

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Wednesday, May 28, 2008

ANNUAL BUDGET/TOWN WARRANT

MINUTES

Town Clerk Louise Lester opened the meeting reading:

TO: Jack Cooper, a resident of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Cumberland and 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 Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium, in said Town of Raymond on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at 6:30 P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

NOMINATION: There was nomination and second for John Robinson.

MOTION: Moved and seconded that nominations cease.

VOTE: Carried.

VOTE ON NOMINATION: Carried.

NOTE: John Robinson sworn in.

NOTE: John Robinson asked for permission to allow non-residents to speak: Sandra Caldwell, Superintendent, Dorothy Mowatt, School Business Manager, Will Cook, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer, and Hugh Coxe, Town Planner.
There was no objection.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will approve a change to the Fire Alarm Ordinance in Article 6, Sec E, to read as follows: A system including any mechanism, equipment or device designed to automatically transmit a signal, message or warning from private premises or businesses, including telephone alarm systems designed to operate automatically through the use of public telephone facilities, to NFPA 72 complaint monitored alarm companies or agencies, which in turn transmit a signal to the Town of Raymond Public Safety Dispatch Center.

The Fire Department recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 2.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any property acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes pursuant to the policy adopted by the Selectmen, as may be amended from time to time, the policy to remain consistent with State statutes and laws. In all cases conveyance to be made by municipal quitclaim deed.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.

The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 3.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 4: To see what date taxes will be due and to set an interest rate for unpaid amounts.

The Selectmen recommend 1st half to be due October 31, 2008 and 2nd half to be due April 30, 2009 with interest at eleven percent (11%) on any unpaid balances.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 4.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at eleven percent (11%) for the fiscal year.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 5.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town owned personal property with value not to exceed \$35,000.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 6.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow from or appropriate from fund balance (surplus) as they deem advisable to meet the unanticipated needs of the community that occur during the fiscal year.

The Selectmen recommend an amount not over \$75,000.
The Budget Committee recommends an amount not over \$75,000.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 7.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen, for the fiscal year 2008 - 2009, to transfer funds between appropriation accounts as long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 8.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Town employees and/or Town owned equipment or independent contractor(s) hired by the Town for maintenance on private roads in special and certain circumstances where in the public's interest.

Note of explanation -- Three examples of when the use of Town employees and equipment is necessary include the following:

- A. Tying in work done on a public road that intersects a private road;
- B. Plowing snow on a private road to clear the way for emergency response apparatus; and
- C. In rare or emergency situations, maintaining private roads for school bus access to special education students as deemed necessary.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
 The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 9.
 VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 506.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
 The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 10.
 VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2008 - 2009 projects proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program.
 Amount requested: \$188,900

Note: Included in this item are: Raymond-Casco Historical Society	\$ 2,000
Raymond Waterways Association Milfoil Program	\$15,000

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
 The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 11.
 VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 12: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Administration account.
 Amount requested: \$510,848

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
 The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 12.
 VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 13: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Assessing account.
 Amount requested: \$66,337

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
 The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 13.
 VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 14: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Hall account.
 Amount requested: \$30,599

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 14.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 15: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Insurance account.
Amount requested: \$484,244

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 15.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Assistance account.
Amount requested: \$2,000

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 16.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Technology Department account.
Amount requested: \$166,400

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 17.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Community Development account.
Amount requested: \$46,612

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 18.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department account.
Amount requested: \$593,625

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 19.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Animal Control account.

Amount requested: \$9,238

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 20.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Infrastructure account.

Amount requested: \$21,200

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 21.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 22: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Works account.

Amount requested: \$553,354

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 22.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 23: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Solid Waste account.

Amount requested: \$517,466

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 23.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 24: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Cemeteries account.

Amount requested: \$17,795

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 24.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 25: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Parks & Recreation account.

Amount requested: \$13,321

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 25.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 26: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Raymond Baseball.
Amount requested: \$1,000

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 26.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 27: To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from the money received from the State for snowmobile registrations to the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trail be open at all times 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.
Amount requested: \$2,000

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 27.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 28: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Raymond Village Library.
Amount requested: \$30,000

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 28.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 29: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Provider Agencies.
Amounts requested: 2008-2009 level

Family Crisis Shelter	\$1,000
Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce	\$1,000
Home Health Visiting Nurses	\$4,000
People's Regional Opportunity Program	\$5,500
Raymond Extended Day Care	\$3,000
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$1,950
Tri-County Mental Health	\$2,712
Raymond Mentoring Partnership	\$1,889

Amount requested: \$21,051

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 29.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 30: To see whether the Town will vote to carry forward any existing fund balance in the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) account.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 30.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 31: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvement account.
Amount requested: \$717,464

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 31.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 32: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the County Tax account.
Amount requested: \$545,548

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee does not recommend adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 32.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$1,853,802 from estimated non-property tax revenues to reduce the property tax commitment, together with all categories of funds which may be available from the federal government.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 33.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept or reject grants, donations and/or gifts of money to the Town of Raymond and to expend monies donated for specific purposes.

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 34.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to accept certain State Funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and any other funds provided by any other entity included but not limited to:

- A. Municipal Revenue Sharing
- B. Local Road Assistance
- C. Emergency Management Assistance
- D. Snowmobile Registration Money
- E. Tree Growth Reimbursement

- F. General Assistance Reimbursement
- G. Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
- H. State Grant or Other Funds

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 35.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to ratify and approve the existing secondary school tuition contract between the Raymond School Department and the Windham School Department for the schooling of secondary students through FY 2013.

