Voters Pass 72 Articles At Town Meeting

By: Nathan Poore

Just under 150 voters attended the March 18th annual Town Meeting. It was a sunny day quite unlike the previous stormy day when 206 voters turned out for municipal elections. Six people were elected to various positions. Betty McDermott won the single Selectmen seat, a 3-year term. Jeraldine Keane and Kevin Woodbrey were elected to 3-year terms on the School Committee. Louise Murray was elected to one of three positions available for a 3-year term on the Budget Finance Committee. Robert Jones and Ernest Allen received the most write-in votes for the two remaining Budget Finance Committee positions and both have accepted the positions.

At the Town Meeting on Saturday, held at the Jordan Small School, voters approved all 72 articles on the warrant. Jones passed several articles pertaining to the Town’s Subdivision and Land Use Ordinances. Discussion about the Jones Beach proposal dominated the better part of an hour. In the end, voters accepted the proposal. Work should begin this spring on the project. The beach and boat launch will be closed during construc-

Principal’s Corner

By: Norma Richard

I want to extend a warm “Thank You” to all individuals, families, and businesses who have supported the playground fundraising to date. A list of contributors is printed in this edition of Roadrunner. We are about 1/3 of the way to our goal of $25,000, and will be focusing our efforts in the next months on reaching Raymond area businesses and Jordan-Small School alumni. Each and every donation is much appreciated and will benefit all children for many years to come.

As we prepare for our move into the new school with its wonderful classrooms and instructional spaces, we are reviewing our elementary program and looking at ways to improve services for all students.

This review has included the current kindergarten program. At the March 15th School Committee meeting, kindergarten teachers Pat Allen and Mary Ellen O’Donnell presented a proposal for initiating a full-day kindergarten program next year at the Raymond Elementary School. This proposal would still provide parents with a half-day option. The Raymond School Committee will further review this proposal and make a decision at their May 3 meeting. Information on the full-day kindergarten proposal is available in the school office for interested parents and community members.

I want to thank Katie Hall, our art teacher, for her outstanding efforts in getting the History Trail quilts hung for display during voting and town meeting. These quilts represent our community and its history, resources, and unique geographical features. Many students, parents and community members have been involved in making these quilts over the past four years. I hope that you enjoyed this beautiful backdrop to town meeting, and appreciate the talent and efforts of students and staff.

In closing, I would like to offer a personal invitation to every member of the Raymond community to join us on Wednesday, April 26 for the annual Academic Fair at the Jordan-Small School starting at 5:00 PM. This fair celebrates the many accomplishments of our students. The school is transformed each year into a virtual learning museum, with many works of art and examples of student work on display. I look forward to sharing this work with you on April 26.

Volunteers Needed To Repair Beach And Boat Ramp

By: Elizabeth Algeo

The Raymond Conservation Commission and The Raymond Recreation Association need able-bodied volunteers to install erosion control measures at the public beach and boat ramp on the South end of Crescent Lake on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 A.M.

On a sunny summer day Crescent Beach, which is barely 100 feet long, is visited by hundreds of enthusiastic swimmers. While Raymond citizens are fortunate to enjoy free access to the lake at this site, the resulting erosion and soil compaction have become so significant that the beach and ramp are no longer safe for swimming.

Similarly, the steep, short, and rugged boat launch at the North end of the beach is the only public boat access to Crescent Lake and Panther Pond. A steady stream of vehicle/boat traffic during the open water season necessitates frequent use of ski motos, ATVs and other vehicles to access the ice in the winter has left the ramp in poor condition with heavily eroding sidewalks.

Vehicles volumes of eroding soil and nutrients, is the biggest culprit in the decline of water quality in Maine’s lakes.

The Conservation Commission, with assistance from the Raymond Recreation Association, is organizing a Crescent beach and ramp rehabilitation project, the majority of which will be completed in a single day by groups of dedicated volunteers using common hand tools and lots of muscle. Tasks to be completed on this day include:

- install concrete block locks and rip rap (large stone) armorin along the sides of the boat ramp
- place non-angular stone armor and steps along the grassy bank between the bathing area and the beach
- fill, re-vegetate and install erosion control measures in the heavily eroded areas
- much bare soil areas under trees
- construct a handicap access to the water
- install a new fence and plantings between the parking and bathing areas

We will complete site preparation work and, hopefully, relocate the culvert outfall to a non-bathing area previous to the program and community day. Repair and re-seeding of the grassy sunbathing area will have to wait until Fall.

This work requires money, materials and machinery. Most importantly, however, it requires volunteers to install these measures and to learn basic control techniques that can be applied to similar problems at residential sites throughout the Crescent Lake watershed. Be a Watershed Steward - come help us on April 29.

Please call Elizabeth Algeo (655-6965) or Jody Murray (655-6957) for more information or to volunteer on April 29th.
Events and Meeting Schedule

**April 2000**

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**Raymond Boy Scout Troop 800 News**

By: John Hanley

Troop 800 entered two patrols in the Casco Bay District Klondike Derby Saturday, February 12th. Competing with 28 other patrols from around the district, the Panther Patrol led by SPL Jacob Levinsky came in third with 185 points out of a possible 200 points. The Mountain Wolves led by PL Matt Peterson finished ninth with 168 points. Assistant Scoutmaster Greg Curtis was the adult leader onsite for the Troop.

The Troop had scheduled a chordver supper fundraiser at the Raymond Village church which unfortunately was the victim of the February 18th snowstorm and was rescheduled for Saturday, March 25th.

Saturday morning, March 11th, found twenty-six Troop and family members at the U.S. Coast Guard Base in South Portland for a tour of the facilities there. They learned about the missions undertaken by the people there and the equipment, ships and boats utilized by them. Scouts were able to come aboard several vessels which included patrol boats, the ice cutter used recently on the Kennebec River and the impressive USCGC Marcus Hanna, Keeper Class Coastal Buoy Tender. 175 feet in length and with a crew of 18, Marcus Hanna’s missions are: aids to navigation, marine environmental protection, search and rescue and domestic ice breaking. Marcus Hanna’s namesake was Keeper at Pemaquid Light House and Head Keeper at Cape Elizabeth Light. Mr. Hanna, a Medal of Honor winner during the Civil War, is best known for his rescue of two crew members from the schooner AUSTRALIA in 1855, for which he received the Gold Lifesaving Medal. This trip was a terrific opportunity and was very well attended by the Scouts.

After the U.S. Coast Guard Base tour and lunch at the Mill Creek Wendy’s the Troop proceeded to the Portland Pirates game versus the Cincinnati Mighty Ducks with the Pirates defeating the Ducks 2 to 1 in a exciting game. A lot of smashing action was seen by the Scouts as their seats were in a corner close to the glass.

Planning has begun on a Wilderness Adventure for the Troop. Scoutmaster Jay Peterson will be leading First Class and higher ranked Scouts on a weekend hike up Mount Katahdin. One of the goals is to earn the coveted 50-Mile Badge. This excursion will take place over the Labor Day weekend and will involve a lot of planning, training and support to accomplish. The Troop would welcome donations of new or used hiking and camping gear as not all our Scouts have access to needed equipment.

Recent Scout accomplishments include the following Merit Badges; Brian Nason, Citizenship in the Nation; Joe Stevens, Snow Sports, Art, Aviation, and Cinematography; Josiah Webber, Snow Sports, and Communication; Ian Hanley, Personal Fitness; Clark Sanford, Citizenship in the Nation and Tim Curtis, Communications. The following Scouts attained rank advancements: Denny Cobb, Tenderfoot; Billy Yates, Star Scout. Joe Stevens and Josiah Webber attended Winter Camp during February vacation. Life Scout and Troop Scribe Don McKay has met all but one requirement to become an Eagle Scout and now must successfully complete an Eagle Scout Board of Review.

During the month of April, Troop 800 will be taking a Mine Trip to look for amethyst, Spring Cleanup at the Raymond Village Church, and the Spring Court of Honor and Parent Dinner at the Raymond Village Church.

To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities and events check out the Troop’s webpages on the town website at www.raymondcmaine.org which includes contact information and other things that the Scouts have been up to.

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**Raymond Village Library**

The Library Reading Group will meet at the library on April 27 at 7:00 PM to discuss “Tin” by Frank McCourt. All are invited to read this book and join us to discuss it.

