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Annual Report of the Town Officers
Raymond, Maine
For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Raymond Pond
TOWN OF RAYMOND
Founded by Joseph Dingley and Dominicus Jordan in 1770
Incorporated June 21, 1803
Town Website: www.raymondmaine.org

Town Office Hours
Saturday & Sunday.........................Closed
Monday.............................................Closed
Tuesday..............................8:30 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday..............................8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday..............................8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday..............................8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Bulky Waste Disposal Alternatives
Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility.................................627-7585
Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC)..............783-8805
Riverside Recycling Center ........................................797-6200

Important Telephone Numbers
If you don’t get immediate service, please leave your name and number and we will return your call.
Town Office – Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer ...............655-4742
Code Enforcement Office........................................655-4742 ext 161
Assessors Office ..................................................655-4742 ext 133
Public Safety Building ...........................................655-1187
Public Works Director .............................................653-3641
Jordan-Small Middle School .....................................655-4743
Raymond Elementary School ..................................655-8672
RSU #14 Superintendent’s Office ..............................892-1800
Cumberland County Sheriff’s Department .....................774-1444
Cumberland County Dispatch (non-emergency) ............1-800-501-1111
Animal Control Issues ............................................1-800-501-1111
EMERGENCY: FIRE/RESCUE/POLICE .....................911

Important Dates to Remember for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

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<td>October 15</td>
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<td>December 31</td>
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<td>IF &amp; W Licenses expire</td>
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<td>Boat Registrations expire</td>
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<td>March 18, 2022</td>
<td>Abatement Application deadline 4:00 pm</td>
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<td>June 7, 6:00 pm</td>
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<td>June 14</td>
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<td>June 30</td>
<td>ATV &amp; Snowmobile Registrations expire</td>
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Volunteer Appreciation

First and foremost, we would like to extend our hearty thanks to the many dedicated volunteers, without whom the Town of Raymond would not be the wonderful place it is! As you will see in the reports following in this book, they have been very busy this year contributing to our quality of life. The members of the numerous boards and committees spend countless hours working for the benefit of the town and its citizens.

If you would like to become involved in volunteering for a board or committee, please contact Town Clerk Sue Look at 207-655-4742 x121 or email her at sue.look@raymondmaine.org. Applications and descriptions can be found at www.raymondmaine.org. The next 2 pages are a tear-out Volunteer Application you can also use.

TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Beautification Committee
- Board of Assessment Review
- Board of Selectmen [elected]
- Budget/Finance Committee [elected]
- Cemetery Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Fire/Rescue Department
- Planning Board
- Technology Committee
- Veterans’ Memorial Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

OTHER COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS:

- Parent Teacher Organization
- Raymond Baseball Association
- Raymond-Casco Historical Society
- Raymond Fire/Rescue Association
- Raymond Recreation Association
- Raymond Revitalization Committee
- Raymond Village Library committees
- Raymond Waterways Protective Association
- Tassel Top Park Board of Trustees
If you are a Raymond resident and interested in serving on any of the following committees or boards, please fill in the information below. Submit it to the Town Clerk for distribution to the appropriate board or committee chair(s) for consideration and response concerning open positions.

- Beautification Committee
- Board of Assessment Review
- Cemetery Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Planning Board
- Raymond Recreation Association
- Recycling Committee
- Tassel Top Park Board of Directors
- Technology Committee
- Veteran’s Memorial Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

There are many other opportunities to serve your town as an elected official, a member of a community resource organization, an election worker on Election Day, etc. Contact the Town Clerk for more information.

Please complete this form and submit to:

Town Clerk, 401 Webbs Mills Road; Raymond, ME 04071
or via fax to (207) 655-3024
or via email to sue.look@raymondmaine.org

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Boards and/or committees you are interested in (please list in order of preference):

1.
2.
3.
Why are you interested in the board(s) and/or committee(s) chosen above?

What contributions, benefits, talents, and skills can you bring to the Town of Raymond?

What do you feel is the responsibility of the boards and/or committees you chose?

What municipal boards, volunteer organizations, or community service groups/committees have you worked with in the past and for what length of time?

Does your schedule allow the flexibility to attend meetings on a regular basis?
Yes [ ] No [ ]

Thank you.
Town Officials and Administration

2021-22 Select Board
Lonnie Taylor, Joe Bruno
Sam Gifford, Teresa Sadak - Chair, Rolf Olsen
Report of the Town Manager

Dear Raymond Citizens:

I am pleased to transmit the FY 20-21 Annual Town Report, which provides a brief overview of Raymond municipal government activities for the period July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

During the past fiscal year, the Town of Raymond welcomed new Code Enforcement Officer, Alex Sirois and new Finance Director Alex Aponte. We are fortunate to have these accomplished professionals join our staff and look forward to working with them both in the future.

Recreation Director Joseph Crocker working with the Public Works Department has made many capital improvements to Tassel Top Park including a new clearing behind the snack shack to be developed into a playground, improvements to the cabins and maintenance buildings as well as a new green space adjacent to the upper parking area for various community events.

Another significant development was the decision by the Raymond Recreation Association to dissolve and become part of the Recreation Department. The Raymond Recreation Association provided quality programming for many years. A partnership with community volunteers from this organization will continue in the future under town management as we work together to provide the best services possible.

The Board of Selectmen reactivated the Recycling Committee to study the current state of the Town’s recycling efforts and to make recommendations about the structure of future programming.

The Town will receive $477,671 from the Federally funded American Rescue Plan for local needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the summer, the Town organized and funded the continuation of the BackPack Food Program to ensure adequate access to sufficient food for those in our community experiencing food insecurity.

A new stop sign and related traffic pattern changes were added at Mountain and Tenny Hill Road to promote vehicular safety.

The most significant issue of the past year, as was the case during the previous fiscal year was the Town’s response to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. After vaccinations for the virus were widely available and state safety protocols amended, we were able to return to Town Office operational protocols that are a lot closer to those that existed prior to the onset of the pandemic. Certain safety measures such as plexiglass barriers will remain in place and the use of masks will continue to be required for unvaccinated individuals.

From a financial standpoint the town has weathered the storm and business is returning to normal. There is both an increased ongoing and pent-up demand for services, particularly in the Code Enforcement Office. Building permit activity is at record levels despite the current high cost of building materials.

Once again, this year I want to express my thanks to our citizens and employees for the professional and courteous way everyone continues to conduct business in these trying times.

It is my sincere privilege to serve as your Town Manager and good fortune to work with talented municipal employees, as well as a highly supportive Board of Selectmen and dedicated volunteer board and committee members.

If I can provide any assistance in the year ahead, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is my goal to be available and accessible to address your concerns and needs. In that regard, you may reach me via the following ways;

Email: Don.Willard@raymondmaine.org
Office Telephone: 207-655-4742 ext. 131
Cell Phone: 207-650-9001
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<td>$557,886,700</td>
<td>$530,145,900</td>
<td>$6,684,500</td>
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<td>County Appropriation</td>
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<td>$788,378.00</td>
<td>$741,881.00</td>
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<td>$0.71/$1,000</td>
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<td>6,000.09</td>
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<td>Net School Appropriation</td>
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<td>School Tax Rate</td>
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<td>Total Property Tax</td>
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<td>$13,918,815.22</td>
<td>$12,923,716.68</td>
<td>$12,535,696.29</td>
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<td>Total Tax Rate</td>
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<td>$12.60/$1,000</td>
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REPORT OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, JULY 1ST, 2020 TO JUNE 30TH, 2021

Building, Plumbing, Septic, Shoreland, and Electrical permits issued by the Raymond Code Enforcement Officer, for July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, are as follows:

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<td>Building Permits</td>
<td>128</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>295</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>New Single-Family Dwellings</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>Shoreland Permits (trees, docks)</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>83</td>
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<td><strong>Estimated Construction Cost Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$14,727,630.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>$19,146,311.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>$12,858,361.00</strong></td>
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<td>Approximate Total Permit Fees Collected</td>
<td>$63,935.75</td>
<td>$49,390</td>
<td>$22,964</td>
<td>$53,019</td>
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<td>Septic System and Internal Plumbing Permits</td>
<td>140</td>
<td>131</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>92</td>
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<td><strong>Approximate Total Septic and Plumbing Permit Fees Collected</strong></td>
<td><strong>$23,416.50</strong></td>
<td><strong>$31,246</strong></td>
<td><strong>$23,175</strong></td>
<td><strong>$15,125</strong></td>
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<td>Electrical Permits</td>
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<td>126</td>
<td>220</td>
<td>86</td>
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<td><strong>Approximate Electrical Permit Fees Collected</strong></td>
<td><strong>$15,427.30</strong></td>
<td><strong>$10,650</strong></td>
<td><strong>$18,408</strong></td>
<td><strong>$6,767</strong></td>
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<td>Approximate Code Enforcement Fees Collected</td>
<td><strong>$102,779.55</strong></td>
<td><strong>$91,286</strong></td>
<td><strong>$64,547</strong></td>
<td><strong>$74,911</strong></td>
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The duties of the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) continue as Building Inspector (BI) and Licensed Plumbing Inspector (LPI). The Building and Plumbing Inspector’s responsibilities include permitting and compliance with applicable local, state, and federal codes for all commercial and residential construction and remodeling in Raymond.

Raymond continues to see strong development in residential construction, as well as a few commercial projects on Route 302. Most of the residential development is located within the town’s shoreland zones, however, we do have multiple subdivisions outside of the shoreland zone that are still in early phases. While COVID-19 has made access to building materials and contractors difficult, it does not appear to be slowing residential development.

The Planning and Code Enforcement Office has made a few significant changes this year. An online permit portal has been added to the website which allows contractors and residents to submit permit applications, complaints, upload documents, and pay permit fees. In addition to submitting applications, you can also see an up-to-date list of all permit applications submitted, a summary of the proposed work, and the status of the application. You can access the portal on the Code Enforcement page of the town’s website.

Our department has also implemented an online scheduling tool, which allows you to schedule an inspection, office meeting, site meeting, or return phone call right through the town’s website. The link to this feature is also available on the Code Enforcement page of the website. In most situations, you can schedule a return phone call within 24-48 hours.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions about waterfront or land use activities.

Sincerely,

Alexander L. Sirois
Code Enforcement Officer
Town of Raymond, Maine

ALEXANDER L. SIROIS | (207) 655-4742 x161 | CEO@RAYMONDMaine.ORG
To the Voters of Raymond:

For State Representative, Raymond is split (at a line made up of Route 302 – Main St – Mill St – Brown Rd) into 2 State Representative districts: #66 to the North of the line and #67 to the South of the line.

- District 66 includes portions of Casco, of Poland, and of Raymond
- District 67 is made up of Frye Island and a portion of Casco, of Gray, and of Raymond

As of 6-30-2020, there were a total of 4,184 active voters:

- All are in State Senate District 26
- 3,046 are in State Representative District 66 – 73%
- 1,138 are in State Representative District 67 – 27%
- 1,279 – Democrats - - - - - - - - - - - - 30.6%
- 193 – Green Independents - - - - - - 4.6%
- 1,346 – Republicans - - - - - - - - - - - - 32.2%
- 1,366 – Unenrolled - - - - - - - - - - - - 32.6%

Over the past year there were:

- 214 new voters added who have not been registered in Maine before
- 253 voters added who moved from another municipality in Maine to Raymond
- 302 voter records that were corrected (address or name changes, data corrections, etc)
- 25 voters canceled due to being deceased
- 16 voters moved out of state
- 268 voters moved to another municipality in Maine

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Look
Registrar of Voters
Report of the Town Clerk

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

Vital Statistics

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<td>Deaths</td>
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We honor these Raymond residents who passed away...

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<td>Leavitt, Michael D.</td>
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<td>Woodbrey, Adam Timmons</td>
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Elections

- July 14, 2020 - State Primary & Municipal Election - 1,094 votes cast – 27.24% of the active voters
- November 3, 2020 - Presidential Election - 3,177 votes cast - 74.82% of the active voters
- June 8, 2021 - Municipal Election - 412 votes cast – 9.82% of the active voters
# Report of the Town Clerk

## Dog Licenses

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## Inland Fisheries & Wildlife

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**NOTE:** The counts for Inland Fisheries & Wildlife do not include those licenses or registrations acquired online through the State of Maine.

* In the summer of 2020 fewer people came to Raymond to stay and more used the online system due to COVID-19 making the number of fishing licenses issued, boats registered and dogs licensed lower.

**2021 is increased over previous years for a number of reasons:**

- For Dog Licenses it is partially due to an increase in pet ownership brought on by COVID-19, partially an increase in residents moving to Raymond (again probably due to COVID-19) and partially due to a need to check on owners of unlicensed dogs.
- For IF&W it is, like Dog Licensing, a mixture of people recreating more due to COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, more people moving to Raymond, and most of these activities are considered fairly safe under COVID-19 guidelines.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Look
"The Raymond." Situated at the head of Jordan's Bay, an arm of Sebago Lake in one of Maine's cleanest villages, with its neat residences and elm-shaded streets, Raymond, Maine, has long been noted for its thrift and cleanliness. Entering the village by road from either direction by the main carriage road between Portland and Bridgton, the traveler has opened up before him a magnificent view of lake and mountain and as the street curves gracefully around the head of the bay and just at the most beautiful spot overlooking this beautiful sheet of water and surrounded by wide piazzas, stands "The Raymond." Cool breezes always blowing from the lake, its shaded lawn with comfort all around and the best of sanitation, combines to make a sojourn here one of rest and real enjoyment. At the opening of the season the house will be one of the best in the lake region; clean rooms, best of beds, and a table second to none of its class in the country.
Public Safety
Hello to all:

Thank you to our citizens, Select Board, and Town Manager Don Willard for your dedicated support of the Fire Rescue Department.

Calls for service where up almost 16% last year. Our inspection activities were also increased with proposed subdivisions and major projects. Educational efforts were impacted by COVID, but because of creative efforts, our training goals were reached in different venues and methods. We were successful in wrapping up our Community Wildfire Protection Program. This, in conjunction with the Maine Forest Service, was performed over a two-year period of assessing properties and fuels to determine community risk and reduction strategies. I find this data very important as we are experiencing dryer than normal or even drought conditions more frequently over the last decade. The dryer trend places us at higher risk for urban wildland fires. In the last years, we have had several buildings burn from spreading wildfires, or wildfire spread from structure fires causing a more complex and dangerous incident scene for our limited staffing to handle.

Lack of house numbering is a continued issue; we are very often delayed in our responses because we simply cannot see your numbers. They may be right where you can spot them but a tree or post which is now behind other vegetation or snow banks does not help us to assist you in a time of need. Please post numbers 4" high with a reflective background so they are visible from a vehicle with a driver who does not know where you live. Help us help you.

The Fire Rescue department has been heavily impacted with the COVID crisis during a very busy year. Staffing challenges have consumed the department and its leadership. We continue to respond to the community’s emergency needs despite being short on help. All departments are relying more and more on mutual aid to get the job done and that is growing the service family to include firefighters beyond town lines. Staff worked 1,965 hours of overtime covering others and off shift incidents. Staffing issues are not unique to the region, state or even country. We all are experiencing the same issues as the volunteer is gone and has slowly been replaced out of necessity by on call, per diem and full-time staffing. People are focusing on family and home rather than giving up their precious time to become certified and then be on call to respond at a moment’s notice. It is challenging to obtain new members despite our best efforts and continued membership drives. Despite the COVID pandemic and other factors, joining our department is a great way to give back to the community, earn a little extra money and help others. Our members develop highly technical skill sets and grow as part of a team and second family. Firefighters are a tightknit group, we see the worst days in someone’s life, provide the best care, and get the greatest reward possible – satisfaction of a job well done that impacts the lives and property of our community.

Our facilities remain closed to the public and we hope you understand. We are exposed to COVID in the field which is a risk we must take to provide care to patients. We do not want someone attending a meeting in the station to test positive and risk placing our already limited staff into quarantine status because of that exposure.

I want to thank the staff of the Raymond Fire Rescue Department who handled many calls for COVID 19 patients. We worked with honor and courage in this ongoing pandemic to help others despite the changing science. We wore bulky masks, Tyvek suits, and eye shields to protect ourselves and the patients we were
summoned to help. We didn’t know if we would take the virus home to our families and yet we kept on responding without a break or option to work from home. We cleaned the facilities, apparatus, and equipment religiously, ruined uniforms with the bleach water we used and excessive hand washing caused dry, cracked, and painful hands. Our crews maintained our stations, cleaning a 14,000 square foot facility and a smaller station at 381 Webbs Mills Rd, mowed our lawns, shoveled and snow-blew. They maintain, clean, and inspect all equipment including trucks, medical equipment, self-contained breathing apparatus, pumps, perform our own hose testing, and perform repairs on most equipment. We are still here. We are ready to respond.

Stats from 7-1-2020 to 06-31-2021:

- 931 Fire and EMS calls for service.
- 13,401 On-call Hours
- 9,133 Call out (emergency scene) Hours
- 1,418 Training Hours (impacted due to training canceled for months due to COVID)
- 1,400 Fire Prevention Hours (this includes inspections, planning board meetings, educational efforts, and Community Wildland Protection Program assessments and education)

I am proud of our members for their dedication in the eye of uncertainty and high risk.

Thank you,
Bruce D Tupper
Department Chief Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management
This has been a trying year for many of us as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and the changes that has brought to our lives. The Health Officer’s job is to oversee the health and safety of the residents of the town and is made easier by volunteers that assisted to help others through the pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage around us. For while it looked like the end was in sight but that has changed again. Mask on and then mask off to back on again. How do you know what information to believe and trust? I encourage you to follow the CDC recommendations and not believe all the COVID info put out on social media. Check with your primary care physician for the latest care you should follow.

Our town facilities remained closed to the public as a safety measure for most of the year and credit to the staff who assisted residents mostly by the phone and online transactions. The town secured a Keep Maine Healthy grant for $80,000.00 that was used to improved portable bathroom facilities at Tassel Top and Veterans Park, COVID-19 precautions signage and work with our business and summer camps to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Our school age children and teachers had to endure masks while at school and the challenges of online teaching. The school janitorial did a great job keeping our schools cleaned and sanitized.

Our public safety staff have been challenged with the task of caring for presumed COVID patients while wearing hot and restrictive protective gear and extra cleaning and sanitizing measures.

Again this year, as our residents of Raymond needed help, our volunteers stepped up to help those who were in need. Early in the pandemic, we realized some of our older residents would need help with some of their basic needs like grocery shopping or trips to their doctors and this is still ongoing. A group of volunteers participated in a phone tree to reach out to over 400 residents to give them a voice to talk to and help with shopping if needed. My thanks to the phone tree volunteers, who were a calm voice over the phone helping our neighbors.

With our “neighbors helping neighbors” theme, we appreciate the Raymond Food Pantry, that is operated out of the Raymond Baptist Church on Roosevelt Trail. The volunteers feed approximately 30-40 families every month and donate many hours at the food pantry. We used the $10,000 grant received this past year to purchase food, supplies and equipment. My hats off to the Pantry Manager, Gary Bibeau, who puts endless hours in making this program work, along with all pantry volunteers. If you have a few extra hours or dollars to give, this would be a great place to donate to those left fortunate.

Thanks to the folks whose donations to the summer food backpack program, done in conjunction with the RSU #14. With money given by many residents and we were able to provide food weekly for 16 low-income families over the summer months. With help from the volunteers, Nancy Fowles, Laurie Wallace, Teresa Sadak, Georgette Quellette, April Fey, Jessica Fey, Deb Baker and Kaela Gonzalez and her children, we purchased, packed, and delivered food for eleven weeks.

As this pandemic goes on, I encourage all of you to follow the guidelines of the CDC and watch out for each other. Our fall and winter months maybe cold and lonely for those that are still homebound due to age or medical conditions. Reach out to your family and neighbors and see what you can do to help!

My thanks to all the volunteers, families, our town staff, fire and rescue personnel, teachers and parents who have all handled the challenges of this pandemic and made it better for others.

The cleaning and disinfecting procedures we all learned will hopefully stay with us long after the pandemic goes away. I encourage all to keep up with good handwashing, using social distancing and vaccination programs so we can end this pandemic.

The stress and anxiety of everyday life can get to all of us and becomes even greater when we are faced with challenging times. I encourage all of you to look for ways to manage your stress, reach out to others or seek professional help if needed.

Please feel free to contact me at cathy.gosselin@raymondmaine.org if you need assistance.

Sincerely,

Cathy Gosselin
Health Officer, Town of Raymond
Report of the Animal Control Officer

Casco Naples Raymond
Regional Animal Control Department
Submitted by Officer Jessica Jackson, Regional ACO

FY-2021 Annual Report

The CNR Regional Animal Control Department handled over 200 calls for service, in Raymond alone, during the 2021 fiscal year. Of those calls, 185 initial complaints were received through Cumberland County Regional Communications Center.

Please be aware, the number of initial complaints in no way reflects the time or effort spent in the field. Some of these complaints are closed quickly without report and many remain active until resolved, requiring multiple follow-ups and time.

Our typical complaints involved a range of domestic animals, livestock, and wildlife. They consisted of but were not limited to: welfare/abuse concerns, abandoned animals, animals at large, aggressive/dangerous animals, animal bites, rabies exposures, missing animal complaints, pets in motor vehicles, animal trespass, and animals needing emergency care/response. We also provided agency assistance to remove and/or restrain animals during OUI stops, motor vehicle accidents, and various other requests of the department for assistance.

Covid Challenges

FY-2021 has been a challenging year for the CNR Regional Animal Control Department. Covid brought many changes to when and how we respond to even the most basic complaints. The number of complaints also increased as more people brought animals into their homes during lockdown and quarantine periods. Many of these complaints are cruelty and neglect related. These types of complaints are not only time-consuming but emotionally and physically exhausting.

As we watched these call numbers go up, our staffing numbers dropped to one full-time officer directing the department and covering all shifts to fulfill the needs of the three communities. We are working to resolve the staffing issue and we thank you for your patience.
Rabies Vaxx, Spaying/Neutering, and Your Pet, We may be able to help!!!

Per State law, all dogs and cats must be vaccinated, but looking beyond that – rabies is a fatal virus and a serious public health concern. Most mammals are believed to be susceptible to the disease. Usually, it is transmitted from animal to animal through bites. The incubation period varies widely; in domestic animals, it is usually 3–12 weeks but can range from several days to months, rarely exceeding 6 months. Signs of rabies include inappetence, difficulty swallowing, abnormal behavior, loss of coordination, paralysis, and seizures. Death follows quickly. An ounce of prevention goes a long way when there is no cure. If you need assistance with vaccinations, please reach out to the department. We have resources for almost any need.

Raymond Town Office begins licensing dogs for the next year on October 15th. The cost is $6 for a neutered/spayed dog and $11 for an unaltered dog. Any dog not licensed by the end-of-day on January 31st will be assessed a $25 late fee.

CNR Regional Animal Control department works closely with different programs that can assist with getting pets spayed and neutered. We are more than happy to assist any community members in determining which resources would best fit their spay/neutering needs. If you need assistance with spay/neutering please reach out to the department. We have resources for almost any need.

Urgent complaints or to report animal cruelty:

Cumberland County Regional Communications (Sheriffs’ Department)
207–893–2810/ 911 (Emergency only)

By email: aco.jackson@cascomaine.org

By mail at:
Animal Control Department, 635 Meadow Rd, Casco ME 04015

(Please indicate confidentiality on the envelope)
Public Works

Raymond Village Cemetery
Dear Citizens of Raymond:

Several major road improvement projects were completed during the 2020-2021 FY. The largest and most comprehensive project was done on Mountain Road. Over one mile of roadway was reclaimed and paved. The ditching was improved, and new culverts added. In addition, a new stop sign was added to the intersection of Mountain and Tenny Hill Road, making a two way stop. The second largest project was on Shaw Road, which totaled about one mile of reclaim and new pavement with improvements to ditching. Surface pavement was done on both Brown and Gore Road.

Citizens are welcome to get small amounts of sand/salt for walkways and driveways starting November 1st Monday through Friday from 7am to 3pm, from the small shed located on the right side of the lot just inside the gate. During storms this area will remain closed to the public due to plow traffic. Please understand that all other areas of the Public Works’ yard and equipment are not for public/residential use. Please contact the Public Works Director if you have any questions at (207) 653-3641 or Nathan.White@raymondmaine.org.

I would like to thank the Public Works crew – Scott Picavet, Jason Larrabee, Everett “Shep” Stults, Jason Abildgaard, Dennis Michaud, David Stuart, Matt Kahrman, Michael Prout, Eric Richmond, and Don McClellan.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nathan White
Public Works Director
207-653-3641
Nathan.White@raymondmaine.org

Check out Raymond Public Works at http://www.raymondmaine.org/public-works
Raymond Parks & Recreation

Camp Agawam Soccer Fields
### Tassel Top 2021 Revenues

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### Tassel Top Park - Total Revenues By Year

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I would first like to thank the countless volunteers of the Raymond Recreation Association that ran programs for the Raymond Community, throughout the years. Raymond Recreation Association volunteers continue to help with the transition to the Town’s Parks and Recreation Department and I cannot thank them enough for that support. The Raymond Parks and Recreation Department will be running soccer, basketball, and swim lessons on top of newly added programs and events.

Our first ever annual easter egg hunt and second annual Family Fun, Fitness, and Film Festival were a big hit! Thanks to our sponsors and partners for helping us run these events. The easter egg hunt had 35 children participate.

The soccer program has 108 registered soccer players. The volunteer coaches are excited to have a great season. The older divisions will be playing in the Lakes Region Youth Soccer League.

Tassel Top Park saw some major renovations to the rental cabin. Barry Alden, Facility Maintenance Manager, completely remodeled the kitchen area including updated appliances.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Crocker, Raymond Parks & Recreation Director
Education
Dear Citizens of Raymond:

I am pleased to bring you this report on the Windham Raymond School District. RSU 14 serves approximately 3175 students in six schools from the towns of Raymond and Windham. It is the 8th largest school district in Maine and operates the 11th largest high school. Approximately 725 full and part-time individuals are employed by the district.

COVID Response

The Coronavirus pandemic had a significant impact on our ability to educate students from our district over the past year. The district operated two separate models of instruction for students throughout the school year. The first model was a hybrid model with half of students physically attending school on alternating days. Students completed self directed school work on their off days. The second model was a remote form of instruction. Students attended their classes virtually through a combination of synchronous class meetings and asynchronous work at home. Roughly 550 students participated in the remote model and roughly 2,650 participated in the hybrid model.

The medical staff of RSU 14 were instrumental in making sure that COVID cases were properly identified and that CDC guidelines for quarantines were properly followed. Over the course of the past year, over 1700 students and staff members were quarantined due to 152 cases that were verified in the district.

I am proud of the flexibility and creativity that was demonstrated by the RSU 14 staff over the past year. By their efforts, schools were able to remain open to fulfill the promised number of instructional days that were given to students and families.

Revolving Renovation

The district would like to again thank the citizens of Raymond and Windham for their approval of the School Revolving Renovation Fund bond (SRRF). Using funds from this bond, the district was able to make progress on the Raymond projects that were identified for this program. The most significant work completed this summer was the renovation and relocation of the Raymond Elementary School (RES) office to the front portion of the building. Students and parents entering the building will be able to interact with office and nursing personnel without entering the full building. The change creates a safer environment for all who work and visit RES. In addition to the work done at RES, SRRF work was also completed at Jordan Small Middle School (JSMS) this past year. That work included the final removal of all asbestos in the building and the architectural documents for the renovation of the Jordan Small administrative offices. The office renovation at JSMS will have a similar impact to the building as what was done at RES. The main office and nurses office will be moved to the front of the building. The change will improve student and visitor safety for the building and will also serve to improve the medical facilities for the JSMS nurse. Additional work is planned for both JSMS and RES next summer. Work will include an upgrade to the RES water system, the renovation of the JSMS office, and the installation of the fire and evacuation system for both buildings.

Strategic Planning

Work on a new strategic plan for RSU 14 was completed this past year. The plan will guide the work of the district for the next 5 years. The document includes strategies and action steps related to six Core Beliefs (Equity and Inclusion, Whole Child, Student Engagement, Staff Engagement, Community Engagement, and Transferable Skills). Each of the Core Beliefs were developed using feedback and input sessions that were held with community members, parents, students, teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders. The document includes a new Mission for our district.

RSU is committed to:

- Establishing a safe, supportive and inclusive community;
- Developing strong partnerships in order to support every learner as they gain knowledge, skills, and character to thrive and contribute in an ever changing, diverse world; and
- Fostering learner aspirations and success through engagement in authentic and diverse learning experiences.
A special thank you to all of the committee members who worked over the past 18 months to develop the plan. Participants included Christine Frost-Bertinet, Lisa Garneau, Chris Howell, Christine Hesler, Danielle Donnini, Kate Brix, Beth Peavey, Jennie Shapiro, AJ Ruth, Cortney Reagan, Richey Vickers, Jamie McAlpine, Phil Rossetti, and Craig Haims. The complete document and district progress towards meeting action steps can be found on the district website at: www.rsu14.org.

Retirees

The RSU 14 Board of Directors would like to thank the following individuals for their service to the district. We wish them the best of luck in their retirement.

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RSU 14 Board Chair Recognition

RSU 14 lost a wonderful and caring advocate for students this past year. Jani Cummings gracefully served as the Board Chair during a very difficult time in the history of our district. Jani’s life was focused on serving those around her. This focus was evident in her classroom, her home, her community, and in her service to the RSU. Jani made all of us feel special and her legacy will live on in each of us.

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the communities of Raymond and Windham for your continued support, patience and understanding throughout the pandemic.

It is only through your help and support that we were able to maintain our programs for our students. I encourage you to visit our website to learn about all of the programs and activities that our students are involved in and the wonderful achievements that they have accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Howell
Superintendent
Report of 2021 Scholarships Awarded

The Board of Selectmen awarded a total of $5,500 in scholarships to the following students:

- Alec G Brooks
- Keegan Brooks
- Haley Froisland
- Kaila Mank
- Rees Addison Merritt
- Elizabeth Petersen
- Nathan Scott Plummer
- Kent Andrew Raymond
- Neily Raymond
- Boden Sabasteanski

The scholarships are provided by the following funds:

**Alva M. Clough Scholarship**

Alva Clough was a teacher and resident in Raymond for forty years. Her interest in the education of Raymond’s youth was characterized by her dedication and love for her pupils.

**Carleton E. Edwards Scholarship Trust Fund**

Carleton E. Edwards was a Selectmen for the Town of Raymond for over 50 years, had 6 terms in the State Legislature, as well as being a life-long resident and dairy farmer. The town officials, through donations of many interested citizens and his family, formed this scholarship fund in his memory recognizing his interest in the education of the youth of Raymond. The annual scholarship is to be given to one student with outstanding credentials and needs, and should be enrolled in a four-year college course.

**Collins-Day Scholarship**

Ruth Day and Anna Collins took an active interest in the youth of Raymond. To perpetuate their ideals of character and scholarship excellence, they left a fund for annual awards to a Raymond resident, graduating from secondary school, who exemplified scholarship and character of the highest order and who wished to continue his or her education in college or technical school.

**George E. Wood Memorial Scholarship**

The scholarship fund was raised by the many admirers of the late George Wood, who was a well-known selectman, teacher, football coach and musician. As a teacher and coach at the Providence Country Day School, where he taught a major part of his life, he influenced the lives of hundreds of boys. When he retired he moved to his summer home in Raymond and took an active part in the community life. This scholarship is to be awarded to a Raymond student who, having shown interest and ability in mathematics, intends to continue studies in college or in a technical or vocational school.

If you would like to contribute to any of the Raymond Scholarship funds, please contact Cathy Ricker, Finance Director, at the Town Office: (207) 655-4742, Extension 132.
Town Boards and Committees

One of the Beautification Committee’s Town Gardens at the Town Office

Maintained by Jan Miller and Don McClellan - photo courtesy of Sharon Dodson
Dear Citizens of Raymond,

The Raymond Beautification Committee came together eighteen years ago to look at ways to maintain the landscaping put in place during Raymond’s Route 302 Improvement Project of 2003. The committee works with town government, local businesses, clubs and volunteers to enhance the atmosphere of the busy Route 302 Corridor using gardens, landscaping and seasonal decorations. **Walk & Weeder**s usually meet each Friday from April to November to maintain the 70+ planted areas.

The Town of Raymond continues to demonstrate its long-term commitment to the preservation of the gardens in many ways. They assign a seasonal Public Works employee, Don McLellan, to the project; he can use power tools, do heavier lifting, rigorous pruning, debris removal and use town equipment that the volunteers cannot. Don does daily trash pick-up at Raymond Beach and the Veterans Memorial Park, and waters the annuals in specific locations all summer. Volunteers spend more time on “beautification,” and it really shows. The Town also makes sure the grass surrounding the gardens along the sidewalk is mowed throughout the growing season. They ensure that the gardens are freshly mulched before the spring flowers start to pop through the ground. The Beautification Committee sincerely appreciates our Town’s dedication to the improvement and maintenance of Raymond’s business district.

We are grateful for all our community support. Several businesses take care of gardens adjacent to their properties, and we depend on their contribution. Those who mow their yards and do regular parking lot maintenance/cleaning go a long way toward enhancing the overall appearance of the Route 302 corridor. Hawthorne Garden Club members are regular participants in Walk & Weed and help with funding materials and plants. The Veterans Memorial Committee decorates the Veterans Memorial Park for holidays and contributes financially to the plantings there. Local businesses and individual citizens provided funds to buy wreaths for all the Route 302 Project light poles last fall/winter. We thank all these people. We are always looking for new volunteers. Please contact Town Clerk, Sue Look, to find out how you can help.

The Beautification Committee accepts tax deductible donations (made out to **Town of Raymond, for Beautification Committee**) to fund annual flowers, bulbs and decorations. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the changing colors of the seasons in Raymond’s public places like the Veterans Memorial Park, Town Hall, Raymond Village Library, and the Welcome to Raymond Signs.

We have come a long way in the past eighteen years! Beautifying our town is a wonderful way to showcase Raymond’s sense of community pride and welcoming spirit. The Raymond Beautification Committee thanks all the people who make the project possible, and we invite everyone to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

**Raymond Beautification Committee**,  
Sharon Dodson  
Christine McClellan  
Mitzi Burby  
Elissa Gifford  
Fran Gagne  
Mary McIntire  
Elaine Keith  
Shirley Bloom  
Jan Miller
Raymond’s Budget/Finance Committee provides a check and balance system for the development and review of the town’s annual municipal budget. The goal of the committee has been to reasonably align the ever-increasing needs for necessary growth in the town’s services with the financial impact to the taxpayers. Adding to the stress on taxpayer dollars are changes in state funding, an annual increase in the county budget and the ever-increasing demands of RSU-14. Revenues are also a key component in the budgeting process. Input from the community of Raymond is encouraged in helping to determine the financial direction for the town.

To achieve this goal, the Budget/Finance Committee publicly vets all budget requests. We do this through a series of televised sessions starting in February lasting through March. During these sessions, department heads and other invited guests will present and explain their requests. Covid-19 restricted the ability to meet in person so meetings were done by remote Zoom conference calls. This year’s committee recommended to support all the Selectboard’s warrant articles. The public is always invited to view the process and comment on budgetary items. Videos of all Budget/Finance Committee meetings are available on the Town of Raymond website.

Thank you to the members of the 2020-2021 budget cycle of the Budget/Finance Committee:

    Vice Chair Kevin Oliver    Joe Bruno    Karen Lockwood    Robert Jones

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Gosselin

Budget Finance Committee Chair

Photo courtesy of Cynthia Davenport
The Raymond Planning Board is comprised of seven volunteer members appointed by the Board of Selectmen; the chair and vice-chair are elected annually, by sitting members of the Board, at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the Town's annual meeting. Current Board membership may be viewed on the Town website www.raymonddmaine.org using the government drop down menu.

Board members work closely with Alex Sirois (Code Enforcement), James Seymour (Town Planner) and Sandy Fredricks (Administrative Assistant) in their mission of guiding development in accordance with both Town and State land use ordinances. The principal documents used when conducting Planning Board business are the Land Use Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Shoreland Zoning Provisions, and the Street Ordinance. The town ordinances and maps are on the Raymond website or can be viewed at the Raymond Town Hall.

The Board has regularly scheduled meetings commencing at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of every month. Meeting agendas are available at the Town Hall and online prior to the meeting. When in person meetings are precluded by the current pandemic, the meetings were conducted via zoom; these meeting are still recorded and available for later viewing.

Monthly Planning Board meetings are open to the public. During public hearings the speaker must clearly state their name and street address for the record. Once the speaker has introduced themselves, then all comments addressed to the Board shall be made through the Chair. The Planning Board promotes strict adherence to the Maine right to know statutes thus reserving discussion of all matters that come before it to scheduled meetings.

The pace of minor and major subdivisions in the community has started to increase, however development growth continues to be in single lot home construction; a majority of this development falls within the purview of the Town’s Code Enforcement Office and not the Planning Board. Although the board has not been busy with project review, as the rate of development of Town properties has been well below historical peak levels, the board has been spending considerable time updating existing ordinances, and modifying existing ordinances where necessary, to ensure compliance with changes to State regulations. Ordnance changes are developed by the board, presented to the Board of Selectman, and approved at Town Meetings.

It is worth noting that the Planning Board sits as a quasi-judicial body that reviews applications for all land use ordinances. Enforcement of Town ordinances, and Planning Board decisions, does not rest with the Planning Board but with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert O'Neill
Chair, Planning Board

Photo courtesy of Cynthia Davenport
Dear Citizens of Raymond:

The Town of Raymond Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) was created as a consequence of the 1971 Revised Statutes of Maine. This statute mandated that all state municipalities develop and implement a Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Provisions in compliance with the minimum standards established by state law. The stated purpose of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance is “to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community by regulating the use of land and the use and construction of new buildings and premises.” The purpose of the Shoreland Zoning Provisions, which are a part of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, is to safeguard the shoreland areas of our town from the impact of development.

The ZBA derives its authority from Article 6 of the Land Use Ordinance, which in turn has been approved and is modified periodically by the citizens of Raymond. The board is comprised of five regular members and one alternate member. All members are volunteers appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The ZBA meets as needed on the last Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Broadcast Studio to consider requests for setback reductions, variances to zoning provisions, and proposed conditional uses, as well as administrative appeals from decisions of the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO). Board members, in the company of the CEO, may conduct site visits to an applicant’s property for the purpose of inspection and fact finding prior to acting on an application. All ZBA meetings are announced in advance and open to the public. Public attendance and input are encouraged at all ZBA meetings.

ZBA members during the period July 2020 to June 2021 included:
- Patricia Beaton
- Leonard Cirelli – through May 2021
  - Vice-Chair through September 2020; Chair through May 2021
- Greg Dean – effective June 2021
- Tom Hennessey – effective April 2021
- Louise Lester – through August 2020
- David Murch – effective January 2021
  - Vice Chair effective March 2021
- Joanne Stinson – through March 2021
  - Chair though September 2020; Vice-Chair through March 2021
- Eric Welch – through January 2020

The responsibility of the ZBA is to hear and grant or deny applications for variances to criteria set forth in the Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as well as to consider appeals that challenge the interpretation of these ordinances made by the CEO. During the period July 2020 to June 2021, the ZBA heard 10 applications, including 5 for Setback Reduction, 2 for Conditional Use, 1 for Change of Use, 1 for Lot Area Variance, and 1 for Reconsideration of Decision. The following is a summary of the relevant ZBA decisions:

- Setback Reduction – 4 approved, 1 tabled
- Conditional Use – 2 approved
- Change of Use – 1 approved
- Lot Area Variance – 1 denied
- Reconsideration of Decision – 1 denied

The mission of the ZBA is to act on the behalf of the citizens of Raymond in enforcing both the letter and the intent of the Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Provisions. As the language of any statute is subject to interpretation, it is the responsibility of the ZBA to bring to the attention of the Planning Board, the Selectmen, and the community those provisions of each ordinance that may require revision in order clearly to reflect the intent of the voters of the town.

Respectfully submitted,
David F. Murch

Visit the town website for a video archive of this board/committee’s meetings.
Annual Town Meeting Minutes

NOTE: Due to COVID-19 the Annual Town Meeting was not able to be held as an open meeting. Instead the Town of Raymond voted the Town Meeting Warrant on June 8, 2021 via secret ballot.
Town of Raymond  
June 8, 2021  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT VOTE RESULTS

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 1, 2021, at 7:00 A.M., then and there acted on Articles 1 through 34 as set out below.

412  Total Municipal Officers’ Ballots Cast
409  Total Town Warrant Article Ballots Cast (Page 1 of 2)
410  Total Town Warrant Articles Ballots Cast (Page 2 of 2)

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<tr>
<th>ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot.</th>
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<td>At 7:00am 3 ballots were cast to elect Suzanne Carr as the Moderator.</td>
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<th>ARTICLE 2: Referendum Question A: To see if the Town will vote to:</th>
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<td>• Set the date the 1st half of taxes due to October 31, 2021, and the 2nd half of taxes due to April 30, 2022; and</td>
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<td>• Set the interest rate for unpaid balances and for abated taxes at six percent (6%) for the fiscal year;</td>
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<td>• 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</td>
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<td>• 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.</td>
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Select Board recommends Article 2
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 2

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ARTICLE 3: Referendum Question B: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $2,036,154 for General Government Services (Administration; Employee Compensation and Training; Insurances, Worker Comp and Benefits; Liability/Vehicle Insurance; Assessing; Code Enforcement; Parks & Recreation; Technology; and General Assistance).

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

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<td>Administration</td>
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<td>Insurances, Worker Comp and Benefits</td>
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<td>Liability/Vehicle Insurance</td>
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<td>Assessing (includes $100,000 towards reval.)</td>
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<td>$141,739</td>
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<td>General Assistance</td>
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Select Board recommends Article 3
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 3

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ARTICLE 4: Referendum Question C: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,362,433 for Public Works.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

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<td>Public Works</td>
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<td>Town Buildings</td>
<td>$35,100</td>
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<td>Solid Waste</td>
<td>$398,669</td>
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<td>Cemeteries</td>
<td>$44,645</td>
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Select Board recommends Article 4
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 4

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ARTICLE 5: Referendum Question D: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,020,988 for Public Safety.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

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<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Fire/Rescue Department</td>
<td>$947,988</td>
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<td>Animal Control</td>
<td>$73,000</td>
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Select Board recommends Article 5
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 5

Results:
- Yes: 323
- No: 72
- Blank: 14

ARTICLE 6: 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 6
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 6

Results:
- Yes: 353
- No: 39
- Blank: 17

ARTICLE 7: 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 7
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 7

Results:
- Yes: 318
- No: 75
- Blank: 16
ARTICLE 8: 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 8
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 8

Results:
- Yes: 326
- No: 55
- Blank: 28

ARTICLE 9: 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 9
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 9

Results:
- Yes: 344
- No: 40
- Blank: 25

ARTICLE 10: 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 $300,000.

Select Board recommends Article 10
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 10

Results:
- Yes: 343
- No: 40
- Blank: 26
ARTICLE 11: Referendum Question J: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $283,164 from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2020-2021 project proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program (for details see Addendum 1).

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

Results:
Yes 291
No 81
Blank 37

ARTICLE 12: Referendum Question K: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Tassel Top Park Enterprise fund the amount of $76,393 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 12
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 12

Results:
Yes 334
No 51
Blank 24

ARTICLE 13: Referendum Question L: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $312,000 for Debt Services.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

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<td>2013 Public Works Road Construction Bond</td>
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<td>2015 Bond Payment</td>
<td>$96,000</td>
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Select Board recommends Article 13
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 13

Results:
Yes 288
No 91
Blank 30
ARTICLE 14: Referendum Question M: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate $780,000 for the Capital Improvement Program.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

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<th>Public Works Equipment Reserve</th>
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<td>Municipal Facilities Improvements</td>
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<td>Technology</td>
<td>$110,000</td>
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<td>Fire Department Equipment/Facilities</td>
<td>$75,000</td>
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<td>Playground Improvements</td>
<td>$35,000</td>
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Select Board recommends Article 14  
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 14

Results:
- Yes: 279
- No: 101
- Blank: 29

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ARTICLE 15: Referendum Question N: 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 15  
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 15

Results:
- Yes: 312
- No: 68
- Blank: 29

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ARTICLE 16: Referendum Question O: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $773,657 for the County Tax.

Select Board recommends Article 16  
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 16

Results:
- Yes: 298
- No: 84
- Blank: 27
ARTICLE 17: Referendum Question P: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $69,000 for Raymond Village Library, Provider Agencies, and Regional Transportation.