Explanation: Under the existing contract the Raymond School Department pays the full tuition for students attending Windham High School at public expense in accordance with the terms of that contract.

The School Board recommends adoption of this article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 36.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to indefinitely postpone.
MOTION WITHDRAWN: to postpone.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Carried.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to limit the tuition rate which it pays for students who attend secondary schools other than Windham High School to a rate no more than the Windham High School tuition rate.

Explanation: If Article 37 is approved, after July 1, 2008, the Raymond School Department will limit the amount of tuition it pays for secondary students who are permitted to attend public or private secondary schools other than Windham High School at public expense to the amount that the Raymond School Department pays for tuition at Windham High School, and any additional tuition charges for attendance at these public or private secondary schools other than Windham High School shall be the responsibility of the students' parents or guardians.

The School Board recommends adoption of this article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 37.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. SECTION 1485

ARTICLE 38: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Regular Instruction.

The School Board Requests \$ 4,417,292
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 4,327,292.
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 38 for the School Board request of \$4,417,292

MOTION: There was a motion and second to move the article. The moderator didn't accept the motion since there were people waiting to speak.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Carried.

ARTICLE 39: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Special Education.

The School Board Requests \$1,609,309
The Budget Committee recommends \$1,609,309
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 39.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 40: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Other Instruction.

The School Board Requests \$ 65,598
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 65,598
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 40.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 41: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Student and Staff Support.

The School Board Requests \$ - \$541,979
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 521,979
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 41 for the School Board request of \$541,979.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 42: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for System Administration.

The School Board Requests \$ 296,646
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 286,646
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 42 for the School Board request of \$296,646.
VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 43: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for School Administration.

The School Board Requests \$ 287,698
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 287,698
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 43.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 44: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Transportation and Buses.

The School Board Requests \$ 536,058

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 486,058

The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 44 for the School Board request of \$536,058.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 45: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Facilities Maintenance.

The School Board Requests \$ 640,311

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 640,311

The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 45.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 46: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for Debt Service and Other Commitments.

The School Board Requests \$ 618,149

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 618,149

The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 46.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 47: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will be authorized to expend for All Other Expenditures.

The School Board Requests \$ 38,000

The Budget Committee recommends \$ 38,000

The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 47.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLES PURSUANT TO 20-A M.R.S.A. Section 15690

Actions taken pursuant to items 1 – 4 must be taken by a recorded vote (secret ballot).

1. School Administrative Unit Contribution to Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12 (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690(1 A-B)):

1-A. For a municipal school unit:

ARTICLE 48: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding

Act (Recommend \$ 7,362,028) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

The School Board requests \$ 6,233,635
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 6,233,635
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

“Explanation: The school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.”

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 48.

VOTE: Carried (yes 190, no 48)

2. Appropriation for Non-state-funded Debt Service Allocation (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (2A)):

ARTICLE 49: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12.

The School Board requests \$15,629
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 15,629
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

“Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the municipality/district long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body.”

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 49.

VOTE: Carried. (yes 163, no 20)

3. Appropriation of Additional Local Funds (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (3 A-B)):

ARTICLE 50: Shall the Town of Raymond raise and appropriate \$1,648,382 in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$1,484,734 as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board

The School Board requests \$1,648,382
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 1,478,383 in additional local funds of which
\$ 1,314,734 is the amount that exceeds EPS.
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

“Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts

raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the municipality budget for educational programs.”

STATEMENT OF REASONS: The amount of \$1,484,734 which exceeds the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model of \$7,525,678 for grades K-12 is explained by the actual anticipated cost in tuition for Grades 9-12, Special Education, Operation and Maintenance, System Administration, Transportation, Extra-Curricular, Lunch Transfer, Contingency.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 50 for the School Board request of \$1,648,382.

MOTION: There was a motion and seconded to move the question.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: Carried (yes 127, no 55)

4. Total Budget Article (as required by Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, §15690 (4A))

ARTICLE 51: To see what sum the Town of Raymond will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 from the Town’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

The School Board Requests \$ 9,051,040
The Budget Committee recommends \$ 8,881,040
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 51 for the School Board request of \$9,051,040.

VOTE: Carried (yes 121, no 49)

ARTICLE 52: To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee, for the fiscal year 2008-2009 to transfer funds between budget programs so long as the grand total of all appropriations is not exceeded. Any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the School Committee.

The School Board requests approval of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 52.

VOTE: Carried

ARTICLE 53: To see if the municipality will reduce the additional local appropriation raised pursuant to Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A§15690(3) for public schooling by the amount of any unanticipated state general purpose aid received for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007/2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

The School Board requests approval of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 53.

VOTE: Carried

ARTICLE 54: Shall the Town vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and any other funds which become available.

Category	Estimated Amount
LOCAL ENTITLEMENT	\$166,351
IDEA (Part B) Local Entitlement	\$ 1,197
R.E.A.P.	\$ 38,045
N.C.L.B.	
TITLE 11A	\$ 18,458
TITLE 11D	\$ 543
TITLE 1	\$ 36,515
TITLE IVA	\$ 2,068
TITLE V	\$ 879

The School Board requests approval of this Article.
The Budget Committee recommends adoption of this Article.
The Selectmen make no recommendation.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 54.
VOTE: Carried

ADJOURNMENT: Moderator John Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:32 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk