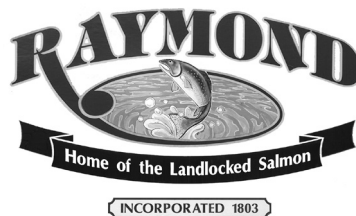
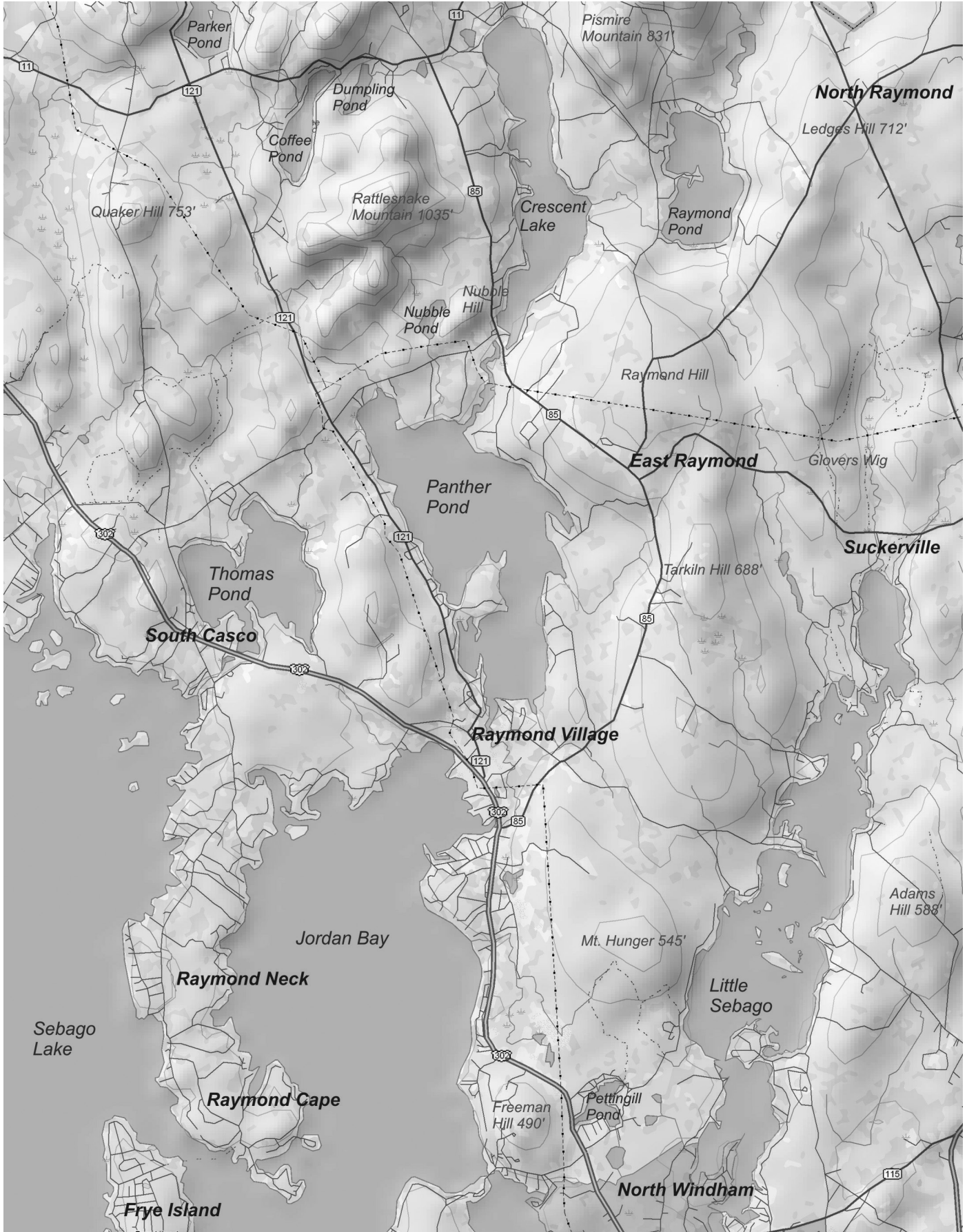

2018 Annual Report Raymond, Maine



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Raymond, Maine 04071



Welcome

Annual Report of the Town Officers Raymond, Maine

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018



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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 & 142
Assessors Office	655-4742 ext 133 & 151
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 2018-2019

July 1, 2018	2018-2019 Fiscal Year begins
October 15	Begin to issue Dog Licenses
October 31	First half tax payment due 2018-2019
November 1	Last day to request an absentee ballot for the 2018 Gubernatorial Election
November 6	Election Day
December 31	Dog License renewal deadline IF & W Licenses expire Boat Registrations expire
April 1, 2019	All property, both real and personal, is assessed to the owner of record as of April 1. Owners must bring in a list of property to the Assessors to be able to make claims for abatement.
April 21	Abatement Application deadline 3:00 pm
April 30	Second half tax payment due 2018-2019
June 4, 6:00 pm	Town Meeting (tentative)
June 6	Last day to request an absentee ballot for the June 11, 2019 Election
June 11	Municipal Elections
June 30	ATV & Snowmobile Registrations expire 2018-2019 Fiscal Year ends

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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



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work



The Town of Raymond Needs Volunteers To Serve on Various Boards and Committees

If you are a Raymond resident and interested in serving on any of the following committees or boards, please fill in the information below and return it to the Town Clerk, who will make sure it gets to the appropriate board or committee chair(s) for consideration and response. Not all committees and boards currently have openings, however, vacancies occur on a regular basis.

- 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

Name:
Mailing Address:
Telephone Number:
Occupation:
E-mail Address:

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?

Will your schedule be flexible enough to allow you to attend meetings on a regular basis?

Yes _____ No _____

Thank you for your interest in the Town of Raymond!

Town Officials and Administration



Sunset from Raymond Hill

Report of the Town Manager

Dear Citizens of Raymond:

I am pleased to transmit the FY 17-18 Annual Town Report. The town report aims to provide a brief overview of the initiatives and activities of Raymond municipal government over the past fiscal year.

This past year has been marked by continued strong economic growth. Raymond continues to see significant increases in local property tax valuation from new construction and renovations across all classes of property. This growth combined with careful financial management results once again in Raymond having one of the lowest property tax rates in Cumberland County at \$12.30 per thousand valuation.

An effort was made over the past year to expand our program of citizen communications and messaging. New electronic signs were installed at the Town Office and Public Safety Building. Educational videos highlighting town services and departments were produced for broadcast on our cable television and YouTube channels as well as for web streaming from our homepage at www.raymondmaine.org.

A major project undertaken in the past year was the updating of all town policies and local ordinances. This work is ongoing and will continue into the new fiscal year.

The Public Safety Department made successful application for a \$275,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant for a new tank truck to replace the 30-year old Tank 2. The grant requires a 5% local match.

Work on the conversion of the Town's streetlights continued with the selection of RealTerm Energy of Maryland as the company to do the study and development work necessary to determine if it is economically advantageous to move forward. This project is a multi-town effort involving several other local area communities working together with the same consultant.

Another project still under study is the possibility of finding a way either through a private sector provider or a public initiative to bring Broadband Internet service to the Lakes Region. Windham, Standish, Gray and Raymond along with Cumberland County Government have all been working on this shared potential future development. Having access to high speed internet service is a major determinant to any successful economic development strategy and business sustainability planning.

The Public Works Department worked on the reconstruction of Patricia Ave along with drainage and paving work on Raymond Hill Road. Engineering and planning work with the Maine Department of Transportation continued for the anticipated FY 18-19 Main Street Sidewalk Project start. A grant of \$324,000 has been awarded to the town with a local match of \$81,000.

Raymond entered into increased Animal Control Program interlocal cooperation with Casco and Naples by sharing capital and equipment costs including acquiring a used utility vehicle outfitted for the purpose when owned by the Maine State Police.

The Board of Selectmen approved application to the AARP network of Age-Friendly Communities for the newly formed Raymond group.

