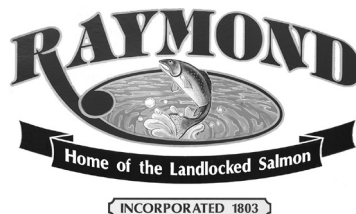
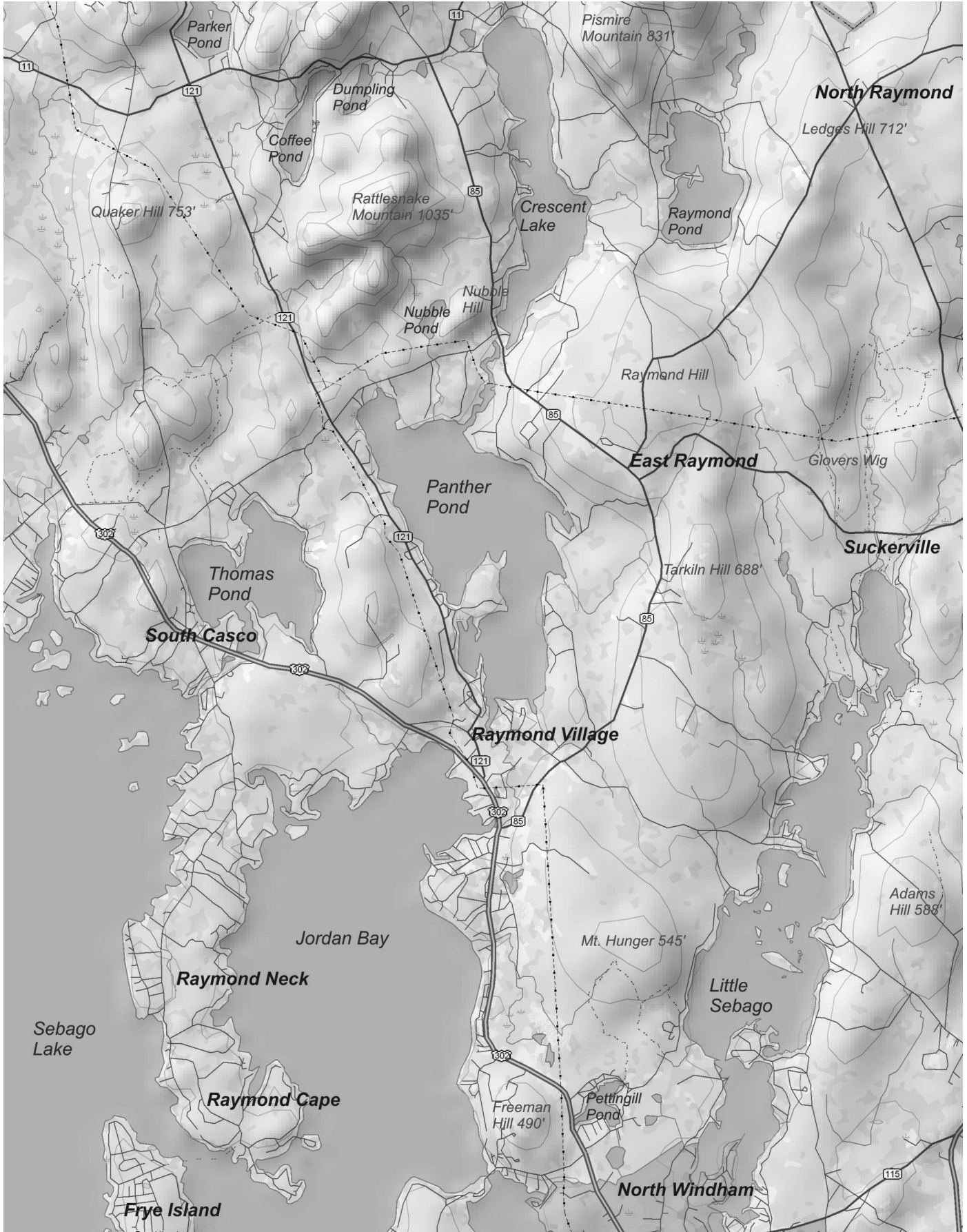

2023 Annual Report Raymond, Maine



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Raymond, Maine 04071



Welcome

Annual Report of the Town Officers Raymond, Maine

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023



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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
 Assessors Office 655-4742 ext 133
 Public Safety Building 655-1187
 Public Works Director 653-3641
 Jordan-Small Middle School 655-4743
 Raymond Elementary School 655-8672
 RSU #14 Superintendent's Office 892-1800
 Cumberland County Sheriff's Department 774-1444
 Cumberland County Dispatch (non-emergency) 1-800-501-1111
 Animal Control Issues..... 1-800-501-1111
 EMERGENCY: FIRE/RESCUE/POLICE 911

Important Dates to Remember for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

July 1, 2022	Fiscal Year begins
October 15	Begin to issue Dog Licenses
October 31	First half tax payment due
November 8	Election Day
December 31	Dog License renewal deadline IF & W Licenses expire Boat Registrations expire
March 18, 2023	Abatement Application deadline 4:00 pm
April 1	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 30	Second half tax payment due
June 6, 6:00 pm	Town Meeting (tentative)
June 13	Possible State Referendum & Municipal Elections
June 30	ATV & Snowmobile Registrations expire 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

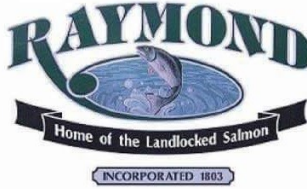
Raymond Revitalization Committee
Raymond Village Library committees
Raymond Waterways Protective Association
Tassel Top Park Board of Trustees



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Rd
Raymond, ME 04071
www.raymondmaine.org



Town Clerk Sue Look
Phone: 207-655-4742 Ext 121
Fax: 207-655-3024
sue.look@raymondmaine.org

If you are a Raymond resident and interested in serving on any of the following committees or boards, please fill in the information below. Submit it to the Town Clerk for distribution to the appropriate board or committee chair(s) for consideration and response concerning open positions.

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

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

Please complete this form and submit to:

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

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?

Does your schedule allow the flexibility to attend meetings on a regular basis?

Yes No

Thank you.

Town Officials and Administration



Photo Courtesy of B. Small, Cathedral Pines

Report of the Assessors

Report of the Assessors

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

Melissa McConkey, Assessor's Assistant
 melissa.mcconkey@raymondmaine.org
 207.655.4742 x 133

2022-2023 Tax Rate:	2022 Real Estate Land	2022 Real Estate Building	2022 Personal Property	2022 Exemptions	2022 Total Taxable Valuation
\$15.00/\$1,000	\$548,976,700	\$506,187,680	\$6,150,000	-\$53,068,220	\$1,061,314,380

	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
<i>County Appropriation</i>	\$817,347.00	\$773,657.00	\$784,426.00	\$788,378.00	\$741,881.00
County Tax Rate	\$0.77/\$1,000	\$0.74/\$1,000	\$0.75/\$1,000	\$0.76/\$1,000	\$0.72/\$1,000
<i>Net Municipal Appropriation</i>	\$3,406,942.82	\$2,962,344.74	\$2,686,906.61	\$2,462,138.48	\$2,462,672.47
<i>TIF Financing</i>	\$266,042.93	\$242,546.72	\$246,220.92	\$241,232.00	\$217,693.92
<i>Overlay</i>	\$58,816.21	\$24,443.10	\$43,883.75	\$8,831.24	6,000.09
Town Tax Rate	\$3.52/\$1,000	\$3.07/\$1,000	\$2.87/\$1,000	\$2.87/\$1,000	\$2.62/\$1,000
<i>Net School Appropriation</i>	\$11,370,566.74	\$10,818,644.98	\$10,730,753.23	\$10,418,235.00	\$9,495,469.20
School Tax Rate	\$10.71/\$1,000	\$10.29/\$1,000	\$10.33/\$1,000	\$10.07/\$1,000	\$9.26/\$1,000
<i>Total Property Tax</i>	\$15,919,715.70	\$14,821,636.54	\$14,492,190.51	\$13,918,815.22	\$12,923,716.68
Total Tax Rate	\$15.00/\$1,000	\$14.10/\$1,000	\$13.95/\$1,000	\$13.45/\$1,000	\$12.60/\$1,000

Report of the Code Enforcement Officer



401 WEBBS MILLS ROAD
RAYMOND, MAINE 04071

REPORT OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, JULY 1ST, 2022 TO JUNE 30TH, 2023

Building, Plumbing, Septic, Shoreland, and Electrical permits issued by the Raymond Code Enforcement Officer, for July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, are as follows:

FISCAL YEAR	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020
Building Permits	227	167	128	189
New Dwelling Units	24	30	30	34
Shoreland Permits (trees, docks)	217	130	86	113
Estimated Construction Cost Total	\$28,266,061.00	\$20,673,955.00	\$14,727,630.00	\$19,146,311.00
Approximate Total Permit Fees Revenue	\$153,489.42	\$89,977.29	\$63,935.75	\$49,390.00
Septic System and Internal Plumbing Permits	129	140	140	131
Approximate Total Septic and Plumbing Permit Fee Revenue	\$27,827.50	\$27,642.20	\$23,416.50	\$31,246.00
Electrical Permits	192	169	158	126
Approximate Electrical Permit Fee Revenue	\$17,885.65	\$12,071.75	\$15,427.30	\$10,650.00
Approximate Code Enforcement Fees Revenue	\$199,202.57	\$129,691.24	\$102,779.55	\$91,286

The duties of the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) continue as Building Inspector (BI) and Licensed Plumbing Inspector (LPI). The Building and Plumbing Inspector's responsibilities include permitting and compliance with applicable local, state, and federal codes for all commercial and residential construction and remodeling in Raymond.

Raymond continues to see strong development in residential construction, as well as a few commercial projects on Route 302. Most of the residential development is located within the town's shoreland zones, however, we do have multiple subdivisions outside of the shoreland zone that are still seeing moderate activity.

The Code Enforcement Office has an online permit portal that allows contractors and residents to submit permit applications, complaints, upload documents and pay permit fees. In addition to submitting applications, you can also see an up-to-date list of all permit applications submitted, a summary of the proposed work, and the status of the application. You can access the portal on the Code Enforcement page of the town's website.

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

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

Sincerely,

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

ALEXANDER L. SIROIS | (207) 655-4742 X161 | CEO@RAYMONDMAINE.ORG

Report of the Voter Registrar

To the Voters of Raymond:

For State Representative, after the 2020 Census the Town of Raymond was reapportioned to have only 1 District - 86 - which includes Casco, Frye Island, Raymond and a portion of Poland.

As of 6-30-2023, there were a total of 4,205 active voters:

- All are in State Senate District 26 and State Representative District 86
- 1,281 – Democrats ----- 30.4%
- 187 – Green Independents ----- 4.4%
- 1 – Libertarians ----- 0.02%
- 1,322 – Republicans ----- 31.4%
- 1,414 – Unenrolled ----- 33.6%

Over the past year there were:

- 136 new voters added who have not been registered in Maine before
- 170 voters added who moved from another municipality in Maine to Raymond
- 139 voter records that were corrected (address or name changes, data corrections, etc)
- 32 voters canceled due to being deceased
- 23 voters moved out of state
- 177 voters moved to another municipality in Maine

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Look
Registrar of Voters



Report of the Town Clerk

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Vital Statistics	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Births	36	39	35	39	25
Marriages	45	49	55	46	48
Deaths	38	45	42	42	37

We honor these Raymond residents who passed away...

Name	Age
Bush, Constance E.	79
Butterfield, Suzanne Dolores	85
Catruch, Annella A.	92
Chamberlin, Rick Lee	69
Colburn, Gary Lee	76
Crockett, Mary Thelma	81
Dawes, Susan Elizabeth	72
Doucette, Gerard A.	77
Drew, Franklin Deleno Sr	81
Farstad, Alan R	71
Fearon, Jacqueline	76
Feltovic, Daniel James	79
Hayward, James H.	76
Henderson, Elizabeth Hay	85
Hoye, Joan Nancy	85
Latham, Dorothy May	90
Lurvey, Stephen C.	61
Macdonald, Laughlin H	73
Mann, June E.	92

Name	Age
Martin, Gloria M.	95
Morrison, Francis F.	84
Nash, Doris A.	91
Nelson, Mark Dana	64
Nichols, Jeneta C.	83
Osmond, Ronald Leigh	79
Plummer, Francis A.	81
Remley, Adam Lee	36
Rodriguez, Cindy Lee	30
Shepherd, Anne Marie	86
Small, Julia Ann	74
Pierre, Margaret Ann	80
Taylor, Evelyn W.	91
Towle, Faith M.	83
VanOrsdell, Alys Wriggins	89
Wade, William B.	78
Weihing, Sandra M.	77
Wilson, Vaughn Eugene	74
Zuchelli, Lisa Marie	66

Elections

- August 9, 2022 - Special Town Meeting - 57 votes cast - 1.39% of the active voters
- November 8, 2022 - Gubernatorial Election - 2,692 votes cast - 64.70% of the active voters
- December 13, 2022 - Special Town Meeting - 10 votes cast - 0.24% of the active voters
- May 17, 2023 - RSU #14 Budget Validation - 19 votes cast - 0.45% of the active voters
- June 13, 2023 - Municipal Election - 360 votes cast – 8.53% of the active voters

Report of the Town Clerk

Dog Licenses	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21**	2019-20*	2018-19
Not Altered	25	26	130	24	81
Altered	253	247	493	203	366
Registered Online - Not Altered	16	11	21	14	8
Registered Online - Altered	155	173	218	188	212
Kennels	1	1	1	0	0
Service Dogs	1	1	2	4	3
Unlicensed - Not Altered	245	227	163	108	86
Unlicensed - Altered	735	671	549	399	294
Total	1,431	1,357	1,577	940	1,050

Inland Fisheries & Wildlife	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21**	2019-20*	2018-19
Hunting/Fishing Licenses	190	213	224	189	313
Boats	947	889	941	674	1,028
Non-Resident Milfoil Stickers	25	44	42	32	36
ATVs	164	160	210	167	174
Snowmobiles	216	275	276	277	263
Total	1,542	1,581	1,693	1,339	1,814

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Look

Public Safety



Report of the Raymond Fire & Rescue Department

The Raymond Fire and Rescue Department had a very busy year, not only with an increase in emergency calls but also with activities such as fire code inspections, fire education, training, maintenance become more demanding. We are dealing with the influences of new technologies affecting our operations and training needs. One example is the hybrid and fully electric vehicles which pose many new challenges for us in terms of fire and extrication issues.



Your Fire and Rescue Department spent 4,898 staff hours handling 1,005 incidents this year, as well as 1,196 hours of inhouse department training and over 1,700 hours of outside department education efforts including Advanced EMT certification, Emergency Vehicle Operator instructor certification, and Fire instructor II national Pro Board certification.

The call volume has increased 30% compared to ten years ago and a 10.6% increase over a five-year period. We do experience more emergency medical incidents vs fire incidents, there are many incidents that require a response from both fire and EMS. An example of this would be a vehicle crash or building

fire. This year's overview for emergency calls is as follows:

- 34 Structure Fires
- 7 Vehicle Fires
- 20 Woods, grass, brush fires
- 30 Hazardous materials, fuel leaks CO Incidents
- 76 Vehicle Crashes
- 14 Marine unit / water rescue calls
- 39 Electrical Hazards includes shorted equipment
- 517 Emergency Medical Incidents
- 69 Alarms
- 199 Service calls, debris removal, lift assists, animal rescue, Assist PD, assist public, mutual aid calls

A great deal of our medical responses found sicker than normal patients, we attribute this to covid and the lack of going out during the two and a half years even to seek medical preventions and wellness appointments.

We experienced some staffing changes as long time Deputy Chief, Cathy Gosselin left us to take a position at the Town Office as Deputy Treasurer and HR, leaving a hole in our leadership team and response capabilities. We thank Cathy for her time and dedication to the department, she will continue in a more limited capacity as a call member adding to her 25 years of service with the Town of Raymond. We were fortunate to hire a new Deputy Chief and would like to welcome Lee O'Connor to our department. Lee brings law enforcement, paramedicine, firefighting, and leadership experience to our department.

We were able to hire two Fire Fighter-EMT positions this year, working toward the goal of a crew of three on duty 24/7. Staffing and quick responses make the difference in the outcome of emergency incidents. This Spring a medical response committed two of our crew and while the ambulance was at the hospital a major woods fire was received and the response was two student members alone for a considerable time until mutual aid and other department members could arrive. Having three



career members on duty 24/7 has changed the dynamic and allowed us to be more successful in delivering medical aid, and faster fire suppression making a difference and saving lives. Though not perfect, as the staffing level is not compliant with national standards, it is a big help.

We often are dispatched to an incident when a second or even third incident occurs at the same time. This is becoming the norm; and is a huge challenge. We were impacted by five overlapping incidents recently;



fortunately, mutual aid was available to meet the needs. Often mutual aid is committed to incidents of their own at the same time delaying a response.

Our partnership with SMCC is a student internship program. We have four students who live at the station during the school year. Three students from last year have moved on to different programs to achieve their educational goals or have taken jobs. We have four again and they are Will Smith, Joshua Selamani, Conor Gahr, and Savanah Jones. Welcome aboard.

Education: John Facella works to educate all ages in fire safety. Our school programs and fire safe community programs are successful in providing strategies of protection for our citizens and visitors. John provided many classes and presentations for citizens this year.

Prevention: Fire codes play a huge part in the safety and resilience of our community. Inspector Wayne Jones performed 184 inspections this year.

Inspection Types

- 4 Daycare
- 4 Liquor License Applications
- 10 New Business Licenses
- 10 Solar Installations
- 5 Solid Fuel/Chimney Installation
- 10 Summer Camp Inspections
- 2 Tank installation/removals
- 136 Sprinkler, fire alarm, hydrants/water supply, incident/unsafe operation follow-up inspections, etc.



Meetings

- 11 Meetings with applicants refer project plans
- 16 Planning Board
- 7 Select Board



Grants: Firefighter Matt Bagley wrote a grant for forestry equipment and Paramedic Roger Elton wrote a grant providing two video laryngoscopes to improve capabilities for patient airway procedures. The total impact is over \$13,000 in beneficial equipment for our community. We thank Matt and Roger for their efforts.

Our new patch will replace our old one which was not a specific patch noting how special Raymond and Raymond Fire Rescue is. In fact, we found it to be the same patch used by several departments in our area, Maine, and New Hampshire with a different name on it. This new version includes our Landlock Salmon and the old Maine Flag with the American Flag the red line for the fire service and the nick names of our two stations making it a truly special and specific patch which no one else shares.



Our apparatus numbers have changed as we no longer call our units Engine 1, Engine 2, etc. We belong to a regional communication center and there are several Engine 1s in the mix. Years ago, we began by re-numbering our staff call signs in the 300 series 301 is the Chief and so on. We completed the project so that when dispatch (who deals with more than 14 departments) hears any 3 series numbers, they know it's a Raymond number which removes a level of confusion as all departments will have differing number ranges.

If you have ever considered becoming a member of the department, please stop by 1443 Roosevelt Trail and fill out an application. Not everyone can do the medic or firefighter job, but there is a job for most everyone within our service and for those who do it, is a very rewarding experience.

Do you have what it takes?





Report of the Health Officer

The Health Officer's job is to oversee the health and safety of the residents of the town. This is made easier by volunteers who reach out to their neighbors and assist others with their time and energy!

Highlights of this past year include:

The COVID virus is still here, and I encourage all of you to use the CDC recommended precautions and stay home and get tested if you are feeling ill to help stop spreading it. Check with your primary care physician for the latest care, vaccine updates and/or medications that can help if you test positive with COVID.

Last year, Cumberland County promoted the Keep Maine Warm program that allowed residents to receive heating assistance. This year, if you need financial assistance with heating, I encourage you to stop by the Raymond Town Office and speak to our General Assistance Administrator. I am grateful to the many residents who have donated to our Raymond Community Assistance Fund to help neighbors in need of heating assistance and other basic necessities.

With our "neighbors helping neighbors" theme, we appreciate the Raymond Food Pantry, that is operated out of the Raymond Baptist Church on Roosevelt Trail. The volunteers feed approximately 30-40 families every month and donate many hours at the food pantry. The Pantry Manager, Gary Bibeau, and his volunteers put in endless hours to make this program a success. If you have a few extra hours or dollars to give, this would be a great place to help to those left fortunate.

I encourage all of you to assist and watch out for your neighbors and others. Many of our older residents are feeling isolated as they have not left their homes, except for basic necessities, for the past few years and might enjoy a friendly voice on the phone or a visit. Reach out to your family and neighbors and see what you can do to help!

Brown tail moths and caterpillars continue to be a nuisance and health hazard in Raymond. They have nest in mostly hardwood trees. To help prevent the hatching of new caterpillars, it is recommended that you cut down and destroy any nest in their inactive season between October and mid-April when the leaves are off the trees, and you can see the nest. FMI on brown tail moths and caterpillars contact the Maine Forest Service at (207) 287-2431 or goggle their web site.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Cathy Gosselin

Health Officer

NO REPORT SUBMITTED

Public Works



Report of the Public Works Director

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

Fiscal year 2022-2023 started off with the highly anticipated and long-awaited Main Street Sidewalk Project completion. This project was a 50/50 partnership between the Town and Maine DOT. The project was first designed in 2013 by Sebago Technics but due to many unforeseen circumstances, the project did not go out to bid until 2021 and was awarded to Glidden Paving. Working on the roads during the summer months in Raymond is not an easy task due to increased traffic. On the first day of construction, we did have some traffic control issues and were forced to close the road during daytime hours unexpectedly for safety reasons. Once a new traffic control plan was established, the rest of the project went smoothly, and we are very pleased with the outcome of this project. A BIG thank you to the Glidden Excavating Crew who did an outstanding job. The Town also wants to thank Q-Team, Maine Hydrovac, and the Maine DOT for their involvement.

The winter season proved to be mostly mild. A couple of decent sized storms and long days for the crew but all in all it was an easier season than most and we were able to keep the roads maintained and overtime down to a minimum.

This year we took on new crew member Ryan Merkle who replaced long-time town employee Shep Stultz who retired last June. Ryan has proved to be a great member of the crew and we are thankful for the great team we have in place.

At the Town meeting in June, it was decided that Town of Raymond would take over the milfoil mitigation needs from the Raymond Waterways Association. We are working on obtaining grant monies from Maine DEP and have contracted with New England Milfoil who will spend five weeks next summer diving and extracting milfoil. Public works will then mulch the milfoil off-site and dispose of it away from Sebago Lake. There will be more to share on that project next year.

In closing, I would like to thank the entire Public Works crew for their continued hard work, dedication, and quality service they provide to the Town of Raymond and its residents. They work around the clock to maintain our roads and facilities. If you see these guys working around town, please be respectful of their safety! Thank you to: Scott Picavet – Crew Foreman, Don McClellan, Eric Richmond, Jason Abildgaard, Jason Larrabee, Matt Kahrman, Mike Prout, and Ryan Merkle.

Please contact me with any Public Works concerns or questions. My contact information is listed below.

Thank you,

Nathan White | Public Works Director
207-653-3641
Nathan.white@raymondmaine.org

Check out Raymond Public Works at <http://www.raymondmaine.org/public-works>

Raymond Parks & Recreation



Tassel Top Beach - photo courtesy of Cynthia Davenport

Report of the Parks & Recreation Director



Parks and Recreation Department - End of the Fiscal Year Report

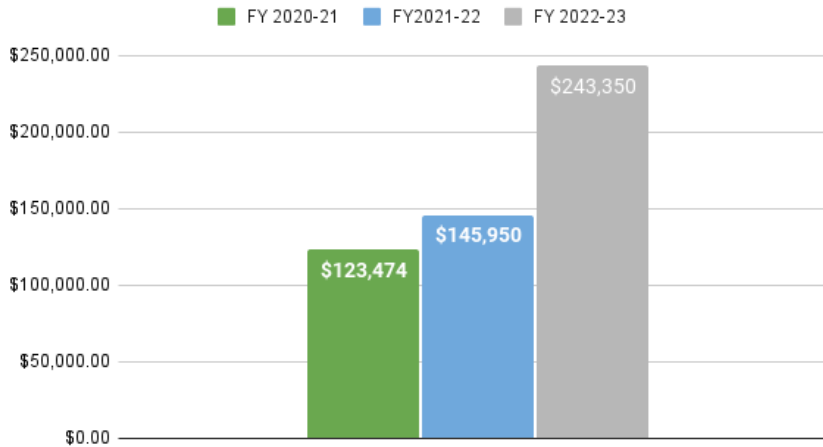
What a year we are having in Raymond! This Fiscal Year has seen tremendous growth in the programs we are offering. Alongside the Ski Program and Camp Raymond, we have added many enrichment programs throughout the school year. Programs such as Chess Club, Lego Club, and Mad Science. These offer extended care for children and allow parents a little more time to pick them up from school.

Revenue Growth

The new growth in our overall revenues has come from our program revenue stream. Adding what I call the “base of the pyramid” are programs that are a mainstay, year after year, and will continuously provide a base level of income to support our program expenses. These are basketball, soccer, ski program, and summer camp. From there, we build on with enrichment programs such as running club, science programs, and after-school trips.