On April 6 the Library Club will meet at 7 PM, at the library. Library business and project plans will be discussed. New members, interested in the library are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Baby Time is held every Thursday at 9:30 AM for infants on parent’s lap. There will be finger play and rhythm songs. FMI call Sue Ellen Gendron at 655-4463.

April is Forgiveness Month at the library. Please return all overdue materials. Remember there is a book drop at the old front door, if the library is closed.

April 10 – 14 is Volunteer Week. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who help at the library. They make it possible for the residents of Raymond to have a viable, active and extremely useful library. Thank you all for your generous gift of time and talent.

Now that Spring is here! Really!! The Library Club is starting work on its Annual Library Fair. This year it will be on July 8, again at the Jordan School. Please mark your calendars and when you are doing your spring-cleaning remember to put aside good useable items as well as books in good condition to donate for the Fair. Another important date to mark on your calendar is July 15, which is the beginning of the Labor Day weekend and will involve a lot of planning, training and support to accomplish. The Troop would welcome donations of new or used hiking and camping gear as not all our Scouts have access to needed equipment.

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Maine’s Agencies On Aging Launch New Toll-Free Resource Line

A single toll free number (1-877-ELDERS1 - 1-877-353-3771) is now available to connect callers with any of the five area agencies on aging. The 1-877-ELDERS1 number allows a person to place a toll-free call from anywhere within Maine and be connected directly to the area agency on aging which serves that calling area.

Maine’s area agencies on aging are sponsoring this service in response to a growing number of calls for information and assistance with elder care issues from seniors looking for services, family members seeking advice, and social service workers making referrals.

The toll-free 1-877-ELDERS1 number will connect people to one of the following area agencies on aging:

- Aroostook Area Agency on Aging Aroostook
- Eastern Agency on Aging Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Washington
- Seniors Plus Androscoggin, Franklin, Oxford
- Senior Spectrum Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sabattus
- Somerset, Waldo
- Southern Agency on Aging Cumberland, York

“Your goal with this collaborative effort is to make it as easy as possible for older people and their families to find the services they need,” said Laurence Gross, Executive Director of the Southern Maine Agency on Aging. “The ELDERS1 line is like one-stop shopping - you only need to remember one number to connect you to the information you or your loved ones need. Think of it as a locator service for Maine elders, connecting you to a comprehensive resource database and skilled and caring staff.”

All area agencies on aging are part of a national network conceived in 1973, with the objective of connecting older people to the programs and services that could make their lives easier, more healthy, and comfortable. Maine’s area agencies on aging still make informed choices that will enhance their lives and help them maintain independence. While their missions are similar, each agency is an independent, non-profit organization - not a department of state government.

“There are more than 217,695 persons age 60 or older living in Maine. That’s almost 18 percent of the population,” said Laurence Gross. “Maine’s area agencies on aging are where they should be first call if they need assistance. We are the easiest and best source for information and can tell them about options and services available. And, now they can call us toll-free to remember just one number, 1-877-ELDERS1.”

Abandoned Property List By: Joseph Bruno

The following list represents Raymond residents who have abandoned property with the State of Maine. Anyone on this list should call us at 655-7443 and I will tell them how they can retrieve it. Oftentimes these are gift certificates or abandoned bank accounts.

The values range from $10 to over $1,000.

Chrysa Alexander
Alice Beard
Joyce Charette
Lisa Chase
Felicia Amellian
James Crawford
Annie W. Hashey
Arthur R. Humphreys
Kenneth R. Landry
Hank McCravel
Dale Meade

Joanne O’Brien
Carol E. Bidlon
Barbara A. Sawyer
Gregory & Michelle Somers
Garrett Taylor
Erlon C. Timmons
Anne Tinkham
Eilane M Ward
Earl Webster

Hebron’s Girls Hockey Triumphs

The Hebron Academy Girls’ Hockey team defeated the Holderness School girls 3 - 2 in overtime on Sunday, March 5, to win the New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) Division II Championship at the Salem, NH Icenter. The team, only the second girls’ hockey squad in Hebron history, compiled a final season record of 19 - 2.

