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Agenda



SELECT BOARD Agenda

January 14, 2025

6:00pm – Regular Meeting

At Broadcast Studio &
Via Zoom & on YouTube

Resolution: We, the Raymond Select Board, 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 regular meeting to order

2) Minutes of previous meetings

- a) December 10, 2024

3) New Business

- a) Question & Answer With Office of Cannabis Policy – Vernon Malloch, OCP Deputy Director of Operations
- b) Consideration of Liquor License Renewal for A La Mexicana – Jose Chavez, owner
- c) Consideration of Setting Tassel Top Park Fees for 2025 – Joseph Crocker, Parks & Rec Director
- d) Consideration of Issuing Quit Claim Deed(s) – Sue Carr, Tax Collector
- e) Consideration of "Traffic Calming" Signs – Nathan White, Public Works Director
- f) Consideration of Appointing a Committee to Review the Plans and Make Recommendations for a New Public Works Garage – Nathan White, Public Works Director
- g) Consideration of Clarifying Language in Personnel Policy – Sue Look, Town Manager
 - Making the transition of vacation time clear and making vacation, sick, etc. time language take the 24-hour nature of Public Safety into account
- h) Consideration Adding an Update to the Town Boards, Committees and Commissions Ordinance to the Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Sue Look, Town Manager
 - The proposed changes were found in a neighboring town's ordinances and I thought they were very well done and appropriate.

4) Public Comment

5) Selectman Comment

6) Town Manager's Report and Communications

a) Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings

- February 11, 2025
- March 11, 2025

b) Upcoming Budget Meetings

- Wednesday, February 26, 2025 – Dept Head #1 – 6:00pm
- Thursday, February 27, 2025 – Dept Head #2 – 6:00pm
- Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – Budget Workshop – 7:00pm (after regular meeting)
- Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – Warrant article review/recommendations – 6:00pm
- Thursday, April 3, 2025 – Final Warrant Approval – 6:00pm
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – Public Hearing #1 – 6:00pm
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - Public Hearing #2 – 6:00pm
- Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – Annual Town Meeting Vote at JSMS Gym – 7am-8pm

7) Adjournment

Previous Meeting Minutes



SELECT BOARD Minutes

December 10, 2024

6:00pm – Regular Meeting

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Resolution: We, the Raymond Select Board, 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.

Select Board members in attendance: Rolf Olsen (Chair), Teresa Sadak (Vice Chair), Samuel Gifford, Denis Morse, Derek Ray

Select Board members absent: none

Town Staff in attendance:

Joseph Crocker (Parks & Recreation Director); Richard Dowe (Library Director); Melanie Fernald (Town Clerk); Brenda Fox-Howard (Finance Director); Cathy Gosselin (Human Resources Officer); Wayne Jones (Fire inspector); Curt Lebel (Assessor); Sue Look (Town Manager); Bruce Tupper (Fire Chief)

1) **Called regular meeting to order** at 6:00pm by Chair Olsen with a quorum present.

2) **Minutes of previous meetings**

a) October 15, 2024

Motion to approve as presented by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Ray.
Unanimously approved

b) November 7, 2024

Motion to approve as presented by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Ray.
Unanimously approved

3) **New Business**

a) ~~Question & Answer with the Office of Cannabis Policy – Vern Malloch, Deputy Director of Operations~~

- ~~Follow up of questions raised about caregivers and outside grows at the October 15, 2024, Select Board meeting in the Public Comment segment. What options does the Town of Raymond have?~~

(Mr. Malloch was unable to attend, this item will be moved to the next meeting)

b) Consideration of Municipal Fiber Contract – Andrew Davis, Sebago Fiber

- Sebago Fiber will be ready to begin in January of 2025.

Andrew Davis presented the details of locations of equipment: solar panels, generators, battery backups,

Sebago Fiber will own the network equipment, other companies or town can use it.

Mr. Morse asked for confirmation that this equipment would be enough to support the tie ins for neighborhood and resident usage. This is sized to support Raymond, Casco and a portion to the south; about a 12-mile radius.

Motion to authorize the Town Manager to finalize and sign contract, including attorney review by Mr. Morse. Seconded by Mr. Ray.

Unanimously approved

c) Consideration and Issuance of Tax Abatement(s) – Curt Lebel, Contract Assessor

Elavon Inc – 251PP - \$6.88 abatement

The company has reported to the Town that the property in question was disposed of before the cut off date. The assessment was made on old information and needs to be corrected.

Motion to approve as presented by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Ray.

Unanimously approved

Orbit Properties LLC – 055-062 - \$10,380.20 abatement

This is the property on Rt. 302 - muffler/brake shop, Tire Warehouse, and one residential home.

A mistake was made on town's records when a portion was sold, the town's records show that the entire property was sold, so this needs to be corrected. Flanagan Properties divided the lot and separated the residential home from the commercial properties by conveying it to Orbit, LLC.

Motion to approve as presented by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Morse.

Unanimously approved

d) Consideration and Issuance of Supplemental Tax Assessment(s) – Curt Lebel, Contract Assessor

The issuance of these supplemental tax assessments will correct the town's records and will accurately reflect the proper amounts of taxes for each property.

Flanagan Properties – 1215 Roosevelt Trl - \$8,677.40 supplemental bill

Motion to approve as presented by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Morse.

Unanimously approved

Orbit Properties LLC – 1200 Roosevelt Trl - \$1,859.32 supplemental bill

Motion to approve as presented by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Morse.

Unanimously approved

e) Update on 2026 Revaluation Project – Curt Lebel, Contract Assessor

- KRT Appraisal is ready to begin the data collection portion of the revaluation project.

Steady and slow through the winter, will likely pick up in pace with more staffing in the spring.

Postcards will be sent to property owners; the first pass will just be an unscheduled visit. There are too many properties to schedule appointments with all owners. Measurements will be taken, the interior will be evaluated when possible, letters will be sent to the owners who may need to be reviewed by appointment.

We will try to get the word out as much as possible, so homeowners are aware that they'll be around and visiting properties.

The whole process will take approximately 18 months. Preliminary values will be mailed out in June of 2026. Informal hearings will be held before commitments, to help clean up the information gathered before the tax bills are processed.

Values are coming in at 45% of actual market value. The apportionment will need to be shuffled to adjust the numbers.

Shawn McKillop, Main Street - asked what type of details are collected with the interior inspections. Bedroom and Bathroom counts, heating type and flooring type, etc.

Peter Leavitt, Leavitt Road - said last time evaluated, the interior inspection was optional. Asked if that was going to be the case this time.

Assessor Lebel noted that while it is optional, the most accurate assessment will be done if an interior inspection is allowed. An assessment needs to be made, and they'll have to estimate. An owner can refuse, but an interior inspection will be needed if the values that are assessed are appealed.

f) Consideration of Parks & Recreation Renting the Raymond Village Community Church – Joseph Crocker, Parks & Recreation Director

- This will allow Parks & Recreation to have office space, as well as space for indoor programs.

Joe Crocker explained that this is a request to rent office and activity room space for the Recreation Department & Age Friendly programs at the Raymond Village Community Church.

The initial assessment of the space showed some compliance needs. As a church, the building is exempt from ADA requirements, but if ownership changes hands, that would need to be addressed.

Church is looking to merge with one in North Windham, so more will be known in the next couple of months about their longer-term intentions for the building.

The Recreation Department has already used the space for All-ages BINGO, and could use the space for upcoming programming during the winter. The timeline the department is hoping for is to have a longstanding Memorandum of Understanding with the Church by February, to be fully moved in and operational by March – ahead of their busy season this spring and summer. There is a space for a playground equipment.

The proposed budget for this, is currently a full list of ideas, not necessarily what is

needed right away – costs associated with moving into this location: add Wi-Fi for offices, computers & phones, office equipment, painting walls, slight renovations, tables and chairs (if needed), heating, some supplies for Age Friendly to help share the space.

Annual operating costs, \$1500/month – utilities and rent

\$100K is allocated with Public Works approved budget for District 1 upgrades, sharing space with Public Works isn't feasible. A portion of that money can be reallocated for use at Raymond Village Community Church for upgrades and preparing the space for Recreation Department use as a community center.

Mr. Morse asked how this came about.

The Pastor at the church reached out. The Recreation Department was looking for a space to hold an all-ages BINGO night, had used Jordan Bay Avesta apartments before, but the space is too small. They looked for another location, Pastor reached out, while they were there, they noticed that the space could be good for offices and activities. They've used the space for BINGO nights twice already, and it is much more comfortable.

Deb from Age Friendly Raymond is pairing with elementary school classes for activities. The church space could be used for pairing older residents programming with younger children for multi age programming.

Quotes noted in this request are for all the supplies and all the possibilities, not all are necessary, and not all are immediate proposals; wanted to show the full picture up front.

Initial needs would be paint to refresh the space and office equipment – which would be ours to own regardless of location and any future moves, and a fair agreement on rent.

Mr. Morse expressed his opposition to spending larger amounts of money on renovations and significant upgrades on a building that we are just renting/using, without an agreement to own it in the future.

Shawn McKillop, Main Street – asked about the non-profit vs for profit changes if the church begins to charge rent for our use.

Assessor Curt Lebel clarified that a Church is tax exempt under a specific statute as a house of religious worship, once that use stops, it becomes a taxable property. Further clarified that the tax exemption isn't based on for-profit vs. non-profit, it is based on being a house of religious worship.

The town's liability insurance policy would cover the use of the space under the rental policy.

Grace Leavitt, Leavitt Road – asked that everyone think carefully in planning when the Jordan-Small Middle School is coming into town ownership in a couple years, the need for more space may be resolved with the use of JSMS, so a community center space elsewhere would not be needed long-term. There will be significant costs to renovate JSMS for our needs.

Peter Leavitt, Leavitt Road - has seen Joe's office, it's tiny. The department's programming is good. Be careful about spending money on a building that we may not need in a few years, since we'll be getting Jordan-Smal Middle School.

Karen Lockwood - asked for clarification on what is meant by "short term lease".

Chair Olsen clarified that, generally, a short term lease means anywhere from 3 to 12 months.

Motion to allow a soft run/short-term lease, and to allocate some funds previously approved for a facility upgrade towards rent, paint and office equipment, up to \$15,000 by Ms. Sadak, seconded by Mr. Gifford.

Unanimously approved

g) Consideration of Updating the Personnel Policy – Sue Look, Town Manager

- This has been in the works for 2 years. Many of the changes are at the request of our attorney.

Mr. Morse asked to go section by section to explain why changes were made.

[See video for exact specifics]

Some changes made include: adding language for the new Maine Paid Leave Act, a definitions section, removal of “at will” wording, clarification of “full time” employees as being 32 hours/week, updating payroll to bi-weekly and the use of electronic timesheets, compensatory time was clarified as time worked beyond 40 hours/week, added a more complete explanation about observing Sunday holidays on Monday, Juneteenth needs to be added to the list of holidays, working on a holiday equals time and a half payrate, vacation time will be allotted instead of accrued.

Vacation time carried over from one calendar year to the next will be capped at 2 weeks (of the employee’s usual weekly hours), time in excess of this 2 weeks will be paid out to the employees this year at 50%.

Mr. Morse asked how many employees will be affected by being paid out 50% of their time? Town Manager Look said 9 employees will be affected by this change, with the highest number being 380 hours. Mr. Morse asked if there is some compromise so people who worked instead of taking vacation time aren’t losing time. Is there a creative way to make those employees use that time up? He recalls that an employee was paid out fully for excessive vacation time in the past, why is it 50% now? Can we give them a year to use their time and have this apply as of January next year?

Finance Director Fox-Howard noted that keeping this excessive time on the books is actually a liability financially. We need to add a budget line item to cover payouts if someone leaves. Another idea is to pay out excess time incrementally, until the time is where we need it to be. Reiterated that the longer that time is held on the books, the more it’s worth.

Mr. Morse asked if this can be worked through some more and brought back with a better solution. Also noted that a cap is being suggested on sick time accrual, which seems like a lot of changes all at once.

Ms. Sadak suggested that the excessive time is paid out in allotments so it can be cleared off the books, budget for it. No one loses vacation time. Town Manager asked if the board was thinking about covering the cost in the next budget year. Some suggested taking 2 budget years to pay it out.

Mr. Ray asked how much the dollar amount would be that it might take 2 budget years. It was suggested that a new budget line could be created to cover the cost.

Town Manager Look stated that a full payout of the excessive time would be about \$42,000. Board Members noted that it should be paid in full, since that's a reasonable number. Ms. Sadak asked the other board members if they could consider using the Select Board's contingency line to cover the cost – acknowledging that the budget line is only supposed to be used for emergency expenses. Chair Olsen noted that it would be more appropriate to overspend the salary budget line, then at the close of the books at the end of the fiscal year, the surplus line would likely cover those costs.

Discussion moved to the allotment of vacation time, specifically for the first year of employment. The board agreed that the earning of vacation time for the first year should be prorated according to hire date. The rest of the schedule for the allotment of vacation time has sped up how quickly an employee earns vacation time.

In future years, an employee will be able to carry 2 weeks of vacation time into the next calendar year and can cash out 1 week additional. Any time above that will be forfeited.

Sick time will be capped at 480 hours; once an employee accrues 480 hours of sick time, they will not earn more – until they fall below 480 hours again. Any employee already above 480 hours will be grandfathered to keep that amount. The use of sick time can be in smaller increments than the current half-day – local medical appointments often take much shorter than a half-day.

Fire Chief Tupper asked that there be some clarification for the use of bereavement time for Fire and Rescue staff, where they have such a different schedule. Their bargaining agreement notes to follow the personnel policy in this section.

Clarification on Jury Duty pay, military service pay, retirement plans; leave in the section that allows employees to put money into the 457k plan without the town's match if they elect to use Maine PERS, and bring in a financial advisor to help teach employees about better options for their investments. Short-term disability to be self-funded; removed specific dollar amounts for the buyout of health insurance and instead note 50% of the value; added a policy about training.

Motion to approve the Personnel Policy with noted changes by Ms. Sadak.
Seconded by Mr. Morse.
Unanimously approved

h) Discussion of Traffic Issues in Raymond – Select Board

- This item was requested at the November 2024 meeting in Public Comment.

Signs will collect minimum speed, maximum speed, mean speed, and number of vehicles for each hour. A preliminary collection of data was done on Egypt Road, Plains Road and Main Street.

Ms. Sadak and Mr. Morse have noticed more deputies since this discussion started.

Motion to buy a second data collecting sign by Mr. Morse. Seconded by Ms. Sadak. Peter Leavitt, Leavitt Road, referred to a Lakes Region Weekly article he sent to Select Board members regarding other neighboring towns plans for traffic issues He notes that post-mounted speed signs are \$6k. Collecting data through these signs

are one step in the process. Comprehensive Plan Committee's survey from summer of 2023 noted multiple participants are concerned about traffic & speeding.

Mr. Morse acknowledged Peter's concerns and the information he's collected with his own research about different sign types and costs.

Peter Leavitt suggested there be a committee formed to study the traffic and speeding concerns to make a recommendation to the Select Board for action.

Mr. Morse asked to withdraw his motion, the group discussed how to proceed with withdrawing the current motion to allow for another motion to be made. The original motion will be voted on as is, if the motion fails, then another motion can be made.

