



SELECT BOARD Meeting Minutes

July 8, 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: Denis Morse (Chair), Kaela Gonzalez (Vice Chair), Samuel Gifford, Chris Hanson, Derek Ray (joined at 6:40pm)

Select Board members absent:

Town Staff in attendance: Joseph Crocker (Town Manager), Mel Fernald (Town Clerk), Wayne Jones (Fire Inspector), Riley Silvia (Parks & Recreation Director),

1) **Called regular meeting to order** at 6:09pm by Chair Morse with a quorum present.

2) Workshops

- Raymond Community Resilience Partnership – presentation by North Star Planning & Siler Climate Consulting
[see video for specifics]

- Discussion on Community Events and How to Implement them

Motion to table this item until the next meeting by Ms. Gonzalez. Seconded by Mr. Hanson

Unanimously approved

3) New Business

a) **Consideration of Accepting the Resignation from Budget-Finance Committee**

- Chris Hanson must step down from Budget-Finance Committee as he has been elected to the Select Board and cannot hold two elected positions

Motion to accept the resignation of Chris Hanson from Budget-Finance Committee by Ms. Gonzalez. Seconded by Mr. Gifford.

The vacancy will be advertised for 30 days to collect citizen interest and the Budget-Finance Committee will review the applicants and will give their recommendation to the Select Board for appointment at their September meeting.

Motion carries (4-0-1 Hanson abstained)

b) **Consideration of Warrant for Special Town Meeting** for the Adoption of the 2025 Town of Raymond Comprehensive Plan

Approval of the warrant is the next step in preparing for the Special Town Meeting
Motion to approve the warrant for the Special Town Meeting by Ms. Gonzalez.
Seconded by Mr. Gifford.

Unanimously approved

c) JSMS Vision Committee Presentation

Town Manager Joe Crocker gave the Committee's presentation on their work
[see video for specifics]

The following individuals spoke:

Grace Leavitt

Shawn McKillop

d) Consideration of Liquor License Renewal – Fishermen's Catch

Fire Inspector Wayne Jones noted that there were only a couple of small things of note in the inspection. Will revisit to follow up. Conditional approval is suggested.

The following individuals spoke:

Brian Walker

Fire Inspector Wayne Jones

Motion to approve contingent upon completion of items in the Fire Inspector's report by Ms. Gonzalez. Seconded by Mr. Gifford

Unanimously approved

4) Public Comment

Chair Morse opened the floor for Public Comment; the following individuals spoke:

Peter Leavitt, Leavitt Road

Grace Leavitt, Leavitt Road

Debby Tarr, Age Friendly Raymond

Frank McDermott, McDermott Road

5) Selectman Comment

Chair Morse opened the floor for Select Board Comment; the following members spoke:

Chair Morse

Vice Chair Kaela Gonzalez

Chris Hanson

Samuel Gifford

6) Town Manager's Report and Communications

Public Safety has their final truck inspection on their new truck.

Public Works is working on the four-way intersection at Ganderbrook, they will put out speed signs after that project.

Riley Silvia is the new Parks & Recreation Director, working to support a staff member who just lost their father.

Tassel Top revenues and Parks & Recreation revenues are up, due to greater capacity at Tassel Top and the new after school program by the Recreation Department.

a) Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings

- August 12, 2025 – Regular Meeting, Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan & Special Town Meeting to accept the Comprehensive Plan
- September 9 16, 2025 – Regular Meeting (discussion around changing the date of the September meeting from September 9th to September 16th. Further discussion around holding a workshop before the regular meeting on September 16th.)

b) Upcoming Holiday Closings

Labor Day - Monday, September 1st (Town Office is closed on Mondays)

7) **Executive Session(s)**

a) Consultation with Legal Counsel – pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E)

Motion to enter Executive Session as captioned above at 8:17pm by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Gifford

Mr. Hanson recused himself due to a conflict, as advised by the Town's Legal Counsel.

Unanimously approved

Motion to exit Executive Session at 9:29pm by Mr. Gifford. Seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.

Unanimously approved

8) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:29pm by Ms. Gonzalez. Seconded by Mr. Gifford

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted
Melanie Fernald, Town Clerk