

Town of Raymond
June 14, 2022
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

In the name of the State of Maine, the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, met at the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium in said town on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 7:00 A.M., then and there acted on Articles 1 through 34 as set out below.

- 684 Total Municipal Officers' Ballots Cast
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ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot.

At 7:00am 4 ballots were cast to elect Suzanne Carr as the Moderator.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officials, namely two (2) Select Board members, for three-year terms; three (3) members for the Budget-Finance Committee, for three-year terms; one (1) member of the RSU School Board of Directors, for a one-year term; and one (1) member for the RSU School Board of Directors, for a three-year term.

Select Board Results (3-year term, vote for 2):

Rolf Olsen	471
Teresa Sadak	426
Write-ins *	31
Blanks	440

Budget-Finance Committee Results (3-year terms, vote for 3):

Deanna Lee	400
Karen Lockwood	495
Write-in – Shawn McKillop	15
28 other write-in candidates who had less than 15 votes each for a total of 39 votes	
Blanks	1,103

RSU #14 Board of Directors (3-year term, vote for 1):

Charlotte Jewell	435
Write-ins *	51
Blanks	198

RSU #14 Board of Directors (1-year term, vote for 1):

Jodi Carroll	515
Write-ins *	20
Blanks	149

* NOTE – Write-in votes are not required to be counted if they do not total enough to change the outcome.

ARTICLE 3: Referendum Question A: To see if the Town will vote to:

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;
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 Article 3

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 3

Results:

Yes	561
No	98
Blank	24

ARTICLE 4: Referendum Question B: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,166,464** for General Government Services (Administration; Employee Compensation and Training; Insurances, Worker Comp and Benefits; Assessing; Code Enforcement; Parks & Recreation; Technology; and General Assistance).

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Administration</i>	<i>\$516,490</i>
<i>Employee Compensation and Training</i>	<i>\$55,000</i>
<i>Insurances, Worker Comp, and Benefits</i>	<i>\$934,087</i>
<i>Assessing</i>	<i>\$79,481</i>
<i>Code Enforcement</i>	<i>\$213,412</i>
<i>Parks & Recreation</i>	<i>\$153,334</i>
<i>Technology</i>	<i>\$204,660</i>
<i>General Assistance</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>

Select Board recommends Article 4

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 4

Results:

Yes	481
No	181
Blank	21

ARTICLE 5: Referendum Question C: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,353,910** for Public Works.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Public Works</i>	<i>\$891,519</i>
<i>Town Buildings</i>	<i>\$37,000</i>
<i>Solid Waste</i>	<i>\$381,000</i>
<i>Cemeteries</i>	<i>\$44,391</i>

Select Board recommends Article 5
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 5

Results:

Yes 526
No 144
Blank 13

ARTICLE 6: Referendum Question D: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,207,714** for Public Safety.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Fire/Rescue Department</i>	<i>\$1,168,669</i>
<i>Animal Control</i>	<i>\$39,045</i>

Select Board recommends Article 6
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 6

Results:

Yes 521
No 144
Blank 18

ARTICLE 7: Referendum Question E: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town owned personal property with value not to exceed **\$35,000.**

Select Board recommends Article 7
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 7

Results:

Yes 561
No 102
Blank 20

ARTICLE 8: Referendum Question F: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to 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 Article 8
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 8

Results:

Yes	507
No	157
Blank	19

ARTICLE 9: 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.

Select Board recommends Article 9
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 9

Results:

Yes	515
No	121
Blank	47

ARTICLE 10: Referendum Question H: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to:

- 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 Article 10
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 10

Results:

Yes	533
No	106
Blank	44

ARTICLE 11: 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**.

Select Board recommends Article 11
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 11

Results:

Yes	560
No	82
Blank	41

ARTICLE 12: 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*).

Select Board recommends Article 12
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 12

Results:

Yes	458
No	160
Blank	65

ARTICLE 13: 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.