Motion fails unanimously

Consensus of the Board was to direct the Town Manager to conduct an investigation into the needs of the Town and to bring any requests for equipment to the Select Board's attention through the budget process.

i) Discussion on the Formulation of a Visioning Committee – Select Board

- To look at potential uses for the Jordan Small Middle School when we receive it back from the RSU.

Advertise for people to join the committee. This committee would brainstorm conceptual ideas for the use of the building, a separate committee would look over financial aspect and schematics and details. The Visioning Committee should be make up of stakeholders – including department heads and personnel

Shawn McKillop said the Comprehensive Plan Committee has already collected ideas for the future use of the building, asks the Select Board get the process moving forward faster. Feels that having two committees is redundant of data collection already done.

Chair Olsen noted that not all stakeholders were included in the survey that Comprehensive Plan Committee had collected.

Grace Leavitt, Leavitt Road – could you broaden the purpose of the committee to include more of the specifics. Has noticed several New England towns of all sizes that have Community Centers, most are former schools.

Recreation Director Joe Crocker spoke about other communities that have community centers that were former schools. Noted some communities have included middle or high school students in their visionary and development planning committees.

Consensus of the board was that vacancies for a Visioning Committee should be advertised as soon as possible.

j) Consideration of Voting Method of the Town Meeting Warrant – Select Board

- Via secret ballot or at open Town Meeting

Make a decision on how to hold the vote on the Annual Town Warrant.

Grace Leavitt, Leavitt Road – strongly encourages that we go back to open town meeting, we used secret ballot during COVID, thinks we should go back. Open Town Meeting allows for discussion, helps build a sense of community.

Ms. Sadak – notes that there is a much higher turnout with a secret ballot election.

Jennifer Danzig, Pulpit Rock Road – one open meeting held at the Public Safety

Building was standing room only. While collecting signatures, many people noted they didn't know what they were voting for. People want information, but they're busy.

Mr. Ray is there a way to do hybrid? The required Public Hearings held ahead of the election day do make it relatively hybrid.

Mr. Morse – suggested that there be a warrant item to decide how to vote on this in the future.

Peter Leavitt – suggested to offer childcare, provide transportation, separate the topics into regularly scheduled special town meetings, increase communications. Also noted that controversial issues bring out voters.

Town Manager Look shared statistics on past meetings and elections. 237 people (5.5% of the population) came to vote the last time there was a Saturday Open Town Meeting, held in 2003. The last Open Town Meeting was held in 2019 and 77 people came out to vote, which is less than 2% of the registered voters at that time. The year prior in 2018, 50 voters came out. In 2017, 60 voters came out. In 2016, 72 voters came out. In 2016, it was held on a Wednesday night and there were 63 voters. In June of 2024, with a secret ballot vote on the Annual Town Meeting, there were 799 ballots cast. At the beginning of that ballot there were 32 blanks, by the time you get to the ordinance change questions, there were 122 blanks. Even with that factored in, there were 500 voters giving input on the questions. Acknowledged that there are merits to both sides of this argument.

Mr. Ray – pointed out that voters need to be informed, it's their responsibility to do the research and know what they're voting on. When the voter turnout is 10 times larger with a secret ballot election, it's hard to argue the matter.

Ms. Sadak – secret ballot brings more people out. Open Town Meetings take a lot of time and make it harder to attend for busy families.

Chair Olsen – asked a rhetorical question of Peter Leavitt: will you be satisfied if 20 people show up and vote down the Comprehensive Plan?

Peter Leavitt - hasn't been satisfied with turnout through the whole Comprehensive Plan Committee's process. However, those who turn out are involved, engaged, and informed.

Chair Olsen – if we go open town meeting, decisions are necessary about what day to do the meeting?

Motion to hold the Annual Town Meeting by Referendum vote on a secret ballot by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Ray.

Motion failed. (vote 2-2-1; Ayes: Sadak, Ray; Nays: Olsen, Morse; absent: Gifford)

Motion to hold the vote for the Annual Town Meeting by Open Town Meeting forum by Mr. Morse, seconded by Mr. Olsen.

Motion failed. (vote 2-2-1; Ayes: Olsen, Morse; Nays: Sadak, Ray; absent: Gifford)
Both motions failed; the decision will need to be moved to the next meeting's agenda.

k) Update from Finance Director of Accounts Status – Brenda Fox-Howard, Finance Director

- The audit continues with occasional questions. We have hired a temporary person to help catch up the bank statements. A new fund 15 was set up for only

Parks & Recreation. Processes have been corrected and streamlined.

l) Consideration of Budget Goals and Schedule – Sue Look, Town Manager

Schedule in packet, dates were changed from last year, but the general schedule is the same.

Chair Olsen asked if the board had any scheduling conflicts with the dates proposed. Asked that the proposed schedule be shared with the Budget-Finance Committee at their meeting next week for their input.

m) Biennial Appointment of Voter Registrar – Sue Look, Town Manager

- Pursuant to 21-A MRSA §101, the Voter Registrar must be appointed by January 1st of each odd-numbered year.

Motion to appoint Melanie Fernald as Registrar of Voters as presented by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Ray.

Unanimously approved

4) **Public Comment**

Chair Olsen opened the floor for Public Comment, the following individuals spoke:

Fire Chief Tupper – has a couple of vacancies for paramedic/firefighters, because of a retirement & a better opportunity in a neighboring community. Two very qualified employees who will be hard to replace.

Engine 31 has been out of service it will now need considerable ladder work, 22 year old truck, showing it's age. Naples has loaned us a truck, which does not fully meet our needs, but does keep us working.

Grace Leavitt – Windham/Raymond adult education catalog is forthcoming, wide variety of classes. Encouraged people to attend School Board meetings, the RSU #14 website has more info on dates

Peter Leavitt – Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) is funding traffic studies, encourages a discussion on Raymond rejoining GPCOG to benefit from the town's membership. Most surrounding communities are members.

5) **Selectman Comment**

Chair Olsen opened the floor for Selectman Comment; the following Select Board Members spoke:

Mr. Morse – Firefighter/Paramedic Bobby Orr was the first Portland Firefighter first to take paramedics course, he's retiring after 15 years with Raymond. Grateful for his service. It was a pleasure to hire him and a pleasure to know that Raymond was where he will retire from after 15 years with us.

6) **Town Manager's Report and Communications**

a) Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings

- January 14, 2025

- February 11, 2025

b) Upcoming Holiday Closings

- Thursday, December 19 – Town Office Christmas Party, closing at noon
- Tuesday, December 24 – Town Office closing at 1pm for Christmas Holiday

Thank you to the Public Works crews for their long, late nights dealing with storms.

7) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:43pm by Ms. Sadak. Seconded by Mr. Morse.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Fernald, Town Clerk

A La Mexicana Liquor License Renewal



State of Maine

Bureau of Alcoholic
Beverages & Lottery
Operations

Application Copy

File Number: 35783

Job Type: Renewal Application

LICENSE # CAR-18-106936	APPLICATION DATE RECEIVED 2025-01-10
LICENSE TYPE On-Premises: Beer, Wine & Spirits	LICENSEE Jalisco, LLC
AGENT NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE 2024-01-08
EXPIRES 2025-01-07	STATUS Expired
PREMISES NAME A La Mexicana	
NEW SECONDARY LICENSE(S) None selected	
PREMISES TYPE Class A Restaurant	PREMISES NAME A La Mexicana
OPERATOR Jalisco, LLC	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS 1227 ROOSEVELT TRL RAYMOND ME 04071-6607	
MAILING ADDRESS 1227 ROOSEVELT TRL RAYMOND ME 04071-6607	
CONTACT NAME Jose M. Chavez	PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD Email



Application Copy

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EXPIRES 2025-01-07	STATUS Expired
PREMISES NAME A La Mexicana	
NEW SECONDARY LICENSE(S) None selected	
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OPERATOR Jalisco, LLC	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS 1227 ROOSEVELT TRL RAYMOND ME 04071-6607	
MAILING ADDRESS 1227 ROOSEVELT TRL RAYMOND ME 04071-6607	
CONTACT NAME Jose M. Chavez	PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD Email

CONTACT PHONE (207) 655-9290	ALTERNATE PHONE
FAX	EMAIL chavez_j8029@yahoo.com
QUESTIONS	
<p>On-Premises: Beer, Wine & Spirit</p> <p>1. Is your business and "Doing Business As" (DBA) name registered and in good standing with the Maine Secretary of State? If not, please address this with the Secretary of State before proceeding with this application.</p> <p>Answer "No" if you are a Sole Proprietor.</p> <p>Yes 20170569dc</p> <p>2. Do licensee or applicant(s) have any interest in any other Maine Liquor License?</p> <p>No</p> <p>3. Are all licensees/applicants citizens of the United States?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>4. Are all licensees/applicants residents of the State of Maine?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>5. Is your license for a club with a membership?</p> <p>No</p> <p>6. Is your license application for Vessel Corporation?</p> <p>No</p>	

7. Do you have a valid and current health license issued by Maine Department of Health and Human Services OR the Department of Agriculture?
- Yes
(document uploaded)
8. Do you allow dancing or entertainment on the licensed premises?
If so, You need to have a a license from the Maine State Fire Marshal.
See <https://www.maine.gov/dps/fmo/plans-review/applications> for more information.
- No
9. Will any law enforcement officer directly benefit financially from this license, if issued?
- No
- 10 Is the licensee or applicant for a license receiving, directly or indirectly, any money, credit, thing of value, endorsement of commercial paper, guarantee of credit or financial assistance of any sort from any person or entity within or without the State, if the person or entity is engaged, directly or indirectly, in the manufacture, distribution, wholesale sale, storage or transportation of liquor.
- No
- 11 Is the licensee/applicant(s) directly or indirectly giving aid or assistance in the form of money, property, credit, or financial assistance of any sort, to any person or business entity holding a liquor license granted by the State of Maine?
- No
- 12 Do you have a manager employed?
- Yes
Myself.
- 13 Has any of the listed applicants or an employed manager been denied a liquor license within the last 5 years?
- No

14 Is any of the listed applicants the spouse, father, mother, child or other immediate family member of a person whose liquor license has been revoked or denied in the last 6 months?

No

15 Has any licensee/applicant or employed manager ever been convicted of any violation of the liquor laws in Maine or any State of the United States within the last 5 years?

No

16 Has the licensee/applicant(s) or manager ever been convicted of any violation of any law, other than minor traffic violations, in Maine or any State of the United States?

No

17 Does the licensee/applicant(s) own the premises?

Yes

18 At which address are your business records located?

1227 Roosevelt trail Raymond ME 04071

19 What will be your business hours? Please indicate each day's open and close times.

monday- 4 to 9pm

tuesday to saturday 11am to 9pm

sunday- 12-7pm

20 Please provide the name and distance from the premises to the nearest school, school dormitory and place of place of worship, measured from the main entrance of the premises to the main entrance of the school, school dormitory and place of worship by the ordinary course of travel.

Windham Assembly Of God Ministries

21 Is your application for a Hotel or Bed & Breakfast?

No

22 What is the gross food income for the licensure period that will end on the expiration date?

700,000

23 What is the gross income from beer, wine, and spirits for the licensing period ending on the expiration date?

200,000

24 Do you have a food menu?

Yes

(document uploaded)

DOCUMENTS

TYPE	FILE NAME	DESCRIPTION
Corporate Supplemental Form	Corp.pdf	
Premises Floor Plan	Floor Plan.pdf	
Maine Health or Agriculture License	Health.jpg	
Food Menu	Menu.pdf	

APPLICANT

Jalisco, LLC

DECLARATION

☒ I certify that I am the applicant as described in this application, or that I am duly authorized to submit this application on the applicant's behalf.

All information provided in this application is accurate and correct. I understand that false statements made on this application are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this application is a Class D Offense under Maine's Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year, or by monetary fine of up to \$2,000 or by both.

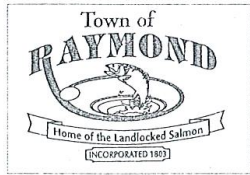
Tassel Top Park Proposed 2025 Fees

For memberships we allow up to 7 in a car without charging an extra daily entry fee. We have seen our memberships increase over the last 5 years because of how good a deal this is.

The reason for the requested price increase is that our expenses have continuously increased over the past 5 years. Our labor costs alone have risen by 29% from 2020 to 2024. In those years we have not increased any of our daily entrance fees, nor memberships, though we have increased revenues by changing our operating policies. This will help give us a better profit margin in case we have an unfavorable Summer season (which is at the mercy of the weather).

Daily Entry		Current Fees		Proposed Fees	
		Resident	Non-Resident	Resident	Non-Resident
Child	3-12	\$2	\$3	\$3	\$4
Adult	13-64	\$5	\$6	\$6	\$7
Senior	65+	\$2	\$3	\$3	\$4
Annual Membership		\$75	\$95	\$85	\$115

Quit Claim Deed - 112 Thomas Pond Terrace



401 Webb's Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071
207.655.4742
655-3024 (Fax)

Tax Acquired Property

Name: Mash Nancy, Mash Nelson

Map: 77

Lot: 21

Location: 112 Thomas Pond Terr.

Foreclosure Date: January 7, 2019

Amount paid: \$ 15274.71

Made a large payment. He also refinanced in just his name. Nancy no longer owns property.

Maine Short Form Quit Claim Deed Without Covenant

THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, a body politic located at Raymond, County of Cumberland and State of Maine, for consideration paid, releases to MASH NELSON in said County and State, a certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Raymond, County of Cumberland, and State of Maine, being all and the same premises described at Map 077, Lot 021

The purpose of this conveyance is to release any interest which this grantor may have in and to the above premises by a lien filed for nonpayment of taxes on said parcel of land with reference being made to a lien filed against Map 077, Lot 021, in the name of MASH NELSON and recorded in said Registry of Deeds

BK 40312 PG 259 BK 40937 PG 274

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF RAYMOND have caused this instrument to be sealed with its corporate seal and signed in its corporate name by ROLF OLSEN, TERESA SADAK, SAMUEL GIFFORD, DENIS MORSE, AND DEREK RAY thereto duly authorized, this 7th day of January 2025.

THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF RAYMOND

Witness to All

By: _____
ROLF OLSEN, Selectman

TERESA SADAK, Selectman

SAMUEL GIFFORD, Selectman

DENIS MORSE, Selectman

DEREK RAY, Selectman

STATE OF MAINE
CUMBERLAND, SS.

Personally, ROLF OLSEN, TERESA SADAK, SAMUEL GIFFORD, DENIS MORSE, AND DEREK RAY appeared the aforesaid Selectmen known to me, this 7th day of January 2025 and acknowledged before me the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed in their said capacity.

NOTARY

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BK 34141	PG 23	BK 35064	PG 314	BK 35913	PG 99
BK 37079	PG 276	BK 38553	PG 30	BK 39673	PG 102

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NOTARY

Proposed Committee to Review a New Public Works Garage

To: Town of Raymond Select Board

From: Nathan White, Public Works Director

Re: See if the Select Board would like to revisit a new Public Works Garage

I would like to put together an oversight committee to review the needs assessment and draft plans for a new Public Works Garage, make recommendations for any changes, and present a final plan to the Select Board.