Type	Fiscal Year 19-20	Fiscal Year 20-21	Fiscal Year 21-22	Fiscal Year 22-23
		Revenues	Revenues	Revenues
Point Of Sale	N/A	\$80,750.55	\$76,848	\$104,704
Program Registrations	N/A	\$2,705.00	\$25,070	\$88,007
Memberships	N/A	\$13,270.00	\$15,225	\$15,485
Facility Reservations	N/A	\$25,969.00	\$25,051	\$29,278
Other Payments	N/A	\$779.00	\$3,757	\$5,876
Total:	\$0.00	\$123,473.55	\$145,950.00	\$243,349.50

Fiscal Year Total Revenues - Parks & Recreation Department



The Future

This growth could not have happened without my Leadership Team managing our largest operations which are Tassel Top Park and Camp Raymond. Barry Alden, Karen Alden, Riley Silvia, and Kayla Vangelist have been key to running those two big operations while I support them administratively. A huge thank you to them and the staff that they manage.

The two areas I would like to focus on going into Fiscal Year 23-24 are senior programming and building an after-school program. Parks and Rec, Raymond Village Library, and Age Friendly Raymond would support the Senior Programs. With the addition of the new 21-passenger bus, this makes it more affordable and convenient for these programs to operate.

An afterschool program is only in its infancy stage. I will be looking at furthering the conversations with Camp Hinds to use Messer Hall for this program.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this report. Thank you all for your support of the Raymond Parks and Recreation Department.

Joseph Crocker
Raymond Parks and Recreation Director







Photo courtesy of Steve Craine

Raymond Village Library



Photo courtesy of B. Small, Cathedral Pines

I am pleased to present the annual report for the Raymond Village Library for fiscal year 2023. This past year marked significant milestones and achievements for our library as we continued to serve the community with many programs, events, and services.

Author Visits

Throughout the fiscal year, the Raymond Village Library hosted several author visits, enriching our community with literary discussions and readings. Our guest authors included Phuc Tran, Bruce Coffin, and Gerry Boyle, whose presence contributed to the vibrancy of our library and encouraged a love for reading and storytelling among our patrons.



Educational Classes

In line with our commitment to lifelong learning, the library offered a variety of educational classes. Highlights included workshops on Worm Bin Composting and lessons about migratory birds and backyard bird feeding.

Wellness Classes

Promoting well-being, the Raymond Village Library hosted wellness classes to support the mental and physical health of our community members.

Among these offerings was a series on Reiki, providing relaxation and healing practices for participants.

Live Music Events

Live music performances added a dynamic dimension to our library's cultural programming. Patrons enjoyed performances by talented artists such as Phil Allen, a presentation on William Morris & Vaudeville, a musical History of the 50s and 60s, as well as McCoy Mrubata and Gary Wittner.



Children's Programs

Beyond our story times which continued to draw an active crowd every week, the Raymond Village Library hosted many additional events for our youngest patrons. We had live animals visit with Sparks' Arc, a hoola-hoop demonstration, and partnered with the Raymond Fire and Rescue for an interactive story time.

Transition to Town Department

A significant organizational change occurred during the fiscal year as the Raymond Village Library transitioned from a non-profit organization to a town department. This transition solidified our



commitment to serving as a vital community resource, further aligning our operations with the needs and priorities of the Town of Raymond.

Collection and Patron Growth

Our library's collection continued to expand, offering a diverse selection of resources to meet the interests and preferences of our patrons. With 14,288 different items, ranging from books to DVDs, audiobooks, puzzles, games, museum and park passes, and backpack kits, we strive to provide something for everyone. Additionally, we welcomed 174 new patrons, bringing our total number of patrons to 1,871—a testament to the enduring value and relevance of the Raymond Village Library within our community.



In conclusion, the fiscal year 2023 was marked by achievements, growth, and community engagement at the Raymond Village Library. As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to fostering literacy, learning, and cultural enrichment for all residents of Raymond. We extend our gratitude to our staff, dedicated volunteers, patrons, and supporters for their continued partnership and commitment to the success of our library.

Sincerely,

Richard Dowe

Raymond Village Library Director



Photo courtesy of Cynthia Davenport

Education



Jordan Small Middle School - Staff Photo

Report of the Raymond Schools

Dear Citizens of Raymond:

I am pleased to bring you this report on the Windham Raymond School District. RSU 14 serves approximately 3200 students in six schools from the towns of Raymond and Windham. It is the 8th largest school district in Maine and operates the 11th largest high school. Approximately 650 full and part-time individuals are employed by the district.

Consolidated Middle School Construction Project

The RSU 14 middle school building committee was busy this year as they worked to finalize a location and a design for the new consolidated middle school. As a reminder, the project is being developed under the Maine Department of Education Construction program. RSU 14 is one of nine districts that will receive state funding under this round of programming.

The committee completed an exhaustive search of possible school locations in both Raymond and Windham. A final recommendation was made to the RSU 14 Board of Directors for the school to be located on 45 acres of land located at 61 Windham Center Road in Windham. The site was approved by a community straw poll in June 2023, and was officially approved for state subsidy on July 12, 2023.



The site of the new consolidated middle school at 61 Windham Center Road, Windham, Maine.

RSU 14 staff, students, and the building committee also worked this past year on a concept design for a new building. The design is based on educational visioning work that started in the fall of 2019. The work identified a building plan that places students into smaller teams that are supported by art, STEM (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**ath), and foreign language at each grade level. The team approach/design, supports staff as they work to integrate units and lessons that create a higher level of engagement for students. The Maine State School Board will be reviewing the building concept in mid-September. If approved at the board level, roughly 78% of the project will be funded through state funds.



The concept design of the new consolidated middle school.

A big thank you to the following Raymond residents who have faithfully served on the RSU 14 Middle School Building Committee: Rolf Olsen, Jodi Carroll, Kaitlin LaCasse, and Kellie Ouellette. Additionally, a thank you to Michelle Brann, Principal of Jordan Small Middle School, for her support of the work to develop the design of the building.

Raymond Elementary School Well

The State of Maine introduced a new requirement for PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) testing for all schools in Maine. PFAS is considered to be a “forever chemical” that is introduced to the environment through a variety of industrial and agricultural processes. The Raymond Elementary School well was tested this past winter and was determined to have unsafe levels of PFAS within the water supply. The drinking water from the building was transitioned from the tap water coming from the well to bottled water.

The district engaged an environmental engineering company as well as several water quality experts to work on a remediation plan for the building. The group worked to determine possible sources of the PFAS as well as developing a long-term water solution for RES. It was ultimately determined to drill a new well onsite with the hopes of finding a water source without contamination. This decision was made based on data from neighboring wells and from a geologic study of the region.



Well drilling at Raymond Elementary School

A new well was drilled to a depth of over 900 feet this summer (2023). Several water tests have been completed on samples from the new well and it has been determined the well has undetectable levels of PFAS and will be safe for drinking. Work is currently underway to connect the new well to the building.

Raymond Elementary HVAC upgrade

Work has been started on a long-term project to complete an update to the HVAC system at Raymond Elementary. The project will ultimately provide both heating and cooling to the building. The first step in the project was the addition of a 3-phase power service to the building. The district worked with Central Maine Power to extend power from Plains Road to the building. The next step will be an upgrade to the internal electrical system in the building. The final step in the project will be the installation of air source heat pumps to the existing duct work in the building. Work on this project will continue into the next two summers of 2024 and 2025.

District Recognitions

Director of Curriculum, Christine Hesler, was named the 2023 Maine Curriculum Leader of the Year by the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association. The award recognizes her expertise, hard work and dedication supporting the work of students and staff in RSU 14, and in regional and statewide initiatives.

Director of School Nutrition, Jeanne Reilly, was awarded the International Fresh Produce Association Produce Excellence in K12 Foodservice Award. The award recognizes her creativity and advocacy for bringing fresh produce into the school nutrition program.

Manchester Teacher, Stacey Sanborn, was awarded the 2023 National Excellence in Teaching about Agriculture by the National Agriculture in the Classroom Organization. The award recognizes her dedication to gardening at the school and the integration of the school gardens into the curriculum of her classroom.

Jordan Small Middle School Gym Renamed

The gym at Jordan Small Middle School was renamed by the RSU 14 board of Directors this past spring. In recognition of his many years of service to the RSU and the Raymond School Department, the gym was officially named the Jack Fitch gymnasium. The honor is befitting of an individual who contributed a significant amount of time to student athletics in Raymond.

Retirees

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

Name	Title	Location
Gwen Roberts	Language Arts Teacher	Windham Middle School
Jack Fitch	Grade 5 Teacher	Jordan Small Middle School
Mike Stone	Physical Education Teacher	Windham Primary School
Michael Kelly	Transportation Director	District Wide
Rob Juergens	Physical Education Teacher	Windham Middle School
Susan Gagnon	Grade 3 Teacher	Raymond Elementary School
Bill Wescott	Language Arts Teacher	Windham Middle School
Vicky Drew	Standards Based Teacher	Raymond Elementary School
Moira Case	Special Education Ed Tech	Jordan Small Middle School
Tanda Butts	Secretary	Windham Primary School
Tammy Stiffler	Special Education Ed Tech	Windham High School
Kerry Glew	Secretary	Jordan Small Middle School
Susan Lachance	Library Tech	Windham Primary School

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Howell
 Superintendent

Report of 2023 Scholarships Awarded

The Board of Selectmen awarded a total of \$4,000 in scholarships to the following students:



Cameron Landry
Elsie E Leonard
Kaila Mank
Alice Morrison
Sam Plummer
Kent Andrew Raymond
Neily Raymond
Nolan P Raymond



The scholarships are provided by the following funds:

Alva M. Clough Scholarship

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

Carleton E. Edwards Scholarship Trust Fund

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

Collins-Day Scholarship

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

George E. Wood Memorial Scholarship

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

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

Town Boards and Committees



One of the Beautification Committee's Town Gardens

Photo courtesy of Sharon Dodson

Report of the Beautification Committee

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

The Raymond Beautification Committee came together twenty 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** usually meet each Friday from April to November to maintain the 70+ planted areas.

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

We are grateful for community support. Several businesses take care of gardens adjacent to their properties, and we depend on their contribution. Those who mow their yards and do regular parking lot maintenance/cleaning contribute to the enhancement of the appearance of the Route 302 corridor. The Hawthorne Garden Club helps with funding materials and plants. The Veterans Memorial Committee decorates the Veterans Memorial Park for holidays and contributes financially to the plantings there. Local businesses and individual citizens contributed during the committee's 2023 spring fundraising drive. We thank all these people. We are always looking for new volunteers; our numbers have dwindled over the past several years. Please contact Town Clerk, Sue Look, to find out how you can help.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Beautification Committee,

Sharon Dodson, Elissa Gifford, Mary McIntire, Christine McClellan, Fran Gagne, Jan Miller, and Mitzi Burby

Report of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

It is our pleasure to report to you on the activities of the Raymond Waterways Protective Association since our last report to the Town in August 2022. The Association has pursued our mission of protecting the water quality in our lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams, and to promote good watershed stewardship, through a variety of projects and activities.

A. PREVENTING AND REMOVING INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES

1. COURTESY BOAT INSPECTION

RWPA collaborates with individual lake associations to provide boat inspections at four launch sites in Raymond, on Crescent Lake, Panther Pond, Sebago Lake, and Thomas Pond. The CBIs—including paid inspectors and volunteers—inspect boats, trailers, and fishing gear entering and leaving these waters. They remove all plant material found, bag it, and turn it in to the CBI manager. We then have the plant material identified by an expert.

This service is the most important step we take to protect our waters. All of Raymond's lakes and ponds (with the exception of Sebago Lake) are free of aquatic invasives, and CBI is a major reason they have remained so, despite the presence of variable milfoil in surrounding waterbodies such as Sebago Lake, Long Lake, and Thompson Lake. In recent years, our CBIs have been finding many fewer pieces of the invasive variable milfoil at the Sebago launch site than they did just a few years ago. And that is due to the good work of our DASH crew!

Each lake association may request how much CBI coverage they think their lake requires, and each contributes financially to the entire CBI program. Funds also come from the Town, a grant from the Maine DEP, and contributions of RWPA supporters. In the 2023 season, RWPA had 9 paid inspectors—primarily students—and 5 volunteers, who fill in when staff inspectors are not available, especially early and late in the season. *Please contact us if you are interested in being a CBI.*

2. DASH: REMOVING INVASIVE AQUATIC PLANTS FROM THE RAYMOND SHORES OF SEBAGO LAKE, JORDAN RIVER, AND DINGLEY BROOK

The success of our Diver Assisted Suction Harvester (DASH) program since 2009 enabled us last year to pass this torch to the Town of Raymond. A new consortium of the Town of Raymond, the DEP invasive species program, and three property owners abutting the lower Jordan River (Indian Point, Panther Run Marina, Jordan River Marine Condo Association) are now responsible for eradicating residual infestations of variable milfoil in those areas. This is a huge accomplishment, of which RWPA and all our collaborating governmental and private associates are justifiably proud.