In the area of personnel changes Code Enforcement Officer Chris Hanson moved on to the same position in Windham. He was replaced by former Gorham Assistant CEO Scott Dvorak. Congratulations Chris and welcome Scott.

As in prior years I would like to thank our many dedicated town volunteers. Without interested citizens stepping forward to assist us, all the success that the town enjoys would not be possible. This year I would particularly like to recognize and thank retiring Selectman Joe Bruno for his 29 years of service to the town in a variety of capacities including School Board member, State Representative, town meeting moderator and as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

It is a real pleasure to work with my fellow town employees. Raymond is fortunate to have a great group working together to provide the best service we possibly can. I am looking forward to the year ahead, working with the Board of Selectmen on our continuing shared mission of delivering high quality municipal services in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Willard, Town Manager



Report of the Assessors

Report of the Assessors

Assessing Department
 Curt Lebel, Assessors' Agent
 8:30 - 4:00 Thursdays
 Please call ahead for availability

Kaela Gonzalez, Assessor's Assistant
 kaela.gonzalez@raymondmaine.org
 207.655.4742 x 133

2017-2018 Tax Rate:	2017 Real Estate Land	2017 Real Estate Building	2017 Personal Property	2017 Exemptions	2017 Total Taxable Valuation
\$12.30/\$1,000	\$547,837,500	\$485,375,700	\$6,385,100	-\$20,436,000	\$1,019,162,300.00

	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014
<i>County Appropriation</i>	\$727,076.00	\$676,263.00	\$647,967.00	\$617,503.00	\$627,814.00
<i>County Tax Rate</i>	\$0.71/\$1,000	\$0.67/\$1,000	\$0.64/\$1,000	\$0.62/\$1,000	\$0.63/\$1,000
<i>Net Municipal Appropriation</i>	\$2,635,912.40	\$2,595,896.96	\$2,657,736.32	\$2,443,248.35	\$2,177,505.00
<i>TIF Financing</i>	\$195,938.94	\$206,511.85	\$224,334.90	\$218,013.20	\$203,505.69
<i>Overlay</i>	\$1,612.63	\$41,604.06	\$16,789.44	\$30,673.67	\$34,682.79
<i>Town Tax Rate</i>	\$2.59/\$1,000	\$2.80/\$1,000	\$2.86/\$1,000	\$2.68/\$1,000	\$2.42/\$1,000
<i>Net School Appropriation</i>	\$9,172,707.89	\$8,746,621.85	\$8,523,009.41	\$8,530,675.88	\$8,202,639.33
<i>School Tax Rate</i>	\$9.00/\$1,000	\$8.63/\$1,000	\$8.45/\$1,000	\$8.50/\$1,000	\$8.20/\$1,000
<i>Total Appropriation</i>	\$12,535,696.29	\$12,266,897.72	\$12,049,674.86	\$11,840,114.10	\$11,246,147.06
<i>Total Tax Rate</i>	\$12.30/\$1,000	\$12.10/\$1,000	\$11.95/\$1,000	\$11.80/\$1,000	\$11.25/\$1,000

Report of the Code Enforcement Officer

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

For the 2017-18 year the Code Department has issued the following permits and collected associated fees:

Fiscal Year	2017-2018	2017-2016	2016-2015	2015-2014
Building Permits	267	249	271	246
New Single-Family Houses	69	20	33	
Tree Removal Permits	53	61	\$0	40
Permit Fees	\$53,019	\$49,824	\$53,131	\$53,769
Estimated Construction Cost	\$11,366,759	\$9,496,580	\$13,511,159	\$13,482,496
Septic & Plumbing Permits	92	198	124	104
Septic & Plumbing Fees	\$15,125	\$35,315	\$23,882	\$19,190
Electrical Permits	86	103	87	
Electrical Permit Fees	\$6,767	\$8,951	\$8,581	
TOTAL CODE FEES COLLECTED	74,911	\$94,090	\$85,594	\$72,959

This almost marks a full year for me in the Code Enforcement Officer position for the Town of Raymond. It has been great, and I look forward to serving the town and the people of Raymond.

Raymond is seeing strong development in residential construction. Most of which has been shoreland, but there has still been a steady improvement in non-shoreland residential development. We have had several new businesses open within the Commercial District and we hope to see more in the near future.

In the coming year, I am hopeful that there will be a steady increase in all aspects of construction and development. We at the Code Department will do our best to work with you on your project. If you have any questions regarding your project in Raymond please call 207-655-4742 x161.

Respectfully,

Scott Dvorak
Code Enforcement Officer (CEO)
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071
(207) 655-4742 x142

Report of the Voter Registrar

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 6-30-2018, there were a total of 4,036 active voters:

- All are in State Senate District 26
- 2,979 are in State Representative District 66 – 74%
- 1,057 are in State Representative District 67 – 26%
- 1,141 – Democrats ----- 28.3%
- 178 – Green Independents ----- 4.4%
- 23 – Libertarians ----- 0.5%
- 1,255 – Republicans ----- 31.1%
- 1,439 – Unenrolled ----- 35.7%

Over the past year there were:

- 9 new voters added who have not been registered in Maine before
- 74 voters added who moved from another municipality in Maine to Raymond
- 724 voter records that were corrected (address or name changes, data corrections, etc)
- 27 voters canceled due to being deceased
- 62 voters moved out of state
- 47 voters moved to another municipality in Maine

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Look
Registrar of Voters



Report of the Town Clerk

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Vital Statistics	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Births	46	26	46	27	31
Marriages	39	26	25	34	31
Deaths	29	31	36	27	27

We honor these Raymond residents who passed away...

Phillippe Guy Boissonneault	75	Virginia Dorothy Maller	90
Bruce Malcolm Brown	62	Edith Shirley Micklon	79
Ellen Marie Bunnell	77	Elwyn Ross Morrow	92
Timothy W. Davis	69	Irving Jeffrey Neal	76
Harry J. Delan	94	Terri Lee Petersen	70
Pauline Claire Fecteau	81	Alan S. Plummer Sr.	74
Winifred R. Gagnon	85	Barbara K. Pollak	91
Margaret M. Garry	70	Howard Alton Ripley	92
Roberta Mildred Giampetruzzi	93	Christina Louise Spaulding	58
Robert Louis Hobbs	88	Richard A. St. Pierre	76
Raymond Williamson Kelso	92	John J. Steffens	96
Mary Catherine Keniston	95	Gail Ann Trafford	67
Ethelyn S. Kern	75	Elizabeth Archibald Warden	88
Michael K Keyworth	72	Henry William Wood	72
John S. Libby	76		

Elections

- November 7, 2017 – Referendum Election - 1,289 votes cast – 29.1% of the active voters
- June 5, 2018 – Raymond Annual Town Meeting - 50 voters present – 1.1% of the active voters
- June 12, 2018 – Primary & Municipal Election - 1,093 votes cast – 24.6% of the active voters

Dog Licenses	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Not Altered	43	36	44	96	46
Altered	342	380	455	403	514
Registered Online - Not Altered	11	13	6	10	11
Registered Online - Altered	165	205	194	141	126
Kennels	0	1	1	1	1
Service Dogs	6	5	4	4	3
Total	567	652	715	708	716

Report of the Town Clerk

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16	2014-15	2013-14
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	340	357	383	343	422
Boats	1,029	1,048	1,088	1,038	1,038
Non-Resident Milfoil Stickers	42	50	54	58	136
ATVs	166	187	187	168	181
Snowmobiles	242	265	188	271	291
Total	1,819	1,907	1,900	1,878	2,068

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Look
Town Clerk



Replica of Historic School House that was burned in April 2018 by vandals - RCHS

**Maine Register – State Year-Book and Legislative Manual
No 53, 1922**

Raymond

20 miles north of Portland.

First settled by Captain Joseph Dingley, 1771.

Incorporated the 146th town, June 21, 1803.

Named after Captain William Raymond, who had the grant in 1767 for himself and company, in consideration of services in the Canada expedition, under Sir W Phipps.

Contains 36,000 acres.

First Represented in general court in 1810, by Samuel Leach.

First church, First Baptist, gathered in 1792.

Town of Casco taken off in 1841.

Valuation:

Year	Population	Polls	Estates
1790	345		
1850	1,192		
1860	1,229	274	\$167,260
1870	1,120	305	\$229,121
1880	1,132	284	\$227,213
1890	927	266	\$222,351
1900	823	235	\$213,576
1910	677	213	\$265,659

On stage-line from South Windham to South Casco; also, on stage-line from New Gloucester on Maine Central Railroad.

RFD (*Rural Free Delivery*) from Raymond to East and Mountain.

Postmasters – Fred W Plummer, North – George S Churchill

Selectmen – Charles S Jordan, RFD – George H Hall, North – Leon Carle

Town Clerk – RFD – C Irene Crockett

Treasurer – FRD – Fred W Robinson

Collector and Constable – FRD – Fred W Robinson

Road Commissioners – Charles S Jordan, RFD – George H Hall, North – Leon Carle

School Committee – David T Plummer, RFD – Gardner W Cole, Chester Winslow.

Superintendent – Casco – Howard Gilpatrick

Health Officer – L H Jordan, MD

Physician – L H Jordan, MD

Dentist – D H Lloy

Clergymen – S B Brown – Baptist, vacant – Congregational

Notary – Charles S Jordan, January 27, 1929

A Peek at the Past... Excerpt

Justices

- F W Plummer – February 28, 1924
- Charles H Cole – September 26, 1924
- Trial – L W Welch – April 28, 1927

Merchants

- Jordan & Eager
- Cole Brothers
- Fred W Plummer, general stores
- J D Leavitt, ice cream
- North – George S D Churchill, general stores

Manufacturers

- I D Morton, smith
- Carl Leach, E B Jordan, carpenters
- John Smith, saw mill and long lumber
- F Smith, S J Plummer, J A Gerry, George Plummer, painters
- George Hall, butcher
- C H Plummer, William Strout, masons
- J O Berry, stone worker
- Jordan & Morton, undertakers
- Bartlett Brothers, shook (*box shook is knocked-down boxes, usually packed in bundles of 50 ends, tops, or sides, that are sent to fruit-packing houses*)
- South Casco – Willard Libby, shook & lumber

Barber – Daniel B Mussey

Insurance – Edward M Mason

Libraries

- Village – Elizabeth Hayden – Librarian – 650 volumes
- Centennial – M L Lane – Librarian – 250 volumes

Associations

- K of P – Hawthorne, Saturday (*Knights of Pythias*)
- P of H – Riverside, No 93 (*Patrons of Husbandry – Maine State Grange*)
- W C T U (*Women's Christian Temperance Union*)

Hotels

- Lake Side House, C & F R Crockett
- Pleasant Ridge Farm, C K Thorpe
- The Elm Tree Inn, Joseph Regneas
- The Lloy Homestead, D H Lloy

Summer Camps

- Minnewawa (boys), Guy W Chipman (Brooklyn NY), proprietor
- Hawthorne (boys), Elliott Bigelow Jr (New York), proprietor
- Timanous (boys), A E Hamilton, proprietor
- Dryad Woods (girls), Miss Margaret Burnham (Waltham Mass.), proprietor

Public Safety



Report of the Raymond Fire & Rescue Department

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

I am proud of the members of the Raymond Fire Rescue Department for the great work they continue to do and for the dedication to protect the citizens and visitors of our great community. In all honesty it is very difficult for people to dedicate the huge amount of time necessary to do the job of a firefighter or emergency medical technician (EMT). But for the few who dedicate themselves to this higher calling, it is one of the most rewarding things they do. Our members are called upon to fix things which most people are running away from. For the special people who can call themselves members of our department Firefighters, EMTs, Marine Unit, Fire Police Unit, we are thankful to you.



Generator caused garage/apartment fire



Power pole/lines blocking road

We are proud to be accredited as a Heartsafe Community by the Maine Cardiovascular Health Council. We met the standards of community awareness, training, education, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) placement. Placing one AED in the Elementary school, Town Hall, and in the field in a Department of Public Works vehicle was made possible by our Fire Rescue Association.

We are proud to have achieved a Insurance Service Office (ISO) Class 4-4Y rating this year improving from the 5-8B rating we held for fifteen years. We are pleased to achieve this level of service while maintaining cost effective budgets and excellent service for our community.

This was a very sad year for the department and community as we lost a dear friend and teammate, our Fire Inspector, Captain David A. Mains to a motorcycle accident in June. We have been grieving and healing since. David gave tirelessly to our community. David was known as a professional and was well respected for his work with the department and community. Recently David chaired the team that wrote the truck specification for our new tank truck. The new tanker will be dedicated in his name early in the fall when it is delivered and placed in service. Captain Mains will be missed greatly and never forgotten.

The Department handled many serious incidents this year including building fires, wood, grass, brush fires, medical and trauma patients. This is likely where you see us "in action." We often cone areas off and direct the flow of traffic at incidents to maintain safe operating zones for our providers, who wear turnout gear to protect from injury, smoke, heat, blood etc. One of the most dangerous scenes is the roadway incident where vehicles are traveling mere feet from our emergency workers in adverse

conditions. We ask everyone to please slow down, do not text or talk on the phone and do not cause another crash!

We completed the flooring replacement project at central replacing the 15-year-old carpet with new carpet tiles. Thanks to Miller Flooring for the great price and work.

Once again, we ask you to help us help you. This is the motto we adopted in terms of addressing. It is easier than you would expect to correct a huge issue. Simply assure your address numbers are posted in an obviously visible place and that they are maintained clear of obstructions, not faded or missing and they are reflective. We respond to emergencies in rain, snow and trying to get there quick when seconds count but often there are delays because buildings are not numbered correctly or at all. Some people place numbers on trees, barns or detached buildings and we are looking at the house. Please post your house numbers at the end of a driveway or a mailbox. Please, numbers only cost a few dollars, post them so we can find you quickly when seconds count.

We are waiting for the delivery of the recently ordered federally funded with grant monies replacement for tanker 2. This new truck will replace the current over twenty-five-year-old tanker at East Raymond Station. It is being built by MetalFab fire Trucks. It will carry 2500 gallons of water, can pump 1500 GPM carries 1500 feet of five-inch hose and specializes in water supply for fire events.

In October 2017 we were challenged by a major weather event. The wind storm downed trees wires, damaged buildings, brought down radio towers and created about eighty incidents in a twelve-hour period. Sections of the town were inaccessible and to get ambulance coverage in the north end we had to send a truck through Windham to Gray and then to Poland to get to the North Raymond Road side of town. The effects stuck around for a few days with building fires caused by generators and blocked access to roads due to trees and power lines. We are now finalizing the disaster reimbursement for the event with FEMA. I thank Captain Cliff Small for his labor-intensive work with cumbersome forms and data to assure we receive all possible funding for this event.

We support the Code RED system of notification which provides emergency information to your phone. It is a free app and can help keep you in the loop with important information for or area. Please sign up at: Cumberlandcounty.org/regional-communications-center. The app is free. This system provides accurate information through official channels in a timely manner. Examples include natural disasters, shelter in place, and evacuation messages.



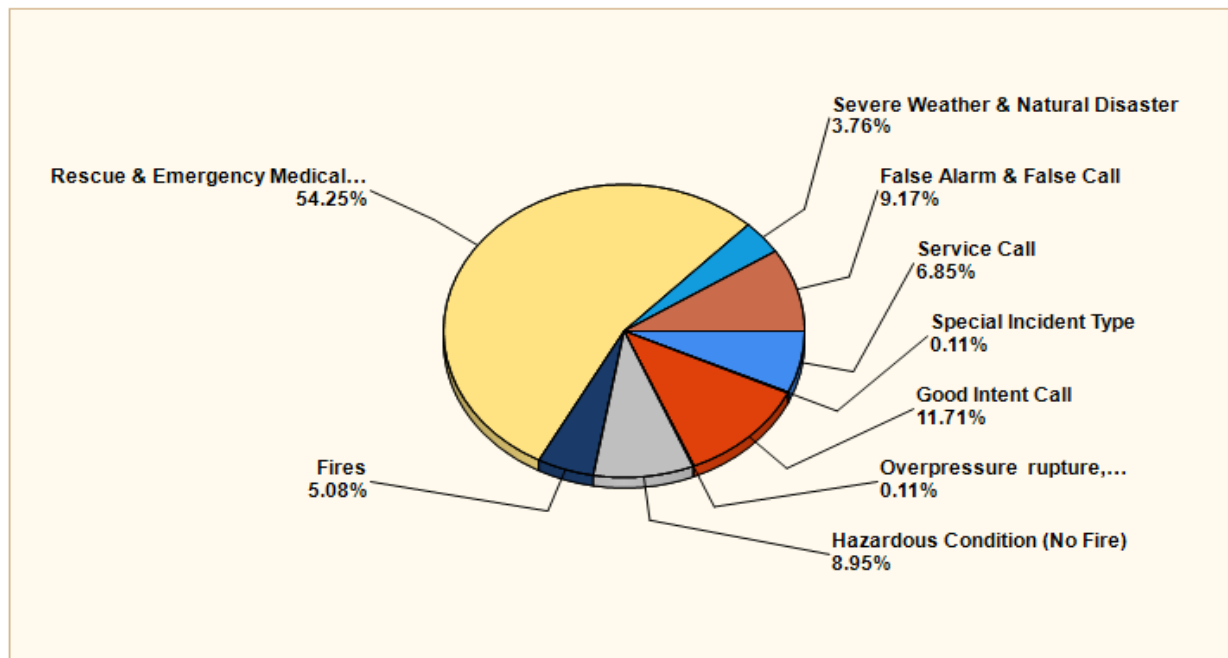
Forestry training, burning out fuel or back firing.

Total incidents by classification 7-1-2017 through 6-30-2018

There were 163 overlapping incidents in other words more than one incident simultaneously occurring.

The average time on an EMS incident transport is 3 hours for a minimum of two people. A majority of our EMS incidents require advanced licensed EMT's due to transport time and patient need.

MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	46	5.08%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overheating - no fire	1	0.11%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	491	54.25%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	81	8.95%
Service Call	62	6.85%
Good Intent Call	106	11.71%
False Alarm & False Call	83	9.17%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	34	3.76%
Special Incident Type	1	0.11%
TOTAL	905	100.00%





One of many real fires this spring. Always check with us for burning conditions and get a permit before burning.

We are always seeking people to join the department. Do you have what it takes to become one of the few proud people who can do the job of Firefighter or EMT. We have many classifications of membership and we are flexible in our schedule. If you ever thought the fire service could be a way to give back to your community while making new friends, you are correct. You can learn new skills (even making a few dollars doing it) and provide a needed service as a member of our team. Stop by and find out more about our organization. We look forward to meeting you.

Once again, thank you for your support to our department.

Sincerely,

Bruce D Tupper

Fire & Rescue Department Chief

Report of the Health Officer

The Health Officer watches for concerns that may occur with contagious illnesses, living conditions, animal problems, and helps to insure renters have safe apartments to live in.

There have been no outbreaks of Infectious disease in Raymond this past year per Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) although Maine has seen an increase in STD's.

Along with the Code Enforcement Officer, I have inspected a number of apartments or houses at either the landlord's or renter's request about concerns and most have been found to be issues between landlords and tenants.

In Maine, this past year we have seen news reports of people coming in contact with animals with rabies, while in Raymond we only had one confirmed case of a fox with rabies. Anyone that sees a wild animal acting strangely should report it to a game warden. Ticks remain a health concern due to them carrying Lyme disease along with other diseases and all should do tick checks when they return from the outdoors. Steps can be taken to reduce the risk of coming in contact with ticks such as wearing tick repellent, long pants and socks outdoors, and doing tick checks. Clothing worn outdoors can be put into a dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill any ticks that might still be on your clothing.

If anyone has concerns or questions on health issues in the town, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Cathy Gosselin

Health Officer



Photo courtesy of Sheila Bourque

Report of the Animal Control Officer



It's been a busy year for the Animal Control Department. We've responded to roughly 320 calls for service. The complaints for dogs in hot cars have gone down, however dogs at large and animal bites seem to be growing in number.

This year we were fortunate to acquire a vehicle with specialized equipment which will better serve the department.

Remember 2019 Dog Licenses will be available beginning October 16th.

Make sure you have a name and/or number on your pet's collar and we can possibly return your pet. Animals will be taken to Animal Refuge League if the owners can not be found. There is a fee for owners to get their animal back. ACO's can also issue them a ticket. If you would like to contact Animal Refuge League, please call them at 854-9771.

If you find a sick or injured animal call Cumberland County Dispatch at 1-800-501-1111. If we pick up a sick or injured animal, it goes to the Westbrook Animal Hospital on Warren Avenue. If you need to contact them, please call 878-3121.

We do animal welfare checks on dogs left in cars alone as well as abandoned residences where animals are left in the house.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Public Works



Photo courtesy of Sheila Bourque

Report of the Public Works Director

Dear Citizens of Raymond:

This year we continued to work on road improvements along with the paving of Raymond Hill Rd, Patricia Ave and Mill Street. Raymond Hill Rd from Carriage Rd to Spiller Hill Rd was given a surface overlay with drainage improvement. We performed a total road reconstruction with Patricia Ave and finished Mill Street with a surface overlay and new gravel shoulders.

The October wind storm created numerous challenges for a few weeks as we cleaned up roadways and downed trees. The Town Office even suffered damage when a communication tower fell over the roof.

This winter we had more icy road events which are harder to maintain than snow events. But with the help on our contract plowing company P&K we pushed through another winter here in Maine.

This spring the crew had to replace a major culvert serving the Brook on Valley Rd due to beaver damage.

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 – Jason Dipietro, Jason Larrabee, Scott Picavet, and Shep Stults for their continued work.



As always we welcome any suggestions, as your satisfaction is our #1 priority.

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>

Education

Report of the Raymond Schools

Since the inception of RSU 14, and for many years' prior, Raymond Elementary School and Jordan Small Middle School have had a culture of continuous improvement. We are always looking for ways to improve our programs and the quality of instruction. We also seek to adjust our focus based on the needs of our students and the community. As we move into the 2018 -2019 school our main focus areas are:

- improvement to student writing grades K-8
- examining instruction and student achievement in math
- fully implementing programming to reach our "90% Reading Goal" grades K-2

Over the past three years, various teachers have been trained in, and are using, the "Units of Study" writing program developed by the Teacher's College of Columbia University. This writing program has proven to be highly effective across the country in developing student's skills as writers. The district has now reached a point where all K-8 teachers are fully implementing the model several times throughout the school year.

RSU 14 conducted a math instruction audit last year to determine why our students are no longer achieving at the levels seen in the past. An outside consultant assisted us in determining how this concern could be addressed. Part of the audit revealed that overall teachers were focusing too much time on use of formulas and not enough class time teaching the conceptual foundations behind these formulas or, how they can be applied to solve real word problems. The first phase of addressing the needed changes is the hiring of two math coaches who work directly with teachers to expand their math teaching "toolbox". The second phase will be to determine the best math program that will help us address the identified needs as we plan for the next school year.

The 90% Reading Goal is in its' third year of implementation. In addition to full class reading instruction, all K – 2 students are grouped for 45 minutes, 4 days per week to focus on specific areas of reading development based on their individual needs. During these reading intervention times, several ed techs work within the grade level to assist with centers and small groups with highly targeted activities. The ultimate outcome of this intensive program is to have 90% of all students start third grade with solid independent reading skills. This is a critical age at which students shift from learning to read into reading to learn in a variety of subject areas. Students who struggle to read beyond this point in their development find school increasingly difficult which is why we are focusing many resources at these grade levels.

Two other important school initiatives this year include the RES Playground project and, revisions to grading and reporting at the middle school level. The playground expansion project is getting close to completion. Irrigation was installed this summer and the grass is off to a great start! The base for the hard surface play area will be completed this fall. The entire playground will be ready for use at the start of the 2019 school year! At the middle school level, we have made adjustments to our grading and reporting practice to more closely align them to the high school. This has occurred to assist the 8th grade students transition to their freshman year and also to increase accountability for academic work at the 7th and 8th grade level.

RSU 14 recently launched a greatly improved website. (rsu14.org) Our new website includes an interactive calendar of all events, as well as featured news and pictures of various activities at both schools. I hope you will join us for the many public events we sponsor throughout the school year.

Submitted by,
Randy Crockett, Principal of RES and JSMS

Report Not Submitted

Report of 2018 Scholarships Awarded

The Board of Selectmen awarded a total of \$4,500 in scholarships to the following students:



*Walter Backman
Delaney Ennis
Emily Gagne
Anna Jo Laprise
Nora Lane Laprise
McKenzie Larson
Ryan Plummer
Holden Bradford Willard*



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.

Carlton E. Edwards Scholarship Trust Fund

Carlton 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



Photos courtesy of Beautification Committee "Walk-n-Weeders"

Report of the Budget-Finance Committee

Raymond's Budget/Finance Committee provides a checks and balances 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 RSU14. 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. As the means to this goal, the Budget/Finance Committee publicly vets all budget requests. We do this through a series of televised sessions starting in late February and early March. In those sessions, the department heads, and other invited guests, will present and explain their requests. During the 2018-2019 cycle, this process included presentations from various entities that request specific town funding. This budget cycle also included updates to the Ordinance and Charge of the committee to provide consistency with other town Ordinances.

In late March, the Committee meets with the Select Board in a workshop format. The final recommendation vote on all warrant articles by the committee is done in mid-April. Throughout this process, 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 2018-2019 cycle of the Budget/Finance Committee:

Dana Desjardins

Debra Duchaine

Robert Gosselin

Barry Moores

Diane Picavet

Brien Richards

Brian Walker

Respectfully submitted,
Marshall Bullock, Chairman

Report of the Beautification Committee

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

The Raymond Beautification Committee came together fifteen 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 & Weeders meet each Friday from April to November to maintain the 70+ planted areas. Through the **Adopt a Garden** program, individuals, businesses and clubs can maintain gardens on their own schedules. Small signs recognizing adopters serve as advertising as well as incentive for others to adopt. We are always looking for new volunteers. Please contact Town Clerk, Sue Look, to find out how you can help.

Hawthorne Garden Club members are regular participants in Walk & Weed. Local businesses and individual citizens provided funds to buy wreaths for all the Route 302 Project light poles last fall/winter, and we hope they will make that same commitment again this year. We thank all these people.

The Town of Raymond is demonstrating its long-term commitment to the preservation of the gardens by assigning a seasonal employee from Public Works to help the Walk & Weeders. He can use power tools, do heavy lifting, rigorous pruning, debris removal and use town equipment that the volunteers cannot. The Raymond Beach gardens and the overall Corridor landscape have improved significantly under his care. Volunteers can spend more time on "beautification" and it really shows. The Beautification Committee sincerely appreciates this help and looks forward to an even more beautiful Gateway to Raymond next year.

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.

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 makes the project possible, and we invite everyone to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Beautification Committee,

Sharon Dodson

Elissa Gifford

Mary McIntire

Shirley Bloom

Fran Gagne

Elaine Keith

Jan Miller

Mitzi Burby

Christine McClellan

Report of the Conservation Commission



Dear Citizens of Raymond,

During the municipal year of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 the Raymond Conservation Commission assisted Loon Echo Land Trust with a presentation to the Raymond Select Board to respond to concerns about access and use of the Raymond Community Forest (RCF). With the change in ownership that occurred when Loon Echo purchased the property, there was a need to establish clear points of access onto the property and to communicate allowed uses. The presentation also clarified allowed uses on the Tenny River Preserve which is owned by the Pine Tree Council. Loon Echo holds a conservation easement on this property, meaning they are responsible for ensuring protections are maintained into the future.

For The Record

Loon Echo Land Trust purchased the 356-acre RCF parcel from Hancock Land Company in 2016. The purchase was made possible by generous donations from Raymond citizens, the Town of Raymond, area camps, the Portland Water District, private foundations, Hancock Land Company and the State of Maine. Over three miles of trails have been constructed on the property with help from the Appalachian Mountain Club trail crew, Raymond citizens and land trust supporters, with more trails planned. The RCC encourages Raymond citizens to enjoy this local gem with friends and family; more information including volunteer opportunities is available at <http://www.loonecholandtrust.org>

The Raymond Open Space Reserve Fund provided critical support for the Community Forest project. A summary of draws from the fund since its inception follows:

- In 2016 the fund provided \$36,800 for the RCF purchase, protecting 356 acres on the east side of Crescent Lake including Pismire Mountain.
- In 2014 the fund provided \$15,000 to support the Tenny River Corridor project, protecting 30 acres along 900 feet of shoreline of the Tenny River.
- In 2010 the fund provided \$10,000 to support a 19-acre addition to Morgan Meadow.
- In 2005 the fund provided \$25,000 to support the 70-acre Files parcel purchase on Egypt Road.

Currently the Raymond Open Space fund is depleted. The Town of Raymond also holds funds to assist with the care of Morgan Meadow including forest resource education. Jack Spiegel was the former owner of the 1100-acre Morgan Meadow property and with funding from the Land for Maine's Future, provided for the transfer of the land to the State of Maine in 1989. Jack left an endowment to help with the care of the property; the balance in the Spiegel Fund for Morgan Meadow is \$43,272. Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife manages the property as a Wildlife Management Area.

The RCC encourages the Town to protect its natural resources which are vitally linked to our local economy; doing so will also ensure that future generations can enjoy some of what surrounds us today.

For information on any of the above activities, or if you are interested in becoming a member of the RCC, please contact the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rand, Chair
Russ Hutchinson
Jim Ross
Leah Stetson

Bill Fraser
Kimberly Post
Ben Severn
Marlee Turner

Report Not Submitted

Report of the Zoning Board of Appeals

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 Ordinance 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 Ordinance is to safeguard the shoreland areas of our town from the impact of development.

The ZBA derives its authority from Article VI 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 the last Monday 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 2017 to June 2018 included:

Lawrence Murch (Chair)	Leonard Cirelli (effective 01/18)
Joanne Stinson (Vice-Chair)	Patricia Beaton (effective 06/17)
Elden Lingwood (through 01/18)	Eric Welch (effective 01/18)
Steve Warshaw (alternate effective 01/18)	

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 Ordinance, as well as to consider appeals that challenge the interpretation of these ordinances made by the CEO. During the period July 2017 to June 2018, the ZBA heard 3 applications, including two setback reductions and one request for a Change of Use. The following is a summary of the relevant ZBA decisions:

1. Setback Reduction approved: 2
2. Change of Use approved: 1

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 Ordinance. 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,

Lawrence Murch

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

Report of the Technology Committee

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

The Technology Committee supports town activities and objectives—municipal, educational, commercial, and non-profit—by maintaining the technological infrastructure that these organizations rely upon in order to serve you. Besides ongoing care-taking of the items listed below, we are always researching trends and opportunities in technology that show the most promise for reducing costs and improving services for the Town of Raymond.

Our primary strategy is to seek open source solutions whenever possible or practical, as compared to purchasing commercially equivalent products that can cost hundreds or thousands of dollars more, both to acquire and to maintain. We have repeatedly demonstrated that open source alternatives allow us to make improvements without the corresponding exponential increase in expenses that is typically found in the commercial approach to technology software and services. We're proud to report that many of the same open source back-end technologies used by Facebook, Google, Amazon and Yahoo are powering our technology infrastructure right here in Raymond.

One of our most important projects, in terms of community benefits, continues to be the cooperative effort to bring high-speed internet access ("broadband") to our area. Along with the towns of Standish, Windham and Gray, as well as Cumberland County, St. Joseph's College and various business stakeholders, Raymond is an active advocate of and participant in this undertaking, and we'll be publicizing our progress.

For hardware and software upgrades, the town phone system is now fully VOIP (voice calls handled by the internet), which not only saves money but provides enhanced back-up and disaster recovery capabilities. In addition, the town servers were upgraded to Dell R720s, whose capacity and power allowed us to reduce the number of physical servers by four. To improve safety and security, cameras were installed at the IPTV (broadcast) studio, and the studio's equipment and configuration is being redesigned and improved.

The local newspapers are quite interested in us and have reported on Raymond's technology program several times over the past year!

Other accomplishments include:

- Many, many scheduled updates and upgrades to all network hardware and software;
- Continued video archive improvements;
- Consulting on implementation of online training program for town staff.

At present, the Technology Department is responsible for:

- strategic direction of the technology systems supporting the objectives—present and future—of the Town of Raymond;
- office inter-connectivity utilizing VPN technologies to link the various municipal locations;

- email hosting and support for the Town Office, Public Safety, Public Works, the library and Tasseltop;
- computer support for all town employees and for the Raymond Village Library;
- server maintenance in support of all of the above, as well as licensing and upgrades of all peripheral equipment and software;
- the calendar system for all town entities, which can be used to automate facility and staff scheduling, as well as to advertise upcoming events and meetings and to post past meetings' minutes;
- the town's website, including its ongoing upgrade and redesign;
- the cable broadcast station, including cameras, recording, streaming, editing, playback and archiving;
- design and implementation of a safe and secure network comprising all of the above and including upgrades, back-ups and threat analysis;
- GIS/GPS: software configuration, licensing and upgrades plus its hardware support and maintenance;
- numerous ad hoc requests for help, recommendations and consultations.

Technology Committee Looking for Volunteers

We're always looking for skilled technical people who are willing to donate some time or equipment to support the technological infrastructure of the Town of Raymond (see list above), which includes all municipal buildings and the Village Library. If you have any such skills and are willing to provide consistent support to or on the committee, please contact me at laurie.forbes@raymondmaine.org

For the Broadcast Studio, our immediate need is for folks who would like to learn videography in order to provide back-up to our current personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Forbes, Chair

Committee members:

Shaun Dudley
Elisa Trepanier

Thomas Golebiewski
Kevin Woodbrey

John Hanley

Technology Committee Mission:

The promotion of democracy and community through understanding, knowledge and equity based on complete, accurate, accessible and timely information delivered by a variety of well-managed and cost-effective technology solutions.

Town Organizations



Tassel Top Beach

Report of the Raymond Recreation Association

Mission: Raymond Recreation Association (RRA) is dedicated to promoting recreational programs for the benefit of the children of the Town of Raymond, by engaging in charitable and educational purposes.

Philosophy: The volunteer board of directors believes in the value of active recreation and basic sports instruction – for all children. Our program emphasis is on lifetime sports as well as recreational participation in team sports.

History: Parents and educators founded RRA in 1966 as a private, not for profit organization. In 1976, the organization was granted 501© 3 federal tax status. The Wednesday afternoon alpine ski program and the American Red Cross summer swim programs have been offered to Raymond children since the RRA began.

Growth: Through the years RRA has responded to ideas and efforts of parents be it beginning, discontinuing or refining operating programs. For 2018, due to a lack of participation for the Friday Night Ski program in 2017, we made the difficult decision to discontinue that program. Currently, RRA offers opportunities in 8 programs to children in Kindergarten through high school, with most opportunities for children up to 8th grade. Volunteers are needed to assist with all programs as well as administrative work. Call Beth at 627-8771 to offer your assistance.

Funding: Funding of programs is primarily dependent upon participant fees. With the of “Every Child a Swimmer”, RRA has previously sponsored and greatly subsidized the expenses of the Summer Red Cross swim program. For 2018 Season, the swim program numbers were such that Fund Raising to help subsidize this program was not needed. With strong partnerships with the school department and Town government, with all volunteer leadership and with very little overhead expense, our board of directors strives to keep the program fees reasonable and affordable for all. The intent is to give access to recreational activities for many who might not afford participation in other programs. Monetary donations are gratefully received.

Programs 2017-18	# Participants	Dates	Leadership
WED Afternoon Skiing @RES	30	Jan – March	Gail Troiano
Wed Afternoon Skiing @JSMS	43	Jan - March	Gail Troiano
Friday Night Skiing	00	Jan – March	Program discontinued
Karate	30	Sept – June	Bushido Karate Dojo Center
Basketball	60	Dec – March	Peter Brooks
Soccer	100	Sept – Oct	Dan Swett
Cross Country Running	40	Spring	Charlotte Engleman
Summer Swim Program	50	July	Lisa Magiera

Officers for 2017-18

President: Beth Clark

Vice President: Peter Brooks

Treasurer: Leigh Walker

Secretary: Alex Jackson

Program Directors as listed above

Anyone interested in joining the Board of Directors should contact Beth Clark at 627-8771

Look for information on our 2018-19 programs at
www.raymondmaine.org/raymondrecreationassociation

Submitted by Beth Clark, Sept. 2018

Report of the Raymond-Casco Historical Society

The Society has had an eventful year. Our collections that tell the story of both Casco and Raymond continues to grow. We are grateful to the people that have contributed to the museum that made easier to tell the story of our towns. We are in need of materials that would be found in a one room school house of the mid-1800's.

As most of you are aware the Society's Friends School was burned at the beginning of the summer. In that fire we lost not only the building but its contents. We understand that the Society does not have the financial resources to purchase the replacement materials, but we believe that there are people that have like materials the might be donated to the Museum.

Our plans were to move the building to the Museum site on route 302 in Casco. We were looking forward to this as we felt that the school would give an added incentive for people visit us. These plans went up in smoke, but the membership decided to build a new version of the original building. This new building will look like the old school but built with modern materials that will make it much easier to maintain. The interior will be built as close as possible to resemble the original. Skip Watkins has given a 99-year lease on the land on which the school will set. Skip has also donated most of the lumber as well as the pine boards that will be used as flooring. We also need to thank Bob Thibodeau for all his work in lining up all the people and materials to bring the school house back to life. There are many others that need to be thanked for all the work that they did to bring this project to life. This will be done at a later date.

As of today, the exterior of the building is almost complete. During the winter we will begin the work on the interior. Hopefully all of the work will be completed by early summer so that we celebrate the rebirth of our school house. Please plan to visit us next year. If you have not done it so far, please put us on your your to-do list now.

We plan to share this space with other groups to hold meetings and make presentations for the general public. We hope this building and the museum will be place of education as well as a place to discuss issues of importance to our communities.

Please join us at our meetings which are held on the second Monday of each month from May to September. Better still, become a member.

Thank you.

Report of the Raymond Village Library

This 2017-18 fiscal year was an active time for the Raymond Village Library. Creating a friendly, responsive atmosphere has been a priority. As a result, the library saw a 4% increase in patronage and a 10% increase in circulation. Program attendance also increased by 13%.

A grant from the Maine Public Library Fund (MPLF) allowed for the implementation of special senior hours and programming. Seniors were provided with weekly seniors only hours for accessing the library and participating in special activities, including yoga, craftworks, health & wellness sessions and day trips. Day trips coordinated by the library have included a Songo River Queen cruise & a Fryeburg Fair bus trip. Additional programs are under development.

The library currently houses 18,063 books, audiobooks, magazines, and DVDs. The selection of materials continues to be a priority for all library staff. Through ongoing collection assessment and review of professional journals, staff have ensured that a balanced and current collection is available to meet the diverse needs and interests of a wide variety of patrons. The library circulated 21,988 items over the past year. To expand access to materials beyond our collection, interlibrary loan services were provided that allowed patrons to borrow materials from other participating libraries. Weekly van delivery supported through the Southern Maine Library District provided timely and easy access to a wide variety of holdings. There were 463 interlibrary loan requests processed this past year.

In addition to print materials, the library provided patrons with access to computers and online resources. The library is dedicated to providing this access and maintains four Windows desktop computers and three laptops with access to Microsoft Office Suite. There were 1,085 computer sessions logged over the past year. Printing, copying, scanning and faxing services, and 24/7 wi-fi access are also available. Online resources, including the Koha online catalog, MARVEL, which provides patrons with full-text magazines, newspapers and reference materials, and the Cloud Library, which provides patrons with access to downloadable audiobooks and ebooks were also available for all patrons.

Children's services, managed by children's librarian Karen Perry, continued to be a priority at the library. Children participated in baby and preschool story-time, Lego and building club, craft time and a popular therapy dog reading program. Special activities included a fairy & gnome garden party, baking, holiday cookie decorating, egg coloring, gardening, painting, family games, a fire safety demonstration with the Raymond Fire Department and special "Take Your Child to the Library Day" events.

The summer reading program included several popular events, including a fire safety session, special drumming activity with Drums Alive, a Music Together program, afternoon movies, a cupcake decorating party and a bus trip to a local animal shelter to deliver reading prizes earned for the shelter animals. Families also attended presentations from local children's authors Michelle Patch and Gayle Plummer.

The library prioritized STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) programming over the past year. STEAM programs and activities included crystal growing, Meet the Turtles with the

Children’s Museum of Maine, a Chewonki reptile program, and an 8-week 4-H STEAM program. Circulating science and nature backpacks were also made available for families on topics ranging from rocks and minerals to coding robots.

Patrons of all ages enjoyed access to community passes to the Portland Children’s Museum, the Maine Wildlife Park, the Southworth Planetarium and the Portland Museum of Art. Special family events included the annual LIONS tree lighting and holiday themed baking and craft activities.

Adult programs included health and wellness sessions, including reiki, yoga, reflexology, essential oils, aromatherapy, safety awareness, and a senior fire safety session. Programs were also offered for technology training, resume writing, holiday centerpieces, jewelry making & beading, and creative writing.

The library continues to host a popular adult book group each month along with multiple author talks for adults, including presentations by Tess Gerritsen, Tim Caverley & Anne Gass. A total of 163 programs were held for children and adults with 2,228 participants.

In addition to annual appeal donations and challenge grant fundraisers, the Raymond community has supported the library by participating in a variety of fundraising activities, including the biennial garden tour, annual and ongoing book sales, spring plant sale, holiday basket & bake sale, bottle redemption program and other special fundraising events.

The library has benefited from collaborations with a variety of organizations including the Raymond Schools, the Raymond Arts Alliance, the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative, the LIONS Club, the Be the Influence Coalition, and local businesses. These collaborative efforts have allowed for additional social and cultural enrichment opportunities for library patrons and the residents of Raymond.

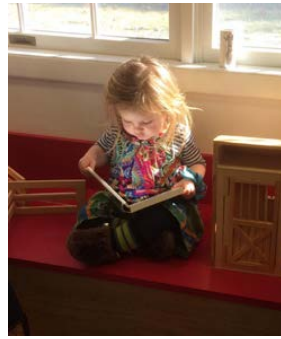
The Raymond Village Library is deeply appreciative of all of the patrons, volunteers and donors who continue to actively support the library. This support has been invaluable in enabling the library to fulfill its’ mission and commitment to the community. We are truly grateful for the continuing support from the Town of Raymond and the Raymond community.

Director: Allison Griffin

Trustees: Sheila Bourque, President
Leigh Walker, Treasurer
Janet Walker, Secretary
Paul Cullinan, Vice President
Kim Allen
Mark Jordan
Nick Hardy
Lonnie Taylor, Select Board Representative



Preschool Story Time



Baby Time



Building Day



Arts & Crafts



Holiday Centerpieces



Fire Safety



Animal Shelter Visit



Painting Class



Drums Alive!



Senior Cruise



Raymond Age Friendly – Community Connections A Community Report

A group of 35 to 40 Raymond residents joined together in May of 2017 to discuss ways to make Raymond an Age Friendly Community. An Age friendly community revolves around addressing livability involving outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information and community and health services.

The group appeared before the Raymond Select Board in June 2017 to ask for Town support for joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities as 50 towns and counties have done in Maine. Our goals are to establish mechanisms to involve older people throughout the Age-Friendly town cycle, to conduct a baseline assessment of the age friendliness of the town and to develop a 3-year town wide plan of action based on assessment findings.

We would like to share the progress that the group has made as of April of 2018.

- With Town support Raymond was accepted into the Age Friendly Network in October of 2017
- Monthly meetings are conducted at the Raymond Public Safety Building providing a wide variety of topics and speakers to our community.
- The Raymond Village Library has received a grant from the Maine Public Library Fund and has established monthly seniors only library hours with programming
- A Steering Committee has been established
- A support grant of \$1100 was received from AARP to underwrite the cost of the assessment survey. Private donations have rounded out the costs.
- A community assessment survey is in final draft review
- The assessment survey will be conducted beginning in the spring of 2018 and continue through the summer and fall with St. Joseph's College providing data analysis and final reports.
- Projects under consideration include: Intergenerational adaptive garden, installation of smoke detectors, evacuation planning, wellness calls, volunteers putting up house numbers, energy efficiency projects, a senior dance and a Town emergency shelter.

The Raymond Age Friendly Project would like to thank the following community partners:

The Raymond Village Library

The Raymond Community Garden

Hancock Lumber

Raymond Public Works Department

The Hawthorne Garden Club

First Light Home Care

Center for Sustainable Communities

The Raymond Village Community Church,

Members of the Lions Club

Raymond Public Safety Department

The Beautification Committee

AARP Maine

St. Joseph's Community-Based Learning

St. Joseph's Corporate & Foundation Relations

Report of the Tassel Top Board of Directors

Tassel Top Park, whether a new destination or an "old haunt", remains a world away from the world, and people from all over the world keep coming and finding the serenity in nature that they seek.

We have had almost 13,000 visitors as of early August. The staff are friendly and helpful with the collective goal of making each person's visit enjoyable, in a clean, safe, family friendly and natural environment. Portland Water District says we are the cleanest beach on the lake which makes it a draw for Recreation Departments, birthday celebrations, family reunions, team building conferences and more.

A special debt of gratitude goes to Barry Alden who has been on staff for 13 years, (half the life of the park) and has created much of what you see when visiting. He has been the backbone of the park. Also, Donna Libby, who is our weekday gate keeper has been with us for 6 years. She has a welcoming smile for everyone big and small. We have had a great staff but these two have been consistently, extremely dedicated to the well-being of the park and always cheerfully rise to every occasion.

Our cabin complex continues to be a favorite family tradition for many and is a great place for those on vacation or stay-cation. People love the unique layout of the buildings and the privacy, along with the wildlife that may wander through the yard.

Town videographer, Bill Blood created an excellent and informative video tour of Tassel Top, including the cabins. This can be viewed on the Raymond Web site.

The trails have been expanded and smoothed out with gravel, making them excellent for cross country runners looking to warm up before a swim in the lake. Trail length is about .9 miles.

One of the park's missions involves conservation which is why we are closed before and after the season. The wildlife allows us to "borrow" their home for the season and we return it to them for the breeding season and winter hibernation. We have a healthy herd of deer, flock of turkeys, owls, hawks, foxes, skunks, porcupines, raccoons, weasels, the occasional coyote and tons of birds, chipmunks and squirrels.

All in all Tassel Top continues to be a feather in Raymond's cap and consistently represents Raymond in a positive and up beat manner.....Why not give us a try?

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Lamarre
Head Ranger



State Elected Officials

Report of US Senator Susan Collins

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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 share some key accomplishments from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Cumberland County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland office at 207-780-3575 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Report of US Senator Angus S King Jr

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January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

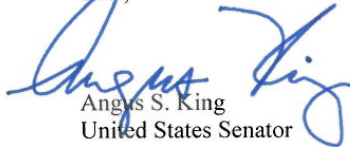
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King
United States Senator

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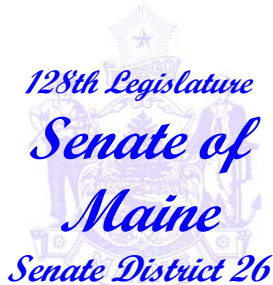
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Report of District 26 State Senator Bill Diamond



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Dear Residents of Raymond,

I hope 2018 finds you and your family doing well. It is an honor to represent you and this community as your state senator, and I look forward to working hard for Raymond in the upcoming session.