The proposed committee members are:

William Coppersmith - Business owner, builder, and resident of Raymond

William Hanson - RSU #14 Director of Facilities, experienced with commercial and municipal buildings/needs

Craig Messinger - Former Raymond Fire Chief, long time Firefighter and Inspector, and Raymond Resident

David Matheson - Director of Public Services for the Town of Bridgton and a Raymond Resident

Ted Shane - Public Works Director for the Town of New Gloucester, involved with the development and construction of the new Public Works facility in New Gloucester

Personnel Policy Change Summary

Page 7 – Article V – A – Changed the definition of Full-Time from 32-40 hours to 32-42 hours. The Fire Department's normal schedule is 42 hours.

Page 15 – Article X – Changed the transition plan to match what the Select Board voted at the December 10, 2024, meeting.

Page 16 – Article X – A – Removed the “(up to 80 hours)” from the amount of vacation time. This change will accommodate all of our various schedules across departments.

Page 17 – Article XI – D – Changed the way the amount of time is described so it will work across all departments.

Page 19 – Article XIII – A – Added “(equivalent to 1 work week)” so it will work across all departments.

Page 27 – Article XXIII – A – Added “equivalent to 2 work weeks” so it will work across all departments.

Page 48 – Added the Library staff to the organizational chart.

Page 49 – Reconfigured the Public Safety organizational chart.

Page 50 – Put the Parks & Recreation organizational chart in the same format as the other Town departments.

TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE

Personnel Policy

Adopted: February 4, 1997

Amended:

March 4, 1997
December 1, 1998
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September 13, 2016
June 27, 2023
December 10, 2024
January 14, 2025

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ARTICLE I - PREAMBLE

- A. The Select Board hereby adopts the following Policy for utilization by the Town of Raymond in the administration of the personnel activities of the employees of the Town of Raymond. These rules and subsequent modification shall supersede any policy and rules made previously by the Select Board. Any practice, policy or application which may have previously existed and is or would be contrary to these policies is disclaimed, cancelled and eliminated by the adoption of this Policy.
- B. The Town, through its Select Board, may delete, amend, modify or change any or all of the provisions contained in this Policy. The policies set forth are not in any way a contract and nothing in the policies affords employees any contractual or other rights. Policies contained within give references and descriptions to insurance or other benefit plans; the specific provisions of the benefit plan will take precedence and govern should a conflict arise concerning interpretation, application or benefit level.
- C. The Town Manager shall be responsible for the implementation of this policy.
- D. The information contained in this policy manual applies to all employees of the Town of Raymond not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. It also applies to all Town unionized employees to the extent any applicable collective bargaining agreement is silent on any of the provisions set forth in this manual and in exercise of the Town's management rights under those agreement(s). To the extent that any of the policies directly conflict with provisions in an applicable collective bargaining agreement, the terms in the collective bargaining agreement shall take precedence.

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

Domestic Partner – pursuant to 1 MRSA §72 Words and phrases: "Domestic partner" means one of 2 unmarried adults who are domiciled together under long-term arrangements that evidence a commitment to remain responsible indefinitely for each other's welfare.

Immediate Family - includes the following: mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, wife, husband, domestic partner, son, daughter, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, grandchild, guardian, stepchildren, domestic partner's children, or surrogate parents.

ARTICLE III- EMPLOYMENT

- A. The employment of all personnel shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager.
- B. The employment of the Town Manager shall be the responsibility of the Select Board.
- C. All applicants for employment must submit a written application for employment on forms approved and provided by the Town Manager. The Town does not accept applications for employment that are not in response to a posted or otherwise available vacancy and/or that are on not on Town-approved forms.
- D. Any willful and material misrepresentation of fact on an application shall be grounds for disciplinary procedures and/or termination and dismissal upon discovery of such misrepresentation, regardless of employment history or performance.
 - Employment with the Town of Raymond is voluntarily entered into and the employee may terminate his or her employment at any time, with or without notice or cause. Similarly, The Town of Raymond may terminate the employment relationship at any time, with cause.
- E. Present Town employees, who apply for employment, shall be given first consideration in filling a vacancy, but it is recognized that the good of the Town may require a vacancy be filled outside the ranks of Town employees or from outside of the community.
- F. It is the policy of the Town to provide and ensure a safe and secure environment for all members of the workforce and its property. As part of this mandate, criminal background checks may be required of prospective employees who have already received a bona fide offer of employment, depending on the nature and duties of the position(s) sought. The Town uses a third party to conduct these investigations. The Town may also, directly or through a third party, investigate other job-related factors such as, by way of example, driving record, insurability and ability to be bonded. All reports are subject to the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) and state laws to the extent applicable. Applicants for positions will be notified of background check requirements during the job interview. Any and all results are kept private and securely stored in accordance with the Town's data security policy.
- G. All employees are considered probationary for the first six (6) months of employment. The probationary period shall be considered an extension of the selection process. Probationary employees may be removed at any time

during the probationary period without notice or cause and without right to file a grievance.

- H. Prior to the completion of the probationary period, the employee will receive a formal written evaluation from his/her immediate supervisor and/or the Town Manager. A favorable evaluation will result in the employee being transferred to permanent status. An employee is not transferred to permanent status unless or until a formal written evaluation of satisfactory performance is received.
- I. Employees will be given an annual written evaluation by their immediate supervisor and/or the Town Manager. Such evaluation will be taken into consideration when salary, promotions, discipline or any other personnel action is proposed.

ARTICLE IV- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

In order to provide equal opportunities to all individuals, employment decisions at the Town are based on merit, qualifications and abilities.

The Town is committed to a policy of non-discrimination and equal opportunity for all employees and qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, age, disability, veteran status, military service, genetic information, participation in the Town's group insurance plans, receipt of free medical care, or any other category protected under applicable laws. The Town will make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with known disabilities, in accordance with applicable laws.

This commitment is evident in all aspects of the Town's employment practices and policies, including recruiting, hiring, job assignment, promotion, compensation, discipline, discharge, benefits and training.

ARTICLE V - TYPES OF APPOINTMENTS

The following types of appointments may be made to the Town's service in conformity with the rules established.

- A. Full-Time: A full-time employee works full time (a minimum of thirty-two hours per week) and on a continuing and indefinite basis. Most full-time employees will be expected to work between 32 and ~~40~~ 42 hours per week and will be subjected to additional hours on an as-needed basis. Full-time employees are

subject to all personnel rules and regulations and receive all benefits and rights as provided by this Policy.

- B. Regular Part-Time: Regular Part-time employees work less than a full workweek (less than 32 hours per week), but on a continuing and indefinite basis. Regular Part-time employees are subject to all personnel rules and regulations. Vacation, sick leave and holiday benefits shall be in proportion to the hours worked.
- C. On Call Part-Time Employees: An on-call employee works less than a full workweek (less than 32 hours per week) and only works when called upon. On-call employees are not entitled to benefits such as retirement, health insurance, holiday pay, accrual of sick leave or vacation time.
- D. Stipend / Part -Time Employees: A stipend employee works less than a full workweek (less than 32 hours per week), works enough hours to perform the duties required of him/her, and is paid an annual fixed salary. Stipend employees are not entitled to benefits such as retirement, health insurance, holiday pay, accrual of sick leave or vacation time.
- E. Temporary Employees: Temporary employees work on a non-permanent basis, usually within a limited time frame such as seasonal positions. Temporary employees are not entitled to benefits such as retirement, health insurance, holiday pay, accrual of sick leave and vacation time, or seniority and may be terminated without notice for any reason at any time.
- F. Special Appointees: Special appointees hold official positions filled by appointment of the Town Manager and/or Select Board but are not considered employees for purposes of compensation or benefits.
- G. Other Classifications: The Town (through its Select Board and/or Town Manager) may, from time to time, by appointment fill other posts and positions, either by voluntary service on certain Town boards and committees (such as Planning Board, Board of Appeals or Conservation Commission); by contract or fee for services (such as engineer, auditor or town attorney); or similar. These categories of service are not considered “employment” within the meaning of this policy. Those individuals are not entitled to benefits such as retirement, health insurance, holiday pay, accrual of sick leave and vacation time, or seniority. They serve at the pleasure of the Select Board and/or Town Manager or, where appropriate, within the limited terms and conditions of any special appointment they may have received. Individuals in this category may be terminated without notice for any reason at any time, except as otherwise provided by law.

- H. Job Descriptions: From time to time the Town Manager (and/or Select Board where permitted by statute) shall develop and, as appropriate, modify and amend job descriptions for all of the above referenced employees or other individuals, which shall then be appended hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof by reference.
- I. Organization and Status of Municipal Employees: Appended hereto as Appendix C and made a part hereof by reference.

ARTICLE VI - PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

- A. Integrity of Service. Town employees must avoid any action which may reasonably result in or create the impression of using public employment for private gain, giving preferential treatment to any person, losing complete impartiality in conducting Town business, accepting gifts or other favors in exchange for service, or abandoning commitment to or pursuit of the goals and policy objectives of the Town.
- B. Efficiency of Service and Public Trust. Cooperation of all employees is essential to efficiency. Raymond citizens are entitled to the best service we can give them. Cooperation, courtesy and responsibility are the key elements of good service.

The Town wishes to uphold its reputation for integrity and excellence, which requires careful observance of the spirit and letter of all applicable laws and regulations, as well as a scrupulous regard for the highest standards of conduct and personal integrity.

The Town is dependent on the citizens' trust and is committed to preserving that trust. The Town requires all employees to act in a manner that will merit the continued trust and confidence of the public and customers.

The Town will comply with all applicable laws and regulations. The Town also expects its principals and employees to conduct business in accordance with the letter, spirit and intent of all relevant laws and to refrain from any illegal, dishonest or unethical conduct.

In general, the use of good judgment, based on high ethical principles, will guide employees with respect to lines of acceptable conduct. If a situation arises with respect to which it is difficult for the employee to determine the proper course of action, the employee should consult with his/her direct supervisor or the Town Manager.

C. Second Job: On occasion, employees of the Town may decide to seek employment outside their regular working hours. The Town has no objections to this type of work when it does not interfere with the work performance or attendance of the Town employee and when he or she is not in the employ of a vendor, client or organization so as to create a conflict of interest in employment. Employees are expected to notify the Town Manager prior to accepting second jobs.

All employees, regardless of second jobs, will be judged by the same performance standards and will be subject to the Town's scheduling demands, regardless of any existing outside work requirements. If the Town determines that an employee's outside work interferes with performance or the ability to meet the requirements of the Town as they are modified from time to time, the employee may be asked to terminate the outside employment if he or she wishes to remain with the Town.

D. Conflict of Interest: No employee of the Town shall have any financial interest in or profit from any contract, purchase, sale or work performed by the Town unless otherwise provided for by the Select Board. An actual or potential conflict of interest occurs when an employee is in a position to influence a decision that may result in a personal gain for that employee or immediate family as listed in the definitions portion of this Policy. Actual conflicts of interest, as well as incidents or situations which create the appearance of a conflict, must be avoided.

1. Purchasing – No Town employee who is authorized to make purchases shall have any interest, either directly or indirectly in any contract with the Town. No “presumption of guilt” is created by the mere existence of a relationship with outside firms. However, if employees have any influence or transactions involving purchases, contracts or leases, it is imperative that they disclose this, as soon as possible, to an officer of the Town, the existence of any actual or potential conflict of interest so that safeguards can be established to protect all parties.
2. Gratuities – Compensation paid to the employee in accordance with the Pay Schedule, and reasonable expenses as approved by the Town Manager, shall constitute the sole remuneration for services rendered by an employee in the discharge of Town duties. No additional reward, gift or other form of remuneration shall be accepted by any employee for the discharge of their Town duties. Acceptance of nominal gifts, such as food and refreshments in the ordinary course of business, or unsolicited advertising or promotional materials such as pens, note pads, calendars, etc., is permitted.

Personal gains may result not only in cases where an employee or relative has a significant ownership in a firm with which the Town does business, but also when an employee or relative receives any “kickbacks”, bribes, substantial gifts or special consideration, as a result of any transaction or business dealings involving the Town.

- E. Confidentiality: Many Town employees have access to confidential information pertaining to persons or property in the town. Employees must not use this privileged information to their private advantage or to provide friends or acquaintances with private advantages. Each employee is charged with the responsibility of releasing only information which is required under the “Right to Know” law, 1 MRSA Sections 401-410 (“FOAA”). Only Town-designated public access officer(s) are authorized to and charged with the responsibility of releasing information pursuant to under the scope of FOAA. Any FOAA request must be transmitted to and handled by a designated public access officer.

ARTICLE VII - WORKWEEK - OVERTIME

- A. The regular workweek for payroll purposes begins on Monday and ends on Sunday. The hours of work (starting times, quitting times, lunch times and overtime) will be established within each department subject to the Town Manager’s approval. The hours of work may be changed by mutual agreement of the Department Supervisor and Department’s staff, subject to the Town Manager’s approval.
- B. Work hours for all employees will be scheduled by the employee’s immediate supervisor.
- Payroll Policy – All employees will be responsible for submitting a bi-weekly electronic time sheet, which must be approved by their department managers. The electronic time sheets of the department heads will be approved by the Town Manager or his/her designee. This policy does not apply to Public Works, and seasonal employees, who are required to provide signed timesheets on the Town’s standard timesheet form. Repeated failure of any employee to submit time sheets could result in disciplinary action.

An employee who works unauthorized overtime will be paid for time worked but may be subject to discipline for working without authorization.

The Department Head or his/her designee must approve the time sheets for his/her department personnel. Employees who expect to be out of the office due to vacations and other planned absences will turn in time sheets to their Department Head before leaving. If the absence is unexpected (sick leave or bereavement leave for example), then the time sheets will be completed by the Department Head to the best of their knowledge and any adjustments will be made on the next week.

- Administrative – The Town takes all reasonable steps to ensure that employees receive the correct amount of pay in each paycheck and that employees are paid promptly on the scheduled payday. In the unlikely event that there is an error in the amount of pay, the employee should promptly bring the discrepancy to the attention of their supervisor. The employee should then contact the Town's Human Resource Officer so that all issues can be researched, and any corrections can be made as quickly as possible.
- C. Exempt employees will be expected to work as many hours as necessary to fulfill the duties of their position. There is an expectation that exempt employees will be at work during open office hours for Town Office Staff, except for the late hours on Tuesdays.
- D. Employees not exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) shall receive overtime pay after forty hours of actual work per week. At the discretion of the Town Manager, any such overtime may be compensated for with compensatory time. (See Section E. below). For the purpose of Public Works, employees will be paid overtime for time worked after their normal daily scheduled hours. All overtime shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's normal rate of pay. For the purposes of overtime calculation, holiday and vacation time will be considered time actually worked. In accordance with FLSA, temporary summer Recreation employees are exempt from overtime.
- E. Compensatory Time: Under certain prescribed conditions, employees of State and Local government agencies may receive compensatory time off for overtime hours worked (as defined as hours over 40 hours per week), at a rate of not less than one and one-half for each overtime hour worked, instead of cash overtime pay. Fire protection and emergency response personnel and employees engaged in seasonal activities may accrue up to 480 hours of comp time; all other state and local employees may accrue up to 240 hours. An employee is permitted to use compensatory time which will be scheduled, like vacation time, at such time or times as shall be mutually agreeable to the employees and their supervisors. During periods of slow or low work the Town reserves the right to require employees to use compensatory time.