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<td>Regional Transportation</td>
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Select Board recommends Article 17
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 17

Results:

- Yes 332
- No 56
- Blank 21

ARTICLE 18: Referendum Question Q: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of $1,638,160 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 18
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 18

Results:

- Yes 359
- No 36
- Blank 15
ARTICLE 19: Referendum Question R: 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, 2021, 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 Article 19
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 19

Results:
Yes 367
No 26
Blank 17

ARTICLE 20: Referendum Question S: 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 20
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 20

Results:
Yes 341
No 53
Blank 16
ARTICLE 21: Referendum Question T: 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 21
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 21

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ARTICLE 22: Referendum Question U: Shall Article 12 of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, (Applicability and Definition of Terms Used in this Ordinance) as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, Section 17 (Definitions) of the Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, Section 14 (Definitions) of the Raymond Street Ordinance, as adopted May 18, 2002, and amended through July 14, 2020, and Article 3 (Definitions) of the Subdivision Regulations for the Town of Raymond, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout 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 22
Select Board recommends Article 22

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**DESCRIPTION:** This proposed amendment would clean up similar definitions across multiple ordinances specific to roads/streets, removing any inconsistencies.
ARTICLE 23: Referendum Question V: Shall the Appendix of the Raymond Street Ordinance, as adopted May 18, 2002, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 3?

(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 23
Select Board recommends Article 23

Results:
- Yes 292
- No 65
- Blank 53

DESCRIPTION:
- The proposed amendment to the Raymond Street Ordinance appendices has been added to provide design information for Street and Backlot Driveway termini turnaround design requirements. The details include revised dimensions to address emergency vehicle maneuvers and safety at the Street terminus and turnarounds.
- Appendix A has been revised to provide details for the actual layout options for a street dead-end terminus for both Streets and backlot driveways.
- Appendix B provides the designer-specific Fire Department requirements to be addressed in preparing a street terminus design for safe fire access.

ARTICLE 24: Referendum Question W: Shall Section 5.5 (Street Design Standards), Section 5.7A (Dead End Streets), and Section 10 (Waivers), of the Raymond Street Ordinance, as adopted May 18, 2002, and amended through July 14, 2020, 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 24
Select Board recommends Article 24

Results:
- Yes 287
- No 69
- Blank 54

DESCRIPTION: This proposed amendment to the Street Ordinance would allow waivers to be granted to the maximum grade requirements of a Private Road and Backlot Driveway. Also included are additional standards for the maximum length of a Private Road.
ARTICLE 25: Referendum Question X: Shall Article 9 (Minimum Standards), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 5?

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Planning Board recommends Article 25
Select Board recommends Article 25

Results:
  Yes  286
  No   67
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DESCRIPTION: The proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance has been created to address permit requirements if landowners or proposed developments consider clearing or cutting more than the current zoning standards limitation of 25% of the lot area. The amendment considers notification and site plan requirements and also exempts tree cutting and clearing for agricultural practices, installation of personal utilities, or private solar generation equipment and/or panels.

ARTICLE 26: Referendum Question Y: Shall Article 4.F (District Regulations, Commercial District), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, 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 26
Select Board recommends Article 26

Results:
  Yes  289
  No   66
  Blank 55

DESCRIPTION: This proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance would correct what we believe was an error made in 2009. As written the ordinance allows mixed uses in the commercial zone if the commercial use is on the upper floor.
ARTICLE 27: Referendum Question Z: Shall Section 15.K (Land Use Standards, Septic Waste Disposal), of the Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 7?

(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 27
Select Board recommends Article 27

Results:
- Yes 287
- No 68
- Blank 55

DESCRIPTION: This amendment to the Shoreland Zoning Provisions would change the requirement of a larger sized septic system within 250’ of a perennial water body, to a Great Pond only. Also amended would be the Portland Water District rule reference.

ARTICLE 28: Referendum Question AA: Shall Article 6.C (Board of Appeals, Appeals Procedure), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 8?

Results:
- Yes 285
- No 70
- Blank 55

(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: This proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance would require a recording in the registry confirming ZBA variance approval.
ARTICLE 31: Referendum Question AB: Shall Article 9.F (Minimum Standards, Waste Material Accumulation), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, 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 31
Select Board recommends Article 31

Results:
- Yes 291
- No 65
- Blank 54

DESCRIPTION: This amendment simply modifies the out-of-date referenced statute.

ARTICLE 32: Referendum Question AC: Shall Article IV (NFPA Life Safety Code and NFPA Fire Code NFPA 1), Article VIII (New Construction), and Article IX (Building Additions), of the Raymond Fire Protection Ordinance, as adopted May 19, 1995, and amended through June 7, 2016, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 10?

(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

Results:
- Yes 289
- No 68
- Blank 53

DESCRIPTION: The Fire Protection Ordinance, Articles VIII & XI are presented in their entirety below. The remaining sections of the Fire Protection Ordinance (including other sections dealing with sprinklers) are not included document. Only the Articles with proposed changes in language have been included. This proposed amendment would require a residential sprinkler system for dwelling units 4,800 square feet and larger and would also update the adopted version of NFPA 101 to 2018.
ARTICLE 33: Referendum Question AD: Shall Article 12 (Applicability and Definition of Terms Used in this Ordinance), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, and Section 17 (Definitions), of the Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 11?

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Planning Board recommends Article 33
Select Board recommends Article 33

Results:
- Yes 286
- No 69
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DESCRIPTION: This proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Provisions would add a definition for the term Tiny Home.
ARTICLE 34: To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officials, namely one (1) Select Board member, for a three-year term; three (3) members for the Budget-Finance Committee, for three-year terms; two (2) members of the Budget-Finance Committee, for three-year terms; and one (1) member for the RSU School Board of Directors, for a three-year term.

Select Board Results (3-year term, vote for 1):
   Joe Bruno 204
   Dana DesJardins 34
   Abigail Geer 171
   Write-ins * 0
   Blanks 3

Budget-Finance Committee Results (3-year terms, vote for 3):
   Robert Gosselin 264
   Kevin Oliver 243
   Write-in – Denis Morse 13
   24 other write-in candidates who had less than 13 votes each for a total of 62 votes
   Blanks 665

Budget-Finance Committee Results (2-year terms, vote for 2):
   Write-in – Abigail Geer 6
   Write-in – Marshall Bullock 5
   27 other write-in candidates who had less than 5 votes each for a total of 46 votes
   Blanks 565

RSU #14 Board of Directors (3-year term, vote for 1):
   Katie Levielle 310
   Write-ins * 12
   Blanks 90

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look, Town Clerk
### Addendum 1

**ARTICLE 11: Referendum Question I:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $283,164 from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2020-2021 project proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program *(for details see Addendum 1).*

Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 11  
Budget-Finance Committee recommends/does not recommend Article 11

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ARTICLE 22: Referendum Question U: Shall Article 12 of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, (Applicability and Definition of Terms Used in this Ordinance) as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, Section 17 (Definitions) of the Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, Section 14 (Definitions) of the Raymond Street Ordinance, as adopted May 18, 2002, and amended through July 14, 2020, and Article 3 (Definitions) of the Subdivision Regulations for the Town of Raymond, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout 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 22
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 22

DESCRIPTION: This proposed amendment would clean up similar definitions across multiple ordinances specific to roads/streets, removing any inconsistencies.

Luo Article 12 – Applicability and Definitions of Terms Used in this Ordinance

Back Lot Driveway - A driveway within a defined location serving access and frontage purposes for no more than two back lots and which originates from a street constructed in accordance with the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance standards for a Town accepted, proposed public, or private street, Town accepted street or from a road constructed in accordance with the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance standards for a private street.

Road – A route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel, asphalt, or other surfacing materials constructed for or created by the repeated passage of motor vehicles.

Street - A public way which affords the principal means of access to abutting properties, or a proposed way that is intended to be accepted by the Town as a public way in accordance with the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance, or a private street as defined in this ordinance. The word "street" means and includes such ways as alleys, avenues, boulevards, highways, roads, streets, and other rights-of-way. The term "street" shall also apply to areas on subdivision plans designated as "streets", etc.

• Minor Street - A street designed to serve as primary residential access, and which meets the design standards for Public Streets as outlined in Section 5.5 of the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance.

• Private Street - A street designed to serve as the primary access to two or more residential lots, which is built to standards as outlined in Section 5.5 Street Design Standards of the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance. Private Streets are to be maintained by an owner, or ownership such as a homeowners association, and shall not be accepted as a public street unless the street is proven to meet the public road standards as determined by the Public Works Director and a State of Maine Professional Engineer.

• Road - A term commonly used to describe a route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel, asphalt, or other surfacing materials constructed for or created by the repeated passage of motorized vehicles. The term shall also include undedicated roads that are described in a recorded
document. The term “road” shall not include those ways that have been discontinued or abandoned. For the purposes of the Town of Raymond Land Use Ordinances, a road must comply with the standards set forth under the definition of “Street” to be utilized for acceptable lot frontage or street front.

SZP Section 17 – Definitions

Road – A term commonly used to describe a route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel, asphalt, or other surfacing materials constructed for or created by the repeated passage of motorized vehicles. The term shall also include undedicated roads that are described in a recorded document. The term “road” shall not include those ways that have been discontinued or abandoned. For the purposes of the Town of Raymond Shoreland Zoning Ordinances, a road must comply with the standards set forth under the definition of "Street" to be utilized for acceptable lot frontage or street front. A route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel, asphalt, or other surfacing materials constructed for or created by the repeated passage of motor vehicles, excluding a driveway as defined.

Street - A public way which affords the principal means of access to abutting properties, or a proposed way that is intended to be accepted by the Town as a public way in accordance with the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance, or a private street as defined in this ordinance. The word "street" means and includes such ways as alleys, avenues, boulevards, highways, roads, streets, and other rights-of-way. The term "street" shall also apply to areas on subdivision plans designated as "streets", etc.

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Driveway – Access route or right-of-way to any single family dwelling, duplex, or multifamily building if so allowed in a zone, except where such buildings are developed as part of a larger subdivision. For other allowed non-residential uses, the term shall mean any primary access route used for vehicular ingress, or egress from a location off a public or private right-of-way. All non-residential and multifamily dwelling driveways shall conform to the applicable design requirements as provided in Article 10-Site Plan Review, F. Performance Standards.

Street Ordinance Section 14 – Definitions

Arterial Street. A major roadway serving long distance traffic through and between municipalities and carrying traffic to major centers of activity.

Collector Street. A principal roadway that conveys traffic between arterial streets.

Back Lot Driveway. A driveway within a defined location serving access and frontage purposes for no more than two back lots and which originates from a street constructed in accordance with the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance standards for a Town accepted, proposed public, or private street constructed in accordance with the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance standards for a private street public or private street.
Street. A public way which affords the principal means of access to abutting properties, or a proposed way that is intended to be accepted by the Town as a public way in accordance with this Ordinance, or a private street as defined in this Ordinance. The word “street” means and includes such ways as alleys, avenues, boulevards, highways, roads, streets, and other rights-of-way. The term “street” shall also apply to areas on subdivision plans designated as “streets”, etc.

Minor Street. A street designed to serve as primary residential access, and which meets the design standards for public streets in Section 5.5 of this Ordinance.

Private Street. A street designed to serve as the primary access to two or more residential lots, which meets the design standards for private streets in Section 5.5 of this Ordinance. Private streets are to be maintained by an owner, or ownership such as a homeowners association, and shall not be accepted as a public street unless the street is proven to meet the public road standards as determined by the Public Works Director and a State of Maine Professional Engineer.

Road – A term commonly used to describe a route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel, asphalt, or other surfacing materials constructed for or created by the repeated passage of motorized vehicles. The term shall also include undedicated roads that are described in a recorded document. The term “road” shall not include those ways that have been discontinued or abandoned. For the purposes of the Town of Raymond Land Use Ordinances, a road must comply with the standards set forth under the definition of “Street” to be utilized for acceptable lot frontage or street front.

Subdivision Regulations Article 3 – Definitions

Driveway – Access route or right-of-way to any single family dwelling or to a duplex, triplex, or fourplex building except where such buildings are developed as part of a larger subdivision.

Easement – The authorization of a property owner for the use by another, and for a specified purpose, of any designated part of his property.

Street - A public way which affords the principal means of access to abutting properties, or a proposed way that is intended to be accepted by the Town as a public way in accordance with the Street Ordinance, or a private street as defined in this ordinance. The word "street" means and includes such ways as alleys, avenues, boulevards, highways, roads, streets, and other rights-of-way. The term "street" shall also apply to areas on subdivision plans designated as "streets", etc.

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Road – A term commonly used to describe a route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel, asphalt, or other surfacing materials constructed for or created by the repeated passage of motorized vehicles. The term shall also include undedicated roads that are described in a recorded document. The term “road” shall not include those ways that have been discontinued or abandoned. For the purposes of the Town of Raymond Land Use Ordinances, a road must comply with the standards set forth under the definition of “Street” to be utilized for acceptable lot frontage or street front.
ARTICLE 23: Referendum Question V: Shall the Appendix of the Raymond Street Ordinance, as adopted May 18, 2002, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 3?

(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 23
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 23

DESCRIPTION:
- The proposed amendment to the Raymond Street Ordinance appendices has been added to provide design information for Street and Backlot Driveway termini turnaround design requirements. The details include revised dimensions to address emergency vehicle maneuvers and safety at the Street terminus and turnarounds.
- Appendix A has been revised to provide details for the actual layout options for a street dead-end terminus for both Streets and backlot driveways.
- Appendix B provides the designer-specific Fire Department requirements to be addressed in preparing a street terminus design for safe fire access.

Below are the existing Backlot Driveway and Street Terminus Dead end details:
This is the proposed New Appendices addressing revised Details and added Fire Department Requirements for Terminus/Turnarounds:

Appendix A

Street & Backlot Driveway - Terminus Turnaround Details

NOTES:
(1) DRIVEWAY LEG OR TURN-AROUND MAY BE INSTALLED TO TURN LEFT OR RIGHT (90° TO MAIN DRIVEWAY) AT THE OWNER’S CHOICE.
(2) DRIVEWAY FOR LOT ACCESS MAY NOT COME OFF THE TURN-AROUND AND SHALL NOT BE CLOSER THAN 50-Ft. FROM INTERSECTION POINT WITH TURN-AROUND CLE.
(3) NO OBJECTS, LANDSCAPING, ROCKS OR BARRIERS SHALL BE SET WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LIMITS ON EITHER LEG OF THE PROPOSED TERMINUS.

STREET TURN-AROUND TERMINUS DETAIL
NOT TO SCALE
Appendix B

Fire Department Requirements

1. The application should address Fire Rescue Department access in accordance with NFPA 1, Chapter 18.
   a. The 180-degree "hammer-head" turn-around should be designated as a "Fire Lane".
   b. The designated "Fire Lane" areas shall be marked with approved "Fire Lane" signs that read: "Fire Lane", "No Parking", "Vehicles Towed at the Owners Expense" (see an example of the sign below). The location of the signs shall be approved by the Raymond Fire Rescue Department (RFRD) and Raymond Public Works.
   c. The street and "hammer-head" turn-around shall be designed and maintained with an all-weather driving surface capable of supporting fire department apparatus with a Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) of 75,000 lbs.
   d. The street shall be designed with an unobstructed vertical clearance of 13' 6".
   e. The street grades shall be designed according to the limitations of fire department apparatus regarding approach/departure/break-over angles as follows:
i. An angle of approach no greater than 8 degrees.
ii. Departure angles no greater than 8 degrees.
iii. Break-over angles no greater than 13 degrees.
iv. Street Grade shall not exceed 10 degrees along its entire length.

2. Provide an Auto-Turn (or equivalent) design for a 40-foot fire apparatus with a commercial cab, a tandem rear axle, and a 214-inch wheelbase. This design shall demonstrate that the above-noted fire apparatus can maneuver onto and back out of the new proposed driveway and turn-around via the “hammerhead” turn-around. All proposed designs shall be approved by the Raymond Fire-Rescue Department.

3. The street address assigned by the Town of Raymond E911 Coordinator shall incorporate a street address sign visible from both approach directions, and/or incorporate a street address sign at the driveway entrance that is clearly visible on approach from both approach directions (from within the fire apparatus cab). The street address lettering shall be no less than 4” in height, shall be of a contrasting color to the sign background, and preferably the letters should be reflective for night or reduced light conditions. The placement and street address signs shall be approved by the Raymond Fire Rescue Department and E911 Coordinator.

4. All proposed designs to address Fire Rescue Department access shall be approved by the Raymond Fire-Rescue Department.

ANGLE OF APPROACH & DEPARTURE FIRE APPARATUS

The angle of approach or departure affects the road clearance of the vehicle when going over short steep grades such as found in a driveway entrance, crossing a high crowned road at right angles, or in off-road service. Too low an angle of approach or departure will result in scraping the apparatus body. In those cases where equipment is stored below the body, the angle of approach or departure must be measured to a line below the equipment.

Angle of approach - The smallest angle made between the road surface and a line drawn from the front point of ground contact of the front tire to any projection of the apparatus in front of the front axle. The angle of approach of at least 8 degrees and the angle of departure of at least 8 degrees shall be maintained at the front and rear of the vehicle when it is normally loaded.

The angle of departure and angle of approach of a fire access roadway shall not exceed 8 Degrees, or as approved by the Raymond Fire-Rescue Department.
Addendum 4

ARTICLE 24: Referendum Question W: Shall Section 5.5 (Street Design Standards), Section 5.7A (Dead End Streets), and Section 10 (Waivers), of the Raymond Street Ordinance, as adopted May 18, 2002, and amended through July 14, 2020, 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 24
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 24

DESCRIPTION: This proposed amendment to the Street Ordinance would allow waivers to be granted to the maximum grade requirements of a Private Road and Backlot Driveway. Also included are additional standards for the maximum length of a Private Road.

SO Section 5.5 - Street Design Standards (amended 5-17-032021)

A. The following standards apply to new public and private streets, as well as back lot driveways (see Appendix A for illustration of typical street sections by type of street):

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1. A private street which will serve fewer than 4 residences shall have a minimum travel way of 12 feet with two-2 foot shoulders and a maximum grade of 3% for the first 50 ft. A private street which will serve 4-10 residences will have a minimum travel way of 16 feet with two 3-foot shoulders and a maximum road grade of 12%. Lots of eleven (11) or more residences shall have a minimum travel way of eighteen feet (18) with two (2) three-foot (3') shoulders and a maximum road grade of 10%.

2. Street intersection angles shall be as close to 90º as feasible but no less than the listed angle.

3. Unless a right-of-way of lesser width is approved by the Reviewing Authority pursuant to Article 9, Section T.1 of the Land Use Ordinance

SO Section 5.7 – Dead End Streets

In addition to the design standards above, the design of the turn-around for dead end streets proposed as public ways shall be approved by the Director of Public Works. The Board may require the reservation of a 20-foot easement in line with the street to provide continuation of pedestrian traffic or utilities to the next
street. The Board may also require the reservation of a 50-foot easement in line with the street to provide continuation of the road where future subdivision is possible.

A. For proposed private streets or backlot driveways in excess of 1,000 Linear Feet (LF), the Planning Board may require a street/backlot driveway design with a second hammerhead turnaround, or added bypass lane, at the discretion of the Fire Department to provide emergency turnaround locations. The objective is to provide necessary maneuverability and spacing for multiple emergency vehicle response to residential emergency calls accessed over the proposed street or way. Such added locations for turnarounds or bypass lanes shall be strategically located for each proposed increment of 1,000 feet of road (i.e., a 2,100 LF road could require 3 turnarounds or by-pass lane combinations). All non-subdivision reviewed private streets, and backlot driveways in excess of 1,000 LF shall have all terminuses, intermediate turnarounds, and/or bypass lane locations reviewed by the Raymond Fire Department, prior to any final street plan approval. The Planning Board shall be provided a written acceptance of the street or backlot driveway design from the Fire Department. Any private street approved by the Planning Board after June 15, 2021, that exceeds 1,000 LF, is not exempt from future subdivision standards for street design, should such a future subdivision use the private street for primary lot frontages and access.

SO Section 10 – Waivers

A. Where the Board makes written findings of fact that there are special circumstances, it may waive portions of the submission requirements, the standards, or other requirements, to permit a more practical and economic development provided the waivers do not have the effect of nullifying the intent and purpose of the Official Map, the Comprehensive Plan, the Zoning Ordinance, or this ordinance.

B. Where the Board makes written findings of fact that, due to special circumstances, the provision of certain required improvements is inappropriate because of inadequate or lacking connecting facilities adjacent to or in proximity of the proposed road, it may waive or modify the requirement for such improvements, subject to appropriate conditions.

C. In granting waivers to any of these standards, the Board shall require such conditions as will assure the objectives of this ordinance are met.

D. When the Board grants a waiver to any of the standards of this ordinance, the Final Plan shall indicate the waivers granted and the date on which they were granted.

E. Private Road and Backlot Driveway Grade Waivers:

The applicant shall clearly demonstrate to the Planning Board, that because of the nature of the project site, that the maximum allowed surface grades of the proposed Backlot Driveway or Private Street cannot be attained due to extreme existing conditions. Items or conditions leading to this conclusion:

a. include excessively steep topography,
b. inability to access the property site from other locations,
c. or cannot be designed by longer routing, to comply with the slope requirement,
d. or the proposed design; to meet the requirement creates excessive soil, vegetation, ledge, or rock removal and disturbed areas.

The Planning Board shall have the power to approve a Private Street or Backlot Driveway site plan that does not meet the maximum slope requirements, provided the applicant requests a waiver in
writing of the performance standard for the specific street classification they cannot meet, and clearly address the waiver criteria as follows:

1. The need to alter the standard is due to existing physical property limitations, due to geometric lot configurations, topography, and presence of a dominant land feature in existence prior to June 15, 2021.

2. The approval of the waiver request will be based on the extent that the private street or backlot driveway slope can be minimized in length. The waiver request for street design must not exceed the maximum grade allowed for more than 100 feet in segmented length, without transitioning back to an allowed slope under the Street Design Standards per type of street classification as listed in the Raymond Street Ordinance. There must be 200 feet of grade meeting Raymond Street Standards, between vertical curves exceeding the maximum allowed street grade.

3. The approval of the waiver includes provisions for added width of street shoulders adjacent to travel portions of street surface exceeding the maximum grade to be increased by two (2) feet in width from what the road classification requires (as listed in the Street Design Standards with the Raymond Street Ordinance). Where shoulders are not feasible, or where road sideslopes are excessively steep and create general travel way safety concerns, other provisions such as guardrail, or protected barriers shall be provided in lieu of the shoulder width increase.

4. The approval of the waiver requested will not result in any harm to the environment, create adverse drainage conditions (especially in winter conditions), have a direct impact to adjoining waterbody, streams, flood plain, significant wetlands, vernal pools, or endangered or threatened habitat.

5. The approval of the waiver will not result in an unsafe condition to immediate neighbors, the public, and will achieve safe passage of all Town Fire Department and Emergency Vehicles. The Design shall provide a designed K value of 20, over all vertical curves within the proposed design for the street or backlot driveway. The applicant shall acquire a letter from the Raymond Fire Department in support of the street or backlot slope design, and proposed safety measures considered in their design as part of the waiver request.

6. The approval to alter the standard is based on evidence of need provided by the applicant, and through documented proof that no feasible alternative with design, or by means of access through abutting property via easement or right of way, is available to accomplish the applicant’s design criteria for property or lot access. It is the applicant’s burden of proof to provide reasonable evidence that these alternatives have been explored.
Addendum 5

ARTICLE 25: Referendum Question X: Shall Article 9 (Minimum Standards), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, 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](http://www.raymondmaine.org), or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 25  
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 25

DESCRIPTION: The proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance has been created to address permit requirements if landowners or proposed developments consider clearing or cutting more than the current zoning standards limitation of 25% of the lot area. The amendment considers notification and site plan requirements and also exempts tree cutting and clearing for agricultural practices, installation of personal utilities, or private solar generation equipment and/or panels.

LUO Article 9 – Minimum Standards

Y. Clearing of Vegetation for Development

In no event shall cleared openings for development, including but not limited to, principal and accessory structures, driveways, and sewage disposal areas, exceed in the aggregate, 25% of the lot area or fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet, whichever is greater, including land previously developed, [Adopted 3/21/98] without Site Plan approval from the Planning Board for any clearing, removal of vegetation, stumps, or regrading above this threshold.

If the development wishes only to cut or harvest trees, in excess of the threshold then a permit must be obtained from the Code Enforcement Officer for cutting trees, or vegetation.

1. When proposing to cut or harvest trees in excess of two (2) acres, a copy of a Maine Forest Service - Forest Operations Notification (FON) form shall be provided to the Town Code Enforcement Officer.

2. When proposing cutting or tree harvesting areas under two (2) acres, a written notification shall be provided to the Town Code Enforcement Officer indicating the proposed area(s) to be cut or harvested, along with the parties undertaking the tree cutting operation, a listing of the equipment used, schedule for the operation to be completed, with dated signatures of the landowner and tree removal operations supervisor responsible.

This standard shall not supersede any restrictions or conditions of approval for development previously required for residential subdivision lots, or commercial site plans, nor apply to property in Shoreland Zones. Exemptions from this standard shall be granted for agricultural purposes, personal utility equipment, and for private solar power generation or panel installations. [Amended 2021]
### Addendum 6

#### ARTICLE 26: Referendum Question Y:
Shall Article 4.F (District Regulations, Commercial District), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, 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 26  
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 26

**DESCRIPTION:** This proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance would correct what we believe was an error made in 2009. As written the ordinance allows mixed uses in the commercial zone if the commercial use is on the upper floor.

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**LUO Article 4 – District Regulations**

**F.2.G. Permitted Uses**

Mixed-use buildings provided the **upper** floor contains only commercial uses. The upper floors may contain dwelling units or commercial uses. As used in this subparagraph (h), the term "commercial uses" means any of the uses listed in subparagraphs (a) through (f) above. [Amended 06/02/09, 2021]
ARTICLE 27: Referendum Question Z: Shall Section 15.K (Land Use Standards, Septic Waste Disposal), of the Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 7?

(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 27
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 27

DESCRIPTION: This amendment to the Shoreland Zoning Provisions would change the requirement of a larger sized septic system within 250’ of a perennial water body, to a Great Pond only. Also amended would be the Portland Water District rule reference.

SZP Section 15 – Land Use Standards

K. Septic Waste Disposal*

1. All plumbing shall be connected to public collection and treatment facilities when such facilities are available.

2. All subsurface sewage disposal systems shall be installed in conformance with the "State of Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules" (Rules), Town regulations, and the following:

   a. clearing or removal of woody vegetation necessary to site a new system and any associated fill extensions, shall not extend closer than seventy-five (75) feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high-water line of a water body or the upland edge of a wetland, and

   b. a holding tank is not allowed for a first-time residential use in the shoreland zone.

Note: The State's Rules require that the minimum setback for new subsurface sewage disposal systems, shall be no less than one hundred (100) horizontal feet from the normal high-water line of a perennial water body Great Pond.

3. Where daily sewage flow exceeds 2,000 gallons, the minimum setback for new subsurface sewage disposal systems shall be 300 feet from the normal highwater line of a perennial water body Great Pond.

4. The minimum setback distances from water bodies for all new subsurface sewage disposal systems shall not be reduced by variance.


6. All development or construction within 250 horizontal feet of normal high water line of a perennial water bodyGreat Pond shall meet the requirements of the Portland Water District Wastewater Disposal System Permit Protocol, regulations adopted by the Portland Water District on June 3, 1988; these regulations are to be enforced by the Town of Raymond.
ARTICLE 28: Referendum Question AA: Shall Article 6.C (Board of Appeals, Appeals Procedure), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, 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 28
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 28

DESCRIPTION: This proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance would require a recording in the registry confirming ZBA variance approval.

Luo Article 6 – Board of Appeals

C. Appeals Procedure

1. The Board of Appeals shall meet as needed and as routinely scheduled following the Schedules and Deadlines as established by the Board of Appeals annually prior to the effective calendar year. A quorum of the Board is necessary to conduct an official Board meeting shall consist of at least three (3) members. A majority vote of the quorum is required for the passage or denial of any appeal.

2. The secretary shall record a permanent record of all Board meetings. All meeting minutes, and all correspondence of the Board shall be maintained in the Town Office. The transcript of testimony, if any, and exhibits, together with all papers and requests filed in the proceeding, shall constitute the record. All decisions shall become a part of the record and shall include a statement of findings and conclusions, as well as the reasons or basis therefore, upon all the material issued of fact, law or discretion presented and the appropriate order, relief, or denial thereof. Notice of all decisions shall be mailed or hand-delivered to the applicant, or his or her representative or agent.

3. When the Board of Appeals reviews a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer the Board of Appeals shall hold a “de novo” hearing. At that time, the Board may receive and consider new evidence and testimony, be it oral or written. When acting in a “de novo” capacity, the Board of Appeals shall hear and decide the matter afresh, undertaking its own independent analysis of evidence and the law, and reaching its own decision. [Amended 6/7/16]

4. For all appeals, the Board shall hold a public hearing as prescribed herein. At least seven (7) days before the hearing, the Code Enforcement Officer shall notify, by mail, the owners of properties abutting the property for which the appeal or application is made. Failure to receive this notice shall not invalidate the proceedings herein prescribed. The owners of properties shall be considered to be the parties listed by the Assessor as those against whom those taxes are assessed. Notice of the hearing shall also be placed at least twice in a newspaper of general circulation at least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. The Code Enforcement Officer shall attend all hearings and shall present to the Board all plans, photographs, or other factual materials, which are appropriate to an understanding of the case.
5. Any person and any municipal official or board of officials aggrieved by a decision of the Code Enforcement Officer or who wishes to request a variance from the Land Use Ordinance or who wishes a Conditional Use Permit may file an application with the Board of Appeals. An appeal of a decision made by the Code Enforcement Officer must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision. Application materials submitted to the Board must include a completed application form, including a location and site plan if appropriate, and the following fees: [Amended 06/03/2014]

   (1) Application fees as established by the Board of Selectmen and listed in the Town Fee Schedule.

