



SELECT BOARD Agenda

March 11, 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.

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

Select Board members absent: Rolf Olsen (Chair)

Town Staff in attendance: Joseph Crocker (Parks & Recreation Director); Richard Dowe (Library Director); Melanie Fernald (Town Clerk); Sue Look (Town Manager); Bruce Tupper (Fire Chief); Nathan White (Public Works Director)

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

2) Minutes of previous meetings

a) January 31, 2025

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

b) February 11, 2025

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

3) Old Business

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

- Via secret ballot or at Open Town Meeting

The following individuals spoke:

Jennifer Danzig, Pulpit Rock Road
Benjamin Krauter, Sloans Cover Road
Peter Leavitt, Leavitt Road
Shawn McKillop, Main Street

The idea was raised to change the dates for the Public Hearings from what is currently scheduled, and to hold one on a Saturday.

Motion to hold two open forum style public hearings and to vote on the articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as a secret ballot by Mr. Ray. Seconded by Ms. Sadak

Unanimously approved.

4) New Business

a) Consideration of Comprehensive Plan Draft – Select Board

Co-Chair Kaela Gonzalez clarified that the Comprehensive Plan is our document, and as long as we do not make any changes to the State-mandated portions, the Select Board is able to make changes to the document.

Co-Chair Peter Leavitt noted that he handed out a copy of the edits in response to what the Select Board Chair has suggested – remove the mention of specific organization names and replace with more generic descriptions of their function instead, remove specific sites for projects and instead describe project visions, and to correct some of the delegation of tasks that were assigned outside that group's scope.

The decision was made to table this item until the March 18th meeting for further review.

b) Consideration of Appointing JSMS Visioning Committee – Sue Look, Town Manager

- Lauren Wallace – 36 Pulpit Rock Rd – Lions Club, RVL Treasurer, Food Pantry volunteer, Age Friendly Raymond, etc.
- Deborah Clark – 25 Granite Ridge Dr – Professional Librarian
- Grace Leavitt – 2 Leavitt Rd – Retired Educator, RSU #14 BOD
- Mark Childs – 60 Tenny Hill Rd – Director of Construction, Planning Board
- Pete Lockwood – 139 Mountain Rd – Assistant Scout Master, ZBA member
- Kaela Gonzalez – 518 Webbs Mills Rd – Comp Plan Co-Chair, Raymond PTO
- Evee Dupuis – 475 Webbs Mills Rd – Small business owner, animal rescue
- Susan Accardi – 129 Deep Cove Rd – Retired Nurse
- Ben Krauter – Sloans Cove Road* added after the agenda was created.
- Staff Members: Joe Crocker, Interim Town Manager; Richard Dowe, Librarian; Deborah Tarr, Age Friendly Raymond; Mel Fernald, Town Clerk; Nathan White, Public Works Director

This committee's meetings will be televised/recorded – instructed to get ideas back to Select Board in 60 days. Reminded that this committee is tasked with brainstorming ideas of what can be put in the building, without consideration of costs.

Motion to appoint the JSMS Visioning Committee as noted above by Mr. Morse.

Seconded by Mr. Ray

Unanimously approved

c) Consideration of Appointing a Freedom of Access Officer – Sue Look, Town Manager

- Melanie Fernald, Town Clerk

Motion to appoint by Mr. Morse. Seconded by Mr. Ray

Unanimously approved

5) **Public Comment**

Vice Chair Sadak opened the floor for Public Comment. The following individuals spoke:

Brian Walker, Rolfe Road
Peter Leavitt, Leavitt Road
Jennifer Danzig, Pulpit Rock Road
Don Willard, Raymond Hill Road
Sue Accardi, Deep Cove Road
Frank McDermott, McDermott Road
Benjamin Krauter, Sloans Cove Road

6) **Selectman Comment**

Mr. Ray, encouraged residents to take advantage of the opportunities to gain knowledge.

Mr. Morse, encourages transparency and clearer communication

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

a) Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings

- April 8, 2025
- May 13, 2025

b) Upcoming Budget Meetings

- Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – Warrant article review/recommendations – 6:00pm
- Thursday, April 3, 2025 – Final Warrant Approval – 6:00pm
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - Public Hearing #1(possibly to be rescheduled) - 6:00pm
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - Public Hearing #2(possibly to be rescheduled) - 6:00pm
- Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – Annual Town Meeting Vote at JSMS Gym – 7am-8pm

8) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 6:48pm by Mr. Morse. Seconded by Mr. Ray.

Unanimously approved