- F. Regular Work Hours: Due to the wide variety of services provided by the Town, hours per week between departments and employees vary. Management reserves the right to change the workday or workweek for the purpose of promoting the efficiency of the municipal government; from establishing the work schedule of the employees and establishing part-time positions. In the event schedules dictate a condensed workweek, with daily hours exceeding 8 hours, accrued time paid will be paid allocated by hours equal to daily set scheduled hours (not to exceed 10 hours). Accrued time earned is accumulated hourly and time used will be allocated on an hourly basis.
- G. Storm Closing Policy: It is the general policy of the Town for the Town Office and all other municipal offices to remain open for business except during extreme weather events. During an extreme weather event, the Town Office may be closed under the following process:

The Town Manager is the person charged with making a determination about closing the Town Office. In general, the Town Manager will attempt to make this decision before 6:00am on the morning of a storm. The Town Manager will call the Town Clerk who will begin the process to post the actions that affect any business hours closing or delay of opening on the Town's website, Facebook page, electronic sign, WCSH 6 and WGME 13. Also, employees will receive either a text message or a phone call (for those without the means to text).

All full-time and regular part-time Town Office employees scheduled to work on a day when the Town Office is closed due to storm will receive their regular pay for that day. If the Town Office is closed early or has a delayed start, all full-time and regular part-time Town Office employees will be paid for the hours they were scheduled during the closure. Exceptions to this are when an employee:

- Is out due to a previously scheduled vacation or personal time;
- Has called out sick prior to the Town Office being closed; or
- Chooses to go home prior to the Town Office being closed.

In the case of these exceptions the employees will use their vacation or accrued time to cover the time off.

Closing the Town Office will be the exception rather than the rule. Except for extreme weather events, the Town Office will remain open. However, if a Town Office employee believes it is unsafe for them to drive to work or to remain at work, the Town Manager will permit that person to stay home or go home. This is an allowable reason for not being at work and employees may use vacation or comp accrued time for these instances.

- H. Breaks: Non-exempt employees are entitled and required to take a 30-minute meal break every workday and may not in any case work more than 6 hours without taking such break. If you would prefer not to use your 30-minute meal break, you may be asked to sign a written waiver acknowledging that you are entitled to this meal break, but you have elected not to use it. It is your responsibility to accurately record all time actually worked. Lunch breaks are unpaid if extended time away from your job. Employees will need to adjust their timecard to reflect the time away.
- I. Lactation Breaks: Pursuant to 26 MRSA §601, in addition to the breaks required by law, the Town will provide adequate unpaid break time or permit an employee to use paid break time or mealtime each day to express breast milk for a nursing child. The Town will make reasonable efforts to provide a clean room or other location, other than a bathroom, where an employee may express breast milk in privacy. The Town will not discriminate in any way against an employee who chooses to express breast milk in the workplace.

ARTICLE VIII - ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at work is an essential function of all Town positions. Employees shall be at their respective places of work at the appointed starting time. It is the responsibility of employees who may be absent from work to see that their immediate supervisor is advised of the reason for such absence, not previously arranged for, if possible, within two (2) hours of the beginning of the starting time of his/her work day.

ARTICLE IX - HOLIDAY

- A. Subject to these rules, the following holidays shall be paid holidays for full-time Town employees:
 - 1. New Year's Day;
 - 2. Martin Luther King's Birthday;
 - 3. Presidents' Day;
 - 4. Patriots' Day;
 - 5. Memorial Day;
 - 6. Juneteenth;
 - 7. July Fourth;
 - 8. Labor Day;
 - 9. Indigenous People's Day;
 - 10. Veterans Day;
 - 11. Thanksgiving Day;

12. The day after Thanksgiving Day;
13. Christmas; and
14. One personal holiday.

- B. Holiday privileges are available to full-time and regular part-time employees.
- C. For employees who work any variation of a Monday thru Friday regular schedule, any legal holiday falling on a Saturday is observed on the preceding Friday. Any legal holiday falling on a Sunday is observed on the following Monday, following the State of Maine's posted Holiday Schedule.
- D. A person on a leave of absence without pay shall not be entitled to holiday pay.
- E. When occasion warrants, employees may be required to work on a holiday. Employees working on a holiday shall receive time and a half pay for time actually worked plus the applicable holiday pay. If the holiday also represents an overtime shift, the employee shall be paid time and three quarters for time actually worked plus the applicable holiday pay.
- F. Exempt employees will receive a normal day's pay for the holiday at their regular rate of pay for hours normally worked. Holiday benefit not to exceed 8 hours unless the set schedule by the Department Head dictates longer scheduled hours during a holiday week (not to exceed 10 hours.)
- G. Employees not scheduled to work on a holiday will have the holiday time credited as vacation time, and such time and usage will be governed by the Town's Vacation Policy in Article X.

ARTICLE X - VACATION

Beginning January 1, 2025, vacation time will be allotted as described below.

The transition from the accrual of hours to allotment will be as follows:

- Employees will be allowed to carry forward up to 2 weeks based on regularly scheduled hours per week (up to 80 hours).
- Employees with more accrued hours than ~~the total of their new allotment~~ plus 2 weeks will receive ~~a check for half the difference~~ pay for the remaining hours based on payrate as of January 1, 2025. If the payout is more than \$1,000 to an employee, then the amount due will be split into 2 separate checks: one in January 2025 and one in July 2025.

Vacation privileges are available to full-time and regular part-time employees subject to the following conditions:

- A. Each full-time employee shall be allotted vacation with pay on January 1st each year of employment based on the employee's regularly scheduled hours per week:
1. Date Initially Hired – 2 weeks prorated by month ~~(up to 80 hours)~~
 2. First January – 2 weeks ~~(up to 80 hours)~~
 3. After 2 years – 3 weeks ~~(up to 120 hours)~~
 4. After 5 years – 4 weeks ~~(up to 160 hours)~~
 5. After 15 years – 5 weeks ~~(up to 200 hours)~~
- B. Vacation leave shall be allotted from the date of hire; however, employees shall not use vacation benefits until they have completed their first 6 months of employment, unless negotiated during the hiring process.
- C. Each regular part-time employee shall be allotted vacation with pay on the same basis as full-time employees above with the hours prorated to their regular schedule.
- D. Vacations will be scheduled at such time or times as shall be mutually agreeable to the employees and their supervisors. Due consideration will be given to an employee's seniority in regard to scheduling vacations.
- E. Vacation time will be paid to employees upon retiring, resigning voluntarily and leaving in good standing, or through other means of separation in good standing, or to a beneficiary or estate upon death.
- F. Vacation time will not be approved for periods of more than two weeks, except with approval by the Town Manager.
- G. Employees may receive their vacation pay prior to the start of their vacation, but must advise the town Treasurer, in writing, at least ten (10) days in advance.
- H. Employees may not borrow or use vacation in excess of their accrual at the start of the vacation period.
- I. If an employee resigns voluntarily with less than two weeks' written notice to the Town, he or she will be regarded as not leaving in good standing and all accrued vacation leave will be forfeited as a result of the failure to give notice. If there are extenuating circumstances for the resignation without notice or by mutual agreement, the forfeiture may be waived at the discretion of the Town.
- J. An employee may cash out a maximum of 40 hours of vacation time annually with an approved written request which can be in the form of an email and signed by the Town Manager, submitted by November 15 each year.

- K. At the end of each calendar year, an employee can carry over to the next year vacation time not to exceed 2 weeks based on the employee's regularly scheduled hours (up to 80 hours). Any extension beyond this amount shall be approved by the department head and the Town Manager. As the Town believes it is in the best interest of both the Town and employees for vacation time to be taken each year, no extension may be granted by the department head and the Town Manager unless a specific use of the additional accumulated time has been identified. Any unused vacation time over the 80 hours (or any extension granted) shall be forfeited.

ARTICLE XI - SICK LEAVE

- A. Sick leave may be used for personal illness or physical incapacity of such a degree as to render the employee unable to perform the duties of his/her position unless the employee is capable of other work and assigned to such other work; or for personal medical or dental appointments; or to care for members of his/her immediate family affected by serious illness.
- B. Sick leave accrual for full-time employees shall accrue at the rate of one workday, not to exceed 8 hours, for each full calendar month of service to a maximum of sixty (60) working days or up to 480 hours. If an employee accumulates 480 hours, the accrual will stop until sick leave is used (NOTE: Beginning January 1, 2025, any employee with more than 480 hours of sick leave will be grandfathered and will not accrue more sick leave until the total is less than 480). For the purpose of this section, the first month of an employee's service shall be counted as a full month if employment begins on or before the 15th day of the month.
- C. Full-time and Regular part time employees shall be eligible to use sick leave after thirty (30) calendar days of service with the Town.
- D. The employee must work ~~thirteen (13) or more full work days~~ at least half of their regular scheduled time in that month to earn sick leave for that month.
- E. Sick leave shall not be considered as an entitlement which an employee may use at his/her discretion but shall be allowed for the necessity arising from actual sickness or disability of the employee, unless there is a known illness that requires more time off following CDC recommendations.
- F. After using three successive days of sick leave, the employee shall furnish the Town with a certificate from his/her attending physician.

- G. The Town Manager shall review all sick leave records periodically and shall investigate any cases which indicate abuse of the privilege, including but not limited to patterns of leave, usage around holidays or weekends and the like. Abuse of sick leave privilege shall be cause for discipline.
- H. Sick leave shall under no circumstances be bought back.
- I. The department head shall be notified of an employee's sick leave absence as close to the start of the work shift as possible.
- J. Employees shall be expected to call on each day of absence unless there are extenuating circumstances. Failure to report shall be justification for disallowing sick leave for that day.
- K. Sick leave will not be used to extend vacation time or create holiday weekends.
- L. An employee taking extended leave for one's self or care for a qualifying member under FMLA/MFLMA must use accrued sick leave. An employee who is absent for illness or health reasons that do not qualify under FMLA/MFLMA must use accrued sick leave.
- M. An employee may donate up to 40 sick hours of sick leave per year to a sick leave bank to be used as needed for major illness of any co-worker. The employee must maintain a minimum of 80 hours of sick leave before they can donate. The sick leave bank will be overseen by the Town Manager and HR Director.
- N. Upon an employee's separation in good standing status with the Town, the employee shall be paid up to ½ of all accumulated sick leave. In no case shall the employee be paid more than 240 hours of pay.

ARTICLE XII – MAINE EARNED PAID LEAVE

Employees may use up to forty (40) hours of accrued sick leave each calendar year for the purposes set forth in the Maine Earned Paid Leave (EPL) Act. New employees cannot use sick leave for EPL purposes until they have been employed by the Town for at least 120 days. Employees must give at least 30 days advance written notice of any EPL leave request, unless the leave is used for emergency reasons, and in all cases must be approved by the Town Manager. Employees must designate the purpose or reason for the EPL leave request, such as vacation, personal, sick, bereavement, etc. and abide by the terms of this Personnel Policy for any such leave request. (Pursuant to 26 MRSA §636 – Earned Paid Leave).

ARTICLE XIII - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE.

An employee may be excused from work for up to five (5) calendar days (equivalent to 1 work week) because of death of a spouse/domestic partner, child or parent; and three (3) calendar days because of death in the immediate family as defined below and shall be paid his/her regular rate of pay for scheduled work hours missed. It is intended that this time off be used for the purpose of handling necessary arrangements and attendance at the funeral.

For purposes of this article only, immediate family is defined to mean brothers, sisters, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, and grandchildren.

One (1) workday may be granted to employees at the sole discretion of the Town Manager for attendance at funerals of persons not covered under the above definition.

B. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.

If not eligible for FMLA, an employee may be granted a leave of absence without pay, granted by and at the discretion of the Town Manager, for a period deemed necessary by the employee for the purpose of the leave. Unless otherwise determined by the Town, the maximum unpaid leave of absence will not exceed sixty (60) calendar days. The employee is expected to return to work upon the expiration of a granted leave or to have arranged an extension of a leave, granted at the discretion of the Town Manager. Continued absence without having arranged for an extension of leave may be deemed a resignation from employment. Employees may choose to continue health benefits for the duration of the leave by assuming the full cost of premium. Vacation and sick leave will not continue to accrue during the leave. Any accrued time earned is expected to be used during leave approved under this provision.

C. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE.

SEE APPENDIX A.

Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML): The Maine Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) law rules and payroll withholdings will begin on January 1, 2025. The contribution per employee is 1.0% of an individual's wages, split equally between the employee and the Town. Benefits are

scheduled to become available on May 1, 2026. Employee eligibility and benefits shall be as provided under the law.

D. Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence

1. In accordance with Maine Law, the Town will grant you a reasonable and necessary amount of time off from work without pay if you are a victim of domestic violence, domestic assault, sexual assault or stalking, and you need the time to:
 - a. Prepare for or attend court proceedings,
 - b. Receive medical treatment, or
 - c. Obtain necessary services to remedy a crisis caused by domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.
2. You must request the leave as soon as circumstances make it clear that time off is necessary. Approval of leave will be dependent upon:
 - a. Whether your absence will create an undue hardship for the Town,
 - b. Whether you requested leave within a reasonable time, and
 - c. Whether the requested leave is impractical, unreasonable or unnecessary given the facts made available to the Town at the time of your request.
3. If your leave is approved, you will be required to first use any accrued paid vacation or sick time before taking unpaid leave. Vacation and sick days do not accrue during your leave and holidays are not paid while you are on leave. You will not be discriminated against for taking or asking for leave.

ARTICLE XIV - JURY DUTY

The Town shall pay to an employee called for jury duty, for a period of up to 4 weeks, the difference between his/her regular pay and juror's pay provided the employee presents an official statement of jury pay received. The Town shall pay an employee called for jury duty the difference between his/her regular compensation for the duration of the employee's service and any pay received from the court for juror's pay. Employees must provide records of the jury pay and mileage be to the Town so that this payment may be made promptly.

ARTICLE XV - ARMED FORCES AND NATIONAL GUARD DUTY

activity requirement not to exceed two weeks total per year. A copy of the “orders” must be provided to the Human Resource Director demonstrating the employee is being called to Active Duty.

ARTICLE XVI - RETIREMENT

At the June 11, 2024, Town Meeting the Town voted:

ARTICLE 25: Referendum Question W: *To see if the Town of Raymond will vote to change its plan with the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) to add coverage for full-time, non-union employees effective September 1, 2024, and:*

- a) To offer Regular Plan AC to its regular, full-time, non-union employees who are paid at least 1,664 hours per year between paid vacation, paid holiday, and paid sick time effective September 1, 2024; and*
- b) To continue to offer Special Plan 3C to its regular, full-time firefighters and emergency medical services employees who are paid at least 2,080 hours per year between paid vacation, paid holiday, and paid sick time; and*
- c) To exclude all other employees, including all other elected/appointed officials, from participating in MainePERS; and*
- d) To allow its newly eligible employees who are currently employed by the Town on September 1, 2024, who elect to join MainePERS on September 1, 2024, the option to purchase prior service upon the employee’s full payment of all associated costs. The Town will not participate in the purchase of prior service and so employees who wish to purchase prior service are responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service; and*
- e) To authorize the Town Manager or the Select Board Chair to sign the amended agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.*

Eligible employees were given the choice of changing to the MainePERS retirement OR continuing to participate in the Town’s retirement 457K plan (if they had elected to do so).