   (2) Escrow fees as established by the Board of Selectmen and listed in the Town Fee Schedule. The fees shall be submitted and deposited in an escrow account established by the Town, which monies may be used by the Town to pay for professional legal and technical reviews and advice related to the appeal, variance, or conditional use permit application as deemed necessary by the Town. Said fees for professional reviews and advice shall include, but shall not be limited to engineering or other professional consulting fees, attorney fees, recording fees and appraisal fees.

   The total escrow fees required shall be an amount estimated by the consultants and the Town as sufficient to pay for the professional review of the application. If the Town expends more than fifty percent (50%) of the escrow account prior to completing its review, the applicant shall replenish the escrow account to an amount estimated by the consultants as sufficient to complete the review. Those monies deposited by the applicant and not spent by the Town in the course of its review shall be returned to the applicant within sixty (60) days after the Appeals Board renders its final decision on the application.

   All application materials must be submitted for the Board's review at least thirty (30) days prior to the Board meeting at which the applicant wishes to be heard. All meetings of the Board of Appeals are public hearings. At the public hearing, the applicant or the applicant's representative must appear before the board to present the proposal and to answer questions. Other interested parties, such as adjacent property owners, will also be permitted to speak for or against the appeal.

   Written notice of the decision of the Board shall be sent to the appellant within sixteen (16) days of the date of the decision. Any aggrieved party may appeal from the decision of the Board to the Superior Court within forty-five (45) days of the date of the vote on the original decision. [Amended 6/7/16]

6. The Board of Appeals may reconsider any decision within forty-five (45) days of its prior decision. A request to the Board to reconsider a decision must be filed within 10 days of the decision that is to be reconsidered. A vote to reconsider and the action taken on that reconsideration must occur and be completed within 45 days of the date of the vote on the original decision. The Board may conduct additional hearings and receive additional evidence and testimony. [Amended 6/7/16]

7. After a decision has been made by the Board of Appeals, a new appeal of similar import shall not be entertained by the Board until one (1) year has elapsed from the date of said decision, except that the Board may entertain a new appeal if the Board believes that, owing to a mistake of law or misunderstanding of fact, an injustice was done, or it finds that a change has taken place in some essential aspect of the case sufficient to warrant a reconsideration of the appeal. [Amended 6/7/16]

8. The right of any variance from the terms of this Ordinance granted by the Board of Appeals shall expire if the work or change permitted under the variance is not begun within six (6) months or substantially completed within one (1) year as of the date of the vote by the Board. For the purposes of this subsection, substantial completion means the outside of the structure must be complete. [Amended 5/18/91]
9. A Certificate of Variance or Setback Reduction must be recorded at the expense of the applicant in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds within 90 days of the Board’s decision or the variance shall be null and void. A building permit must be obtained after the variance is properly recorded and before work is started.
Addendum 9

ARTICLE 31: Referendum Question AB: Shall Article 9.F (Minimum Standards, Waste Material Accumulation), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, 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 31
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 31

DESCRIPTION: This amendment simply modifies the out-of-date referenced statute.

LUO Article 9 – Minimum Standards

F. Waste Material Accumulation

Junk Yards as defined in 30 M.R.S.A., Section 2451-B. Title 30-A, Section 3752 shall not be made or maintained in any district except at a dumping place or places designated as such by the Board of Selectmen.
ARTICLE 32: Referendum Question AC: Shall Article IV (NFPA Life Safety Code and NFPA Fire Code NFPA 1), Article VIII (New Construction), and Article IX (Building Additions), of the Raymond Fire Protection Ordinance, as adopted May 19, 1995, and amended through June 7, 2016, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 10?

(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/does not recommend Article 32

DESCRIPTION: The Fire Protection Ordinance, Articles VIII & XI are presented in their entirety below. The remaining sections of the Fire Protection Ordinance (including other sections dealing with sprinklers) are not included in this document. Only the Articles with proposed changes in language have been included. This proposed amendment would require a residential sprinkler system for dwelling units 4,800 square feet and larger and would also update the adopted version of NFPA 101 to 2018.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The Fire Protection Ordinance, Articles VIII & XI are presented in their entirety below. The remaining sections of the Fire Protection Ordinance (including other sections dealing with sprinklers) are not included in this document. Only the Articles with proposed changes in language have been included. For ease of reference, the proposed new language is shown in red with an underline, and the proposed deleted language is shown in red with a strike-through. This proposed amendment would require a residential sprinkler system for dwelling units 4,800 square feet and larger, and would also update the adopted version of NFPA 101 to 2018.


The Town of Raymond adopts the NFPA Life Safety Code 101 and NFPA Fire Code (NFPA 1) by reference as the basis for inspection and plans review for buildings as defined by this ordinance.

FPO Article VIII – NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Section 1. An approved automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in all areas of new buildings meeting any or all of the following criteria:

A. Three (3) or more stories in height;

B. Thirty-five (35) or more feet in height, one hundred thousand (100,000) cubic feet in volume or ten thousand (10,000) forty-eight hundred square feet in gross floor area, structures sharing a common foundation, roof, or walls totaling 40,000 4,800 square feet;

C. Multiple family or multiple occupant dwelling and/or all lodging units of two (2) stories in height.

D. Any single-family dwelling attached units – such as town houses, garden apartments, with three (3) or more units attached together and/or any grouping of 3-unit style buildings.
E. Any building required to have sprinklers, larger than one dwelling unit, shall have sprinkler coverage in the truss loft.

F. Any new or renovated Residential building consisting of One-and Two-Family buildings or structures of 4,800 square feet or more in total/gross floor area shall install an approved automatic fire sprinkler system throughout.

**Exceptions for One-and Two-Family buildings or structures:**

1. An engineered on-site fire protection water supply is provided that meets or exceeds the requirements of NFPA 1; Chapter 18, for fire flow and total water supply. These systems shall be designed and stamped by a State of Maine registered engineer, with plans and construction approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

2. An engineered compartmentalization of One-and Two-Family residential buildings or structures with 2-hour fire-rated separation wall(s) and components, with no openings or penetrations; and provides an engineered on-site fire protection water supply that meets or exceeds the requirements of NFPA 1; Chapter 18, for fire flows and total water supply required to protect the largest 2-hour rated compartment in the building/structure. These systems shall be designed and stamped by a State of Maine registered engineer, with plans and construction approved by the Fire Chief or his/her designee.

3. The Raymond Fire Rescue Department may approve alternative methods and means of fire suppression when requested by a property owner, provided that the Raymond Fire Rescue Department finds that the requested alternative method and means meets the intent of this section, and serves to preserve and promote life, health, and safety.

Section 2. For purposes of this Article, the gross square footage of a building or structure shall include the sum total of the combined floor areas for all floor levels, basements, sub-basements, and additions, in the aggregate, measured from the outside walls, irrespective of the existence of interior fire-resistive walls, floors, and ceilings.

**FPO ARTICLE IX - BUILDING ADDITIONS**

Section 1. An approved automatic sprinkler system shall be installed in addition to existing buildings when the cumulative area or volume of the total buildings, including the addition, equals or exceeds one hundred thousand (100,000) cubic feet in volume or ten thousand (10,000) forty-eight hundred (4,800) gross square feet in area.

Section 2. In those instances where a proposed addition or additions will exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the area and/or volume of the existing building and/or when the cost of the renovations of the existing building meeting the criteria in Article VIII New Building Construction Section 1; A, B, or C, D, or F is equal to or greater than fifty percent (50%) of the then current building value as shown on the assessment records of the Tax Collector of the Town of Raymond, Maine, and when the resulting buildings including the addition or additions meets the criteria listed above, the existing building and addition or additions shall have an approved automatic sprinkler system.

Section 3. Any building or structure of 4,800 square feet or more in total/gross floor area; any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration, or other improvement of a building or structure which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the existing building, shall require the entire building to be installed with an
automatic fire sprinkler system.

Section 4. A fire sprinkler system is required throughout in any existing residential One- and Two-Family building of 4,800 square feet or more in total/gross floor area; when any repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, alteration, or other improvement of the building or structure which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the existing gross square footage of the building or structure. Where renovations occur that would require a building permit, and the total area of the ceiling and/or wall covering removed or exposed exceeds 50% or greater of the total gross floor area of the building/structure, an approved fire sprinkler system is required to be installed throughout.

Section 5. For the purposes of Section 3 and 4 of this Article, the Raymond Fire Rescue Department may consider the installation of a partial fire sprinkler system with the following conditions:

1. When a building is partially retrofitted with an approved automatic fire sprinkler extinguishing system pursuant to this section, the fire sprinkler extinguishing system retrofit shall be completed throughout the unprotected building interior areas within two (2) years from completion of the initial partial retrofit.

2. When a property owner or responsible party of a residential building chooses to partially retrofit a building as noted in the section above, the property owner shall file a deed restriction with Cumberland County Register of Deeds and obtain a performance bond with the Town of Raymond, Maine to ensure compliance with this ordinance.

Section 6. For purposes of this Article, the gross square footage of a building or structure shall include the sum total of the combined floor areas for all floor levels, basements, sub-basements, and additions, in the aggregate, measured from the outside walls, irrespective of the existence of interior fire-resistive walls, floors, and ceilings.
Addendum 11

ARTICLE 33: Referendum Question AD: Shall Article 12 (Applicability and Definition of Terms Used in this Ordinance), of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, and Section 17 (Definitions), of the Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through July 14, 2020, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 11?

(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 33
Select Board recommends/does not recommend Article 33

DESCRIPTION: This proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance and Shoreland Zoning Provisions would add a definition for the term Tiny Home.

LUO Article 12 – Applicability and Definition of Terms Used in this Ordinance

Tiny Home – A structure that does not exceed 400 square feet, excluding lofts, that has one (1) or more habitable rooms designed, intended, or used for living quarters by one (1) or more persons living together as a family, with living, sleeping, sanitary, and cooking facilities, including within the meaning of cooking facilities a stove, hot plate, microwave oven, or other devices for heating or cooking food. The term shall include manufactured houses and rental units that contain cooking, sleeping, and toilet facilities regardless of the time-period rented. Recreational vehicles are not to be used as a Tiny Home or dwelling unit. A Tiny Home must meet all of the minimum requirements of a dwelling unit.

SZP Section 17 – Definitions

Tiny Home – A structure that does not exceed 400 square feet, excluding lofts, that has one (1) or more habitable rooms designed, intended, or used for living quarters by one (1) or more persons living together as a family, with living, sleeping, sanitary, and cooking facilities, including within the meaning of cooking facilities a stove, hot plate, microwave oven, or other devices for heating or cooking food. The term shall include manufactured houses and rental units that contain cooking, sleeping, and toilet facilities regardless of the time-period rented. Recreational vehicles are not to be used as a Tiny Home or dwelling unit. A Tiny Home must meet all of the minimum requirements of a dwelling unit.
Panther Pond Sunrise - photo courtesy of Rose Ellen Harmon
Town Organizations

An avid reader, Ian Bizier - Photo courtesy of Allison Griffin, Raymond Village Library, Librarian
The mission of the Raymond Village Library is to provide a patron-centered, welcoming community space for information access, lifelong learning and community building. The library, supported by a staff of one full-time Director, one full-time adult services librarian, and one part-time children’s librarian, along with a team of dedicated volunteers, strives to foster the spirit of exploration, lifelong learning, joy of reading, and community connections.

The library currently houses 16,547 print books, audiobooks, magazines, and DVDs. 20,607 physical items were circulated and 1,172 e-books & audiobooks were downloaded during the last fiscal year. An additional 829 interlibrary loan requests were processed to provide resources outside of our onsite collection. RVL currently serves 1,323 active library patrons from Raymond and neighboring towns.

In addition to print materials, the library provides public access computers and 24/7 Wi-Fi access, along with printing, copying, scanning and faxing services.

The Covid-19 pandemic, subsequent health mandates, and gathering restrictions created a unique challenge for providing traditional library services. Staff responded to these new challenges by modifying service models through the expansion of virtual reference, outdoor programming, curbside pickup & home delivery options to ensure core services remained available and accessible.

In-person library services were restored once health mandates allowed. A hybrid service system was later instituted, to provide both in-person, and no-contact service options. In an effort to provide additional digital content access options, RVL's Cloud Library content was upgraded to provide RVL patrons with more direct access to in-demand downloadable audiobook and e-book titles. Kanopy streaming movie service and Tumblebooks Online, a digital service offering e-books, puzzles and games for preschoolers through grade six, were also provided to enhance access to digital resources.
Children’s librarian, Karen Perry, developed both “story-time at home” kits and outdoor, in-person story-times and activities for Raymond families, including a fire safety presentation with the Raymond Fire & Rescue, an outdoor Easter Egg hunt, and weekly outdoor table activities, including arts & crafts, Legos, and building activities. Special rotating story walks were also installed in the Raymond Community Garden and the Raymond Shopping Centre in collaboration with local business owners.

The children’s summer reading program had 65 participants who read a combined 1,335 books! Outdoor summer reading programming included a Sparks’ Ark and a Chewonki nature presentation, special hula hoop & Zumba sessions, outdoor weekly story-times, t-shirt painting, outdoor games, family challenges and weekly crafts.

Patrons of all ages enjoyed access to free, or reduced fee, community passes to the Portland Children’s Museum, the Maine Wildlife Park, Southworth Planetarium, Maine State Parks, Maine Maritime Museum and the Portland Museum of Art.

Adult programming included virtual monthly book club meetings, a Maine history presentation with Libby Bischof, funded by the Maine Humanities Council, and Celtic Songs and Stories with Jennifer Armstrong. In lieu of the traditional community tree lighting event, the Raymond LIONS coordinated a virtual tree lighting with videography assistance from members of the Raymond Arts Alliance.

Weekly senior hours resumed once health mandates allowed and provided designated library hours for patrons over the age of 55. Senior hours included an active Bridge group, mahjong, and opportunities for social interaction and community engagement for local seniors.

While we were unable to hold our annual holiday craft fair due to State gathering restrictions, other fundraising ventures included candy & bake sales, holiday basket sale, spring plant sale, summer book sale, seasonal raffles and our annual appeal campaign.

We are grateful for the support that the library received from the Town of Raymond and our patrons during this challenging year and for the countless volunteers that give of their time to ensure the library remains a strong
community resource. It has been our honor to provide library services to Raymond residents and visitors in 2021. We look forward to continuing to serve the Town of Raymond and fulfilling our role as a service-oriented, dynamic library in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Griffin, Library Director

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July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

It is our pleasure to report to you our exciting successes during this period. To fulfill our mission of protecting the water quality in our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams, and to promote good watershed stewardship, we engage in many activities.

**PREVENTING THE INTRODUCTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES:** We employ Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) at the Raymond boat launch sites for Crescent Lake, Panther Pond, Sebago Lake, and Thomas Pond. They inspect boats, trailers, and fishing gear entering and leaving these waters. They remove all plant material found, bag it, and have it identified by an expert. Our CBIs tell us that they are now finding many fewer pieces of the invasive variable milfoil at the Sebago launch site than they did just a few years ago. And that is due to the good work of our DASH crew! This service is the most important step we take to protect our waters.

