

**SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF RAYMOND
REFERENDUM ELECTION
JUNE 14, 2022**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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YES

Referendum Question A: To see if the Town will vote to:

NO

1. Set the date the 1st half of taxes due to October 31, 2022, and the 2nd half of taxes due to April 30, 2023; and

2. Set the interest rate for unpaid balances and for abated taxes at four percent (4%) for the fiscal year;

3. Authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506, with no interest; and

4. Authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any property acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes pursuant to the policy adopted by the Select Board, as may be amended from time to time, the policy to remain consistent with State statutes and laws; in all cases conveyance to be made by municipal quitclaim deed.

Select Board recommends Question A
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question A

YES

Referendum Question B: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,166,464

NO

for General Government Services (Administration; Employee Compensation and Training; Insurances, Worker Comp and Benefits; Assessing; Code Enforcement; Parks & Recreation; Technology; and General Assistance).

Select Board recommends Question B
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question B

YES

Referendum Question C: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,353,910

NO

Public Works.

Select Board recommends Question C
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question C

YES

Referendum Question D: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,207,714

NO

Public Safety.

Select Board recommends Question D
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question D

YES

Referendum Question E: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to

NO

dispose of Town owned personal property with value not to exceed \$35,000.

Select Board recommends Question E
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question E

YES

Referendum Question F: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to

NO

appropriate from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to meet the unanticipated needs of the community that occur during the fiscal year and/or to adjust the tax rate as the Select Board deem advisable, an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Select Board recommends Question F
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question F

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- YES Referendum Question G: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer funds between appropriation accounts as long as the grand total of all appropriation is not exceeded, any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Select Board.
- NO
- Select Board recommends Question G
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question G

- YES Referendum Question H: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to:
- NO
- Allow Town Staff to make application for and execute any documents related to a grant;
 - Accept or reject grants, donations and/or gifts of money to the Town of Raymond; and
 - Authorize the expenditure of monies awarded, donated and/or gifted for the purposes specified in the grant, donation, and/or gift.
- Select Board recommends Question H
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question H

- YES Referendum Question I: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to reduce the property tax commitment as the Select Board deem advisable an amount not to exceed \$200,000.
- NO
- Select Board recommends Question I
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question I

- YES Referendum Question J: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$420,000 from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2022-2023 project proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program (for details see Addendum 1).
- NO
- Select Board recommends Question J
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question J

- YES Referendum Question K: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Tassel Top Park Enterprise fund the amount of \$109,210 for the administration of activities at the Park, and to allocate all revenues generated by Park operations to be recorded in and retained by the Tassel Top Park Enterprise fund.
- NO
- Select Board recommends Question K
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question K

- YES Referendum Question L: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$299,550 for Debt Services.
- NO
- Select Board recommends Question L
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question L

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Referendum Question M: To see if the Town will vote to:

NO

1. Authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 on such terms as they deem advisable for the purpose of purchasing a new Rescue Pumper truck, and
2. Raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$58,064 for the payment due in fiscal year 2022-2023.

Treasurer's Statement

Total Indebtedness as of June 30, 2022:

Outstanding Principal Balance	\$ 855,000
Authorized but unissued debt	\$ 0
New Debt to be issued if Article 15 passes	\$ 500,000
Total Debt Outstanding if Article 15 passes	\$1,355,000

Costs:

The projected interest rate is a maximum rate of 3.49% per annum and for a (10) ten-year term the estimated costs of this lease purchase will be as follows:

Principal	\$500,000
Interest	\$ 80,634
Total Debt Service	\$580,634

Validity Disclaimer:

The validity and voters' ratification of the new debt may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the new debt varies from the estimate, the ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the new debt is not affected by reason of the variance.

Respectfully,

Charisse A. Keach
Finance Director

Select Board recommends Question M
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question M

YES

Referendum Question N: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$890,000 for the Capital Improvement Program.

NO

Select Board recommends Question N
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question N

YES

Referendum Question O: To see whether the Town will vote to carry forward any existing fund balance in the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) accounts, the Healthcare Reimbursement Accounts (H.R.A.), and the Employee Compensation Account.

NO

Select Board recommends Question O
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question O

YES

Referendum Question P: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$817,347 for the County Tax.

NO

Select Board recommends Question P
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question P

YES

Referendum Question Q: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 for Provider Agencies and Regional Transportation.

NO

Select Board recommends Question Q
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question Q

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- YES **Referendum Question R:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$1,631,800 from estimated non-property tax revenues to reduce the property tax commitment, together with all categories of funds, which may be available from the federal government, and any other sources.

