

**SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF RAYMOND
REFERENDUM ELECTION
JUNE 11, 2024**

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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, 2024, and the 2nd half of taxes due to April 30, 2025;

2. Set the interest rate for unpaid balances and for abated taxes at eight and a half percent (8.5%) 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 **\$1,803,516** for General Government Services (Administration; Assessing; Code Enforcement; Recreation; Technology; and General Assistance).

NO

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 **\$1,757,387** for Public Works.

NO

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 **\$1,887,305** for Public Safety.

NO

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 dispose of Town owned personal property with value not to exceed **\$75,000**.

NO

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 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**.

NO

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

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- YES
- NO

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 Question G
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question G

- YES
- NO

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 Question H
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question H

- YES
- NO

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 \$700,000.

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

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question J: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$341,097 from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2024-2025 project proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program (for details see Addendum 1).

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

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question K: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Tassel Top Park Enterprise fund the amount of \$121,515 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 Question K
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question K

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question L: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Recreation Programs special revenue fund the amount of \$130,350 for the administration of activities at the programs, and to allocate all revenues generated by program operations to be recorded in and retained by the Recreation Programs Enterprise fund.

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

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question M: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$613,918 for Debt Services.

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

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question N: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$215,925 for the Raymond Village Library.

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

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question O: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,015,000 for the Capital Improvement Program.

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

- YES
- NO


Referendum Question P: 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 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 **\$1,017,761** for the County Tax (\$80,574 is the second of five (5) annual, no-interest payments for six (6) months of taxes, January to June 2023, and \$937,187 is for the fiscal year July 2024 to June 2025 taxes, enabling Cumberland County to move from a calendar year to a fiscal year assessment).
- NO

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

- YES **Referendum Question R:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,000** for Provider Agencies, **\$2,000** for Crescent Lake Watershed Association and **\$1,000** to be used at the Town Manager's discretion.
- NO

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

- YES **Referendum Question S:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of **\$2,155,288** 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 S
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question S

- YES **Referendum Question T:** 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, 2024, and any other funds provided by any other entity including 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 T
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question T

- YES **Referendum Question U:** 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.
- NO

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

- YES **Referendum Question V:** LD1: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$3,935,385.36** 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 V
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question V

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- YES
- NO

Referendum Question W: To see if the Town of Raymond will vote to change its plan with the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) to add coverage for full-time, non-union employees effective September 1, 2024, and:

- a) To offer Regular Plan AC to its regular, full-time, non-union employees who are paid at least 1,664 hours per year between paid vacation, paid holiday, and paid sick time effective September 1, 2024; and
- b) To continue 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 paid vacation, paid holiday, and paid sick time; and
- c) To exclude all other employees, including all other elected/appointed officials, from participating in MainePERS; and
- d) To allow its newly eligible employees who are currently employed by the Town on September 1, 2024, who elect to join MainePERS on September 1, 2024, 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
- e) To authorize the Town Manager or the Select Board Chair to sign the amended agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

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

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question X: Shall the Town of Raymond (the "Town"):

1. Approve a capital project including engineering and design costs, transaction costs, construction costs, and other expenses reasonably related thereto (the "Project") consisting of the building of a public works garage to be located at 170 Plains Road at an estimated cost of \$6,200,000;
2. Appropriate the sum of \$6,200,000, 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 \$6,200,000, 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:	\$*1,435,000
b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan):	\$ 0
c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved:	\$ 6,200,000

*\$285,000 will retire in FY 2024-2025

COSTS

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3% for a twenty (20) year maturity, the estimated cost of this government obligation bond will be:

Principal	\$ 6,200,000.00
Interest	\$1,910,375.00
Total:	\$8,110,375.00

VALIDITY

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 is nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Respectfully,

Charisse Keach, Town Treasurer

Select Board recommends Question X
 Budget-Finance Committee does not recommend Question X

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YES **Referendum Question Y:** Shall the Town of Raymond (the "Town"):

- NO**
1. Approve a capital project including engineering and design costs, transaction costs, construction costs, and other expenses reasonably related thereto (the "Project") consisting of the installation of a municipal fiber ring to connect all municipal buildings at an estimated cost of \$667,000;
 2. Appropriate the sum of \$667,000, 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 \$667,000, 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:	\$ *1,435,000
b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan):	\$ 0
c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved:	\$ 667,000

* \$285,000 will retire in FY 2024-2025

COSTS

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 3% for an eight (8) year maturity, the estimated cost of this government obligation bond will be:

Principal	\$ 667,000.00
Interest	\$ 81,317.50
Total:	\$ 748,317.50

VALIDITY

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 is nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Respectfully,

Charisse Keach, Town Treasurer

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

YES **Referendum Question Z:** Shall the Building Construction Ordinance be adopted as in Addendum 2?

NO

Planning Board recommends Question Z
Select Board recommends Question Z

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- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AA: Shall § 300-9.26. - Accessory Dwelling Units, and § 300-9.12.2. - Terms Defined, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 13, 2023; and § 350-6.27. - Accessory Dwelling Units, and § 350-8.2. - Terms Defined, of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 13, 2023, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 3?

Planning Board recommends Question AA
Select Board recommends Question AA

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AB: Shall § 300-13.3. - General Requirements, and § 300-12.2. - Terms Defined, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 13, 2023, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 4?

Planning Board recommends Question AB
Select Board recommends Question AB

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AC: Shall § 300-9.27. - Solar Energy Systems, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 13, 2023, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 5?

Planning Board recommends Question AC
Select Board recommends Question AC

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AD: Shall § 300-3 - Conformance with Ordinance, and § 300-12.2. - Terms Defined, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 13, 2023, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 6?

Planning Board recommends Question AD
Select Board recommends Question AD

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AE: Shall the Town of Raymond vote to repeal the "Building Code of the Town of Raymond for Flood Damage Prevention Requirements" adopted March 31, 1981, and amended through March 15, 1997, and replace with a new Floodplain Management Ordinance as in Addendum 7?

Planning Board recommends Question AE
Select Board recommends Question AE

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AF: Shall the Business License Ordinance, as adopted July 14, 2020, be amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 8?

Planning Board recommends Question AF
Select Board recommends Question AF

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AG: Shall § 300-2.2. - Land Use Regulation Map, and § 350-2.1. - Districts And Zoning Map, as amended through June 13, 2023, be updated as shown in Addendum 9?

Planning Board recommends Question AG
Select Board recommends Question AG

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AH: Shall the Fire Protection Ordinance adopted May 19, 1995, and amended through June 8, 2021, be further amended to amend Article VIII New Building Construction and to add Article XV Appeals as shown in Addendum 10?

Select Board recommends Question AH

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