**REMOVING INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS FROM THE RAYMOND SHORES OF SEBAGO LAKE, JORDAN RIVER, DINGLEY BROOK:** We are so fortunate to have a fantastic crew of divers and deckhands who run our Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) boat. Perhaps you’ve seen them moving large tarps into place to kill the milfoil, digging the plants out by hand and sending them up to be collected on the boat, and later disposed of safely far away from the water. Already this season, the crew has surveyed all the previously ‘cleaned’ sites and removed any stray plants. They found just one plant in Dingley Brook this year. They have resumed working in the Jordan River just above the 302 bridge. After a conference call last winter with Maine DEP staff and representatives of the property owners below the bridge, our crew has been working to clear a dense infestation in that area. They will have to continue to revisit the other cleaned areas---Turtle Cove, Mason Cove, Port Harbor Marina--- every season so long as there is any variable milfoil in the Sebago watershed.

**PROVIDING CONSULTATION SERVICES TO PROPERTY OWNERS:** We offer all property owners in Raymond consult visits to address erosion control measures and best management practices in the watershed. We encourage the use of native vegetation and erosion control mulch to cover bare soil. If you have problems with stormwater runoff, please feel free to contact us.

**SUPPORTING LAKE ASSOCIATIONS FOR WATER QUALITY MONITORING:** We share equipment and expertise to all the volunteers on the individual lakes and ponds for measuring water clarity, the temperature of the water at different levels, the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water at different levels, and the amount of phosphorous in the water at different levels. We have partnered with folks on Raymond Pond to help get their monitoring team back up and running. All that data helps us to monitor the health of the lakes—important to everyone in town to help maintain the waterfront property values. We are grateful for all the volunteers who patrol the shores each season looking for any invasive plants. It is important to find them early so we can remove them before they create a dense infestation. We look forward to more collaboration with the individual lake associations.

**EDUCATING AND ADVOCATING:** We look for all opportunities to share information about our waters and to advocate for their protection. We are available to speak to groups about our valuable natural resource, our waters. And we always try to speak up for the protection of that resource. Everyone benefits from our healthy waters.

We welcome volunteers. We especially need folks to help cover the launch sites at the beginning and end of the season when our summer staff, mostly college students, are not available. We provide a short training and equipment. Please contact us if you would like to help keep Raymond’s waters clean and healthy!

Email:  Info@raymondwaterways.org

Website:  http://raymondwaterways.org
Above - Training Courtesy Boat Inspectors

Below - Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting Crew
State Elected Officials

Maine Senate Chambers

Maine House of Representative Chambers
Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to reflect on 2020, an incredibly challenging year for Maine families, small businesses, and communities.

When the pandemic struck, our country faced the specter of an overwhelmed health care system and devastation to our small businesses and the millions of people they employ. I immediately worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass multiple laws allocating approximately $3 trillion to respond to this public health and economic crisis, including more than $8 billion directed to Maine to support testing, schools, the economy, and other purposes — that is nearly double Maine’s annual state budget.

I am especially proud of the bipartisan Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) I co-authored. This program has provided three out of four Maine small businesses with nearly $2.3 billion in forgivable loans, which has helped sustain more than 250,000 Maine jobs. I have met thousands of Maine small employers and employees in all 16 counties who are surviving because of the PPP. As one small business owner told me, the PPP provided “exactly what we needed at exactly the right time.” The PPP also allowed employers to maintain benefits, such as health care, during this challenging time. Another round of PPP is needed to sustain small businesses and their employees.

While the pandemic continues across Maine, our nation, and the world, I thank the first responders, health care professionals, teachers, grocery store employees, factory workers, farmers, truck drivers, postal employees, and so many others who continue to stay on the job during this difficult time. With the deployment of the first vaccines, better tests, and the incredible speed with which these life-saving responses were developed, I am hopeful we can emerge from this crisis in the next few months.

While providing relief to American families was my focus throughout 2020, other accomplishments include the passage of the Great American Outdoors Act, which provides full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and addresses the maintenance backlog at our national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. As Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, in 2020 alone, I secured $132 million to improve Maine’s roads, bridges, airports, buses, rail, ferries, and seaports. Finally, as Chairman of the Aging Committee, I led the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which funds programs that improve the well-being, independence, and health of our nation’s seniors and their caregivers, and I authored laws to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect individuals with Alzheimer’s disease.

As the end of 2020 is approaching, I have cast more than 7,535 votes, never having missed one. In the New Year, my focus remains to work with colleagues to find common ground on policies to help support the health and safety of Mainers and the safe, responsible opening of our communities. If ever I or my staff can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact one of my state offices. May the coming year be a successful one for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator
Dear Friends,

2020 was a year unlike any in our lifetimes. Our state and nation dealt with unprecedented challenges—the coronavirus pandemic, ensuing economic fallout, and a prolonged, heavily divisive campaign season each took a significant toll on all of us. The worst part? In order to protect each other, we had to face these challenges in isolation. But a new year represents new possibilities; a chance to take stock of what we’re grateful for and focus on the opportunities in front of us. As we reflect back on 2020, we will remember heartbreak and loss—but we cannot forget the shining rays of hope that broke through the darkness, reminding us all that better days are ahead.

Throughout the pandemic, my top focus has been on bridging the partisan divide in Washington in order to deliver desperately-needed relief for Maine people. Joined by colleagues last March, we pushed for bipartisan negotiations to produce a strong bill that helped fellow Mainers, businesses, and institutions weather this storm. In the weeks and months after the CARES Act passed, our team stayed in close contact with people throughout the state to determine how we should adjust our response to best support our citizens. Unfortunately, the aid provided by the CARES Act lapsed without Congressional action, leaving too many families and businesses in limbo. I never stopped pushing for a bipartisan relief bill and, after extensive negotiations, we ended the year on a good note by breaking the gridlock and passing new relief legislation. This new bill isn’t perfect; in fact, it should just be the start our renewed response. As we enter 2021 with a new administration and new Congress, we must fight for additional legislation to help restore stability to our working families and rebuild our economy and public health infrastructure.

In the midst of this crisis, Congress did manage to accomplish a few successes that will outlast this awful pandemic. Among these was the Great American Outdoors Act, a bipartisan bill which was enacted into law in August 2020 and will help address a $12 billion backlog at our national parks so future generations of Americans can enjoy these beautiful lands and create lifelong memories. Also, as we learn more about the recent hacks of our nation’s networks, there is help on the way: 27 of the cybersecurity recommendations made by the Cyberspace Solarium Commission—which I co-chair with Republican Congressman Mike Gallagher—made it into this year’s defense bill. While there is no guarantee that these provisions would have prevented the massive hack, they will certainly improve our cyber defenses.

Despite the challenges, I’m hopeful for the future. Vaccines are being distributed across our state—starting with our healthcare heroes, who have sacrificed so much throughout this unprecedented catastrophe and deserve our eternal gratitude. If there can be a silver lining from these challenges of 2020, maybe it will be this: I hope that, in the not-so-distant future, we will be able to come together physically and we will be reminded of our love for each other. We have differences, without a doubt. But as Maine people stepped up to support each other, we saw again and again that our differences pale in comparison to the values we share. We are one state, and one community—and there is nothing we cannot or will not do for each other. Mary and I wish you a happy and healthy 2021. We can’t wait to see you soon.

Best Regards,

Angus S. King, Jr.
United States Senator
Dear Friends,

2020 has been a year of unconscionable loss and hardship. The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged our nation, magnifying long-unaddressed inequities. I hear daily from constituents whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. As we navigate these ongoing challenges, my top priority in Congress has been to advocate for the resources Maine residents, businesses, and institutions need to weather this crisis.

In March, the CARES Act was signed into law, providing much-needed relief to Mainers, including expanded unemployment benefits, stimulus checks, grants and loans for small businesses and nonprofits, and funding for health care providers on the front lines of this crisis. As this crisis wore on, I saw increased need; that’s why I voted for the Heroes Act in May and again in October to provide further support. I’m relieved we passed another relief package at the end of December, but I know another round of support is still much needed in the coming year.

The pandemic isn’t the only crisis we face. Climate change threatens Maine’s environment and industries. This summer, the Gulf of Maine recorded its hottest day, and we experienced the longest, most severe drought in 20 years. Maine farms continue to be stymied by climate change, but they can also play a crucial role in combatting it. In February, I introduced the Agriculture Resilience Act to ensure American agriculture is net-zero by 2045. The release of Maine’s Climate Action Plan is a major step in the fight against climate change. I will continue to work with state leaders to ensure they have federal support to achieve this agenda.

2021 will offer different challenges. We must distribute a vaccine to millions, restore jobs, uplift the economy, and repair the divisions that undermine our ability to make meaningful change. I look forward to working with the incoming presidential administration to meet these challenges and emerge as a stronger, more resilient nation.

As always, the needs of Mainers guide my work as we recover from this crisis. If there is anything my office can do to help, please reach out.

Sincerely,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress
Dear friends and residents of Raymond,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in Augusta. It’s truly the honor of a lifetime.

You can contact me at diamondhollyd@aol.com or call my office at (207) 287-1515.

I want to remind you that I’m here as a resource for you and your family. If you need help connecting with all Maine children — especially those in their custody — or need medical care, I’m here to help.

I continue to serve as a leader of the Legislature’s Transportation Committee. This committee is responsible for the safety and upkeep of Maine’s roads, highways, airports and bridges. The Legislature has increased property tax reform programs, all of which should help reduce property taxes for Maine people.

This session, the Legislature prioritized laws that make a real difference in the lives of Maine people. We invested in mental health and nursing facilities, and in direct care workers, helping Mainers and those who visit Maine travel safely around the state.

I’m hopeful that we’re finally on the brink of making real progress, but I will not stop until all Maine children — especially those in their custody — are safe.

I want to remind you that I’m here as a resource for you and your family. If you need help connecting with all Maine children — especially those in their custody — or need medical care, I’m here to help.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Augusta. It’s truly the honor of a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Bill Diamond
State Senator
Dear Raymond Neighbors:

This year’s legislative session has been very different from any previous session due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We were sworn in at the Augusta Civic Center, and much of our early work took place remotely, with both legislators and the public participating via the internet. Even though we accomplished a great deal, I was grateful when our meetings moved back to the State House in the spring.

Despite the complications brought about by the pandemic, I am encouraged by all the good work that we did. This session I serve on the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, which is responsible for most money-related legislation. My committee’s critical task is crafting Maine’s balanced two-year budget, and I am proud of what we put forward.

In June, we passed a unanimous bipartisan budget bill out of committee and had a nearly unanimous budget vote in the full Legislature to fund operations for the next two years. We were able to lessen the burden on property tax payers by increasing the state share of education funding to 55% for the first time and by increasing revenue sharing to cities and towns. To further help property tax payers, the Legislature also voted to put more resources into the Property Tax Fairness Program and the Homestead Exemption.

In addition to tax relief, we improved access to broadband, augmented workforce training, increased the pay for long-term care workers, invested in the popular Land for Maine’s future program, cleaning up toxic chemical contamination and improving Maine’s infrastructure. We were also able to raise the balance in the Budget Stabilization Fund to almost $500 million by adding nearly $231 million.

The Legislature, through the American Rescue Plan Act, was also able to provide additional funding for workforce training and to assist small businesses who are still being challenged by COVID 19. We also made important investments in affordable housing, weatherization and childcare, all in order for Maine's economy to recover from the pandemic.

Through both my committee work and other legislative business, I am committed to working with all my colleagues to advocate for our community and move our state forward.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent you again in the 130th Legislature. It is truly an honor to serve this district. Please contact me if I can be of any help to you and your family, or if you want to discuss any legislation. I welcome your questions and feedback.

Sincerely,

Representative Jessica L. Fay

District 66: Part of Casco, part of Poland and part of Raymond
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of House District 67 in the Maine Legislature. I am honored that you have entrusted me as your voice in Augusta.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the second session of the 129th Legislature adjourned Sine Die on March 17, 2020. We opened the 130th Legislature on December 2nd and eventually completed our work in July of 2021.

This session our biggest priority has been to address the COVID-19 pandemic. The second session of the 129th Legislature completed our work in July of 2021.

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It has been a pleasure to serve the residents of House District 67 in the Maine Legislature. I hope you have enjoyed your voice in Augusta.

Sincerely,

Sue Austin
State Representative

Raymond, ME 04071
401 Webbs Mills Road
Town of Raymond

August 2021
General Information

Veterans Memorial Park - courtesy of Sharon Dodson, Beautification Committee Chair
Town of Raymond Information

Animal Control

Lost Pets:
Animal Control is on call for any concern relating to domestic animals. It cannot help with wild animal complaints. For those, call the Warden's Service at 207-657-2345. The Animal Control Officers can be reached through Cumberland County Dispatch (800-501-1111).

Animal Refuge League, 449 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook, Maine.
Raymond contracts with the Animal Refuge League to hold all stray pets. If you are missing your pet(s), you should call this organization at (207) 854-9771.

Assessing Office
The Assessing Office is open during regular Town Office hours (8:30am to 4:00pm) Wednesday thru Friday. The Contract Assessor has hours on Thursdays; the rest of the time an assistant assessor is available.
Information about your property valuation, exemptions, and abatements is found in this office.

Beach, Public

Tassel Top Park: [Roosevelt Trail/Route 302]
Tassel Top Park has picnic tables, charcoal grills, a snack shack, changing rooms, nature trails and 900 feet of white sandy beach with a marked swim area. There is also a cabin complex, which can be rented weekly during July and August and either weekly or daily during the off season. Tassel Top Park may open late or close early due to inclement weather or lack of business.

Park/Beach Hours (weather permitting):
• Memorial Day weekend to June 14 - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
• June 15 to August 15 - 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
• August 16 to Labor Day - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

For more information call the Town Office at 655-4742 or the park office during the season at 655-4675.

Crescent Lake Beach: [Webbs Mills Road/Route 85]
Crescent Lake beach is a small beach where Raymond Recreation Association swimming lessons are held.

Raymond Beach: [Roosevelt Trail/Route 302]

Boat Haul Outs

Jordan Bay on Sebago Lake:
This is owned by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and managed by the Town of Raymond. There are several parking slots for vehicles and trailers and also for single vehicles. There is no charge. Use of the facility is from sunrise to sunset. No overnight camping is allowed. At times, there are rangers inspecting the vehicles, boats and trailers for milfoil, which is supported by the Raymond Waterways Protective Association.

Crescent Lake:
This is owned and maintained by the Town of Raymond. There is only roadside parking, so please park well off the road and not on private property. There is no charge. Use of the facility is from sunrise to sunset. No overnight camping is allowed. At times, there are rangers inspecting the vehicles, boats and trailers for milfoil, which is supported by the Raymond Waterways Protective Association.
Town of Raymond Information

Cable Access Channels

Raymond’s cable franchise is with Spectrum.