Select Board recommends Article 13
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 13

Results:

Yes	514
No	126
Blank	43

ARTICLE 14: Referendum Question L: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$299,550** for Debt Services.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<u>2013 Public Works Road Construction Bond</u>	<u>\$212,000</u>
<u>2015 Bond Payment</u>	<u>\$87,550</u>

Select Board recommends Article 14

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 14

Results:

Yes	435
No	189
Blank	59

ARTICLE 15: Referendum Question M: To see if the Town will vote to:

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:

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

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:

<i>Principal</i>	<i>\$500,000</i>
<i>Interest</i>	<i><u>\$ 80,634</u></i>
<i>Total Debt Service</i>	<i>\$580,634</i>

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

Charisse A. Keach
Finance Director

Select Board recommends Article 15
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 15

Results:

Yes	508
No	141
Blank	34

ARTICLE 16: Referendum Question N: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$890,000** for the Capital Improvement Program.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Public Works Equipment Reserve</i>	<i>\$225,000</i>
<i>Public Works Paving/Road Reserve</i>	<i>\$410,000</i>
<i>Municipal Facilities Improvements</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Technology</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>Revaluation Reserve</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>Public Safety Fire Apparatus</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>

Select Board recommends Article 16

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 16

Results:

Yes 422
No 222
Blank 39

ARTICLE 17: 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.

Select Board recommends Article 17

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 17

Results:

Yes 536
No 113
Blank 34

ARTICLE 18: Referendum Question P: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$817,347** for the County Tax.

Select Board recommends Article 18

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 18

Results:

Yes 473
No 174
Blank 36

ARTICLE 19: Referendum Question Q: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** for Provider Agencies and Regional Transportation.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<u>Provider Agencies</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
<u>Regional Transportation</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

Select Board recommends Article 19
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 19

Results:

Yes	517
No	133
Blank	33

ARTICLE 20: 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 Article 20
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 20

Results:

Yes	567
No	76
Blank	40

ARTICLE 21: 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 including 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 Article 21
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 21

Results:

Yes	591
No	50
Blank	42

ARTICLE 22: 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) hired by the Town for maintenance on private roads in special and certain circumstances where in the public's interest.

Select Board recommends Article 22
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 22

Results:

Yes	548
No	95
Blank	40

ARTICLE 23: 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 Article 23

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 23

Results:

Yes	543
No	101
Blank	39

ARTICLE 24: Referendum Question V: To see if the Town will:

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 Article 24

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 24

Results:

Yes	529
No	122
Blank	32

ARTICLE 25: 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?

Select Board recommends Article 25
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 25

Results:

Yes	531
No	117
Blank	35

ARTICLE 26: 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.

Select Board recommends Article 26
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 26

Results:

Yes	389
No	235
Blank	59

ARTICLE 27: 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?

Results:

Yes	329
No	341
Blank	13

ARTICLE 28: 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 strikethrough text as in Addendum 2?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, on the Town’s website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 28

Select Board recommends Article 28

DESCRIPTION: Removal of the Setback Reduction Variance Option

Results:

Yes	424
No	185
Blank	74

ARTICLE 29: 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 strikethrough text as in Addendum 3?

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Planning Board recommends Article 29

Select Board recommends Article 29

DESCRIPTION: Adoption of Language Specific to Solar Energy Systems

Results:

Yes	425
No	180
Blank	78

ARTICLE 30: 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?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, on the Town’s website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 30
Select Board recommends Article 30

DESCRIPTION: Defining Outdoor Sales and Service, and Amending the Conditional Use Standards

Results:

Yes	414
No	185
Blank	84

ARTICLE 31: 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?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, on the Town’s website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 31
Select Board recommends Article 31

DESCRIPTION: Correcting Inconsistencies with the Definition of “Structure” and “Setback” Across Multiple Ordinances

Results:

Yes	405
No	193
Blank	85

ARTICLE 32: 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?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, on the Town’s website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 32
Select Board recommends Article 32

DESCRIPTION: Correcting an Error that Creates Confusion Pertaining to Which Subsection a Twenty-five (25) Unit Subdivision Would Need to Adhere To

Results:

Yes	422
No	173
Blank	88

ARTICLE 33: 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?

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Planning Board recommends Article 33
Select Board recommends Article 33

DESCRIPTION: Adding the Permission of Solar Energy System Use in Certain Districts

Results:

Yes	416
No	179
Blank	88

ARTICLE 34: 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?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, on the Town’s website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 34
Select Board recommends Article 34

DESCRIPTION: Defining the Term of Outdoor Storage

Results:

Yes	399
No	178
Blank	106

ARTICLE 35: 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?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, on the Town’s website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 35
Select Board recommends Article 35

DESCRIPTION: Reducing the Cluster Subdivision Minimum Lot Size from 21,780 Square Feet to 20,000 Square Feet

Results:

Yes	390
No	186
Blank	107

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look

Susan L Look, Town Clerk