The new approach to milfoil removal is supported by a 2-year (2023 and 2024) grant from the DEP. An experienced private contractor, New England Milfoil, has sent a team of divers to survey all the areas cleaned by RWPA divers and will remove invasive variable milfoil as they find it. The DEP has developed a 5-year plan for managing the variable milfoil removal program. RWPA is now playing an advisory role for the consortium. For example, Neil Jensen, who supervised the DASH divers for over a decade, introduced the contractor to all the sites we have previously worked at, and RWPA has shared with the contractor the most recent maps as recorded by RWPA divers. Funding for the new milfoil removal project comes from the Town, the three business owners, and the DEP grant, in roughly equal thirds. RWPA itself will continue to survey Dingley Brook and the upper Jordan River twice a year and will remove any invasive plants found there.

As long as there is any invasive variable milfoil in the Sebago Lake watershed, we will all have to be super vigilant. *If you notice any plants that look suspicious to you, please let us know. We will check them out right away!*

B. PROVIDING CONSULTATION SERVICES TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Primarily addressing erosion control concerns, RWPA can work with any property owner in Raymond to survey their land, observe any erosion problems, and offer suggestions for addressing those problems using best management practices. We encourage the use of native vegetation and erosion control mulch to cover bare soil. To support those suggestions, RWPA provides property owners with DEP literature describing how to implement the recommended best management practices for erosion problems. We may also refer

landowners to other resources for assistance, such as the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

If you have problems with stormwater runoff, please feel free to contact us. RWPA and other organizations in the area have experience with various techniques to slow water down as it moves over the land and to give it time to sink into the ground, rather than run directly into the water, carrying sediment and potentially excess fertilizers, which promote algae growth.

C. SUPPORTING LAKE ASSOCIATIONS FOR WATER QUALITY MONITORING

The RWPA has created a “library” of equipment available for loan to lake associations. This includes such tools as a Secchi disc for measuring water clarity, a digital projector, a viewing scope, a dissolved oxygen meter, and a Van Dorn water sampling set for taking samples at varying depths. We share this equipment and our expertise with volunteers on the individual lakes and ponds so they can measure water clarity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, and phosphorous, all of which are important indicators of lake health.

We have budgeted \$1000 for each lake to use—in a 50-50 match—over five years to enhance their water quality monitoring programs. This year the Thomas Pond Improvement Association used this fund to replace their dissolved oxygen meter. Our “library” also includes a small, open boat with an electric motor and a small trailer that lake groups can borrow. Both are stored on Panther Pond.

All the data we collect helps us to monitor the health of the lakes, which is so important to everyone in town to help maintain waterfront property values. We are grateful for all the volunteers who patrol the shores each season looking for invasive plants. We call them Invasive Plant Patrollers (“IPPers”). So Crescent Lake has CLIPPers, Panther Pond has PPIPPers, Raymond Pond has RIPPers, and Thomas Pond has TIPPers. It is important to find any invasive plants early so we can remove them before they create a dense infestation. We look forward to more collaboration with the individual lake associations. *Again, if you notice any plants that look suspicious to you, please let us know—you don't have to be an official IPPer.*

D. EDUCATING AND ADVOCATING

We are always on the lookout for opportunities to share information about our waters, advocate for their protection, and pass on our expertise. We are available to speak to groups about our valuable natural resource, our waters. A newly discovered infestation of invasive variable milfoil in Big Lake in Washington County has given folks the impetus to create their own DASH program, which is modeled on RWPA's. Since much of the land around Big Lake is owned by Native American tribes, the tribes have taken the lead in addressing the problem. The Tribe purchased much of the equipment that came off RWPA's DASH I boat, which we retired a few years ago, and RWPA helped train tribal representatives in the construction and operation of their own DASH boat.

The RWPA board publishes a quarterly newsletter that reaches 200 to 300 people directly by email. Board members have participated in numerous meetings and conferences around the state, including the annual invasive aquatics summit. They have also contributed articles to news outlets, supplied the town with reports, and spoken to the Town Select Board and the budget committee, advocating support for our lakes.

We welcome volunteers. And we would love to increase the size of our board of directors. Let us know if you'd like to get involved in helping keep Raymond's waters clean and healthy.

E. LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AND EXPANDING THE RWPA BOARD

New board members welcomed in 2023 include: Ray Bersch from Crescent Lake, Steve Craine from Raymond Pond, Jessica Fay from Sebago Lake, and Nancy Crilly-Kirk from Panther Pond. At our August 2023 meeting, we re-elected Marie Connolly as Treasurer and elected Wayne Eckerson as President, Nancy Crilly-Kirk as Vice-President, and Steve Craine as Secretary. These new board members and new officers represent a critical step in transitioning to a new generation of leadership for Raymond Waterways Protective Association. Longtime RWPA leaders Peggy and Neil Jensen continue as board members in a mainly advisory capacity. *We are always looking for and welcoming new folks who bring energy and passion for caring for our lakes!*

Wayne Eckerson, President, RWPA

Info@raymondwaterways.org <http://raymondwaterways.org>



Report of the Planning Board

The Raymond Planning Board has seven members and meets on the second Wednesday of the month, (workshops on an as needed basis); all positions are currently filled. Current Board membership, past and current agenda items, as well as past meeting video links, may be viewed on the Town website using the government drop down menu.

Board members work closely with Alex Sirois (Code Enforcement), James Seymour (Town Planner) and Sandy Fredericks (Administrative Assistant) in their mission of guiding property development in accordance with both Town and State land use ordinances. The principal documents used when conducting Planning Board business are the Land Use Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Shoreland Zoning Provisions, and the Street Ordinance; all of these may also be viewed online. Our sessions, held on the second Wednesday of the month, are televised, and presented live and then played back on local public access TV or are available on demand from the Town. Since the pandemic meetings have been conducted via a hybrid zoom and in person model, these meetings are still recorded and available for later viewing.

The pace of minor and major subdivisions in the community, while way short of the past peak activity, has increased over the past year. While the majority of the development remains in single lot home construction (under the preview of the Town's Code Officer), minor subdivision applications have started to increase. The board is also tasked with the development of new ordinances and the constant review of existing ordinance to ensure the Land Use and Shoreland Use Ordinances remain current and are aligned with the State law and Town goals.

Ordinance changes are developed by the Board, presented to the Select Board, and approved at Town Meetings.

It is worth noting that all applications are reviewed first by the Town's Planner, undergo a staff review, then by the Planning Board, to ensure that the applicant meets all the standards delineated in the applicable ordinances. All Planning Board decisions are based upon ordinances that have been approved over the years at Annual Town Meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert O'Neill, Chair, Planning Board



Photo courtesy of Cynthia Davenport

Report of the Comprehensive Plan Committee

Dear Citizens of Raymond,

Raymond's last comprehensive plan was completed in 2004, so it's time for a refresh! Updating the Town's plan is vital so new data can be incorporated, changes to the community can be identified, and the core parts of Raymond's identity can be highlighted. To accomplish this task, the Comprehensive Plan Committee formed and began meeting in August of 2022.

The purpose of a comprehensive plan is to establish a long-range view that guides municipal policy, growth, and investment over the next 10-20 years. The plan incorporates community vision, values, and data analysis on existing conditions in areas like housing, transportation, population, and public facilities.

In order to help with this process which includes many phases and a set list of requirements set forth by the State of Maine, Raymond has hired North Star Planning, a team of Maine-based planning consultants. The phases include data analysis, which began in May of 2023 and entails a review of population trends, natural resources, town departments, recreation, seasonal factors, and the economy to name a few. It is projected that this work will be completed in the Fall of 2023. Next, the committee will focus on a community vision statement using information gathered from the data analysis and community outreach which will include surveys and a public meeting designed to gather input and answer any questions that the community may have regarding the process. A community reach event is slated for January 2023.

The committee will then look toward the future, identify goals, policies, and strategies to pursue Raymond's vision by looking at what the community sees Raymond being in the next 10 to 20 years. From here a plan will begin to form that compiles short-, medium-, and long-term next steps to move towards that vision identified by the community. Finally, the committee will put all the pieces together and compile the final plan document. This will be put forward to the community for local acceptance. It is projected that work will be complete by the end of 2024.

The Committee meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 6:30 PM and is supported by town staff. All meetings are open to the public and can be joined via Zoom. Details and virtual attendance options are listed on the town calendar, and more information can be found at <https://compplan.raymondmaine.org/>.

Respectively Submitted,

John Clark, Greg Foster, Kaela Gonzalez, Peter Leavitt, Frank McDermott, Shawn McKillop, Danelle Milone, John Rand, and Jackie Sawyer

Annual Town Meeting Minutes

NOTE: The Select Board decided to vote the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on June 13, 2023, via secret ballot.



Photo courtesy of B. Small, Cathedral Pines

Town of Raymond
June 13, 2023
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble in the Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium of said town on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, A.D. 2023 at seven (7:00) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the articles listed below.

- 360 Total Municipal Officers' Ballots Cast
- 360 Total Town Warrant Article Ballots Cast (Page 1 of 3)
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<p>ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot.</p> <p>At 7:00am 3 ballots were cast to elect Suzanne Carr as the Moderator.</p>																								
<p>ARTICLE 2: To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officials, namely two (2) Select Board members, for three-year terms; two (2) members for the Budget-Finance Committee, for three-year terms; and one (1) member for the RSU School Board of Directors, for a three-year term.</p> <p>Select Board Results (3-year term, vote for 2):</p> <table><tr><td>Samuel Gifford</td><td>172</td></tr><tr><td>Derek Ray</td><td>179</td></tr><tr><td>Lawrence Taylor</td><td>159</td></tr><tr><td>Write-ins *</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>Blanks</td><td>197</td></tr></table> <p>Budget-Finance Committee Results (3-year terms, vote for 2):</p> <table><tr><td>Francis McDermott</td><td>269</td></tr><tr><td>Write-in – Laurie Forbes **</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Write-in – Charles Leavitt **</td><td>3</td></tr></table> <p>20 other write-in candidates who had less than 3 votes each for a total of 22 votes</p> <table><tr><td>Blanks</td><td>423</td></tr></table> <p>RSU #14 Board of Directors (3-year term, vote for 1):</p> <table><tr><td>Jodi Carroll</td><td>267</td></tr><tr><td>Write-ins *</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>Blanks</td><td>77</td></tr></table> <p>* NOTE – Write-in votes are not required to be counted if they do not total enough to change the outcome.</p> <p>** NOTE – There is a tie for the write-in candidate for Budget-Finance Committee member. Pursuant to 30-A MRSA §2528 (10) a tie vote means a run-off election of the tied candidates unless all but one tied candidate withdraw via a written and notarized statement.</p>	Samuel Gifford	172	Derek Ray	179	Lawrence Taylor	159	Write-ins *	13	Blanks	197	Francis McDermott	269	Write-in – Laurie Forbes **	3	Write-in – Charles Leavitt **	3	Blanks	423	Jodi Carroll	267	Write-ins *	16	Blanks	77
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ARTICLE 3: Referendum Question A: To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Set the date the 1st half of taxes due to October 31, 2023, and the 2nd half of taxes due to April 30, 2024;
2. Set the interest rate for unpaid balances and for abated taxes at eight percent (8%) for the fiscal year;
3. Authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506, with no interest; and
4. Authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any property acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes pursuant to the policy adopted by the Select Board, as may be amended from time to time, the policy to remain consistent with State statutes and laws; in all cases conveyance to be made by municipal quitclaim deed.

Select Board recommends Article 3

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 3

Results:

Yes	301
No	49
Blank	10

ARTICLE 4: Referendum Question B: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,396,021** for General Government Services (Administration; Compensation and Training; Insurances, Worker Comp and Benefits; Assessing; Code Enforcement; Recreation; Technology; and General Assistance).

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Administration</i>	<i>\$557,487</i>
<i>Compensation and Training</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>
<i>Insurances, Worker Comp, and Benefits</i>	<i>\$1,049,861</i>
<i>Assessing</i>	<i>\$83,437</i>
<i>Code Enforcement</i>	<i>\$225,892</i>
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>\$163,084</i>
<i>Technology</i>	<i>\$226,260</i>
<i>General Assistance</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>

Select Board recommends Article 4

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 4

Results:

Yes	263
No	91
Blank	6

ARTICLE 5: Referendum Question C: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,419,640** for Public Works.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<u>Public Works</u>	<u>\$930,356</u>
<u>Town Buildings</u>	<u>\$46,000</u>
<u>Solid Waste</u>	<u>\$398,100</u>
<u>Cemeteries</u>	<u>\$45,184</u>

Select Board recommends Article 5
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 5

Results:

Yes	286
No	68
Blank	6

ARTICLE 6: Referendum Question D: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,281,432** for Public Safety.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<u>Fire/Rescue Department</u>	<u>\$1,239,271</u>
<u>Animal Control</u>	<u>\$42,161</u>

Select Board recommends Article 6
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 6

Results:

Yes	279
No	75
Blank	6

ARTICLE 7: Referendum Question E: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town owned personal property with value not to exceed **\$75,000**.

Select Board recommends Article 7
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 7

Results:

Yes	296
No	54
Blank	10

ARTICLE 8: Referendum Question F: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to meet the unanticipated needs of the community that occur during the fiscal year and/or to adjust the tax rate as the Select Board deem advisable, an amount not to exceed **\$75,000**.

Select Board recommends Article 8
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 8

Results:

Yes	266
No	82
Blank	12

ARTICLE 9: Referendum Question G: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer funds between appropriation accounts as long as the grand total of all appropriation is not exceeded, any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Select Board.

Select Board recommends Article 9
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 9

Results:

Yes	278
No	60
Blank	22

ARTICLE 10: Referendum Question H: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to:

- Allow Town Staff to make application for and execute any documents related to a grant;
- Accept or reject grants, donations and/or gifts of money to the Town of Raymond; and
- Authorize the expenditure of monies awarded, donated and/or gifted for the purposes specified in the grant, donation, and/or gift.

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

Results:

Yes	289
No	44
Blank	27

ARTICLE 11: Referendum Question I: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to reduce the property tax commitment as the Select Board deem advisable an amount not to exceed **\$200,000**.

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

Results:

Yes	303
No	36
Blank	21

ARTICLE 12: Referendum Question J: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$319,770** from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2023-2024 project proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program (*for details see Addendum 1*).

Select Board recommends Article 12
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 12

Results:

Yes	243
No	80
Blank	37

ARTICLE 13: Referendum Question K: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Tassel Top Park Enterprise fund the amount of **\$153,355** for the administration of activities at the Park, and to allocate all revenues generated by Park operations to be recorded in and retained by the Tassel Top Park Enterprise fund.

Select Board recommends Article 13
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 13

Results:

Yes	293
No	45
Blank	22

ARTICLE 14: Referendum Question L: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$341,501** for Debt Services.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>2013 Public Works Road Construction Bond</i>	<i>\$207,500</i>
<i>2015 Public Works Sand/Salt Construction and Public Safety Replacement Engine Bond</i>	<i>\$87,550</i>
<i>2022 Lease Purchase Rescue Pumper Truck</i>	<i>\$46,451</i>

Select Board recommends Article 14

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 14

Results:

Yes	249
No	85
Blank	26

ARTICLE 15: Referendum Question M: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$161,403** for the Raymond Village Library.

Select Board recommends Article 15

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 15

Results:

Yes	271
No	71
Blank	18

ARTICLE 16: Referendum Question N: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,010,000** for the Capital Improvement Program.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Public Works Equipment Reserve</i>	<i>\$225,000</i>
<i>Public Works Paving/Road Reserve</i>	<i>\$410,000</i>
<i>Municipal Facilities Improvements</i>	<i>\$85,000</i>
<i>Technology</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>Revaluation Reserve</i>	<i>\$80,000</i>
<i>Public Safety Fire Apparatus</i>	<i>\$75,000</i>
<i>Playground Improvements</i>	<i>\$35,000</i>

Select Board recommends Article 16

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 16

Results:

Yes 232
No 98
Blank 30

ARTICLE 17: Referendum Question O: To see whether the Town will vote to carry forward any existing fund balance in the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) accounts, the Healthcare Reimbursement Accounts (H.R.A.), and the Employee Compensation Account.

Select Board recommends Article 17

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 17

Results:

Yes 276
No 54
Blank 30

ARTICLE 18: Referendum Question P: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$974,325** for the County Tax (\$80,574 is the first of five (5) annual, no-interest payments for six (6) months of taxes, January to June 2023, and \$893,751 is for the fiscal year July 2023 to June 2024 taxes, enabling Cumberland County to move from a calendar year to a fiscal year assessment).

Select Board recommends Article 18

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 18

Results:

Yes 254
No 76
Blank 30

ARTICLE 19: Referendum Question Q: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,000** for Provider Agencies.

Select Board recommends Article 19
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 19

Results:

Yes 247
No 93
Blank 20

ARTICLE 20: Referendum Question R: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of **\$1,837,020** from estimated non-property tax revenues to reduce the property tax commitment, together with all categories of funds, which may be available from the federal government, and any other sources.

Select Board recommends Article 20
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 20

Results:

Yes 307
No 38
Blank 15

ARTICLE 21: Referendum Question S: To see if the Town will vote to accept certain State Funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and any other funds provided by any other entity including but not limited to:

- Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Local Road Assistance
- Emergency Management Assistance
- Snowmobile Registration Money
- Homestead Exemption
- Tree Growth Reimbursement
- General Assistance Reimbursement
- Veteran’s Exemption Reimbursement
- Business Equipment Tax Exemption (B.E.T.E.) Reimbursement
- State Grant or Other Funds

Select Board recommends Article 21
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 21

Results:

Yes 312
No 34
Blank 14

ARTICLE 22: Referendum Question T: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Town employees and/or Town owned equipment or independent contractor(s) hired by the Town for maintenance on private roads in special and certain circumstances where in the public's interest.

Select Board recommends Article 22
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 22

Results:

Yes	305
No	43
Blank	12

ARTICLE 23: Referendum Question U: LD1: To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of **\$3,630,036.38** established for the Town of Raymond by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Select Board recommends Article 23
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 23

Results:

Yes	214
No	129
Blank	17

ARTICLE 24: Referendum Question V: To see if the Town of Raymond will vote to join the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MainePERS) as a Participating Local District effective September 1, 2023, and:

- a) **To offer** Special Plan 3C to its regular, full-time firefighters and emergency medical services employees who are paid at least 2,080 hours per year between hours worked, paid vacation, paid holiday, and paid sick time; and
- b) **To exclude** all other employees, including all other elected/appointed officials, from participating in MainePERS; and
- c) **To allow** its eligible employees who are currently employed by the Town on September 1, 2023, who elect to join MainePERS, the option to purchase prior service upon the employee's full payment of all associated costs. The Town will not participate in the purchase of prior service and so employees who wish to purchase prior service are responsible for paying the full liability associated with this service; and
- d) **To authorize** the Town Manager to sign the agreement between the Town and the Maine Public Employees Retirement System; and
- e) **To adopt** the provisions of 5 M.R.S. §18252-C as enacted by PL 2021, Chapter 286 as allowed by MainePERS Rule Chapter 803 for non-participating employees with optional membership who declined to participate in MainePERS when first eligible ("eligible employees") and to comply with the following requirements:
 - a. Beginning in 2024, to annually offer eligible employees who have been employed for less than 5 years the opportunity to join MainePERS on a prospective basis during an open enrollment period from September 1st through November 1st and to provide MainePERS with documentation of each election made by eligible employees under this provision: and
 - b. To withhold employee contributions for employees who join under this provision on an after-tax basis and to remit them to MainePERS.

Select Board recommends Article 24

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 24

Results:

Yes	267
No	64
Blank	29

ARTICLE 25: Referendum Question W: Shall the Town of Raymond (the "Town"):

1. **Approve** a capital project including engineering and design costs, transaction costs, and other expenses reasonably related thereto (the "Project") consisting of:
 - a. The design and engineering of a public works garage to be located at 170 Plains Road at an estimated cost of **\$150,000**;
 - b. Recreation improvements to include lighted tennis courts to be located at Shari Gagnon Park on Mill Street at an estimated cost of **\$440,000**; and
 - c. Improvements at Tassel Top Park consisting of a snack shack, bathroom facilities, and a maintenance building at an estimated cost of **\$560,000**.
2. **Appropriate** the sum of **\$1,150,000**, plus any additional premium, to provide for the costs of the Project;
3. **Authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed **\$1,150,000**, plus any additional premium, to fund the Project; and
4. **Delegate** to the Town Treasurer and the Chair of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denominations, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form, and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. **TOTAL BOND INDEBTEDNESS**

a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid (will retire in FY2025):	\$ 570,000
b. Bonds authorized and unissued (other than this loan):	\$ -0-
c. Maximum amount to be issued if approved:	\$ 1,150,000

2. **COSTS**

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 5.59% for a five (5) year maturity, the estimated cost of this government obligation bond will be:

Principal	\$ 1,150,000.00
Interest	\$ 271,572.31
Total:	\$ 1,421,572.31

3. **VALIDITY**

The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any error in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service varies from the estimates, the ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive, and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



Charisse Keach, Town Treasurer

Select Board recommends Article 25

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 25

Results:

Yes	219
No	109
Blank	32

ARTICLE 26: Referendum Question X: Shall § 350-5.4. – Table Of Land Uses, § 350-6.17. – Timber Harvesting: Statewide Standards, § 350-7-3. – Permit Application, § 350-7.7. B(6) – Appeals, and § 350-8.2. – Terms Defined, of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in ~~strikeout~~ text as in Addendum 2?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 26

Select Board recommends Article 26

Summary of Changes:

This amendment to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is mandatory following ORDER #31-2022 from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. In summary, this amendment is necessary because:

- *Currently, in Raymond timber harvesting is enforced by the State of Maine. In order to maintain that enforcement, the proposed amendment is mandatory. Otherwise, Raymond will need to enforce all the timber harvesting standards in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.*
- *State law (Title 38 §439-A(10) now requires pre-construction and post-construction photos for projects that occur within the shoreland zone.*
- *The Department Order requires the single-family setback variance be removed from the ordinance since it is now considered less strict than State minimum standards.*
- *The Department Order requires an amendment to the current less strict definitions of Solar Energy System, and Structure.*

Results:

Yes	246
No	78
Blank	35

ARTICLE 27: Referendum Question Y: Shall § 300-13.3d(4)(C) – Open Space Subdivisions, and § 300-9.21(A)(1) – Lots, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 3?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 27
Select Board recommends Article 27

Summary of Changes:

During the codification project, a review of the Land Use Ordinance found the following error: 13.3D(4)(c) points to an ordinance section that does not exist. The proposed amendment will remove that section. Also, § 300-9.21 is unclear and should be amended to provide more specific intent.

Results:

Yes	243
No	78
Blank	38

ARTICLE 28: Referendum Question Z: Shall § 300-10.5. – Criteria And Standards, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 4?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 28
Select Board recommends Article 28

Summary of Changes:

This amendment to the Land Use Ordinance will require special feature areas to meet minimum district setbacks. For example, a dumpster pad or exposed machinery installation will need to meet minimum setbacks. Currently, they are not required to meet the minimum setback as long as they are screened (fence, shrubs, etc.).

Results:

Yes	232
No	84
Blank	43

ARTICLE 29: Referendum Question AA: Shall § 300-9.22. – Shipping Containers, and § 300-12.2. – Terms Defined, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 5?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 29
Select Board recommends Article 29

Summary of Changes:

This proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance would allow intermodal shipping containers to be used in residential and nonresidential zoning districts for storage or occupancy. Currently, shipping containers are only allowed in nonresidential districts for temporary storage only.

Results:

Yes	233
No	84
Blank	42

ARTICLE 30: Referendum Question AB: Shall § 300-2.2. – Land Use Regulation Map, and § 350-2.1. – Districts And Zoning Map, as amended through June 3, 2014, be updated as shown in Addendum 6?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 30
Select Board recommends Article 30

Summary of Changes:

The current zoning map (amended last in 2014) has an error with the inset, which will be corrected by this amendment. In addition to the correction, we are slightly modifying the style of the map (stream protection color and wetland symbol).

Results:

Yes	242
No	74
Blank	43

ARTICLE 31: Referendum Question AC: Shall Article 6(4) – Amendments To Previously Approved Subdivision Plan, And Article 7(4) – Amendments To Previously Approved Subdivision Plan, of the Subdivision Ordinance as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 4, 2019, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 7?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 31
Select Board recommends Article 31

Summary of Changes:

This proposed amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance would require notification to be sent to all lot owners within a subdivision when an amendment to that subdivision has been proposed. Currently, notification is only sent to lot owners within 250' of the properties involved. If this amendment is approved all lot owners, regardless of the distance from the subject property, would be notified.

Results:

Yes	235
No	81
Blank	43

ARTICLE 32: Referendum Question AD: Shall § 300-9.26. – Accessory Apartments, and § 300-12.2. – Terms Defined, of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022; and § 350-5.4. – Table Of Land Uses, and § 350-8.2. – Terms Defined, of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through December 13, 2022, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum 8?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.org, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Article 32

Select Board recommends Article 32

Summary of Changes:

The proposed amendment is necessary in order to maintain consistency with the new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law contained within LD 2003, 30-A M.R.S. § 4364-B.