A. All town employees will participate in and contribute to Social Security.

- B. All employees who do not choose to participate in MainePERS will be eligible to participate in the Town's matching 457K retirement plan. Full-time employees' contribution will be matched by the Town based on the following table:

<u>Years of Employment</u>	<u>Employer Match of Gross Wages</u>
0 – 6 months	0%
6 months – year 4	5%
After year 5	7% (maximum rate)

- C. Beginning January 1, 2025, all newly hired employees will have a one-time choice whether or not to participate in MainePERS. Any who chooses not to participate in MainePERS will be eligible to participate in the Town's matching 457K retirement plan as outlined.
- D. Any employees who participate in MainePERS may request to have some of their automatic deposit added to the Town's 457K plan with no matching funds from the Town of Raymond.

ARTICLE XVII – WORKERS' COMPENSATION

- A. All Town employees are covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance. All injuries, no matter how minor, occurring during the working hours must be reported to the Employee's immediate supervisor and a written report must be made as soon as possible.

In an emergency call 911 for medical assistance. All other instances involving an on-the-job accident/injury, the employee will be directed to visit the Town specified preferred provider.

- B. Transitional Work Policy: It is the goal of the Town to assist injured employees to return to the position they held at the time of their injuries, which will be referred to as Regular Work. To that end, the Town may make available to injured employees specific assignments of "Transitional Work" and may make Transitional Work available for a reasonable time, to be determined in light of the nature of the employee's Regular Work and the Town's operational needs for accomplishing the Regular Work.

ARTICLE XVIII – HEALTH, DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE

Employees will be eligible to participate in the Town's health, dental, short-term disability, long-term disability, and life group insurance programs. The Town will

pay 100% of the cost of individual health insurance and the short-term disability coverage. Family health insurance coverage will be paid at a rate of 85% Town, 15% Employee match for eligible employees. Employees eligible to receive this benefit must work 30 or more hours on average per week. All other employees who average greater than 16 hours per week for the previous year will be allowed to participate in either program at their own cost.

Employees eligible to receive family health care benefits but electing not to take advantage of this employee benefit will be eligible to receive one-half the cash value of the difference in cost between the family plan and the single subscriber plan. This benefit will be paid in the form of an increased retirement contribution to qualified programs outlined in this policy or utilized toward the cost of Town sponsored life insurance premiums. In order to take advantage of this benefit, eligible employees are required to show evidence that their spouse and/or family is insured under another family health care benefit plan. Program eligibility will be determined annually and governed by eligibility requirements of the current health care plan.

The Town reserves the right to change eligibility requirements, group plan, carrier and/or contribution levels at any time, with reasonable notice to participants.

ARTICLE XIX- DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

- A. **PURPOSE.** All Town employees are expected to maintain a high degree of professionalism, responsibility, loyalty and adherence to the duly adopted programs and policies of the Town. Employees who fail to maintain these standards, or who fail to comply with the provisions of this Personnel Policy, may be subject to discipline up to and, in cases of substantial or repeated failure to adhere to these standards or the provisions of this Personnel Manual, including discharge.
- B. **CATEGORIES.** The following categories of discipline apply to all employees. Disciplinary measures need not be imposed in the order set out below, and the Town reserves the discretion to move to or impose greater discipline. Appropriate discipline will be determined in light of the circumstances of each case.
 - 1. Verbal warning – Normally intended to point out to an employee relatively minor or isolated instances of unsatisfactory job performance which, if repeated or continued, might lead to a more serious level of discipline.

2. Verbal reprimand – Normally intended to point out to an employee a relatively serious breach of job performance standards which, if repeated, shall lead to a more serious level of discipline.
3. Written warning or reprimand – Intended as a formal record of repeated unsatisfactory job performance (warning) which, if continued, is likely to result in jeopardy to the employee's prospects for advancement, pay increase or continued employment; or as a formal record of serious breach of duty or failure to meet job performance standards (reprimand) which, if repeated, will result in jeopardy to the employee's advancement, pay increase or continued employment.
4. Suspension – Suspension from employment, with or without pay, shall be utilized only in those cases involving significant and serious breach of duty or standards by an employee, where active employment by the employee should not continue until such time as the Town Manager is satisfied that the recurrence of such breach is unlikely. Suspension is different from administrative leave with pay pending investigation, which is not disciplinary in nature. The Town reserves the right to place employees who are accused of misconduct on administrative leave with pay pending the outcome of the investigation.
5. Demotion – When the conduct at issue indicates that the employee should not continue in his or her present position but may be permitted to continue employment at a lower level of pay, position and/or responsibility, the employee may be demoted to a lower position if a vacancy exists or the Town otherwise determines that a demotion is feasible and appropriate. In the event of a proposed demotion, the employee will be provided with notice of the basis for the proposed action and an opportunity to be heard in response to the proposed action prior to the planned effective date.
6. Discharge from Employment – When discharge from employment is recommended by a supervisor or department head and/or considered by the Town Manager, the employee involved shall be entitled to prior written notice of the basis and explanation for the recommendation. The employee will be provided an opportunity to meet with and present a response to his or her supervisor and/or department head or, if the department head or supervisor has made the recommendation, to the Town Manager. The meeting shall be informal, with the purpose of providing an opportunity for the employee to provide a response to the proposed recommendation, including additional relevant information and any mitigating or extenuating circumstances or factors. The department head or supervisor or the Town Manager, whichever met with the employee, shall issue a written decision promptly, with a copy

to the employee. The final decision may be discharge, lesser discipline or no discipline. The employee will remain employed through the date of the final decision and until the effective date stated in the decision.

7. Application – This Section does not apply to an employee who is on initial probation. Probationary employees may be disciplined or discharged at any time during the probationary period without notice or opportunity to be heard and for any reason.

C. EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL RECORDS

1. Employee Records – The Town maintains a personnel file on each employee. The personnel file includes such information as the employee's job application, resume and records of training, documentation of performance evaluations, disciplinary actions, salary increases and other employment records.

Personnel files are the property of the Town and access to the information they contain is restricted. Generally, only supervisors and management personnel of the Town who have a legitimate need to know specific information in a file are allowed access.

Employees who wish to review their own file should contact the Town Manager. With reasonable advance notice, employees may review their personnel files while in the presence of the Town Manager or an individual appointed by the Town Manager.

2. Personal Data Security – The Town recognizes the importance of maintaining the security of personal information and therefore complies with all laws regulating the retention of such information. For purposes of this policy, "personal information" is defined as a person's name, in combination with the person's Social Security number, driver's license or state-issued identification number, financial account number, or credit or debit card number. Personal Information may be found in printed documents and hard files and may also be collected, accessed and stored electronically. Personal Information is covered by this policy whether it is printed or electronically stored.

Employees are required to take all reasonable measures to limit access to personal information, and to limit collection or retention of Personal Information, to only what is reasonably necessary to accomplish legitimate purpose for which the Personal Information is collected, stored or accessed. Further, employees are required to comply with all information security laws and regulations and any other policies and

programs adopted by the Town to comply with the Town's obligations to maintain the security of Personal Information.

ARTICLE XX- GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Should an employee feel aggrieved concerning the interpretation, meaning, or application of any provisions of the Town's personnel rules, regulations and policies, he/she shall submit the details of such grievance in writing to his or her immediate supervisor or the Town Manager. Within fourteen (14) calendar days thereafter, the supervisor or Town Manager shall meet with the employee and others designated by them for the purpose of discussing the grievance. In all cases the decision of the Town Manager shall be final.

ARTICLE XXI - POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Employees shall refrain from seeking or accepting nomination or election to any office in the Town government that would conflict with the duties of their position as a Town employee. Employees may not use their office or employment in any way for or against any candidate for elective office in the Town government. This policy is not to be construed to prevent Town employees from becoming, or continuing to be, members of any political organization, attending political meetings, expressing their views on political matters, holding a political office, running for political office, voting with complete freedom in any election or engaging in the exercise of other protected political rights.

ARTICLE XXII – SOCIAL MEDIA

The Town recognizes that social media can be a valuable way to market its business. Social media consist of websites like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Snapchat, Reddit, TikTok, blogs, or any other site where one posts or communicates information in a public or quasi-public Internet forum.

The Town's own social media presence is the responsibility of the Town Manager, who may ask certain employees to assist in creating or maintaining the Town's social media profiles. An employee may act on behalf of the Town in the social media context only with express authorization from Town Manager. Any and all content created for the Town social media accounts and the accounts themselves are property of the Town. the Town has ultimate discretion over the content posted on its social media accounts and may remove or alter content at any time. This policy also applies to the Town's website.

The Town understands that employees are free to create and maintain personal social media profiles during non-work hours and on non-work equipment. Employees generally may not use social media websites on Town information systems or during work time unless authorized to do so by a supervisor. Any employee found to be in violation of these rules may be subject to disciplinary action.

Town employees are prohibited in making social media posts on the towns or their personal social media sites that may be considered inappropriate or derogatory to the town.

ARTICLE XXIII - RESIGNATION

- A. Sufficient notice: To resign in good standing, employees must submit resignations in writing at least ten (10) working days, equivalent to 2 work weeks, in advance of the effective date of their resignation.
- B. Quitting without sufficient notice: Any employee who quits without sufficient written notice will be regarded as leaving not in good standing and may forfeit allotted vacation pay and prorated sick pay, as provided in Article X of this Policy.

ARTICLE XXIV – EMPLOYEE REFERENCES

The Town does not provide substantive employment references. Information provided to prospective employers of former Town employees will be limited to dates of employment and any other information that the town is legally required to provide under Maine's Right to Know law. This information will be provided by the Town Manager or a designated employee only.

ARTICLE XXV - DRUGS AND ALCOHOL IN THE WORKPLACE

The Town strives to maintain a safe workplace and thus prohibits drug activity while on Town premises or otherwise working on behalf of the Town. The use of drugs or other controlled substances threatens the entire Town environment and will not be tolerated. This policy applies to every Town employee. Employees are not permitted to use, sell, transfer, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on the Town's premises, on work duty, and on breaks.

The Town recognizes that there are state laws that decriminalize the use of marijuana for recreational and medical purposes. However, marijuana is still an

illegal substance under federal law. Employees are not permitted to use, sell, transfer, possess, or be under the influence of marijuana in any form, or to be under the influence of marijuana, while on the Town property, on work duty, and on breaks. An employee may be presumed to be under the influence of marijuana if they have ingested marijuana in any form within two hours of starting work. Furthermore, employees must ensure that their persons and effects do not emit the odor of marijuana (or any other illegal drug or alcohol) in the workplace.

Employees are also prohibited from being under the influence of, or impaired by, alcohol or any other substance (including, but not limited to, any prescription or over-the-counter medication) that impairs the employee's job performance or poses a hazard to the safety and welfare of the employee, the public, the Town, or other employees.

The legal use of prescribed drugs is permitted on the job only if it does not impair an employee's ability to perform the essential functions of the job effectively and in a safe manner that does not endanger other individuals in the workplace. If any medication may reasonably impair an employee in the performance of their duties, they should contact the Human Resources Director. Operating a Town-owned vehicle or personal vehicle for Town purposes under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a serious offense and will be grounds for termination.

The guidelines above apply to all employees. Any complaints or conflicts should be directed to supervisors and management. Employees who violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

A. ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOL

Employees are subject to alcohol and drug testing pursuant to 26 M.R.S.A. § 681 (8)(c). The procedures and protocols for such testing are kept with the testing facility and with the Town's HR Director.

ARTICLE XXVI - PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, DISCRIMINATION, AND RETALIATION

It is the policy of the Town that all our employees should be able to work in an environment free from all forms of illegal harassment. This policy will be vigorously enforced; the policy applies not only to supervisor-subordinate actions but also to actions between co-workers. Any complaints of harassment based on sex, sexual preference or orientation, religion, age, ethnic origin, color, physical or mental disability, genetic information and history, Veterans status, whistleblower activity or any other status or characteristic protected by law will be investigated promptly. There will be no intimidation, discrimination or retaliation against any employee who makes a report of illegal harassment.

Derogatory or vulgar comments regarding a person's sex, sexual preference or orientation, religion, age, ethnic origin, color, physical or mental disability, Veterans status, whistleblower activity or any other status or characteristic protected by law, including the distribution of written or graphic material having such an effect, are prohibited. Any employee who believes he or she has been the subject of such discrimination or harassment should report the alleged conduct to the Town Manager or other appropriate management. Management is considered any department head. In the Fire/Rescue Department, management shall include the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chiefs. Any supervisor or employee who is found, after appropriate investigation, to have engaged in any harassment will be subject to discipline, including discharge.

The Town also prohibits unlawful retaliation against any employee. Forms of retaliation may include termination, threats, or discipline, other forms of reprisal, intimidation, or discrimination against an employee due to that person's participation in activities protected by law and including whistleblowing or taking legally protected leave time.

Employees are always encouraged to bring such concerns to the attention of the Town. Any employee that believes they have been the target of retaliation should report that to the Town pursuant to the Internal Complaint Procedures set forth below.

A complaint alleging discrimination, retaliation, or harassment on the basis of sex, race, color, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ethnicity, genetic information or history, national origin or any other status or characteristic protected by law and subject to the jurisdiction of the Maine Human Right Commission may also be submitted to the Maine Human Rights Commission at any time within 300 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory incident. It is not required that any of the above procedures be utilized first or in any sequence, nor is it required that any procedure be exhausted before the other is used.

ARTICLE XXVII - SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

It is the policy of the Town of Raymond that all employees have the right to work in an environment free of discrimination which includes freedom from ~~sexual~~ any harassment. The Town of Raymond will not accept any form of physical, verbal, actions that can create a hostile work environment or sexual harassment by supervisors, coworkers, customers or suppliers. This policy is intended to prohibit offensive conduct, either physical or verbal, that threatens human dignity and employee morale and which interferes with a positive and productive work environment.

Sexual harassment is illegal and, as outlined in the EEOC Sexual Discrimination Guidelines and the Maine Human Rights Act, includes:

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when, (i) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, (ii) submission to or rejection of such by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual, (iii) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment.

Examples of sexual harassment include but are not limited to 1) repeated unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances, or propositions; 2) slurs, jokes, or other language that is sexually oriented; 3) graphic or sexually degrading comments about an individual or his or her appearance; 4) the display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures; and 5) offensive physical contact. The Town will not tolerate any form of sexual harassment, regardless of whether it is:

- Verbal (for example, epithets, derogatory statements, slurs, sexually related comments or jokes, unwelcome sexual advances, or requests for sexual favors);
- Physical (for example, assault or inappropriate physical contact);
- Visual (for example, displaying sexually suggestive posters cartoons or drawings, sending inappropriate adult-themed gifts, leering, or making sexual gestures); or
- Online (for example, derogatory statements or sexually suggestive postings in any social media platform including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.).

This list is illustrative only, and not exhaustive.