Select Board recommends Question R
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question R

- YES **Referendum Question S:** To see if the Town will vote to accept certain State Funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and any other funds provided by any other entity included but not limited to:
- Municipal Revenue Sharing
 - Local Road Assistance
 - Emergency Management Assistance
 - Snowmobile Registration Money
 - Homestead Exemption
 - Tree Growth Reimbursement
 - General Assistance Reimbursement
 - Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
 - Business Equipment Tax Exemption (B.E.T.E.) Reimbursement
 - State Grant or Other Funds

Select Board recommends Question S
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question S

- YES **Referendum Question T:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Town employees and/or Town owned equipment or independent contractor(s) hire by the Town for maintenance on private roads in special and certain circumstances where in the public's interest.

Select Board recommends Question T
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question T

- YES **Referendum Question U:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the money received from the State for snowmobile registration, not to exceed \$2,000, to the Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club for maintenance of their network of snowmobile trails, on condition that those trails be open in snow season to the public for outdoor recreation purposes at no charge, and to authorize the municipal officers to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the municipal officers may deem advisable, for that purpose.

Select Board recommends Question U
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question U

- YES **Referendum Question V:** To see if the Town will:
- NO 1. Accept as a conditional gift from the Raymond Village Library ("RVL") the assets of RVL including the land, building, books and all personal property, and all monetary assets as of June 30, 2022, minus \$15,000 for start-up costs (total net estimated as of April 4, 2022, is approximately \$195,000), as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between RVL and the Town of Raymond signed 10/12/2021 (available for view at the Raymond Town Office upon request), such funds to be set aside in a non-lapsing Town account separate from the general fund and to be used for library purposes only;
2. Establish the Library as a Town Department;
3. Appropriate \$60,000 from the non-lapsing Town library account to be used for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the new Library Department; and
4. Also, to raise and appropriate \$135,876 for the new Library Department?

Select Board recommends Question V
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question V

- YES **Referendum Question W:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$66,000 for the Raymond Village Library, such funds to be raised and appropriated **ONLY** in the event Article 24 does not pass?

Planning Board recommends Question W
Select Board recommends Question W

- YES **Referendum Question X:** LD1: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,401,749.27 established for the Town of Raymond by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.
- NO Planning Board recommends Question X
Select Board recommends Question X

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- YES** **Referendum Question Y:** Non-binding referendum. Do you support allowing adult use and medical marijuana establishments to operate in the Town of Raymond and the development of an ordinance to regulate the location and operation of those uses?
- NO**

- YES** **Referendum Question Z:** Shall Article 6(B)(1)(b) "Powers and Duties" and Article 6(D) "Reduction from Minimum Setbacks" of the Land Use Ordinance as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021; and Section 16(G)(2) "Variance Appeals" of the Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 2?
- NO**

Planning Board recommends Question Z
Select Board recommends Question Z

- YES** **Referendum Question AA:** Shall Article 9 "Minimum Standards" and Article 12 "Applicability and Definition of Terms Used in this Ordinance" of the Land Use Ordinance as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021; and Section 17 "Definitions" of the Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 3?
- NO**

Planning Board recommends Question AA
Select Board recommends Question AA

- YES** **Referendum Question AB:** Shall Article 9(A) "Conditional Uses" and Article 12 "Applicability and Definition of Terms Used in this Ordinance" of the Land Use Ordinance as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 4?
- NO**

Planning Board recommends Question AB
Select Board recommends Question AB

- YES** **Referendum Question AC:** Shall Article 12 "Applicability and Definition of Terms Used in this Ordinance" of the Land Use Ordinance as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021; and Section 17 "Definitions" of the Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021; and Article 3 "Definitions" of the Subdivision Regulations, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 4, 2019, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 5?
- NO**

Planning Board recommends Question AC
Select Board recommends Question AC

- YES** **Referendum Question AD:** Shall Article 10(3)(B)(5)&(6) "Layout" of the Subdivision Regulations, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 4, 2019, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 6?
- NO**

Planning Board recommends Question AD
Select Board recommends Question AD

- YES** **Referendum Question AE:** Shall Article 4 "District Regulations" of the Land Use Ordinance as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021; and Section 14 "Table of Land Uses" of the Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 7?
- NO**

Planning Board recommends Question AE
Select Board recommends Question AE

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- YES **Referendum Question AF:** Shall Article 12 "Applicability and Definition of terms Used in this Ordinance" of the Land Use Ordinance as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021; and Section 17 "Definitions" of the Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 8?
- NO

Planning Board recommends Question AF
Select Board recommends Question AF

- YES **Referendum Question AG:** Shall Article 13(C)§4 "Space Standards" of the Land Use Ordinance as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 8, 2021, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 9?
- NO

Planning Board recommends Question AG
Select Board recommends Question AG

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING