

SAMPLE BALLOT  
TOWN OF RAYMOND  
REFERENDUM ELECTION  
JUNE 13, 2023

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Town Clerk

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- ☐ YES  
☐ NO

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

1. Set the date the 1st half of taxes due to October 31, 2023, and the 2nd half of taxes due to April 30, 2024; and
2. Set the interest rate for unpaid balances and for abated taxes at eight percent (8%) 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  
☐ NO

**Referendum Question B:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,396,021** 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  
☐ NO

**Referendum Question C:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,419,640** Public Works.

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

- ☐ YES  
☐ NO

**Referendum Question D:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,281,432** Public Safety.

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

- ☐ YES  
☐ NO

**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 **\$75,000**.

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

- ☐ YES  
☐ NO

**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 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:
- 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.
- ☐ NO

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 \$319,770 from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2023-2024 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 \$153,355 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 \$341,501 for Debt Services.
- ☐ NO

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

- ☐ YES **Referendum Question M:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$161,403 for the Raymond Village Library.
- ☐ NO

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 \$1,010,000 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 \$974,325 for the County Tax (\$80,574 is the first of five (5) annual, no-interest payments for six (6) months of taxes, January to June 2023, and \$893,751 is for the fiscal year July 2023 to June 2024 taxes, enabling Cumberland County to move from a calendar year to a fiscal year assessment).
- ☐ NO

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

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☐ YES

**Referendum Question Q:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for Provider Agencies.

☐ NO

Select Board recommends Question Q

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question Q

☐ YES

**Referendum Question R:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of **\$1,837,020** 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.

☐ NO

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, 2023, and any other funds provided by any other entity included but not limited to:

☐ NO

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.

☐ NO

Select Board recommends Question T

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question T

☐ YES

**Referendum Question U:** LD1: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$3,630,036.38** 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

Select Board recommends Question U

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question U

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- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO
- Referendum Question V:** To see if the Town of Raymond will vote to join the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) as a Participating Local District effective September 1, 2023, and:

- a) To offer Special Plan 3C to its regular, full-time firefighters and emergency medical services employees who are paid at least 2,080 hours per year between hours worked, paid vacation, paid holiday, and paid sick time; and
- b) To exclude all other employees, including all other elected/appointed officials, from participating in MainePERS; and
- c) To allow its eligible employees who are currently employed by the Town on September 1, 2023, who elect to join MainePERS, the option to purchase prior service upon the employee's full payment of all associated costs. The Town will not participate in the purchase of prior service and so employees who wish to purchase prior service are responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service; and
- d) To authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System; and
- e) To adopt the provisions of 5 M.R.S. §18252-C as enacted by PL 2021, Chapter 286 as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 for non-participating employees with optional membership who declined to participate in MainePERS when first eligible ("eligible employees") and to comply with the following requirements:
- a. Beginning in 2024, to annually offer eligible employees who have been employed for less than 5 years the opportunity to join MainePERS on a prospective basis during an open enrollment period from September 1st through November 1st and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each election made by eligible employees under this provision; and

b. To withhold employee contributions for employees who join under this provision on an after-tax basis and to remit them to MainePERS.

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

- ☐ YES
- ☐ NO
- Referendum Question W:** Shall the Town of Raymond (the "Town"):

1. Approve a capital project including engineering and design costs, transaction costs, and other expenses reasonably related thereto, (the "Project") consisting of: a. The design and engineering of a public works garage to be located at 170 Plains Road at an estimated cost of \$150,000; b. Recreation improvements to include lighted tennis courts to be located at Shari Gagnon Park on Mill Street at an estimated cost of \$440,000; and c. Improvements at Tassel Top Park consisting of a snack shack, bathroom facilities, and a maintenance building at an estimated cost of \$560,000.
2. Appropriate the sum of \$1,150,000, plus any additional premium, to provide for the costs of the Project;
3. Authorize the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$1,150,000, plus any additional premium, to fund the Project; and
4. Delegate to the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS:

- a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid (will retire in FY2025):
- b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan):
- c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved:
- \$ 570,000
- \$ 0
- \$1,150,000

COSTS:

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5.59% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of this government obligation bond will be:

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Principal | \$1,150,000    |
| Interest  | \$ 271,572.31  |
| Total:    | \$1,421,572.31 |

The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimates, the ratification by the voters nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Respectfully,

Charisse A. Keach  
Town Treasurer

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

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**Referendum Question X:** Shall § 350-5.4. - Table Of Land Uses, § 350-6.17. - Timber Harvesting: Statewide Standards, § 350-7-3. - Permit Application, § 350-7.7. B(6) - Appeals, and § 350-8.2. - Terms Defined, of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in **strikeout text** as in Addendum 2?

☐ NO

Planning Board recommends Question X  
Select Board recommends Question X

☐ YES

**Referendum Question Y:** Shall § 300-13.3d(4)(C) - Open Space Subdivisions, and § 300-9.21(A)(1) - Lots, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in **strikeout text** as in Addendum 3?

☐ NO

Planning Board recommends Question Y  
Select Board recommends Question Y

☐ YES

**Referendum Question Z:** Shall § 300-10.5. - Criteria And Standards, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in **strikeout text** as in Addendum 4?

☐ NO

Planning Board recommends Question Z  
Select Board recommends Question Z

☐ YES

**Referendum Question AA:** Shall § 300-9.22. - Shipping Containers, and § 300-12.2. - Terms Defined, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in **strikeout text** as in Addendum 5?

☐ NO

Planning Board recommends Question AA  
Select Board recommends Question AA

☐ YES

**Referendum Question AB:** Shall § 300-2.2. - Land Use Regulation Map, and § 350-2.1. - Districts And Zoning Map, as amended through June 3, 2014, be updated as shown in Addendum 6?

☐ NO

Planning Board recommends Question AB  
Select Board recommends Question AB

☐ YES

**Referendum Question AC:** Shall Article 6(4) - Amendments To Previously Approved Subdivision Plan, And Article 7(4) - Amendments To Previously Approved Subdivision Plan, of the Subdivision Ordinance 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 7?

☐ NO

Planning Board recommends Question AC  
Select Board recommends Question AC

☐ YES

**Referendum Question AD:** Shall § 300-9.26. - Accessory Apartments, and § 300-12.2. - Terms Defined, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022; and § 350-5.4. - Table Of Land Uses, and § 350-8.2. - Terms Defined, of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in **strikeout text** as in Addendum 8?

☐ NO

Planning Board recommends Question AD  
Select Board recommends Question AD

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