

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL & RSU 14

ELECTIONS

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Voting Place: **Jordan Small Middle School**
 Voting Location: **423 Webbs Mills Road, Raymond**
 Polls Open at: **7:00 A.M.** • Polls Close at: **8:00 P.M.**

Absentee Ballot Processing:

- ★ Mon., June 7th at the Town Office beginning at 10am
- ★ Tues., June 8th by the Warden at the Polls at: 10am, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm

Municipal Offices To Be Voted On (Article 49):

- Select Board – 1 member for 3 year term
- Budget-Finance Committee – 3 members for 3 year terms
- Budget-Finance Committee – 2 members for 2 year terms
- RSU #14 Board of Directors – 1 member for a 3 year term

Municipal Questions To Be Voted On:

Due to COVID-19 the Annual Town Meeting Warrant will be voted via secret ballot. For a sample ballot and the warrant please go to: www.raymondmaine.org

RSU #14 School Budget Questions To Be Voted On (for full language go to: www.raymondmaine.org).

Question 1: School Budget – Shall RSU #14 appropriate the sum of \$52,233,221.56 and raise the sum of \$34,087,919.61 for the 2021-2022 school budget?

Question 2: RSU Adult Ed Program – Shall the RSU be authorized to appropriate \$644,326.31 for the adult education & raise \$295,086.51 as the local share, with authorization to expend any additional, incidental, or miscellaneous receipts in the interest & for the well-being of the adult education program?

Question 3: School Capital Reserve Fund – Shall the School Board be authorized to transfer up to \$600,000.00 from unexpended balances at the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year to the School Capital Reserve Fund and to expend \$600,000.00 from the reserve fund for the following purpose(s) in addition to amounts the voters have previously authorized to be expended from the School Capital Reserve Fund for this or other projects?

1. Raymond Elementary School - renovations\$160,000
2. Jordan Small Middle School - walkway & driveway repairs.....\$50,000
3. Windham Middle School - renovations, A&E design\$170,000
4. District Wide - network infrastructure, HVAC, storage building ..\$150,000
4. Field Allen School - renovations.....\$70,000

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK WAS A SUCCESS!

Several local businesses, parents & the Raymond PTO donated fruit & sweet treats for teachers & staff at both Jordan Small Middle School & Raymond Elementary School.

THANK YOU to our community sponsors and THANK YOU to our teachers for all you do!



Monetary Donations from Parents & Friends



RAYMOND ROADRUNNER

TOWN OF RAYMOND – MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Meet Your

LOCAL CANDIDATES



Abigail Geer
Selectboard

Growing up in Maine I learned to always be on the lookout for ways to help the people around me. Now that I've moved home to Raymond I'm looking for ways to serve you, my neighbor, and make our town the best place to live in. Raymond is just about the most beautiful spot on the planet - we have almost everything that Maine offers rolled into one town! I want to make sure that living here feels just as beautiful for residents of all ages, ability levels, and financial resources. Let's have easy, fun ways of building connections with each other through events and programming. Let's make it easy to get through our day-to-day lives by ensuring access to high speed internet. Let's keep our town beautiful with thoughtful planning guidelines. I've built my vision for Raymond through experience and through conversations. If you want a Select Person who will always ask for your input and always listen to your answer, vote for me on June 8th, so we can build Raymond's future together. Learn more about me at abigail4raymond.poliengine.com or Facebook: @Abigail4Raymond



Bob Gosselin
Budget-Finance Committee

My decision to run for a sixth term on the Budget Finance Committee is my way of doing something of value for the town. It keeps me informed of happenings in the Town of Raymond and the budgetary needs to support the towns' growth. I'd rather be in position to argue a point than sitting back and complaining about it. I ask for your support at the ballot box this coming June 8th. Thank You!



OPENS MAY 29TH



FOR THE SEASON



Dana DesJardins
Selectboard

My reason to run again for Selectman is I feel the citizens of this town deserve to know what is going on with their government. I am not afraid to ask the big questions like why we spend so much and why all the big increase in the spending. My last vote on last years budget was to not have any increase from the 2018-2019 budget. With a pandemic ongoing and people losing their jobs my objective was to keep the mill rate flat and not using the surplus we have and only use it if we needed PPE's or help needy families cope with this pandemic. Instead, the Selectboard decided to go ahead and increase spending and then use up surplus to keep the mill rate level. We did have an increase on the mill rate. Another reason is that we have three members of the Selectboard, and one Budget-Finance member, who by the way is running for the Selectboard again. They are spending more time and money on trying to break up RSU-14. They have no business doing this. If they don't like the job of the school committee then they should run for the school board. Thank you, Abigail Geer, for stepping up to run, and thank you for signing my nomination papers.

I also have concern with the way the board handles our zoning rules and their inability to move on retail cannabis sales. I know the owner of the building B and B Cultivation rents and he is worried that the big investment he made recently on that building is all going to be a bust. A vote for me is going to sway the current boards vote 3-2 in favor of allowing retail cannabis sales. Thank you and be sure to vote on June 8th.