• Municipal: Channel 2
• School: Channel 3

Certified Copies – Birth, Marriage or Death

Each person requesting a copy must have a current photo ID; and if your name is not on the document, you’ll also need proof that you have direct lineage to the person named, such as a certified copy of a vital record which relates you to that person. For example, if you want a certified copy of your grandchild’s birth record, you would need to have a current photo ID and a certified copy of the parent’s (your child’s) birth record showing you as his/her mother/father. You will also need a note from that parent (your daughter/son) giving permission for you to obtain your grandchild’s record.

Code Enforcement Office

Permits, Building and Septic, Etc:

Raymond’s Code Enforcement Office is open during regular Town Office hours. Inspections are provided by appointment (655-4742 ext. 161). Please call for an appointment if you wish to meet with the Code Enforcement Officer. The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are scheduled through this office.

Fire & Rescue Department

Burning Permits:

Burning permits are required for anyone burning debris other than in a constructed fireplace or fire pit. People wishing to burn should call the Fire Department (655-1187) to ask if permits are being written for that day. To get a Fire Permit you must go to the Public Safety Building during regular business hours (8:00 am to 6:00 pm). These permits are good only after 5:00 pm unless it’s raining or there is ample snow on the ground. Wind conditions will also influence whether burning is permitted or not.

Call 911:

For any request for Fire Department or Rescue, please DIAL 911. Do not come to the Public Safety building because there may not be any personnel there to help you. They might already be out on a call. 911 will be answered by Cumberland County Dispatch, which has multiple sources of help for you.

Food Pantry

The Raymond Food Pantry is hosted by the Lake Region Baptist Church, 111 Roosevelt Trail, with hours on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. For donations, mail to PO Box 900, Raymond, in care of Rev. Elmer Young. Phone 207-232-5830.

Genealogy Research

People requesting aid with genealogy research can be helped during regular Town Clerk office hours. There is a charge for research done by the Town Clerk after 1 hour and for photocopies for information found.

General Assistance

Application:

Applicants must come in to the Town Office to fill out a GA application and make an appointment for a meeting with the GA Administrator. Appointments are usually scheduled on Tuesdays. Applicants must be residents of Raymond.
Licensing

Dog – Single Dog:
Current record of his/her rabies vaccination and if neutered a copy of the neutering certificate. Once the dog is licensed in the town, we only need to see a Rabies certificate when he/she has been re-vaccinated.

Dog – Kennel License:
A kennel license is for up to 10 dogs that are kept for hunting, showing, breeding or farming. Before a municipal kennel license is issued, the kennel must be inspected by the Animal Control Officer. Other state licenses may be necessary depending on the use of the dogs.

Fishing and Hunting Licenses Etc.:
- Resident: Current Maine photo ID (driver’s license)
- Non-Resident: Current photo ID

Liquor License

Annual:
Licenses for restaurants serving liquor are handled through the state in the Department of Public Safety, Liquor Licensing & Inspection (207-624-7220). Once a liquor license is applied for, the applicant must come before the Board of Selectmen, after having been added to a regular Selectmen’s meeting agenda. Notice of that meeting, if required, must be in a newspaper of general circulation for which the applicant must pay.

Catering License:
Applications must be obtained from the Department of Public Safety, Liquor Licensing & Inspection (207-624-7220). The completed application must be submitted to the Town Clerk with a $10 fee. After the Town Manager has signed the application, it then goes back to the Liquor Licensing & Inspection Division.

Marriage License:
Each person must have a current photo ID, and if previously married, a certified copy of how that marriage ended (divorce decree or death certificate) written in English.

Passports
Raymond does not process US passports. Passports can be obtained from the US Post Office on Forest Avenue, Portland, or the Windham Town Office, 8 School Street, Windham, ME 04062 (207-892-1900). Find forms, fees and lots of information at http://travel.state.gov/

Post Office, U.S.
Location: 1233 Roosevelt Trail in the Country Shopping Center (207-655-4974).

Public Works Department

Street Signs:
Street signs are maintained by Public Works. To request a sign, please call Kaela at 207-655-4742 ext. 133 or email nathan.white@raymondmaine.org

Road Conditions:
For questions about the town’s roads, please call Kaela at 207-655-4742 ext. 133 or email nathan.white@raymondmaine.org
Registrations

New Boats, ATVs and Snowmobiles:
Private Sale: bill of sale (description of vehicle, date of sale, VIN, mileage, seller(s)’s signature).
Dealer Sale: green Dealer’s Use Tax sheet.

Motor Vehicle Registration – New registrations:
Private Sale: car’s/truck’s bill of sale (description of vehicle, date of sale, VIN, mileage, seller(s)’s signature),
title (signed on the back to you with the owner(s)’s signature(s) and dated), and your current insurance card
for that vehicle.
Dealer Used Sale: dealer invoice showing sales tax paid, blue Title Application form, and a current insurance
card for that vehicle.
Dealer New Vehicle Sale: MSRP window sticker, dealer invoice showing sales tax paid, blue Title Application
form, and a current insurance card for that vehicle.
Trailer (utility, boat, snowmobile): bill of sale, if over 3,000 lbs. title or MCO (Manufacturer’s Certificate of
Origin) form.
Trailer (RV, horse with living quarters): bill of sale, if over 3,000 lbs. title or MCO (Manufacturer’s Certificate
of Origin) form.

Motor Vehicle Registration – Re-Registration:
Car/truck: old registration and current insurance card for that vehicle.
Trailers: old registration

Schools

RSU #14 (Windham, Raymond) Schools:
• Jordan-Small Middle School, 423 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, grades 5 through 8 (207-655-4743)
• Raymond Elementary School, 434 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond, grades K through 4 (207-655-8672)
• Superintendent’s office is at 228 Windham Center Road, Windham, 207-892-1800.
• Raymond Principal’s office is at Jordan-Small Middle School, 207-655-4743.

Selectmen Agenda

Agenda Item Submission:
If you would like a subject to be added to the Selectmen’s agenda for discussion, go to www.raymondmaine.
org/boards-committees/board-selectmen and click on the link to request an addition to the agenda not less
than 14 days prior to a scheduled meeting.

Taxes

The taxable year is July 1st through June 30th. Raymond allows annual taxes to be paid in two installments
due October 31st and April 30th. The first half, if not paid, will accrue interest beginning November 1st and
the second half May 1st. Raymond does not provide for a prepayment discount on taxes.

Town Office

Hours:  Monday – closed
         Tuesday – 8:30am to 7:00pm
         Wednesday – 8:30am to 4:00pm
         Thursday – 8:30am to 4:00pm
         Friday – 8:30am to 4:00pm
         Saturday & Sunday – closed
Veterans’ Memorial Park

The Veterans’ Memorial Park can arrange for you or your loved one to have a military memorial paving stone. Application for the purchase of a stone is available at the Town Office or on the website at www.raymondmaine.org

Voter Registration

New Raymond Resident:
Current photo ID (driver’s license) and a piece of mail showing your name and physical address in Raymond, such as a utility bill or a copy of your rental agreement.

Change of Name or Address:
Name change: certified marriage license or other official documentation
Address change: a piece of mail showing your name and physical address in Raymond, such as a utility bill or a copy of your rental agreement.

Voting

Location:
Raymond’s elections and town meetings are held in the Jordan-Small Middle School gymnasium, 423 Webbs Mills Road.

Annual Town Meeting:
The first Tuesday in June at 6:00pm.

Annual Municipal Election:
The second Tuesday in June from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Primary Elections:
The second Tuesday in June from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

State and Federal Elections:
The Tuesday after the first Monday in November from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

Website

The Raymond municipal website address is www.raymondmaine.org.
Town Officers as of June 8, 2021

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor
Teresa Sadak, Chair, 2022
Rolf Olsen, Vice-Chair, 2022
Joe Bruno Parliamentarian, 2024
Samuel Gifford, 2023
Lawrence Taylor, 2023

Town Manager [655-4742 x131]
Donald Willard

Finance Director [655-4742 x132]
Alexander Aponte

Town Clerk [655-4742 x121]
Susan L Look

Tax Collector [655-4742 x122]
Suzanne Carr

GA Administrator [655-4742 x129]
Jennie Silverblade

Superintendent - RSU #14 [892-1800]
Christopher Howell

Principal - Raymond Elementary & Jordan-Small Middle Schools [655-4743]
Randy Crockett

Fire Chief [655-1187]
Bruce D Tupper

Deputy Chief [EMS] [655-1187]
Catherine Gosselin

Road Commissioner and Public Works Foreman
[655-4742 x321]
Nathan L White

Emergency Management Agency
Bruce D Tupper, Director

Health Officer
Catherine Gosselin, EMS Director

Animal Control Officer [1-800-501-1111]
Jessica Jackson

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector
[655-4742 x160]
Alex Sirois

Registrar of Voters [655-4742 x 121]
Susan L Look

Town Attorney
Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson

RSU #14 School Committee [Raymond]
Char Jewell, 2022 (appointed for vacancy)
Kate Leveille, 2024
Michael McClellan, 2022 (appointed for vacancy)

Budget/Finance Committee
Robert Gosselin, 2024, Chairman
Marshall Bullock, 2023
Abigail Geer, 2023
Karen Lockwood, 2022
Denis Morse, 2024
Vacant

Planning Board
Robert O’Neill, Chair, 2023
Edward Kranich, Vice-Chair, 2022
Kyle Bancroft, 2024
Michael D’Arcangelo, 2024
Greg Foster, 2023
Kevin Woodbrey, 2022
Vacant

Town Planner
James Seymour, Sebago Technics

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)
Patricia Beaton, 2023
Greg Dean, 2022
Thomas Hennessey, 2024
Greg Joy, 2023
David Murch, 2024
Alternate, vacant
Elected State Representatives

Senator Bill Diamond

Representing Senate District 26, which includes Baldwin, Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, Standish, and Windham.

Address: 10 Crown Point, Windham, ME 04062
Home Phone: (207) 892-8941
Cell Phone: (207) 650-4713
Contact Information: Senate Democratic Office (207) 287-1515
Email: diamondhollyd@aol.com
Legislative Website: http://www.mainesenate.org
Committee Membership: Transportation; Government Oversight Committee
Term Limited: 2022

Representative Jessica Fay

Representing House District 66, which includes part of Casco, part of Poland, and part of Raymond.
Address: 141 Spiller Hill Road, Raymond, ME 04071
Cell Phone: (207) 415-4218
Business Telephone: (207) 329-6148
E-Mail: Jessica.Fay@legislature.maine.gov
State House Message Phone: (800) 423-2900
State House TTY Line: (207) 287-4469
Committee: Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Representative Susan M. W. Austin

Representing House District 67, which includes part of Casco, Frye Island, part of Gray, and part of Raymond.
Address: 136 Yarmouth Road, Gray, ME 04039
Home Telephone: (207) 657-4100
E-Mail: Sue.Austin@legislature.maine.gov
State House Message Phone: (800) 423-2900
State House TTY Line: (207) 287-4469
Committees: Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development
Town of Raymond, ME
04071

Maine Area Code is 207

EMERGENCY
All emergencies ...........................................911
Cumberland County Sheriff ......................774-1444
Non-Emergency ....................................... 1-800-266-1444
Maine State Police .............................. 1-800-482-0730
Raymond Public Safety Building ........ 655-1187
Poison Control .................................... 1-800-222-1222

UTILITIES
Central Maine Power (loss of power) .. 1-800-696-1000
Fairpoint NE Telephone (local service) 1-800-400-5568
US Post Office, Raymond ......................655-4974

TOWN OFFICE
401 Webbs Mills Rd
Don Willard, Town Manager ......................655-4742
Hours:
Tues 8:30am-7:00pm
Wed-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm
Sat-Mon Closed

RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY
3 Meadow Rd, PO Box 297
Allison Griffin, Director ..........................655-4283
Library Hours:
Mon 9am-6pm
Tue 9am-12pm - Seniors Only
Wed 9am-7pm
Sat 9am-4pm
Baby/Toddler Storytime: Mon at 10:30am
Preschool Storytime: Wed at 10:30am

SCHOOLS
Raymond Elementary School (K-4) .... 655-8672
  Randy Crockett, Principal
Debbie Hutchinson, Assistant Principal & Guidance
Jordan-Small Middle School (5-8) .... 655-4743
  Randy Crockett, Principal
Lynn-Eve Davis, Guidance
RSU #14 School Department ................. 892-1800
  Christopher Howell, Superintendent

COMMUNITY MEETING LOCATIONS
Jordan-Small Middle School .................655-4743
Raymond Elementary School .............. 655-8672
Town Office, Broadcast Studio ..............655-4742
Public Safety Building ...................... 655-1187
Raymond Village Library ................. 655-4283
Raymond Village Community Church .... 655-7749

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
Lions Club – Bob Fey ..............................655-5041
Raymond Recreation – Sarah Davis ..........272-7541
Raymond Baseball – Joe Troiano ............891-7681
Raymond-Casco Historical Society
  Frank McDermott ...............................655-4646
Raymond Conservation Commission
  John Rand .......................................655-4277
Scouts:
  Cub Scouts – David Fletcher .......... 655-5080
  Boy Scouts – Matthew Witten ...........233-5060
  Meetings Tues 6:30pm Raymond Village Church, Sept thru June

COMMUNITY SERVICES
Family Services:
  Adult & Child Abuse-Neglect .......... 1-800-452-1999
  Al-Anon ........................................1-800-498-1844
  Alcoholics Anonymous ..................1-800-737-6237
  Family Crisis Center & Domestic Violence Hotline ....
  1-800-537-6066 or 874-1793
Food Pantry – Gary Bibeau .................655-4334
  2nd & 4th Thurs from 4pm to 6pm
General Assistance – Jennie Silverblade ....655-4742 x129
  Lake Region Explorer (bus) ................774-2666
People’s Regional Opportunity Program (PROP):
  Head Start, Fuel Assistance, WIC, etc.
  1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800
Senior Services:
  Community Health Services ............775-7231
  Meals on Wheels ............................1-800-400-6325
  Regional Transportation ..............1-800-244-0704
  Southern Maine Agency on Aging ...1-800-427-7411
  Social Security .............................1-800-722-1213
Sexual Assault Response Services........1-800-313-9900
  TTY ........................................774-2666
Tri-County Mental Health Services ........1-888-568-1112

OUTDOOR LOCATIONS (no supervision implied)
Beaches:
  Crescent Lake Beach ......................655-4742
  - free public beach, free boat launch
Raymond Beach, Route 302 .................655-4742
  - free public beach, free boat launch
Tassel Top Beach, Route 302 ..............655-4675
  - beach, swimming, picnicking, cabin rentals
  - fees charged
Jordan-Small Middle School ..............655-4743
  - fields, basketball court, wooded trails
Morgan Meadow, FL 268, 1 Egypt Rd ........655-4742
  - multi use trails, cross country skiing, snow shoeing
Rattlesnake Mountain Trail
  - multi use trails across from 743 Webbs Mills Rd
Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club
  - Larry Wood ......................655-5469
Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park, Mill St ......655-4742
  - playing fields, playground, picnic