Joe Bruno Seeks Re-election

State Representative Joe Bruno has announced that he will seek re-election for a fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives, District 38. During the present term, Bruno has served on the Appropriations & Financial Affairs Committee.

Bruno has served on the Health and Human Services Committee and the Banking and Insurance Committee during his previous terms in the Legislature.

He is a former member and chairman of the Raymond School Committee and currently sits on the board of directors of the Foster Family Connection, the Maine Pharmacy Association, and the Waldron Group of Companies.

If you have questions for Representative Bruno or would like to voice your concern on an issue, please feel free to contact him at 655-7443 or by e-mail at bruno1@maine.rr.com.

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Junior Firefighter Program

Raymond Fire Department has a junior firefighter program. This program is open to both boys and girls ages 14 to 18. The program meets every Sunday from 10:00 to noon. It offers young adults the opportunity to learn fire and rescue skills as well as help their community. Anyone interested please call 655-7851 and leave a message for Chris Nassau.

Lost Skis

We are looking for a pair of Blizzard skis, perhaps in a red ski bag that was misplaced on March 3 the final Friday night of skiing. If you know about these, please call Peter Walgreen at 627-4584.

Raymond Rec News......

Raymond Recreation Association will offer a Tennis Program to children in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Sessions will begin on Wednesday May 3rd and continue for 5 Wednesdays through May 31st. Cost of the program is $2.00 per student for the entire program.

Lessons will be held at Village Tennis on Mill Street in Raymond and will begin at 12:45 and run until 1:45 p.m. The school bus will deliver students to the tennis courts and parents should arrange to meet children after class.

Registration forms will be distributed at school on April 3rd to be returned by April 14th. Loaner rackets are available.

If you are able to help with the program, or for more information, please call Pat Smith at 655-4657.

Raymond Rec Youth Group-2004

By: Candid Scripture

We are busy re-organizing ourselves to adjust to the current needs of our students. We will be meeting twice a year to plan events, work on goals. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 6:30 at JSS. I urge all parents and students to attend, as we are planning Spring/Summer events. For those students, who have “lost touch”, I encourage you to watch for items in the Roadrunner, or go to the teen/youth web site located at raymondmaine.org. Currently, only those who have participated regularly in the past 12 months receive newsletters, which will go out quarterly. If you want to receive newsletters, please call me at 655-5368.

Several of our students have been working with Mike Reynolds on creating a youth web page. I would like to express my sincere thanks to him for creating such an opportunity for this population, it will strengthen their ties to our Town and Mike has been a great mentor to the kids. Also, thanks go to Mr. Dorey and Norma Richard, of JSS, for allowing us time and space in the computer lab. Of course, this experience would not have been made possible without the work of Communities For Children…thank you Lori Rand and fellow members!

I’ve received several calls, regarding seniors in need of light yard work or other “help” to do a few jobs throughout the year. Due to issues regarding transportation, privacy and liability, I am unable to disclose specific names/numbers of our teens. However, we will post any opportunities on the website and in newsletters as long as we are given a name and number to be contacted. The teens will then contact you directly. If you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to contact me with the information.

Before I close, I’d like to thank Pat Smith, of Raymond Rec, for her tremendous support and encouragement. I most especially want to thank these “kids” for all they’ve done to keep this group moving forward, improving awareness and opportunities for teens here in Town. The newly published community brochure reflects some of your early “leg work” (way back in 6th grade), as we tried to find “safe” and user-friendly places, here in Town. It is because of you, that a safe “place” called RYC is still able to avoid any “social barriers” and provide a “place” where the rules don’t change…Each of you “originals” should be very proud of what you have accomplished…in spite of the odds!

Raymond Recreation Sking

By: Peter Walgreen, Director, Friday Skiing

Students in grades 7-12 completed skiing, enduring a winter of extremes. First, we missed 3 weeks because of warm temperatures. Fortunately, we had no serious winter of extremes. First, we missed 3 weeks because of cold rain chillis. Then we had very little snowfall and warm temperatures. Fortunately, we had no serious injuries, and the kids were great. We had the highest number of participants ever, and look forward to seeing them back next year.
Century Campaign Contributors

On behalf of students and staff, we would like to thank the following contributors to the Raymond Elementary School Playground CENTURY CAMPAIGN. We appreciate all donations to the playground, and encourage members of the Raymond business community to join us in this fundraising campaign.

