At Raymond Elementary School

The Raymond PTA proudly announces the Raymond Elementary School achievements for the State Reflections Program. Emily Gagne, grade 1, was recognized as 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in Literature. Alissa Drew, grade 2, received recognition as 1<sup>st</sup> runner up in Music. Jonathan Brockelbank was the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up in Photography. Kevin Sutton, grade 4, received an Honorable Mention in Visual Arts. Bailey Beers, kindergarten, also participated at the State level.

The Theme for next year's PTA Reflections Program is "A Different Kind of Hero." Look for information about the program and workshops next fall.



*Reflections State Winners - Front: Emily Gagne, Jack Brockelbank. Back: Alissa Drew, Grace Pomeroy, Bailey Beers, Kevin Sutton*

## CONGRATULATIONS from the Raymond School Department to the Graduating Seniors.

*We are proud of your accomplishments!*

Jody Bagley  
Katrina Hein  
Frank Palmer  
Zachary Fey  
Jennifer Gleason  
Ashley Stowe  
Nick Comeau  
Matthew Waisanen  
Chelsey Conant  
Edward Greeley  
Cory Lydick  
Clark Sanford  
Jolie Frye

Heather Calderwood  
Terezia Hrubá  
Amanda Parechianian  
Shawn Gagne  
Alyssa Jordan  
Christopher Tracy  
Mark Gagnon  
Christopher Witt  
Willfred Deane  
William Koscielny  
Chris Merritt  
Brianna Small  
Heidi Lurvey

Alyssa Clark  
Alisha Makepeace  
Matthew Petersen  
William Yates  
Samuel Lobel  
Austin Baker  
Robert Jacobs  
Amber Blanchard  
Nicole DeCesere  
Joshua Kuusela  
Amanda Niles  
Keegan Smith  
Kelly Ann Stanley

Samantha Gagnon  
Meghan Newquist  
Clinton Randall  
Bryan Blomberg  
Amanda Scripture  
Tashina Blanchard  
Zachary Kamppi  
Sarah Cayer  
Steven Emery  
Charles Leavitt  
Jonathan Rogers  
Jean Thornton  
Elliot Watts

### March For Parks Generates \$1160 For Raymond Parks

Raymond Elementary School participated in the March for Parks annual fundraiser to help fund local park projects. The fundraiser, coordinator by Mr. Woodruff, was divided between the lower and upper grades. The kindergarten, first and second grades participated in Pennies For Parks. Children brought in baggies filled with pennies and other change. These were placed in large cans in the classroom. The third and fourth grades participated in Pledges for Parks. For each dollar brought in they were given a pledge form that they could dedicate to themselves or to a loved one.

An ice cream party, provided by the Raymond PTA, was awarded to the classes that raised the most money. The winners were Mrs. Parisi's class with \$212.74 for

Pennies for Parks and Mrs. Malnati's class with \$38.30 for Pledges for Parks. Mrs. Mironé's first grade students brought in 13,158 pennies! This year's total of \$1160 was more than last year's donation and included over 53,000 pennies.

A presentation was made to Raymond Town Manager Don Willard at the May 21, 2004, RES school opening. Mr. Willard shared that last year's donations were used to purchase a beach wheel chair for Tassel Top Park, and that this year's funds will be used to upgrade the playground at Sheri Gagnon Park. Mr. Willard thanked the students for their community service and generous support of March for Parks.

### Jordan-Small Middle School Music Fest

On Saturday, June 5th, the Jordan-Small Middle School was the host to an elaborate Music Festival fundraising event for the Performing Arts program at the school. The event ran from 3 in the afternoon until 8 in the evening and was filled with music, singing, dancing, and overall quality entertainment.

The event raised nearly \$800 for the Performing Arts at JSMS, and the money raised from this event is primarily due to the outstanding support of the arts and the school in the Raymond community.

This event could not have happened without the tremendous support throughout the community. Key volunteers and facilitators for this event include Debra and Michael Martin, Vicki Gordan, Helene Gagnon, Leigh Walker, Randy Crockett, and Mr. Charlie Miller. A huge thanks also goes out to Doug Elder, Gary Wittner, and the band "Sweet Abyss," lead by Phil Hammett.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the event and would like everyone to know that it was a success for the community and for the school.