Property tax relief remains a top priority for me, and the Legislature has made great strides in the 128th Legislature. Last year, my colleagues and I fought to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000, protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance, and increased public K-12 education funding by \$162 million over the biennium. This year, the Legislature passed a bill that will expand the Property Tax Fairness Credit to further ease the property tax burden on qualifying Mainers. I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in order to lower property taxes, which have been too high for too long.

Additionally, I would like to share some information about the state's unclaimed property list. "Unclaimed property" is money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. It could be from a forgotten account, an overpaid bill or uncollected wages, and could be unclaimed as a result of a change in name, addresses or bank account. Go to www.maine.gov/unclaimed or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if the state is holding any unclaimed property for you.

One of the best parts of being a legislator is bringing students into the State House to serve as Senate Pages. Pages assist legislators by handing out documents during the session, passing messages between senators, and performing other tasks critical to the legislative process. It's an excellent way to see Maine's government in action, and families can make a day of it by touring the State House and other nearby attractions. If you know of someone who may be interested, please reach out to my office.

I am always glad to hear from folks back in District 26. I can be reached by phone at (207) 892-8941 and by email at diomondhollyd@aol.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Diamond".

Bill Diamond
Senate District 26

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Report of District 66 State Representative Jessica Faye



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Dear Raymond Residents,

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. Over the last two years I have had the pleasure of getting to know so many Raymond neighbors when I held office hours, at town meetings, church suppers, school and civic events or when you reached out to me with your concerns or perspectives.

This year the Legislature's agenda was limited mostly to emergency legislation and bills carried over from 2017. The bills we took up covered a wide range of topics, but one of our biggest accomplishments was passing a tax conformity bill to bring the Maine tax code in line with the new federal tax law. These changes saved Maine income taxpayers money and helps businesses keep their bookkeeping as simple as possible. Protecting property taxpayers by increasing the property tax rebate program and making sure that Revenue Sharing and state school aid were funded appropriately was an important part of our work as well.

We also worked to strengthen our energy infrastructure and better protect consumers in the wake of recent storms and found consensus on the voter-approved citizen initiative legalizing the limited recreational use and sale of marijuana.

I serve on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. This session we worked on extending the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, changing rules for dealing with contaminated waste and changing the laws regarding electronic waste, making it easier to recycle that waste and keeping it out of landfills.

I also sponsored a successful bill to allow police dogs to be treated in the field by EMTs, making it more likely they will survive any injuries or accidents they receive while performing their duty.

Whatever the topic, I worked with my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we were doing the best we could for the people of District 66 and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is Jessica.fay@legislature.maine.gov. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jessica Fay'.

Jessica Fay
State Representative for House District 66

District 66: Part of Casco, part of Poland and part of Raymond

Report of District 67 State Representative Susan Austin

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September 2018

Dear Friends & Neighbors:

As the leaves begin to change and the humidity subsides to the crisp air of fall, I cannot help but to look back upon the extended months of session during this 128th Legislature. Nonetheless, lawmaker's Second Special Session concluded earlier this month, and it is delightful to be back home surrounded by the good people I am so honored to represent.

Recent reports continue to point to an ever-growing Maine economy. Labor market conditions remained positive throughout much of the State during the month of August, with a preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.2%. General Fund revenues are further exceeding expectations, while legislative action to conform Maine's tax code with federal tax reform will likewise help our small businesses by eliminating the necessity to maintain two sets of accounting. The passage of tax conformity is projected to provide \$75 million in tax relief to individuals and small businesses over four years. What's more, approximately 435,000 Maine families will see a tax reduction this year.

Amongst Maine's largest obstacles to sustainable progress is our aging population. Ongoing and pragmatic investment in education is just one piece of the puzzle to make certain our future remains bright. Policymakers will need to continue their work in exploring new possibilities for encouraging our young people to remain and entice others to relocate here.

In closing, I want to share my gratitude with those of you who reside in District 67 for the privilege of being your voice in Augusta. Should you have any questions or concerns related to State Government, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sue M. Austin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan M. W. Austin
State Representative

District 67 portions of Gray, Raymond, Casco, and all of Frye Island

General Information

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 8:00 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.

Town of Raymond Information

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

Town of Raymond Information

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, green Dealer's Use Tax sheet, 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

Town of Raymond Information

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 30, 2017

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

Teresa Sadak, Chairman, 2019
Rolf Olsen, Vice-Chairman, 2019
Joseph Bruno, Parliamentarian, 2018
Samuel Gifford, 2020
Lawrence Taylor, 2020

Town Manager [655-4742 x131]

Donald Willard

Finance Director [655-4742 x132]

Cathy A Ricker

Town Clerk & Voter Registrar [655-4742 x121]

Susan L Look

Tax Collector [655-4742 x122]

Suzanne Carr

GA Administrator [655-4742 x124]

Alice Hamilton

Superintendent - RSU #14 [892-1800]

Sanford J Prince

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

Randy Crockett

Fire Chief [655-1187]

Bruce D Tupper

Deputy Chief [EMS] [655-1187]

Cathleen 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
Linda Alexander, Asst.

Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector [655-4742 x142]

Chris Hanson

Registrar of Voters [655-4742 x 121]

Susan L Look

Town Attorney

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson

RSU #14 School Committee [Raymond]

Diana Froisland, 2018
Janis Cummings, 2019
Anna N Keeney, 2020

Budget/Finance Committee

Marshall Bullock, 2020, Chairman
Dana Desjardins, 2020
Deborah Duchaine, 2018
Robert Gosselin, 2018
Barry Moores, 2019
Diana Picavet, 2019
Brien Richards, 2018
Brian Walker, 2019
1 Vacancy, 2020

Planning Board

Robert O'Neill, Chair, 2019
Bruce Sanford, Vice Chair, 2020
Kyle Bancroft, 2018
Patricia Beaton, 2019
Sheila Bourque, 2018
Greg Foster, Vice Chair, 2018
Edward Kranich, 2019
1 Vacancy

Town Planner

James Seymour, Sebago Technics

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Lawrence Murch, Chair, 2019
Patricia Beaton, 2020
Elden Lingwood, 2018
Joanne Stinson, 2020
Steve Warshaw, 2018
1 Vacancy (alternate)

Elected State Representatives

Senator Bill Diamond

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



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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 Manager655-4742
 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, Director655-4283
 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 Department892-1800
 Sanford Prince, Superintendent

COMMUNITY MEETING LOCATIONS

Jordan-Small Middle School.....655-4743
Raymond Elementary School.....655-8672
Town Office, Broadcast Studio655-4742
Public Safety Building..... 655-1187
Raymond Village Library655-4283
Raymond Village Community Church.....655-7749

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Lions Club – Bob Fey.....655-5041
Raymond Recreation – Beth Clark.....627-8771
Raymond Baseball – Bill Diffenderfer.....632-2482
Raymond-Casco Historical Society
 Frank McDermott.....655-4646
Raymond Conservation Commission
 John Rand655-4277
Raymond Waterways Protective Association831-7157
Scouts:
 Cub Scouts – David Fletcher655-5080
 Boy Scouts – Bill Diffenderfer632-2482
 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 – Elmer Young232-5830
 2nd & 4th Thurs from 4pm to 6pm
General Assistance – Alice Hamilton655-4742 x124
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 Services775-7231
 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..... 1-888-458-5599
Tri-County Mental Health Services.....1-888-568-1112

OUTDOOR LOCATIONS (no supervision implied)

Beaches:

 Crescent Lake Beach655-4742
 - free public beach, free boat launch
 Raymond Beach, Route 302655-4742
 - free public beach, free boat launch
 Tassel Top Beach, Route 302.....655-4675
 - beach, swimming, picnicking, cabin rentals
 - fees charged
Jordan-Small Middle School655-4743
 - 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