Consistent with the above guidelines, this policy prohibits any overt or subtle pressure for sexual favors including implying or threatening that an applicant's or employee's cooperation of a sexual nature (or lack thereof) will have any effect on the person's employment, job assignment, wage, promotion, or any other condition of employment or future job opportunities. This policy also prohibits any conduct which would tend to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment. Note that the conduct described need not occur at work in order to be considered harassment. Even conduct or conversations that take place "off hours" may implicate this policy. Sexual harassment is not permitted regardless of where it occurs if it contributes to a hostile or offensive work environment. Communications that take place via electronic media can constitute or contribute to harassment.

Sexual harassment can be perpetrated by a man or a woman and can occur between members of the same sex.

Managers and supervisors are responsible for monitoring conduct which can be construed to be harassment and for initiating necessary action to eliminate such behavior. Any employee who feels that he or she is the victim of sexual harassment should immediately report the matter to his or her supervisor or, if the employee would prefer, to the Town Manager, Human Resources, or any member of the Select Board. Any employee who feels that he/she is the victim of sexual harassment initiated by their supervisor should immediately report the matter to the Town Manager or Human Resources. Any employee who feels that he/she is the victim of sexual harassment initiated by the Town Manager should immediately report the matter to the Chair of the Select Board. (Note: All Department Heads shall be considered managers or supervisors. In the Fire/Rescue Department, management shall include the Fire Chief and all Deputy Fire Chiefs. No other officers or supervisors in the Fire /Rescue Department are authorized to act on reports of harassment but are required to report any such instances to the Town.

The Town will immediately investigate any complaints of sexual harassment and, where warranted, take disciplinary action against any employee engaging in sexual harassment. Depending on the circumstances, such disciplinary action may include suspension or termination of employment.

Any questions regarding this policy should be addressed to the Town Manager or the Select Board. Any employee, who believes that he or she has been a victim of sexual harassment, or who has knowledge of that kind of behavior, is urged to report such conduct immediately. No employee will be retaliated against for complaining about sexual harassment. Any employee that believes they have been the target of harassment, including sexual harassment, must report that to the Town pursuant to the Internal Complaint Procedures set forth below. Employees may also report illegal harassment, including sexual harassment, to:

Maine Human Rights Commission
51 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 624-6290

A discrimination complaint alleging harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation or sexual harassment may be submitted to the Maine Human Rights Commission at any time within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory incident. It is not required that any of the above procedures be utilized first or in any sequence, nor is it required that any procedure be exhausted before the other is used.

Retaliation Prohibited: Employees should feel free to report concerns about sexual harassment without any fear of reprisal. Any person who brings a sexual harassment complaint or concern will be protected from retaliation in any form and should report any retaliation immediately to any supervisor or the Town Manager.

In addition, the Town also encourages employees to report other conduct which affects the workplace and working conditions, including harassment based on any other protected category, such as race, national origin, age, sex, and whistleblowing reports. Harassment under such circumstances is prohibited. All such complaints will be addressed and, if necessary, appropriate action will be taken. Employees who report such conduct will be protected from retaliation in any form and should report any retaliation immediately to any supervisor or the Town Manager. All complaints of retaliation will be investigated, and prompt remedial action will be taken.

ARTICLE XXVIII - WORKPLACE SAFETY

All employees have the right to work in an environment free of physical violence, threats and intimidation. The Town's position is that violence is a form of serious misconduct that undermines the integrity of the employment relationship. No employee should be subject to unsolicited and physical violence, threats or intimidation. Such behavior may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

The Town has a strong commitment to its employees and citizens to provide a safe, healthy and secure work environment. The Town also expects its employees to maintain a high level of productivity and efficiency.

Under Maine law, an employee may possess a firearm on Town property in parking lots designated for employee use or in a personal vehicle used by an employee to drive to work only if the employee strictly complies with the following requirements:

1. The employee must have a valid permit to carry a concealed firearm under Title 25, chapter 252 of the Maine Revised Statutes or otherwise be licensed to possess a weapon under applicable state law;
2. The firearm must be kept in the employee's vehicle and the vehicle must be locked; and
3. The firearm must not be visible.

All weapons or other dangerous or hazardous devices not kept in strict compliance with this policy are strictly prohibited on Town premises, in Town vehicles, in parking lots designated for employee use, or in a personal vehicle used by an employee to drive to work.

Any violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action up to and including immediate discharge.

Reporting an incident of Violence: Employees who are victims or witnesses to violent incidents should immediately report such conduct to their supervisor or Town Manager. No employee who reports an incident of violence or threatening conduct or participates in an investigation of such an incident shall be subject to retaliation.

ARTICLE XXIX – SAFETY & USE OF TOWN-OWNED VEHICLES

A. The Town requires all employees to complete mandatory safety training that complies with Federal (OSHA), State and local requirements. Each Department Head is required to ensure the proper training for each of their employees. Written proof, signed by the employee and Department Head/Certified Training Authority or a valid Certificate of course completion, shall be required for all training, and will be added to each employee's Personnel File. Employees are expected to abide by all safety rules and regulations, which shall be posted on bulletin boards, announced at staff meetings or otherwise communicated by the Town. An employee's failure to comply may result in disciplinary action and/or termination. It is mandatory that all employees wear the appropriate protective clothing and equipment as listed below based on their position within the Town. The list provided is to outline some examples and is not exclusive of what may be considered appropriate protective clothing and equipment: steel toe boots, eye and ear protection, head protection, seat belts as required by State of Maine law, and reflective safety vests.

B. Smoking Policy

Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping), is not allowed in any Town workplace. It is the policy of the Town to comply with all applicable federal/state laws, and local ordinance regarding no smoking in the workplace and in public areas. The Town of Raymond further prohibits smoking tobacco in town vehicles.

C. Phone Usage

Phone use is limited to business matters during working hours. Employees are allowed to use cell phones for personal use only during breaks and should not be on the phone during working hours. Supervisors/Managers, however, are entitled to phone usage throughout the day as long as it is related to Town matters, and not for personal matters. Cell phone usage is prohibited while on machinery regardless of employee or supervisor/manager status. Failure to abide by these regulations will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Phone Usage in Vehicle

The Town is committed to protecting employees and others from the hazards that can be caused by use of a cellular telephone while driving, whether for telephone calls, text-messaging, reading or sending e-mail or accessing the Internet. Accordingly, all employees of the Town (including supervisors and management) are required to adhere to the following guidelines:

- a. Employees operating Town vehicles, or operating their own vehicles on ~~company~~ Town business, must pull over to the side of the road when it is safe to do so before using a cellular telephone for any purpose or use an approved hands-free device as required by Maine law.
- b. Employees must adhere to all federal, state and local laws, regulations and ordinances governing the use of cellular telephones while driving. These laws vary from state to state; it is the individual's responsibility to comply with state law.
- c. Employees who are charged with traffic violations resulting from the use of their phone while driving will be solely responsible for all liabilities that result from such actions.
- d. Employees are always expected to exercise discretion and care while using a cellular telephone and to avoid placing themselves or others at risk.

Violators of this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination.

D. Bulletin Boards/Non-Solicitation

Bulletin boards placed in designated areas provide employees access to important posted information and announcements. The employee is responsible for reading information posted on the bulletin boards. The Town reserves the discretion to remove items from the bulletin board which are inappropriate.

All solicitations for charities, organizations, groups, businesses, services, etc. must be approved by the Town Manager prior to posting. The Town reserves the right to reject any solicitation, in any format, if the Town Manager deems it not in the best interests of the Town. In person solicitation must also be pre-approved by the Town Manager.

E. Use of Town-Owned Vehicles

Certain positions require employee access to Town Owned Vehicles, either during a work shift or on a 24-hour on-call basis. Town employees classified as “Emergency Personnel” or who that may be called in for “Public Safety” work related to ensuring the roads are free and clear of debris and properly maintained in the winter months and Town-owned vehicles identified as “Fire” “Police” or “Public Works” are considered Qualified Nonpersonal Use Vehicles. Use of a “Qualified Non-Personal Use Vehicle”, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, is not a taxable fringe benefit and does not impact the employee’s income.

In certain other circumstances, employees may be assigned a Town-owned vehicle and required to commute and use the Town-owned vehicle for official Town business in the course of their employment. These Town-owned vehicle assignments will be based on the following considerations:

- 1) Requirements of the job
- 2) Productivity
- 3) Availability of Town Owned Vehicles
- 4) Cost to the Town

For an employee to be assigned a Town-owned vehicle, the employee must possess a valid Maine driver’s license and maintain a safe driving history. Town vehicle assignments are not permanent and will be reviewed annually by the Department Heads and the Town Manager.

Town employees who are assigned a Town-owned vehicle are prohibited from using the vehicle for personal use, other than commuting and de minimis personal use (i.e. stopping on the way to or from work to run an errand). The Finance Director will maintain a list of employees assigned a Town-owned vehicle and whether the vehicle is a Qualified Nonpersonal Use Vehicle.

Except for Qualified Nonpersonal Use vehicles defined above, a \$1.50 per one-way commute (home to work or work to home) shall be includable in the employee’s taxable gross income for any Town employee commuting to or from work in a Town-owned vehicle.

The applicable charges will be calculated on a per-pay period basis. Unless the employee demonstrates otherwise, it will be assumed that the employee commuted both to and from work on any given day. This will also be applicable to partial days worked, therefore; \$3.00 per day will be included in the employee’s taxable gross wages based on the number of days worked in the prior pay period to include partial days worked. It is also expected that for a scheduled vacation or known qualified event to take sick time exceeding a day, the Town-owned vehicle will remain on site and not at the employee’s home.

Except for a Town employee's use of qualified non-personal use vehicle, all employees of the town shall not use or permit the use of a Town-owned vehicle for any purpose other than official town business or de minimis personal use.

ARTICLE XXX – ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION POLICY

The Town, in an age of growing technology and electronic communication, implements this policy to clearly define employee expectations and responsibilities.

“System” means all telephones, computers, facsimile machines, voicemail, e-mail, and other electronic communication, copying or data storage systems or equipment leased, owned or in the possession of the Town, including, but not limited to, any computer, computer system, or any storage device or medium that the Town provides to an employee or that is physically or electronically connected to any other part of the System.

“Electronic communication” means all electronic communications, data, software, files, and other information created, modified, located upon, received or transmitted by, or stored upon, any part of the System, including, but not limited to e-mail, voicemail, and Internet usage.

All parts of the System are owned by the Town and/or are provided solely for use in the Town's business activities. All electronic communications are the Town's property. The Town has the right and the ability to monitor and review all electronic communications at any time without notice to its employees or any other party and for any purpose whatsoever.

Town employees may not use the System, or send, receive, create or store electronic communications upon the System, in a manner that is illegal, disruptive to others, or that interferes with the Town's business activities. All Town employees are prohibited from using any part of the System to harass others, or to download, obtain, display, store, receive or transmit:

- a) Any information that is sexually explicit, obscene, or of a sexual nature, that contains libelous or defamatory material, or that would not be permitted on any bulletin located on Town property;
- b) Any ethnic, racial or religious slurs, or anything that is, or may be construed as, disparagement of others based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, religious or political beliefs, or any other basis prohibited by law; or

- c) The System may also not be used to solicit anyone for any commercial, religious, charitable, or political causes, or for outside organizations. Except as otherwise provided below, the System may not be used for any other purpose that is not related to Town business.

E-mail is used to transmit and receive messages internally and externally on matters of business connected to the Town. The occasional employee use of e-mail with permissible content for personal matters is not prohibited, but is discouraged.

Voicemail is used to leave messages for employees regarding matters of a business nature. Voicemail boxes will occasionally be emptied to free up System space.

Internet usage is to be limited to matters of business connected to the Town. The occasional use of the Internet for otherwise permissible personal matters is not prohibited but is discouraged. Any downloading of materials or loading of programs/software onto any part of the System without permission from Town technical staff is prohibited.

ARTICLE XXXI – TRAINING

All town employees will be required to occasionally take trainings as recommended for their positions and as directed by Maine Department of Labor. Some training will be mandatory and maybe assigned a deadline to complete. The cost of training required for employees will be paid for by the Town. Employees who do not complete mandated training may be subjected to disciplinary actions and it will reflect in merit pay raise decisions.

ARTICLE XXXII – INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

SEE APPENDIX B

ARTICLE XXXIII – SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

If any Article, Section or provision of this Policy should be found to be invalid or unenforceable by decision of the courts, only that Article, Section or provision specified in such decision shall be of no force and effect and such decision shall not invalidate any other Article, Section or provision.

Revisions to the policies may occur from time to time, as the Select Board deems necessary. When any of the policies are updated, they supersede the policies in this manual and employees will be provided with copies of the updates.

Personnel Policies in this document are effective as of their date of adoption by the Town Select Board. These personnel policies supersede all existing personnel policies and all existing past practices which are contrary to the purpose and intent of this Handbook.

This manual addresses the basic employment policy of the Town and supersedes all previous manuals and written or implied policies. Occasionally, it may become necessary to modify, change, update, revoke, replace, or even terminate the policies outlined in this manual, and the Town reserves the right to make changes at any time at its discretion. Employees will, of course, be notified of such changes as they occur.

SELECT BOARD APPROVAL

Town of Raymond Personnel Policy updated and approved this 14th day of January 2025, by the Raymond Select Board:

Rolf Olsen, Chair

Teresa Sadak, Vice Chair

Derek Ray

Samuel Gifford

Denis Morse

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Town of Raymond Personnel Policy. I have read the policy and agree to follow the policy.

I am aware that if, at any time, I have questions regarding Town policies I should direct them to my Department Head or the Town Manager. I understand it is my obligation to ask questions and obtain clarification before acting if I have any questions as to the scope and applicability of these policies.

I know that Town policies and other related documents do not form a contract of employment and are not a guarantee by the Town of the conditions and benefits that are described within them. Nevertheless, the provisions of such Town policies are incorporated into the acknowledgement, and I agree that I shall abide by its provisions.

I am also aware that the Town of Raymond, at any time, may on reasonable notice, change, add to, or delete from the provisions of the Town policies for which I will be notified.

Employee's Printed Name

Position

Employee's Signature

Date

APPENDIX A - FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE POLICY

Please note that depending upon the number of employees employed by the Town, and the individual employee's eligibility, the Federal and Maine FMLA, or both, may not apply to the employee. Please consult with the Town Manager or the Town HR Director when applying for FMLA.

A. Federal FMLA

Employees who have worked for the Town for at least twelve (12) months and at least 1,250 hours during their prior twelve (12) months with the Town may be eligible to take up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave (FMLA leave) for the following reasons:

1. Birth of a child of the employee;
2. Placement of a child into the employee's family by adoption or by a foster care arrangement;
3. Care of the employee's spouse, parent, or child who has a serious health condition;
4. Inability of the employee to perform the functions of the employee's position due to a serious health condition;
5. "Military Family Leave" due to "any qualifying exigency" arising out of the fact that the spouse, child, or parent of the employee is on active duty or has been notified of an impending call to active status in either the National Guard or Reserves.

In addition, employees who have worked for the Town for at least twelve (12) months and at least 1,250 hours during the prior twelve (12) months may take up to twenty-six (26) weeks of unpaid "Military Family Leave" leave to care for a seriously injured service member (regular armed forces, National Guard or Reserves) who is the spouse, child, parent or next of kin of the employee. The 26-week period includes any 12-week period permitted for any other qualifying FMLA reason.