Results:

Yes	238
No	78
Blank	43

Respectfully submitted,



Susan L Look, Town Clerk



Town of Raymond 2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Addendum

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Addendum 1 - TIF

Tax Increment Financing District (TIF)	2024 Proposed Budget
Salaries	\$8,500
Contracted Assessing	\$7,040
Social Security & Medicare (FICA)	\$650
Mapping & GIS	\$15,000
Planning Services	\$30,000
Street Light Fixtures	\$36,500
Advertising	\$4,100
Comprehensive Plan	\$50,000
Historical Society	\$1,800
Raymond Rattlers	\$1,000
RTP Explorer	\$1,000
Raymond Waterways Protective Association (RWPA) Courtesy Boat Inspections	\$7,000
Maine DEP Milfoil Program	\$8,000
Street Flag Replacement	\$1,100
Hawthorne House	\$1,000
Sebago Lakes Chamber	\$1,000
Route 302 Maintenance	\$45,700
Hydrant Rental	\$7,200
Supplies	\$3,000
PS Equipment	\$11,167
Utilities	\$17,400
PS Debt Service	\$11,613
Paving & Roads	\$50,000
Total	\$319,770

Land Use & Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Changes Summary

2023 ZONING AMENDMENTS

23-01

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-7.7. B(6) – Appeals
Removal of the single-family dwelling variance option

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-8.2 – Terms Defined
Amendment of the Solar Energy System, and Structure definitions

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-7-3. – Permit Application
Requirement of pre and post-construction photos for projects within the shoreland zone

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-5.4. – Table of Land Uses

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-6.17. – Timber Harvesting: Statewide Standards

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-8.2. – Terms Defined

Removal of timber harvesting standards within the shoreland zone (now enforced by the State of Maine)

23-02

Land Use Ordinance § 300-13.3D(4)(c) – Open Space Subdivisions

Land Use Ordinance § 300-9-21 – Lots

Correct and clarify ordinance errors

23-03

Land Use Ordinance § 300-10.5 – Criteria and Standards

Amendment to the Special Features Standards

23-04

Land Use Ordinance § 300-9.22. – Shipping Containers

Land Use Ordinance § 300-12.2 – Terms Defined

23-05

Land Use Ordinance § 300-2.2. – Land Use Regulation Map

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-2.1. – Districts and Zoning Map

An amendment to the Land Use Regulation/Zoning Map to correct minor errors

23-06

Subdivision Ordinance Article 6(4) – Amendments to Previously Approved Subdivision Plan

Subdivision Ordinance Article 7(4) – Amendments to Previously Approved Subdivision Plan

Requiring notification to all lot owners within a subdivision when an amendment is proposed

23-07

Land Use Ordinance § 300-9.26. – Accessory Apartments

Land Use Ordinance § 300-12.2. – Terms Defined

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-5.4. – Table of land uses

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance § 350-8.2. – Terms Defined

Amendments to maintain consistency with LD 2003, 30-A M.R.S. § 4364-B.

Addendum 2 - MEDEP Mandatory Changes

23-01

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF
the
**SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE
FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE**

- § 350-5.4. – TABLE OF LAND USES
- § 350-6.17. – TIMBER HARVESTING: STATEWIDE STANDARDS
- § 350-7-3. – PERMIT APPLICATION
 - § 350-7.7. B(6) – APPEALS
- § 350-8.2. – TERMS DEFINED

Summary of Changes: This amendment to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is mandatory following ORDER #31-2022 from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. In summary, this amendment is necessary because:

- Currently, in Raymond timber harvesting is enforced by the State of Maine. In order to maintain that enforcement, the proposed amendment is mandatory. Otherwise, Raymond will need to enforce all the timber harvesting standards in the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.
- State law (Title 38 §439-A(10)) now requires pre-construction and post-construction photos for projects that occur within the shoreland zone.
- The Department Order requires the single-family setback variance be removed from the ordinance since it is now considered less strict than State minimum standards.
- The Department Order requires an amendment to the current less strict definitions of Solar Energy System, and Structure.

The proposed text is shown in red with an underline, and revised or removed language is shown in ~~red with a strikethrough~~.

§ 350-5.4. Table of Land Uses. [Amended 6-14-2022]

Table 1 Land Uses in the Shoreland Zone			
Land Uses	RP	SP	LRR1 LRR2
3. Forest management activities, except for timber harvesting Reserved	yes ==	yes ==	yes ==
4. Timber harvesting* <u>Reserved</u>	= CEO +	yes ==	yes ==

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Notes:

- * There may be additional performance standards in Article 9 of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance beyond those in Article 6 of these shoreland zoning provisions.
- ** Home occupations are those land uses that conform with the requirements of Article 9. A home occupation that conforms to Article 9 and that is specifically permitted by Article 11 of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance shall be considered a permitted use in the Limited Residential/Recreation I and II Districts. All other home occupations not specifically listed in the definitions of home occupations in Article 12 of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance shall be considered conditional uses that must conform to the standards set forth in Article 9, § 300-9.2, of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance and that must be reviewed and approved by the Appeals Board.
- *** Allowed single-family structures shall include those units commonly called "modular homes" or "Type 2 manufactured homes" as defined in the definition of "manufactured housing" in Article 12, § 300-12.2, Terms defined; which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with Title 10, Chapter 975, and rules adopted under that chapter, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, which are not constructed on a permanent chassis and are designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning or electrical systems contained in the unit.
1. (Reserved)¹
 2. Requires permit from the Code Enforcement Officer if more than 100 square feet of surface area, in total, are disturbed.
 3. In RP not permitted in areas so designated because of wildlife value.
 4. See further restrictions in § 350-6.14B(2).
 5. Except for Panther Run's floodplain, in which case a permit is required from the Planning Board.
 6. Except to provide for permitted uses within the district, or where no reasonable alternative route or location is available outside the RP area, in which case a permit is required from the Planning Board.
 7. Excluding bridges and other crossings not involving earthwork, in which case no permit is required.

§ 350-6.17. – ~~Timber harvesting: statewide standards.~~Reserved

¹ Editor's Note: Original Note 1 was repealed 6-7-2012.

~~[Effective on effective date established in § 350-1.4B.]~~

~~A. Shoreline integrity and sedimentation. Persons conducting timber harvesting and related activities must take reasonable measures to avoid the disruption of shoreline integrity, the occurrence of sedimentation of water and the disturbance of water body and tributary stream banks, water body and tributary stream channels, shorelines and soil lying within water bodies, tributary streams and wetlands. If, despite such precautions, the disruption of shoreline integrity, sedimentation of water or the disturbance of water body and tributary stream banks, water body and tributary stream channels, shorelines, and soil lying within water bodies, tributary streams and wetlands occurs, such conditions must be corrected.~~

~~B. Slash treatment. Timber harvesting and related activities shall be conducted such that slash or debris is not left below the normal high water line of any water body or tributary stream, or the upland edge of a wetland. This Subsection B does not apply to minor, incidental amounts of slash that result from timber harvesting and related activities otherwise conducted in compliance with this section.~~

~~1) Slash actively used to protect soil from disturbance by equipment or to stabilize exposed soil may be left in place, provided that no part thereof extends more than four feet above the ground.~~

~~2) Adjacent to great ponds, rivers and wetlands:~~

~~(a) No accumulation of slash shall be left within 50 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high water line or upland edge of a wetland; and~~

~~(b) Between 50 feet and 250 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high water line or upland edge of a wetland, all slash larger than three inches in diameter must be disposed of in such a manner that no part thereof extends more than four feet above the ground.~~

~~C. Timber harvesting and related activities must leave adequate tree cover and shall be conducted so that a well-distributed stand of trees is retained.~~

~~1) This requirement may be satisfied by following one of the following three options:~~

~~(a) Option 1 (40% volume removal), as follows:~~

~~1. Harvesting of no more than 40% of the total volume on each acre of trees 4.5 inches DBH or greater in any ten-year period is allowed. Volume may be considered to be equivalent to basal area;~~

- ~~2. A well-distributed stand of trees which is windfirm, and other vegetation, including existing ground cover, must be maintained; and~~
- ~~3. Within 75 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of rivers, streams and great ponds, and within 75 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of a wetland, there must be no cleared openings. At distances greater than 75 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a river or great pond or upland edge of a wetland, timber harvesting and related activities must not create single cleared openings greater than 14,000 square feet in the forest canopy. Where such openings exceed 10,000 square feet, they must be at least 100 feet, horizontal distance, apart. Such cleared openings will be included in the calculation of total volume removal. Volume may be considered equivalent to basal area.~~

(b) Option 2 (60 square foot basal area retention), as follows:

- ~~1. The residual stand must contain an average basal area of at least 60 square feet per acre of woody vegetation greater than or equal to 1.0 inch DBH, of which 40 square feet per acre must be greater than or equal to 4.5 inches DBH;~~
- ~~2. A well-distributed stand of trees which is windfirm, and other vegetation, including existing ground cover, must be maintained; and~~
- ~~3. Within 75 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of water bodies and within 75 feet, horizontal distance, of the upland edge of wetlands, there must be no cleared openings. At distances greater than 75 feet, horizontal distance, of the normal high-water line of a river or great pond, or upland edge of a wetland, timber harvesting and related activities must not create single cleared openings greater than 14,000 square feet in the forest canopy. Where such openings exceed 10,000 square feet, they must be at least 100 feet, horizontal distance, apart. Such cleared openings will be included in the calculation of the average basal area. Volume may be considered equivalent to basal area.~~

(c) Option 3 (outcome based), which requires: An alternative method proposed in an application, signed by a licensed forester or certified wildlife professional, submitted by the landowner or designated agent to the State of Maine Department of Conservation's Bureau of Forestry (Bureau) for review and approval, which provides equal or better

~~protection of the shoreland area than this rule.~~

- ~~2) Landowners must designate on the Forest Operations Notification Form required by 12 M.R.S.A. Chapter 805, Subchapter 5, which option they choose to use. If landowners choose Option 1 or Option 2, compliance will be determined solely on the criteria for the option chosen. If landowners choose Option 3, timber harvesting and related activities may not begin until the Bureau has approved the alternative method.~~
- ~~3) The Bureau may verify that adequate tree cover and a well distributed stand of trees is retained through a field procedure that uses sample plots that are located randomly or systematically to provide a fair representation of the harvest area.~~

~~D. Skid trails, yards and equipment operation. This requirement applies to the construction, maintenance and use of skid trails and yards in shoreland areas.~~

- ~~1) Equipment used in timber harvesting and related activities shall not use river, stream or tributary stream channels as travel routes except when surface waters are frozen and snow covered, and the activity will not result in any ground disturbance.~~
- ~~2) Skid trails and yards must be designed and constructed to prevent sediment and concentrated water runoff from entering a water body, tributary stream or wetland. Upon termination of their use, skid trails and yards must be stabilized.~~
- ~~3) Setbacks.
 - ~~(a) Equipment must be operated to avoid the exposure of mineral soil within 25 feet, horizontal distance, of any water body, tributary stream or wetland. On slopes of 10% or greater, the setback for equipment operation must be increased by 20 feet, horizontal distance, plus an additional 10 feet, horizontal distance, for each 5% increase in slope above 10%. Where slopes fall away from the resource, no increase in the twenty five foot setback is required.~~
 - ~~(b) Where such setbacks are impracticable, appropriate techniques shall be used to avoid sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream or wetland. Such techniques may include the installation of sump holes or settling basins, and/or the effective use of additional ditch relief culverts and ditch water turnouts placed to avoid sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream or wetland. If, despite such precautions, sedimentation or the disruption of shoreline integrity occurs, such~~~~

~~conditions must be corrected.~~

~~E. Land management roads. Land management roads, including approaches to crossings of water bodies, tributary stream channels and wetlands, ditches and other related structures, must be designed, constructed and maintained to prevent sediment and concentrated water runoff from directly entering the water body, tributary stream or wetland. Surface water on or adjacent to water crossing approaches must be diverted through vegetative filter strips to avoid sedimentation of the watercourse or wetland. Because roadside ditches may not extend to the resource being crossed, vegetative filter strips must be established in accordance with the setback requirements in Subsection G of this rule.~~

~~1) Land management roads and associated ditches, excavation and fill must be set back at least:~~

~~(a) 100 feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high water line of a great pond, river or wetland;~~

~~(b) 50 feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high water line of streams; and~~

~~(c) 25 feet, horizontal distance, from the normal high water line of tributary streams.~~