Jeri Keane and Bill Dreyer
Lynne Capozzi and Don Bulens
Tom and Barbara Conger
The Dunlap Corporation
Joe and Suzanne Bruno
Joyce Coughlan
Eileen and Howard Stiles
The Montalvo Corporation
Brenda and Rolf Olsen
Margaret and Carroll Denham
Jani Cummings
Cub Scout Pack 800
Mitchell and Association
Beginning Roots Family Day Care
Dana and Paulo Desjardins
Glen and Judy Gisel
Steve and Beth Nadeau
Kingsley Pines
Lori and Mark Marier
Raymond Extended Day Program
Ellen and Chris Van Haasteren
Kees and Corrie Van Haasteren
Kevin and Vicki Woodberry
Dovetail Woodworks
Fred and Cindy Masi
Jeff and Brenda Stevenson
J. Ed and Cielie Chiasson

High School Forum 3/13/00

Committees of parents, teachers and students presented action plans for two of the six areas that seem to be most in need of “tuning.” The six areas included Honors Challenge, Communication, Grading System, Leadership, Discipline and Roundtables. We learned of the ideas about grading and roundtable. You may contact me for this information if you have interest. The other four areas will be presented soon. There is a group of individuals in the school district that are upset and critical of how the school is being run. They are concerned about the school having higher expectations of students. This may become an issue in the member towns. If you have thoughts about the school I would encourage you to share with the school board. Raymond kids to my knowledge are thriving at Poland and are seen on all teams, the cheering squad and educational opportunities. Recent District 2 Chorus awards for Poland went heavily to Raymond kids.

Raymond Women’s Semi-Circle Scholarship

The Raymond Women’s Semi-Circle has a $500.00 scholarship available for a graduating Raymond high school senior to help further their educational goals. Applications will be available at Raymond Town Hall, Raymond Library and Jordan Small School starting April 1st. All applications must be returned by April 30th.

Raymond Resident Hosts A Fundraiser for Camp Sunshine

By: Chris Sutton

I would like to invite community members to participate in a special fundraising event for Camp Sunshine, which is a retreat for critically ill children and their families. The camp is the only one in the nation to address the impact of a critical illness on every member of the immediate family. Families are given the chance to have fun together and to meet other families facing similar challenges.

Camp Sunshine is unable to meet the demands for its services. About half the families who apply to Camp Sunshine have to be turned away. Camp Sunshine is currently in the midst of a campaign to raise $5,000,000 for the endowment fund to operate a year-round facility. When the facility is complete at the end of this year, Camp Sunshine will be able to start serving 1,200 families a year. As a co-convener of the Sentimental Playground, I am hosting a Scrap-a-thon for Camp Sunshine on April 29, 2000. Participants will raise money for Camp Sunshine while they create keepsake albums to preserve their photographs and record their family stories.

If you would like to participate in the event or you’d like to make a donation, then please contact Chris Sutton at 655-7109.

Fish Story

Ernie Bisco of Raymond Maine has been fishing on the Sebago Lakes ice for about 25 years. February 18, 2000 will be a day he will remember for many more years. He was inside his ice shack when he had a bite on his jigpole. He caught a 19.96 lb. (39” TogueLake trout). The girl measured 20 1/4” around. He took it to Carroll Cuttings store in Sebago and had it officially weighed and measured. It had a clipped fin and at the store they said it was 20 years old. This catch will get him in “The one that didn’t get away club”. This was Ernie’s first fish he caught while fishing on the ice in Sebago this year. Ernie’s catch is going to be preserved by Pete Sterlings Taxidermy in Waterboro.

Raymond PTA

The Raymond Parent Teacher Association is looking for interested members to take leadership roles for next year. You would have to be considered for a PTA office for the 2000-2001 school year, please contact PTA president Cathy Dodge at 655-2874. Officer vacancies include President, Vice-President, and Secretary. Members are also needed to fill vacancies on a variety of committees. Please consider being an active member of the Raymond Parent Teacher Association. This is a very important organization for our children and your input and participation is always much appreciated.

The next meeting of the Raymond PTA will be held on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 PM in the Jordan-Small School library.