B. Maine FMLA

Employees who have worked for the Town for 12 months but for less than 1,250 hours during the past year and are not eligible for Federal FMLA may be eligible for a 10-week Family and Medical Leave under Maine law. Such employees should follow the procedures set forth herein to apply for a Maine FMLA leave.

Maine FMLA law permits family and medical leave to be taken for the following

reasons:

1. Birth of a child of the employee or a child of the employee's domestic partner;
2. Placement of a child under 16 years of age into the employee's family by adoption or by a foster care arrangement;
3. The serious health condition of the employee's spouse, parent, child, sibling (who is jointly responsible with the employee for each other's common welfare as evidenced by joint living arrangements and joint financial arrangements), domestic partner, or domestic partner's child, or the death of one of the aforementioned individuals who is a member of the military and who dies while on active duty.
4. Inability of the employee to perform the functions of the employee's position due to a serious health condition;
5. The donation of an organ by the employee; or
6. The death or serious health condition of the employee's spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling (who is jointly responsible with the employee for each other's common welfare as evidenced by joint living arrangements and joint financial arrangements), or child, if that person is a member of the military and dies or incurs a serious health condition while on active duty.

C. Procedures

Any federal FMLA leave taken by an employee during the preceding twelve (12) month period will be used to determine the amount of available leave pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. For example, if an employee used four weeks of leave beginning February 1, 2013, four weeks of leave beginning June 1, 2013, and four weeks of leave beginning December 1, 2013, the employee would not be entitled to any additional leave until February 1, 2014. On February 1, 2014, the employee would be entitled to four weeks of leave, and on June 1, 2014, the employee would be entitled to an additional four weeks, etc.

The right to FMLA for the birth and/or placement of a child into an employee's family may only be taken within the twelve (12) months after the date of the birth or placement of the child. In the case of unpaid leave for the birth or placement of a child, intermittent leave or working a reduced number of hours is not permitted, unless both the employee and the Town agree. If both spouses are employed by the Town, the combined leave shall not exceed twelve (12) weeks.

For purposes of this policy, a serious health condition means an illness, injury,

impairment or physical or mental condition that involves:

- any period of incapacity or treatment in connection with or consequent to in-patient care in a hospital; hospice or residential medical care facility;
- any period of incapacity requiring absence from work or other regular daily activities for more than three (3) calendar days that also involves continuous treatment by or under the supervision of a healthcare provider; or
- continuous treatment by or under the supervision of a healthcare provider for a chronic long-term health condition that is incurable or so serious that if not treated would result in a period of incapacity of more than three (3) calendar days; or
- prenatal care.

In the case of unpaid FMLA leave for serious health conditions, the leave may be taken intermittently or on a reduced hours basis only if such leave is medically necessary. Where an employee requests intermittent leave or leave on a reduced hours basis due to a family member's or the employee's own serious health condition, the Town has the option, in its sole discretion, to require the employee to transfer to a temporary alternative job for which the employee is qualified and which better accommodates the intermittent leave or reduced hours leave than the employee's regular job. The temporary position will have equivalent pay and benefits as the employee's regular job.

Employees are required to use their available vacation time during any unpaid FMLA leave period, and available sick/personal time is required to be used when unpaid family leave is taken because of the employee's serious health condition. In the case of family leave due to reasons other than the employee's serious health condition, the employee may opt to use available sick/personal time. The remainder of the FMLA leave will be unpaid.

Employees out on paid Worker's Compensation leave or paid Disability Leave may elect to use available sick and/or vacation leave during their absence, but are not required to do so.

When the necessity of leave is foreseeable due to the expected birth or placement of a child, the employee must provide the Town at least thirty (30) days' notice of the employee's intention to take leave. If the date of birth or placement of a child requires the employee's leave to begin in less than thirty (30) days from the date of notice to the Town, the employee must provide such notice as soon as practical. Where the necessity for leave is due to a family member's or an employee's own serious health condition and is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment, the employee must:

- give at least thirty (30) days' notice, or as soon as practical if treatment starts in less than thirty (30) days; and
- make a reasonable effort to schedule the treatment so as not to unduly disrupt the operation of the Town, subject to the approval of the healthcare provider.

Where the need for leave is unforeseeable, the employee must give notice as soon as practical. Any FMLA leave request based on a family member's or employee's own serious health condition must be supported by certification from a healthcare provider. Fifteen calendar days will be allowed to provide the certification. Certification from the healthcare provider must contain:

- the date the serious health condition began;
- the possible duration of the condition;
- the appropriate medical facts regarding the condition;
- if the leave is based on the care of a spouse, child or parent, a statement that the employee is needed to provide the care and an estimate of the amount of time that need will continue;
- if the leave is based on the employee's own serious health condition, a statement that the employee is unable to perform the functions of his/her job;
- in the case of intermittent leave or leave on a reduced hours basis for planned medical treatment, the date and duration of the treatment should be specified; and
- in the case of intermittent leave or leave on a reduced hours basis for medical conditions that do not necessarily involve planned medical treatment, an estimate as to the anticipated frequency and timing of the absences should be given.

During FMLA leaves of absence, the Town will continue to pay its portion of the health insurance premium, if any, and the employee must continue to pay his/her share of the premium, if any, including family plan premiums. Failure of the employee to pay his/her share of the health insurance premium may result in loss of coverage. If the employee does not return to work after the expiration of any unpaid FMLA leave, the employee may be required to reimburse the Town for payment of health insurance premiums during the family leave, unless the employee does not return because of the presence of a serious health condition which prevents the employee from performing his/her job or circumstances beyond the control of the employee.

During FMLA leave, the employee shall not accrue employment benefits, such as vacation pay, sick pay, pension, etc. Employment benefits accrued by the employee up to the day on which the family leave of absence begins will not be lost.

The Town may require an employee on FMLA leave to report periodically on his/her status and the intention of the employee to return to work, and also periodic recertification of the medical condition. An employee taking leave due to the employee's serious health condition is required to obtain certification that the employee is able to resume work prior to the return from any FMLA leave. Employees with chronic or continuing health issues may be required to provide recertification every six (6) months.

Employees who return to work from FMLA leave within or on the business day following the expiration of the ten/twelve/twenty-six (10/12/26) weeks are entitled to return to their job or an equivalent position without loss of benefits or pay.

Upon returning to work from a FMLA leave within or on the business day following the expiration of the (10/12/26) weeks, up to two vacation days may be taken during the next 90 days.

Applications for FMLA leave must be submitted in writing and signed by the employee's immediate supervisor. Applications should be submitted at least thirty (30) days before the leave is to commence or as soon as possible if thirty (30) days' notice is not possible. All necessary forms are available from the Town Manager or his designee. Appropriate forms must be submitted to the Town Manager and/or his designee to initiate a family leave and to return the employee to active status.

Each employee taking leave that meets the requirements for FMLA leave will be provided the "Response to Your Request for Leave" form. Other forms relating to FMLA leave can be obtained from the Town office.

APPENDIX B - INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

A. Purpose

This is to establish the policy of the Town for managing infectious disease issues as they relate to employees and/or prospective employees including but not limited to the following diseases: AIDS, Chickenpox, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Impetigo, Measles, Mumps, Pertussis, and Parasitic Infestations. Any employee or volunteer who could or does come into contact with bodily fluids while performing their job as a Town employee or volunteer, should immediately reference the Town Exposure Control Plan. Copies of the Exposure Control Plan are available in the Town Manager's office, as well as in the Police, Fire/Rescue, Public Works and Community Services Departments.

B. Policy

1. It is the policy of the Town to assure to the extent possible a safe and beautiful work environment.
2. It is also the policy of the Town to ensure full compliance with state, federal, and local requirements dealing with infectious diseases.
3. Town procedures shall comply with the Center for Disease Control recommendations for specific infectious diseases. These recommendations will be available through the employee's Department Head.
4. It is the obligation of all Town employees to take all reasonable precautions to protect themselves, co-workers, clients and the public from infectious diseases.
5. The Town shall make available to all employees and volunteers who have occupational exposure the Hepatitis B vaccination series and post-exposure evaluation and follow-up. Please reference the Town Exposure Control Plan for detailed information on necessary procedure to follow.

C. Procedures

1. The Town will not discriminate against employees and or prospective employees with infectious diseases who are otherwise qualified to perform their job functions with reasonable accommodation. Employees with infectious diseases will be treated under existing policies, state, federal, and local requirements, and collective bargaining agreements.
2. Where allowed by law, the Town retains the right to test employees for infectious diseases.
3. The Town must maintain confidentiality regarding an employee's health status, and does not have a duty to inform other individuals or organizations unless required by law.

4. Upon medical confirmation of an infectious disease that may be a threat to the public health, the affected employee has the responsibility to notify the Town's Personnel Administrator, and to carry out his or her assigned duties if reasonable accommodations can be made.
5. Upon notification by an employee that an infectious disease has been confirmed and is a threat to the public health, the Personnel Administrator will:
 - a. Secure, if possible, all appropriate releases for information from the employee and notify those individuals for whom those releases have been acquired.
 - b. Assist in the identification of reasonable accommodations to be made, if any.
 - c. Assist individual departments, if necessary, in complying with this policy.
 - d. Then Town will treat all occupational infectious disease injuries or illnesses according to state law.
6. The Town will provide appropriate education opportunities and current informational material on infectious disease issues, including prevention, protection, control measures, and treatment practices.
7. Individual departments have the right to develop protocols regarding infectious disease control provided that those protocols conform to this policy.
8. An employee cannot refuse to carry out his or her assigned duties when dealing with a co-worker or a member of the public with an infectious disease unless that individual makes a threat of harm to the employee. Failure to adhere to this procedure will result in disciplinary action.

D. Accidental Needle Stick Procedure

Police, fire, rescue and solid waste personnel have the highest risk of exposure to needles and syringes. Exposure to a used, contaminated needle places an employee at risk for contracting an infectious disease. In the event of an accidental puncture with a contaminated needle, the procedure is as follows:

1. Wash the puncture site thoroughly with soap/disinfectant and water.
2. Report the incident to your supervisor.
3. Police, fire or rescue personnel must notify the medical facility receiving the patient of the incident.
4. Complete Incident and/or Workers Compensation forms.

5. Establish your potential exposure risk to infectious diseases.

6. Notify your Department Head to establish your:

- a) Tetanus status,
- b) Hepatitis B status, and
- c) HIV exposure.

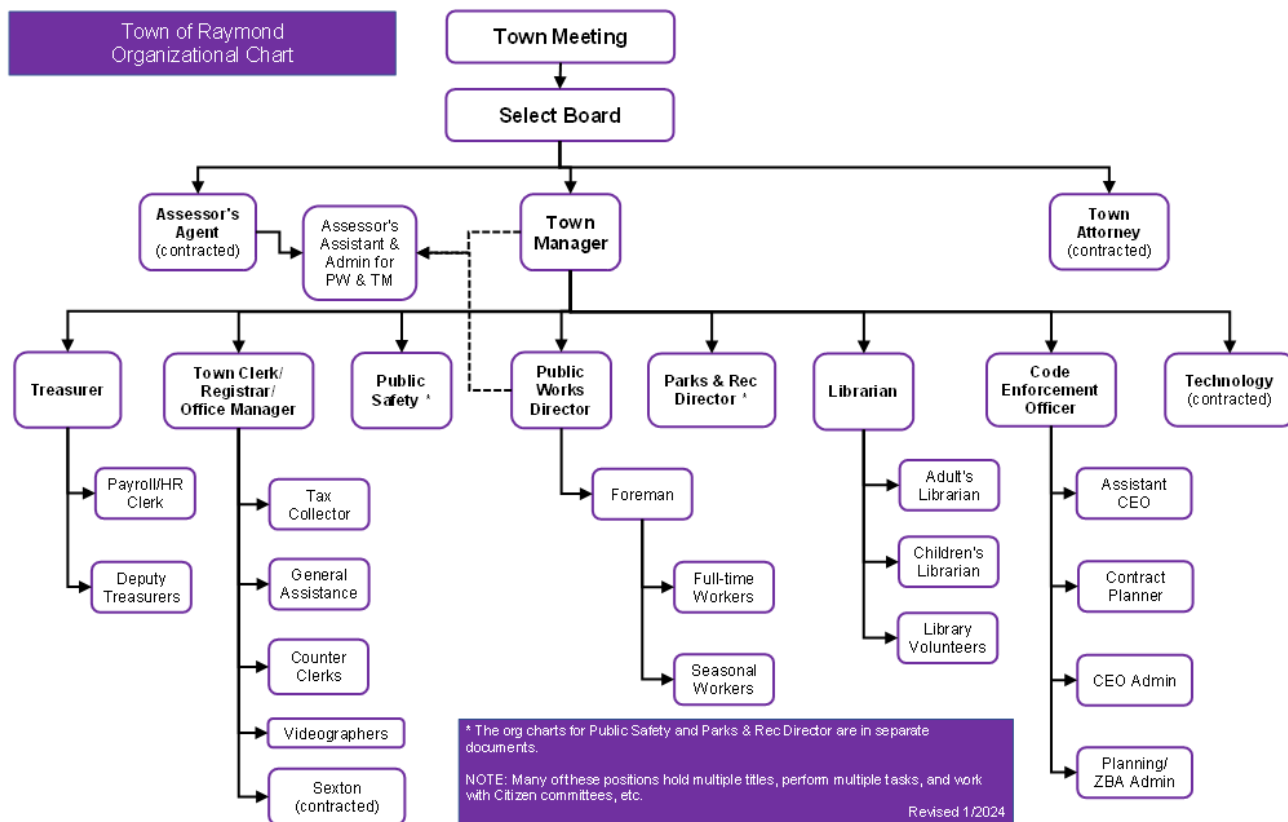
7. Seek further medical attention if necessary.