Don Willard receiving a check from Dennis Woodruff for this year's March for Parks program at RES.

### Raymond School District Employment Opportunities

Special Education Ed. Tech II's and III's are needed for classroom and resource room support for the 2004-2005 school year. Please call for, or download, a non-teaching application (raymondmaine.org), and send with your

resume and three letters of reference to: Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent of Schools, 434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond ME 04071. Applications close July 8, 2004. Raymond is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### Maine

- Is about 320 miles long and 210 miles wide.
- Has over 21,000 miles of public highways, exceeding the total mileage of any other New England state.
- Is almost as big as all of the other five New England states put together.
- Has one county (Aroostook) so big (6,453 square miles) that it actually covers an area greater than the combined size of Connecticut and Rhode Island.
- Claims America's first chartered town - York, chartered in 1641.
- Has 2,295 square miles of inland water area and over 2,000 coastal islands.
- Is one of America's largest blueberry growing states, raising 90% of the low-bush blueberries in North America.
- Has a mountain approximately one mile high - Mt. Katahdin (5,268 ft above sea level).
- Boasts 6,000 lakes and ponds and 5,100 rivers and streams.
- Makes a variety of products from toothpicks to destroyers.
- Has more than 25 ski areas, including nationally-known Sugarloaf USA which has a 9,000 ft. gondola line.
- Has 436,064 acres of state and national parks, including the 92-mile Allagash Wilderness Waterway in northern Maine.

(Source: www.maine.gov)

## New Rescue Boat To Patrol Raymond Waterways

By: John Balentine

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The Raymond Fire/Rescue marine fleet got a boost last week with the addition of a new high-powered rescue boat.

The town acquired a 19-foot Proline fiberglass boat last fall and after much refurbishing tested the boat earlier this week on Sebago Lake in preparation for a summer of law enforcement on Raymond lakes.

In order to handle the growing demands for law enforcement and rescue efforts on Sebago Lake, the town acquired the boat last fall from Maine State Surplus at a cost of \$3,000. The boat will complement Raymond's existing fleet consisting of a Yamaha Waverunner jet ski and a 1981 rubber boat that the town purchased from Scarborough for \$1.

"The Proline is a pretty stable boat capable of high speeds so it'll very nicely complement our two existing boats," said Chief Denis Morse.

Morse also said the Proline will allow the town to rescue endangered boats. The Waverunner is fast and can respond quickly to an incident out in the lake but it can't transport as much gear as the Proline can, Morse said.

The boat was in pretty rough condition when the town acquired it last fall. Over the course of the winter, Sabre Yachts on Hawthorne Road in Raymond spent nearly 100-man hours refurbishing the boat at no charge to the town.

"The guys who worked on the boat were happy to do it," said Chris Evans, president and chief operating officer at Sabre. "And we at Sabre Yachts were happy to be part of this effort with the town of Raymond. It's nice to be able to give back to a wonderful fire department which we owe much respect to."

Last week, Sebago Signworks, located on Rt. 302 in Raymond, stenciled "Raymond Public Safety - Marine 5" in large, red letters on both sides of the boat. The red, reflective stenciling has decorative 22-Carot gold throughout to match the lettering on the town's fire trucks.



*Devin Fahie of Sebago Signworks, left, and Chris Evans of Sabre Yachts stand with Fire/Rescue Chief Denis Morse last week in front of Raymond's new patrol boat. The boat will be primarily used for rescue and patrol operations on Sebago Lake. Staff photo by John Balentine.*

The work, done at no charge to the town, was estimated at \$475.

"It looks great," said Chief Morse. "Sabre Yachts and Sebago Signworks really did an awesome job, and we appreciate everything they've done for us. It's been a real community-wide effort."

Jack Cooper, who works as the code enforcer in Raymond, rebuilt the 115 horsepower Yamaha outboard motor at no charge to the town as well.

The boat is stored at the Raymond Public Safety Building, which is less than a mile from the Raymond Beach boat launch on Rt. 302. Morse expects to have community members, especially from the newly-formed Sebago Water Safety Watch, help patrol Sebago Lake during the summer months. He said any private citizen manning the

patrol boat would have to be trained in boat safety and ideally be certified in CPR.