~~2) The minimum 100-foot setback specified in Subsection E(1)(a) above may be reduced to no less than 50 feet, horizontal distance, and the 50-foot setback specified in Subsection E(1)(b) above may be reduced to no less than 25 feet, horizontal distance, if, prior to construction, the landowner or the landowner's designated agent demonstrates to the Planning Board's satisfaction that no reasonable alternative exists and that appropriate techniques will be used to prevent sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream or wetland. Such techniques may include, but are not limited to, the installation of settling basins, and/or the effective use of additional ditch relief culverts and turnouts placed to avoid sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream or wetland. If, despite such precautions, sedimentation or the disruption of shoreline integrity occurs, such conditions must be corrected.~~

~~3) On slopes of 10% or greater, the land management road setback must be increased by at least 20 feet, horizontal distance, plus an additional 10 feet, horizontal distance, for each 5% increase in slope above 10%.~~

~~4) New land management roads are not allowed within the shoreland area along significant river segments as identified in 38 M.R.S.A. § 437, nor in a Resource Protection District, unless, prior to construction, the landowner or the landowner's~~

~~designated agent makes a clear demonstration to the Planning Board's satisfaction that no reasonable alternative route exists outside the Shoreland Zone, and that the new road must be set back as far as practicable from the normal high water line and screened from the river by existing vegetation.~~

- ~~5) Ditches, culverts, bridges, dips, water turnouts and other water control installations associated with roads must be maintained on a regular basis to assure effective functioning. Drainage structures shall deliver a dispersed flow of water into an unscarified filter strip no less than the width indicated in the setback requirements in Subsection G. Where such a filter strip is impracticable, appropriate techniques shall be used to avoid sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream or wetland. Such techniques may include the installation of sump holes or settling basins, and/or the effective use of additional ditch relief culverts and ditch water turnouts placed to avoid sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream or wetland. If, despite such precautions, sedimentation or the disruption of shoreline integrity occurs, such conditions must be corrected.~~
- ~~6) Road closeout and discontinuance. Maintenance of the water control installations required in Subsection E(5) must continue until use of the road is discontinued and the road is put to bed by effective installation of water bars or other adequate road drainage structures at appropriate intervals, constructed to avoid surface water flowing over or under the water bar, and extending a sufficient distance beyond the traveled way so that water does not reenter the road surface.~~
- ~~7) Upgrading existing roads. Extension or enlargement of presently existing roads must conform to the provisions of this § 350-6.17. Any nonconforming existing road may continue to exist and to be maintained, as long as the nonconforming conditions are not made more nonconforming.~~
- ~~8) Exception. Extension or enlargement of presently existing roads need not conform to the setback requirements of Subsection E(1) if, prior to extension or enlargement, the landowner or the landowner's designated agent demonstrates to the Planning Board's satisfaction that no reasonable alternative exists and that appropriate techniques will be used to prevent sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream or wetland. Such techniques may include, but are not limited to, the installation of settling basins, and/or the effective use of additional ditch relief culverts and turnouts placed to avoid sedimentation of the water body, tributary stream or wetland. If, despite such precautions, sedimentation or the disruption of shoreline integrity occurs, such conditions must be corrected.~~
- ~~9) Additional measures. In addition to the foregoing minimum requirements, persons undertaking construction and maintenance of roads and river, stream and tributary stream crossings must take reasonable measures to avoid sedimentation of surface~~

~~waters.~~

~~F. Crossings of water bodies. Crossings of rivers, streams and tributary streams must allow for fish passage at all times of the year, must not impound water and must allow for the maintenance of normal flows.~~

- ~~1) Determination of flow. Provided they are properly applied and used for the circumstances for which they are designed, methods including but not limited to the following are acceptable as a means of calculating the ten and twenty five year frequency water flows and thereby determining water crossing sizes as required in this § 350-6.17: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) Methods; specifically: Hodgkins, G. 1999. Estimating the Magnitude of Peak Flows for Streams in Maine for Selected Recurrence Intervals. U.S. Geological Survey. Water Resources Investigations Report 99-4008. 45 pp.~~
- ~~2) Upgrading existing water crossings. Extension or enlargement of presently existing water crossings must conform to the provisions of this § 350-6.17. Any nonconforming existing water crossing may continue to exist and be maintained, as long as the nonconforming conditions are not made more nonconforming; however, any maintenance or repair work done below the normal high water line must conform to the provisions of this § 350-6.17.~~
- ~~3) Other agency permits. Any timber harvesting and related activities involving the design, construction and maintenance of crossings on water bodies other than a river, stream or tributary stream may require a permit from the Land Use Regulation Commission, the Department of Environmental Protection or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.~~
- ~~4) Any timber harvesting and related activities involving the design, construction and maintenance of crossings of wetlands identified by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife as essential wildlife habitat require prior consultation with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.~~
- ~~5) Notice to Bureau of Forestry. Written notice of all water crossing construction maintenance, alteration and replacement activities in shoreland areas must be given to the Bureau prior to the commencement of such activities. Such notice must contain all information required by the Bureau, including:

 - ~~(a) A map showing the location of all proposed permanent crossings;~~
 - ~~(b) The GPS location of all proposed permanent crossings;~~~~

~~(c) For any temporary or permanent crossing that requires a permit from state or federal agencies, a copy of the approved permit or permits; and~~

~~(d) A statement signed by the responsible party that all temporary and permanent crossings will be constructed, maintained and closed out in accordance with the requirements of this section.~~

~~6) Water crossing standards:~~

~~(a) All crossings of rivers require a bridge or culvert sized according to the requirements of Subsection F(7) below. Streams and tributary streams may be crossed using temporary structures that are not bridges or culverts, provided:~~

~~1. Concentrated water runoff does not enter the stream or tributary stream;~~

~~2. Sedimentation of surface waters is reasonably avoided;~~

~~3. There is no substantial disturbance of the bank, or stream or tributary stream channel;~~

~~4. Fish passage is not impeded; and~~

~~5. Water flow is not unreasonably impeded.~~

~~(b) Subject to Subsection F(6)(a)[1] through [5] above, skid trail crossings of streams and tributary streams when channels of such streams and tributary streams are frozen and snow covered or are composed of a hard surface which will not be eroded or otherwise damaged are not required to use permanent or temporary structures.~~

~~7) Bridge and culvert sizing. For crossings of river, stream and tributary stream channels with a bridge or culvert, the following requirements apply:~~

~~(a) Bridges and culverts must be installed and maintained to provide an opening sufficient in size and structure to accommodate twenty five-year frequency water flows or with a cross-sectional area at least equal to three times the cross-sectional area of the river, stream or tributary stream channel.~~

~~(b) Temporary bridge and culvert sizes may be smaller than provided in Subsection F(7)(a)[1] if techniques are effectively employed such that,~~

~~in the event of culvert or bridge failure, the natural course of water flow is maintained and sedimentation of the water body or tributary stream is avoided. Such crossing structures must be at least as wide as the channel and placed above the normal high water line. Techniques may include, but are not limited to, the effective use of any, a combination of or all of the following:~~

- ~~1. Use of temporary skidder bridges;~~
- ~~2. Removing culverts prior to the onset of frozen ground conditions;~~
- ~~3. Using water bars in conjunction with culverts;~~
- ~~4. Using road dips in conjunction with culverts.~~

~~(c) Culverts utilized in river, stream and tributary stream crossings must:~~

- ~~1. Be installed at or below river, stream or tributary stream bed elevation;~~
- ~~2. Be seated on firm ground;~~
- ~~3. Have soil compacted at least halfway up the side of the culvert;~~
- ~~4. Be covered by soil to a minimum depth of one foot or according to the culvert manufacturer's specifications, whichever is greater; and~~
- ~~5. Have a headwall at the inlet end which is adequately stabilized by riprap or other suitable means to reasonably avoid erosion of material around the culvert.~~

~~(d) River, stream and tributary stream crossings allowed under this § 350-6.17, but located in flood hazard areas (i.e., A zones) as identified on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) or Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM), must be designed and constructed under the stricter standards contained in that community's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). For example, a water crossing may be required to pass a 100-year flood event.~~

~~(e) Exception. Skid trail crossings of tributary streams within shoreland areas and wetlands adjacent to such streams may be undertaken in a manner not in conformity with the requirements of the foregoing subsections, provided persons conducting such activities take reasonable~~

~~measures to avoid the disruption of shoreline integrity, the occurrence of sedimentation of water and the disturbance of stream banks, stream channels, shorelines and soil lying within ponds and wetlands. If, despite such precautions, the disruption of shoreline integrity, sedimentation of water or the disturbance of stream banks, stream channels, shorelines and soil lying within ponds and wetlands occurs, such conditions must be corrected.~~

~~8) Skid trail closeout. Upon completion of timber harvesting and related activities, or upon the expiration of a forest operations notification, whichever is earlier, the following requirements apply:~~

~~(a) Bridges and culverts installed for river, stream and tributary stream crossings by skid trails must either be removed and areas of exposed soil stabilized, or upgraded to comply with the closeout standards for land management roads in Subsection F(9) below.~~

~~(b) Water crossing structures that are not bridges or culverts must either be removed immediately following timber harvesting and related activities, or, if frozen into the river, stream or tributary stream bed or bank, as soon as practical after snowmelt.~~

~~(c) River, stream and tributary stream channels, banks and approaches to crossings of water bodies and tributary streams must be immediately stabilized on completion of harvest, or if the ground is frozen and/or snowcovered, as soon as practical after snowmelt. If, despite such precautions, sedimentation or the disruption of shoreline integrity occurs, such conditions must be corrected.~~

~~9) Land management road closeout. Maintenance of the water control features must continue until use of the road is discontinued and the road is put to bed by taking the following actions:~~

~~(a) Effective installation of water bars or other adequate road drainage structures at appropriate intervals, constructed to reasonably avoid surface water flowing over or under the water bar, and extending sufficient distance beyond the traveled way so that water does not reenter the road surface.~~

~~(b) Water crossing structures must be appropriately sized or dismantled and removed in a manner that reasonably avoids sedimentation of the water body or tributary stream.~~

~~(e) Discontinued roads.~~

~~1. Any bridge or water crossing culvert in roads to be discontinued shall satisfy one of the following requirements:~~

~~a. It shall be designed to provide an opening sufficient in size and structure to accommodate twenty-five year frequency water flows;~~

~~b. It shall be designed to provide an opening with a cross-sectional area at least 3-1/2 times the cross-sectional area of the river, stream or tributary stream channel; or~~

~~c. It shall be dismantled and removed in a fashion to reasonably avoid sedimentation of the river, stream or tributary stream.~~

~~2. If, despite such precautions, sedimentation or the disruption of shoreline integrity occurs, such conditions must be corrected.~~

~~G. Slope table. Filter strips, skid trail setbacks and land management road setbacks must be maintained as specified in this § 350-6.17, but in no case shall be less than shown in the following table.~~

Average Slope of Land Between Exposed Mineral soil and Shoreline	Width of Strip Between Exposed Mineral Soil and Shoreline (feet along surface of ground)
0	25
10%	45
20%	65
30%	85
40%	105
50%	125
60%	145
70%	165

~~H. Definitions. Unless otherwise provided herein, this § 350-6.17 incorporates by reference the definitions contained in the Maine Forest Service Rules, Chapter 20, Forest Regeneration and Clearcutting Standards, and Chapter 21, Statewide Standards for Timber Harvesting and Related Activities in Shoreland Areas.~~

§ 350-7.3. Permit application.

- A. Every applicant for a permit shall submit a written application, including a scaled site plan, on a form provided by the municipality, to the appropriate official as indicated in Article 5.
- B. All applications shall be signed by an owner or individual who can show evidence of right, title, or interest in the property or by an agent, representative, tenant, or contractor of the owner with authorization from the owner to apply for a permit hereunder, certifying that the information in the application is complete and correct.
- C. All applications shall be dated, and the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board, as appropriate, shall note upon each application the date and time of its receipt.
- D. If the property is not served by a public sewer, a valid plumbing permit or a completed application for a plumbing permit, including the site evaluation approved by the Plumbing Inspector, shall be submitted whenever the nature of the proposed structure would require the installation of a subsurface sewage disposal system.
- E. When an excavation contractor will perform an activity that requires or results in more than one cubic yard of soil disturbance, the person responsible for the management of erosion and sedimentation control practices at the site must be certified in erosion control practices by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. This person must be present at the site each day earthmoving activity occurs for a duration that is sufficient to ensure that proper erosion and sedimentation control practices are followed. This is required until erosion and sedimentation control measures have been installed, which will either stay in place permanently or stay in place until the area is sufficiently covered with vegetation necessary to prevent soil erosion. The name and certification number of the person who will oversee the activity causing or resulting in soil disturbance shall be included on the permit application. This requirement does not apply to a person or firm engaged in agriculture or timber harvesting if best management practices for erosion and sedimentation control are used; and municipal, state and federal employees engaged in projects associated with that employment.
- F. All applications for development within the shoreland zone must include preconstruction photographs. No later than twenty (20) days after completion of the development, postconstruction photographs of the shoreline vegetation and development site must be submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer.