E. Procedure for Exposure to AIDS Infection

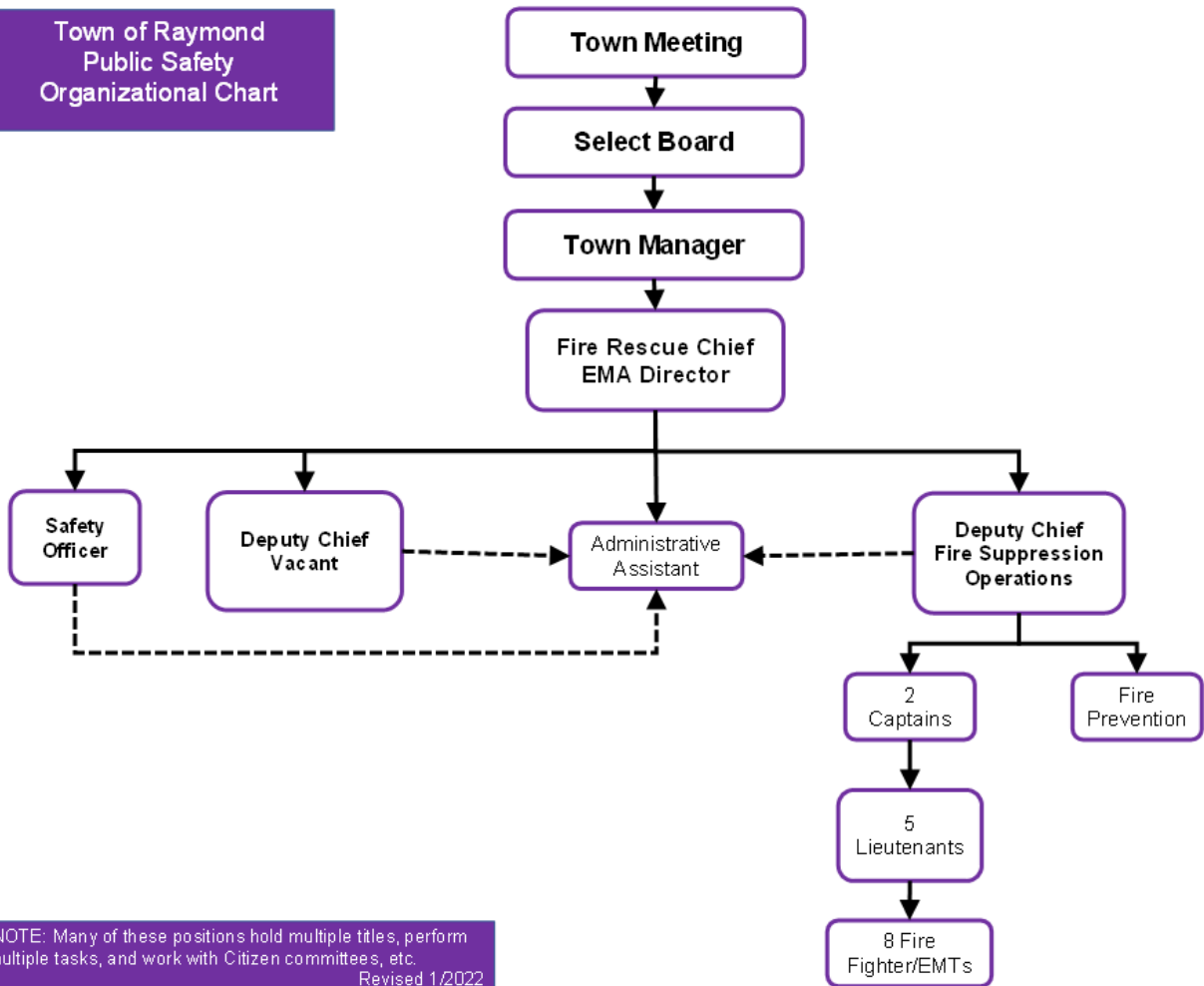
If a Town employee is exposed to the blood or body-fluid of a known or highly suspected AIDS infected person:

1. Wash the exposed areas thoroughly with soap and water. Clean any spills with one (1) part bleach to ten (10) parts water solution.
2. Report the incident to your supervisor.
3. Complete the Incident and Workers Compensation forms.
4. Notify your Department Head as soon as possible to schedule an appointment for a voluntary blood test.
5. The blood test will be drawn within two weeks of the incident, six months later, and nine months later. The blood test is sent to the Maine Public Health Division in Augusta. Results are received approximately one week later. You will be notified of the test results.
6. If all three specimens are negative, you are considered not to be infected.
7. Counseling occurs with each visit or when requested, and is also available to family members and co-workers.
8. Emotional counseling is available through a counselor of the employee's choice and to be provided by the Town.
9. Strict confidence will be maintained in all incidents unless appropriate medical and/or information releases have been obtained.

APPENDIX C – ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS



**Town of Raymond
Public Safety
Organizational Chart**

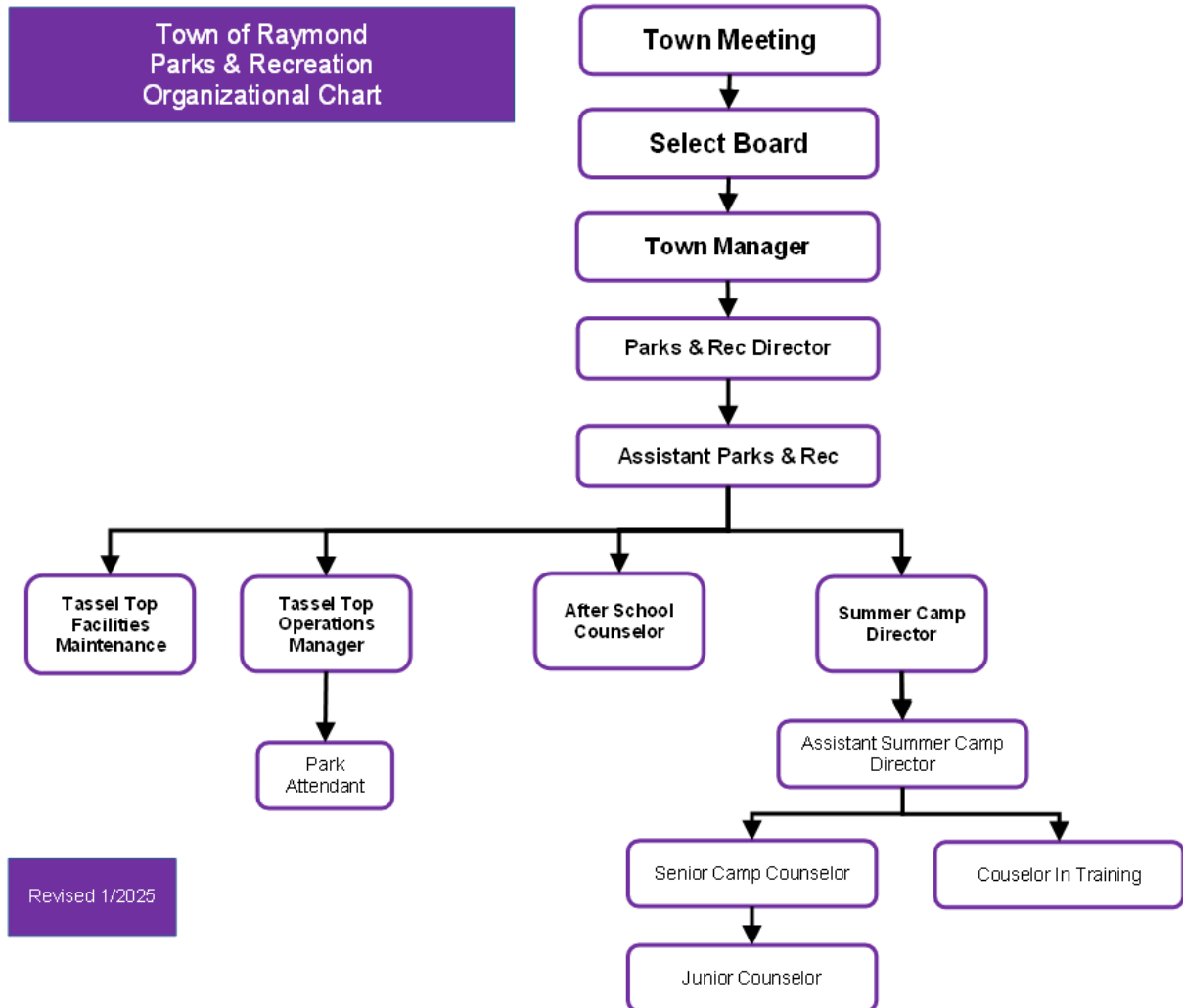


NOTE: Many of these positions hold multiple titles, perform multiple tasks, and work with Citizen committees, etc.
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Proposed Town Boards, Committees and Commissions Update

TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & COMMISSIONS MEMBERSHIP

Adopted March 1980

Amended March 1982

Amended June 5, 2018

Amended November 13, 2018

Amended June xx, 2025

Purpose. This Ordinance shall govern the membership of the boards, committees and commissions of the Town of Raymond specified herein.

Elected Officials. No person shall hold more than one elective office of the Town, i.e. as a member of the Board of Selectmen, the RSU #14 Board of Directors or the Budget and Finance Committee. No person holding one such elective office shall be a voting or associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals or the Planning Board of the Town of Raymond. However, a person holding an elective office may serve as a non-voting, ex-officio member of any body as otherwise specifically provided by ordinance and may serve as the moderator at any Town Meeting.

Conflict of Interest. All members will abide by the rules for Conflict of Interest pursuant to 30-A MRSA §2605.

Meeting Notice. In keeping with the “ample notice” mentioned in 1 MRSA §406, all regularly scheduled meetings will be posted at least 7 days prior to the meeting. It is the Chair’s, or the Chair’s designee’s, responsibility to send the draft agenda to the Town Clerk at least 8 days prior to the meeting for posting and disbursement. Any associated materials for the meeting will be sent to board/committee members and posted by the Friday prior to the meeting.

Standard of Conduct

I) PURPOSE

The Town encourages that all Board, Commission and Committee members maintain respectful discourse with their fellow elected and/or appointed members, with those who work for the Town, those who volunteer their time and services on behalf of the Town, and members of the public by striving at every meeting, forum or other official interaction to treat every person fairly and with respect regardless of any differences of opinion.

This policy provides a centralized standard of conduct for all Board, Commission and Committee members in the Town.

II) APPLICABILITY

This policy shall apply to all elected and appointed members of Boards, Commissions and Committees serving the Town, and covers all their actions related to official Town business.

III) CODE OF CONDUCT

All members of Boards, Commissions and Committees of the Town are expected to act honestly, conscientiously, reasonably and in good faith, always having regard to their responsibilities, the interests of the Town and the welfare of its residents.

A) Conduct Generally and in Relation to the Community

The following guidelines are to be followed in relation to a member's conduct generally and in relation to the community:

- Remember that you are seen as a representative of the Town of Raymond and you should conduct yourself accordingly in the community.
- Recognize that the chief function of local government always is to serve the best interests of all residents of the community.
- Demonstrate respect for the public that you serve.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that imparts public confidence in our local government and your position in it.
- Be well-informed concerning the local and state duties of a board/commission/committee member.
- Accept your position as a means of unselfish public service, not to benefit personally, professionally, or financially from your board/commission/committee position.
- Unless specifically exempted, conduct the business of the public in a manner that promotes open and transparent government.
- Recognize that action at official legal meetings is binding and that you alone cannot bind the board/commission/committee outside of such meetings.
- Refrain from making statements or promises as to how you will vote on matters that will come before the board/commission/committee until you have had an opportunity to hear the pros and cons of the issue during a public meeting.

The following actions may be cause for accountability review by the Select Board under Section IV of this policy:

- Purporting to represent the opinion of your board/commission/committee when not specifically authorized by a recorded vote to do so.
- Failing to safeguard, or publicly sharing, confidential information.
- Failing to comply with all applicable Town policies, including, without limitation, the following:

- Prohibition on Harassment and Discrimination: Harassment and discrimination are prohibited; this includes harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, age, ancestry, national origin, or familial status, and any other status protected by federal and state law.
- Failing to comply with all applicable laws, including, without limitation, the following:
 - (a) The Freedom of Access Act (1 M.R.S. §§ 401 et seq.)
 - (b) The Conflicts of Interest Statute (30-A M.R.S. § 2605)

B) Conduct in Relation to Other Members of Boards and Committees

The following guidelines are to be followed in relation to a board/commission/committee member's conduct in relation to other elected and appointed officials:

- Treat all members of the board/commission/committee to which you belong with respect despite differences of opinion; keeping in mind that professional respect does not preclude honest differences of opinion but requires respect within those differences.
- Participate and interact in official meetings with dignity and decorum fitting those who hold a position of public trust.
- Recognize your responsibility to attend all meetings to assure a quorum and promptly notify the chairperson should you for any reason be unable or unwilling to continue to serve.
- Make decisions only after all facts on a question have been presented and discussed.

The following actions may be cause for accountability review by the Select Board under Section IV of this policy:

- Making false, slanderous or libelous statements about another elected or appointed official.
- Failing to uphold the confidentiality of an executive session by publicly sharing the privileged communications occurring within that executive session.
- Attempting outside of public meetings to bind your board/commission/committee to actions without express authority to do so.

C) Conduct in Relation to the Town Manager

The following guidelines are to be followed in relation to a board/commission/committee member's conduct in relation to the Town Manager:

- Refrain from giving orders or directions to the Town Manager for action as an individual board/commission/committee member.
- Recognize and support the administrative chain of command and refuse to act on complaints as an individual outside the administration.

- Give the Town Manager full responsibility for discharging his or her disposition and/or solutions.
- Refrain from providing information to the Town Manager that you would not be willing to share with other board/commission/committee members.

The following actions may be cause for accountability review by the Select Board under Section IV of this policy:

- Giving orders or directions to the Town Manager for action as an individual board/commission/committee member.

D) Conduct in Relation to Town Staff

The following guidelines are to be followed in relation to a board/commission/committee member's relation to Town Staff:

- Treat all Town staff as a vital asset of your local government and the work of your board/commission/committee. Recognize them as professionals and respect the abilities, experience, and dignity of everyone.
- As part of your board/commission/committee work, channel all instructions to, or requests for assistance from, Town staff through the Town Manager.
- Concerns about staff performance should only be made to the Town Manager through private communication.
- Board/commission/committee members who interact with Town staff must do so in a respectful manner and understand employees have been instructed not to take direction from any individual member on any matter.

The following actions would be cause for accountability review by the Select Board under Section IV:

- Disrespecting, or trying to obstruct, a Town employee in the course of their official Town duties.
- Subverting the administrative chain of command to give orders or direction to employees under the purview of the Town Manager.

IV) ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES AND REVIEW

- A) All board/commission/committee members must sign a statement affirming that they will observe and uphold the standards of this policy upon taking office or accepting appointment.**

- B) If a board/commission/committee member believes that another member has violated this policy, they should first attempt to informally address and resolve the matter with the other member, if appropriate.**
- C) Selectpersons as well as Chairs of Boards, Commissions, and Committees have the responsibility to intervene when actions of members appear to violate this policy.**
- D) Complaints from any member of a Board, Commission or Committee shall go directly to the Select Board. Complaints from the public may be directed to the Select Board or the Town Manager, who may consult with one another and/or the Town Attorney. Only the Select Board Chair or Town Manager may consult the Town Attorney.**
- If the issue is not resolved, the complaining member may request an executive session with the Select Board to discuss their complaint, in accordance with 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(A).
 - The Board, Commission or Committee member against whom the complaint is made shall be given reasonable advance notice of the meeting at which the matter will be discussed, shall have the right to be heard, and shall have the right to request that the hearing be conducted in open session.
- E) For Select Board related concerns, the following actions should take place:**
- If a Selectperson believes another Selectperson has violated this policy, they should first attempt to informally address and resolve the matter with the other member, if appropriate.
 - If the issue is not resolved, the complaining Selectperson may ask for an executive session to discuss their complaint, in accordance with 1 M.R.S. § 405(6)(A).
 - The Selectperson against whom the complaint is made shall be given reasonable advance notice of the meeting at which the matter will be discussed, shall have the right to be heard, and shall have the right to request that the hearing be conducted in open session.
- F) Accountability Actions**
- Once a complaint against a Board, Commission or Committee member has been heard by the Select Board, and the member who is the subject of the complaint has been given notice and an opportunity to be heard, the Select Board may move and vote by majority to take one the following actions:
- Reprimand of appointed members, with recommendations for actions in the event of future violations;
 - Formal censure of elected members; or
 - Removal of appointed members for cause, in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. § 2601.

V) SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this policy is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this policy.