The town of Frye Island is also considering giving Raymond's patrol boat a place to dock on the island. They are also considering letting Cumberland County Sheriffs use the boat as part of the patrol efforts. Currently, deputies drive their cruisers to the island via the ferry and patrol the roadways. Having access to a patrol boat would allow them to watch the shorefront areas of the island better.

"This boat will be a real positive step toward improving boat safety on Sebago Lake," said Chief Morse. "Before now, we were very limited in what we could do out there. Now, with this boat and different communities' involvement, our coverage of the lake will improve dramatically."

## Revaluation Underway

Vision Appraisal Technology, Inc. data collectors have been working in the field since late May and are currently completing their work in the North Raymond area and are beginning work on Raymond Cape.

The Assessing Office urges anyone who has a question about the process or a specific collector or visit to call the Assessor, Amanda Simpson, CMA, at the town office, 655-4742 ext. 51.

The following questions have been asked about the revaluation:

**What information do the data collectors look for?** Data collectors will examine the property, dwelling units, outbuildings and site improvements. They measure all structures and note the quality and type of construction. Photos are taken of all significant structures. Undeveloped properties are visited as well.

**Why don't the data collectors make appointments?** The data collectors make many visits and travel many miles in a day's work. In order to make efficient use of their time appointments are impossible to schedule as the time for any given visit and travel time cannot be accurately estimated.

**What happens if the data collector visits my property and I am not home?** Data collectors will attempt to make both an exterior and interior inspection during the first visit. If you are not home the collector will make exterior measurements and collect information about the property. They will return one additional time to attempt an interior inspection. If they are unsuccessful, a notification letter will be mailed and an appointment arranged.

**What happens if the data collector visits my property and I am home?** If you are home the collector will ask for an interior inspection. If an interior inspection is refused, the collector will ask to return at a future date. If the homeowner refuses outright, they will be contacted by the Assessor to attempt to gain cooperation. Refusal of an interior inspection may affect the right to appeal value.

**How long will data collection occur?** Data collection

will occur through the summer and fall until all parcels are visited.

**When will values be set?** The process of value determination is not performed by data collectors. Professional appraisers will go through a process of sales analysis and review of properties next year. It is expected that values will be set sometime early in the summer and review meetings with property owners be conducted as necessary during the summer.

## Upcoming Agricultural Fairs

**Houlton Fair** — July 2-5, Houlton  
A small fair featuring livestock, crafts, midway and stage entertainment.  
CONTACT: Lori Weston  
25 Chandler St., Houlton, Maine 04730  
532-2977-h, 532-7944-w or 532-4315  
[www.houltonfair.com](http://www.houltonfair.com)

**Ossipee Valley Fair** — July 8-11, So. Hiram  
Old-fashioned fair with unique exhibit halls, lots of livestock, midway, drag racing and animal pulling events.  
CONTACT: Kathleen Haley  
Box 20, Limington, Maine 04049  
798-8434  
[www.maineagriculturalairs.com/ossipeefair.htm](http://www.maineagriculturalairs.com/ossipeefair.htm)

**Pittston Fair** — July 15-18, Pittston  
Small, family oriented country fair - midway, animal pulling, children's games, woodsman contest.  
CONTACT: Hope Ricker  
RR 4 Box 7705, Gardiner, Maine 04345-0351  
582-4969

**World's Fair** — July 23-25, No. Waterford  
A small community fair.  
CONTACT: Tim Cote  
P.O. Box 44, Minot, Maine 04258-0044  
345-8061

**Bangor State Fair** — July 30th - Aug 8th, Bangor  
A large family fair featuring huge midway, livestock exhibits, crafts and entertainment.  
CONTACT: Sally Bilanciar  
100 Dutton St., Bangor, Maine, 04401  
947-5555  
[www.bangorstatefair.com](http://www.bangorstatefair.com)

**Northern Maine Fair** — July 30th - Aug 7th, Presque Isle  
Large family fair - lots of rides, exhibits, horse pulling, harness racing, tractor pulling, demo derby.  
CONTACT: John Churchill  
PO Box 804, Presque Isle, Maine 04769  
455-4632