Joe Bruno
Selectboard

As many Raymond citizens are aware I decided to step back from public service after serving 4 terms as a Selectman in 2018. The following year many citizens wrote my name in to serve on the Budget-Finance Committee and I achieved enough votes to do so. I have thoroughly enjoyed doing that the last two years.

My experience of living in Raymond over 40 years, serving on the School Board two terms, being the town meeting moderator for many years, serving as a State Representative for 5 terms, Selectman for 4 terms, and now the Budget-Finance committee has given me the knowledge and relationships to quickly step back into being a member of the Select Board. I have served and been appointed to many committees on the State and Local level having been appointed by 4 different Governors.

My vision for Raymond is very simple. I want our roads to be in good repair, our tax rate affordable, a great educational system, a strong public safety department, and that we take care of struggling families in town. I believe we have achieved many of these goals because of the staff in Raymond that carries out the directives of the Select Board. Raymond citizens are very generous helping their neighbors as shown through their contributions and donations to various non-profits around town.

I have the time and the experience to serve the people of Raymond. I ask for your vote and thank you for so many years of your support. Your vote is important and so is the safety of voters during these difficult times. You can contact me at 207-627-4979 or jbruno@communityrx.com



Kevin Oliver
Budget-Finance Committee

I was raised in Gray, the middle of 3 brothers, all approximately 3.5 years apart. I grew up on a dead end street neighborhood with 16 houses and families with other kids of the same age range which provided a fun childhood, ripe with close and accessible friendships. We spent time outdoors playing and learning and growing. I am now 35 years old, a husband, a father of two fun and curious boys, and curious myself. Three years ago, my curiosity about town functions and politics led me to run for an open seat on the Budget Finance Committee. For the first couple of years, my sole personal goal was to learn and not make any waves. I wanted to understand how Raymond has historically operated and what the public opinion of the current operations was. In my final year of this first 3 year term, I am becoming much more comfortable and confident. I have learned a lot and I have come to believe myself that for a town to honestly represent the full spectrum of its constituents' views, it must make budget decisions that balance fiscal responsibility wherever possible, while still offering services to its residents that promotes community pride and involvement.

Running for a second 3 year term, I am excited to take the revelations from my first 3 years on the Budget Finance Committee and combine them with my confidence and curiosity to address head on the careful balance of being fiscally responsible, all while continuing to grow services as the community sees fit. It would be my honor to sit on the Budget Finance Committee for 3 more years.



LIBRARY UPDATES

ANNUAL PLANT SALE
By Appointment Only



To keep everyone safe and healthy, we will be allowing no more than three people to shop the sale at any given time and masks will be required. **Our first appointment date will be Monday, May 24th.** If you are interested in buying plants, please contact Leigh Walker to schedule an appointment through any of the following methods:
 Email: lwalker4@maine.rr.com • Text: 207-310-0741 • Call: 207-310-0741
 She might not answer an unknown caller so please leave a message!

- Guidelines for shopping:*
- Meet Leigh at the library for your appointment • Please wear a mask.
 - Pay with cash or checks - If you are using a credit card, please let Leigh know when you make the appointment.

PLANT DONATIONS WANTED!

If you would like to donate plants to the sale, feel free to drop them at the library by the gazebo in the community garden on the far side of the parking lot at any time.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR BOOK SALE

Saturday, July 10th and Sunday, July 11th

A VARIETY OF BOOKS, MOVIES & PUZZLES FOR ALL AGES WILL BE ON SALE UNDER THE TENT & WITHIN THE LIBRARY. *Donations of gently used books, movies, & puzzles are accepted year-round and can be dropped off at the library during any open library hours.*

Maine Forest Service to present wildfire prevention plan to the Town of Raymond



Tuesday June 1, 2021 • 6:30pm
at the Public Safety Building
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Maine's Forest Rangers have a wildland fire prevention program to help communities reduce the risk of wildfire near their homes. Throughout Maine, an average of 500 wildfires are reported annually. In 2020, due to drought conditions, the number of wildfires increased to over 1154 fires that burned 1047 acres.

Forest Rangers will give a presentation on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which was developed after a wildfire risk assessment was conducted randomly throughout Raymond. The presentation should last about 30 – 40 minutes. Seats will be 6' to 8' feet apart and face coverings will be required. Members of the Raymond Fire and Rescue Department have provided input to Protection Plan and will also be in attendance.

At the end, there will be a short discussion of the Maine Forest Service free "Defensible Space Chipping Program." Raymond now qualifies for the program, which provides one day of brush chipping for homeowners who have cut brush near their structures.

Swim Lessons
At Crescent Lake Beach

Join swim instructor Jordan Magiera for **FIVE different levels of swimming.** From beginner to advanced we have a level for you!

Session 1: July 5th-July 15th
Session 2: July 19th-July 29th
Cost per session: \$50 Raymond Resident, \$55 Non

TO REGISTER GO TO: Raymond.RecDesk.com and click on the programs tab

