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Dear Citizens of Raymond,

As you are well aware most processes and activities have had to change due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Annual Town Meeting is no exception.

Since we are not able to have gatherings of more than 50 people, Annual Town Meeting will not be able to be held as an "open" Town Meeting – where motions are made on each article from the floor and citizens are allowed to discuss and ask questions before the vote. Instead, due to changes that the Governor decreed allowable during the pandemic, the articles of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant will be voted via secret ballot on July 14, 2020, in the same manner as the election of municipal officials. There were several budget workshops, meetings, and a public hearing in February, March, and May where the public was invited to have input.

By necessity the details for some of the warrant articles could not be printed on the ballot and there is an addendum to these articles that is printed in the Annual Town Warrant Book and will be available online, at the Town Office upon request, and at the polls on Election Day.

While we know that this is not the way we normally conduct business, it is the only way we could consider the proposed changes, especially to the ordinances (some of which are necessary to comply with changes at the State level). Once we get past the pandemic and see what the "new normal" will be, we are hopeful that we will be able to go back to holding open Town Meeting.

Thank you for your understanding during this difficult and often confusing time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Willard".

Don Willard, Town Manager