§ 350-7.7. B(6) – Appeals.

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- B. Variance appeals. Except as provided in Subsection B(6) below, variances may be granted only under the following conditions: [Amended 7-14-2021; 6-14-2022]
- 1) Variances may be granted only from dimensional requirements, including, but not limited to, lot width, structure height, percent of lot coverage and setback requirements.
 - 2) Variances shall not be granted for the establishment of any uses otherwise prohibited by these ordinance provisions.
 - 3) The Board shall not grant a variance unless it finds that:
 - a) The proposed structure or use would meet the provisions of Article 6 ~~after~~**except** for the specific provision which has created the nonconformity and from which relief is sought; and
 - b) The strict application of the terms of these ordinance provisions would result in undue hardship. The term "undue hardship" shall mean:
 1. That the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless a variance is granted;
 2. That the need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not to the general conditions in the neighborhood;
 3. That the granting of a variance will not alter the essential character of the locality; and
 4. That the hardship is not the result of action taken by the applicant or a prior owner.
 - 4) The Board of Appeals shall limit any variances granted as strictly as possible in order to ensure conformance with the purposes and provisions of these ordinance provisions to the greatest extent possible, and in doing so may impose such conditions to a variance as it deems necessary. The party receiving the variance shall comply with any conditions imposed.
 - 5) A copy of each variance request, including the application and all supporting information supplied by the applicant, shall be forwarded by the municipal officials to the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection at least 20 days prior to action by the Board of Appeals. Any comments received from the Commissioner prior to the action by the Board of Appeals shall be made

part of the record and shall be taken into consideration by the Board of Appeals.

- 6) ~~Reserved. To grant a setback variance for a single family dwelling only when strict application of the shoreland zoning provisions to the applicant and the applicant's property would cause undue hardship.~~
- ~~a) The term "undue hardship" as used in this subsection means:~~
- ~~1. The need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not to the general conditions of the neighborhood;~~
 - ~~2. The granting of the variance will not alter the essential character of the locality;~~
 - ~~3. The hardship is not the result of action taken by the applicant or a prior owner;~~
 - ~~4. The granting of the variance will not substantially reduce or impair the use of abutting property;~~
 - ~~5. The granting of the variance is based upon demonstrated need, not convenience, and no other feasible alternative is available.~~
 - ~~6. That the land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless a variance is granted. (Condition imposed by DEP Order #31-2022, July 29, 2022).~~
- ~~b) This variance is strictly limited to permitting a variance from a setback requirement for a single family dwelling that is the primary year round residence of the petitioner. A variance under this subsection may not exceed 20% of a setback requirement and may not be granted if the variance would cause the area of the dwelling to exceed the maximum permissible lot coverage.~~
- 7) The Code Enforcement Officer may grant a variance to an owner of a residential dwelling for the purpose of making that dwelling accessible to a person with a disability who resides in or regularly uses the dwelling. The CEO shall restrict any variance granted under this subsection solely to the installation of equipment or the construction of structures necessary for access to or egress from the dwelling by the person with the disability. The CEO may impose conditions on the variance, including limiting the variance to the duration of the disability or to the time that the person with the disability lives in the dwelling. The term "structures necessary for access to or egress from the dwelling" shall include

railings, wall or roof systems necessary for the safety or effectiveness of the structure. Any permit issued pursuant to this subsection is subject to Subsections B(5) and C(2)(f).

§ 350-8.2. – Terms defined.

~~CROSS SECTIONAL AREA—The cross-sectional area of a stream or tributary stream channel is determined by multiplying the stream or tributary stream channel width by the average stream or tributary stream channel depth. The stream or tributary stream channel width is the straight line distance from the normal high water line on one side of the channel to the normal high water line on the opposite side of the channel. The average stream or tributary stream channel depth is the average of the vertical distances from a straight line between the normal high water lines of the stream or tributary stream channel to the bottom of the channel.~~

~~DISRUPTION OF SHORELINE INTEGRITY—The alteration of the physical shape, properties or condition of a shoreline at any location by timber harvesting and related activities. A shoreline where shoreline integrity has been disrupted is recognized by compacted, scarified and/or rutted soil, an abnormal channel or shoreline cross-section, and in the case of flowing waters, a profile and character altered from natural conditions.~~

~~FOREST MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES—Timber cruising and other forest resource evaluation activities, pesticide or fertilizer application, management planning activities, timber stand improvement, pruning, regeneration of forest stands and other similar or associated activities, exclusive of timber harvesting and the construction, creation or maintenance of roads.~~

~~FOREST STAND—A contiguous group of trees sufficiently uniform in age class distribution, composition and structure, and growing on a site of sufficiently uniform quality, to be a distinguishable unit.~~

~~HARVEST AREA—The area where timber harvesting and related activities, including the cutting of trees, skidding, yarding and associated road construction, take place. The area affected by a harvest encompasses the area within the outer boundaries of these activities, except unharvested areas greater than 10 acres within the area affected by a harvest.~~

~~LAND MANAGEMENT ROAD—A route or track consisting of a bed of exposed mineral soil, gravel or other surfacing materials constructed for, or created by, the passage of motorized vehicles and used primarily for timber harvesting and related activities, including associated log yards, but not including skid trails or skid roads.~~

~~LICENSED FORESTER—A forester licensed under 32 M.R.S.A. Chapter 76.~~

~~RESIDUAL BASAL AREA—The average of the basal area of trees remaining on a harvested site.~~

~~RESIDUAL STAND—A stand of trees remaining in the forest following timber harvesting and related activities.~~

~~SKID ROAD or SKID TRAIL — A route repeatedly used by forwarding machinery or animal to haul or drag forest products from the stump to the yard or landing, the construction of which requires minimal excavation.~~

~~SLASH — The residue, e.g., treetops and branches, left on the ground after a timber harvest.~~

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM — A device or structural design feature principally used to capture solar energy and convert it to electrical or ~~thermal power~~ solar power to meet the energy needs of allowed residential uses on a lot with any sale of energy to the power grid, or otherwise, limited to incidental excess power generation. A Solar Energy System consists of one or more free-standing ground-mounted, or building-mounted, solar arrays or modules, or solar-related equipment. [Added 6-14-2022]

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM, BUILDING-MOUNTED — A solar energy system that is mounted to the roof or sides of a building. [Added 6-14-2022]

SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM, GROUND-MOUNTED — A solar energy system that is structurally mounted to the ground and is not attached to a permitted building. [Added 6-14-2022]

STRUCTURE — [Amended 6-14-2022]

- A. Anything built for the support, shelter, or enclosure of persons, animals, goods, or property of any kind, together with anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, exclusive of vegetation, ~~boundary walls four feet or less in height, fences, mailboxes, lampposts, birdhouses, doghouses, tree houses designed for children's use, bus shelters,~~ subsurface wastewater disposal systems as defined in Title 30-A, M.R.S.A. § 4201, Ssubsection 5, geothermal heat exchange wells as defined in Title 32, M.R.S.A. § 4700-E, Ssubsection 3-C, wells or water wells as defined in Title 32, M.R.S.A. § 4700-E, Ssubsection 8, or other similar construction. The term includes but is not limited to structures temporarily or permanently located, such as decks, carports, patios, satellite dishes, communications systems, ground-mounted solar energy systems, building-mounted solar energy systems, antennas, pools, etc. Utility poles, wiring, and the aerial equipment normally associated with service drops, including guy wires and guy anchors, shall not be considered structures; however, they must meet the minimum required setbacks from the high-water mark of any pond, lake, stream, or river.

B. Structure terms.

- 1) PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE — The structure in which the primary use of the lot is conducted.
- 2) ACCESSORY STRUCTURE — A structure of a nature customarily incidental or subordinate to that of the principal structure or the primary use to which the premises are devoted. A deck or similar extension of the principal structure or a garage attached to the principal structure by a roof or a common wall is

considered part of the principal structure.

- 3) Temporary piers, docks, wharves, breakwaters, causeways, marinas and uses projecting into water bodies. Structures that remain in the water for less than seven months in any period of 12 consecutive months.
- 4) Permanent piers, docks, wharves, breakwaters, causeways, marinas and uses projecting into water bodies. Structures that are not removed from the water annually.
- 5) SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING — A structure containing not more than one dwelling unit.
- 6) MULTIFAMILY DWELLING — A structure containing two or more dwelling units.
- 7) In the Shoreland Zone, retaining walls that are not necessary for erosion control shall meet the structure setback requirement, except for low retaining walls and associated fill, provided all of the conditions of § 350-6.3G are met.

~~TIMBER HARVESTING — The cutting and removal of timber for the primary purpose of selling or processing forest products. "Timber harvesting" does not include the cutting or removal of vegetation within the Shoreland Zone when associated with any other land use activities. The cutting or removal of trees in the Shoreland Zone on a lot that has less than two acres within the Shoreland Zone shall not be considered timber harvesting. Such cutting or removal of trees shall be regulated pursuant to § 350-6.18. Clearing or removal of vegetation for activities other than timber harvesting.~~

~~TIMBER HARVESTING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES — Timber harvesting, the construction and maintenance of roads used primarily for timber harvesting and other activities conducted to facilitate timber harvesting.~~

~~WINDFIRM — The ability of a forest stand to withstand strong winds and resist windthrow, wind rocking and major breakage.~~

Addendum 3 - Open Space Subdivision Correction

23-02

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF

the
**LAND USE ORDINANCE
FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE**

§ 300-13.3D(4)(c) – OPEN SPACE SUBDIVISIONS

§ 300-9.21(A)(1) – LOTS

Summary of Changes: During the codification project, a review of the Land Use Ordinance found the following error. 13.3D(4)(c) points to an ordinance section that does not exist. The proposed amendment will remove that section. Also, § 300-9.21 is unclear and should be amended to provide more specific intent.

The proposed text is shown in red with an underline, and revised or removed language is shown in ~~red with a strikethrough~~.

§ 300-13.3 – Open Space Subdivisions

D. Space standards.

- 1) Shore frontage and shore setback requirements shall not be reduced below the minimum shore frontage or shore setback required in the zoning district.
- 2) Distances between residential structures in multifamily open space subdivisions shall be a minimum of the height of the tallest structure.
- 3) In areas outside of the LRR1 and LRR2 Districts, the required minimum lot size or minimum land area per dwelling unit for the building envelope may be reduced in open space subdivisions to no less than 20,000 square feet. The required minimum lot size or minimum land area per dwelling unit for the building envelope may be reduced in open space subdivisions within the LRR1 and LRR2 Districts to one acre and 1 1/2 acres, respectively. If the lot area is reduced, the total open space in the development shall equal or exceed the sum of the areas by which the building lots are reduced below the minimum lot area normally required in the zoning district, notwithstanding the net residential density allowed by Subsection B, above, of this performance standard. [Amended 6-14-2022]
- 4) Minimum road frontage requirements of the Land Use Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations may be waived or modified by the Planning Board, provided that:
 - a) Any applicable provisions regarding roads in the Street Ordinance are satisfied.

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- b) Adequate road curvature design access and turnaround termini, to and from all parcels, for fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, and other emergency vehicles meet minimal safe turning radii requirements over all internal access streets, ways, or driveways. Roads shall consider extension of rights of way to adjoining lands where development is possible in the future, and the Planning Board will promote the offering of such open space subdivision streets and rights-of-way for public acceptance. [Amended 7-14-2021]
 - e) ~~No common driveway shall provide access to more than three lots, except as provided in Article 13, Section C.6.~~
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§ 300-9.21 – Lots [Added 5-18-2002]

With the exception of lots approved after the effective date of this chapter by the Planning Board under the provisions of the Raymond Subdivision Regulations, any person proposing to create a lot within the Town of Raymond shall, prior to the creation of such lot by any means, including, but not limited to, conveyance, lease, building, development, gift, bequest or otherwise, demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer that the following standards will be complied with. The Code Enforcement Officer shall maintain a file of each such lot, which shall contain documentation as to the manner in which the standards shall be met. Prior to the issuance of a building permit for a principal structure, documentation shall be placed in the property file maintained at the Town Office indicating that any improvements or restrictions required under this section will be complied with.

A. Lot dimensions and measurements.

- 1) A lot must be dimensioned to contain within its boundaries an area as would be defined by a circle with a minimum diameter equal to the required minimum road frontage in the applicable zoning district. In addition, the minimum width of each lot ~~at the required front setback~~ must equal or exceed the minimum road frontage in the applicable zoning district for the entire area between the front lot line and the required front setback. The requirements in this subsection do not apply to lots approved pursuant to the provisions of Article 13 for single-family cluster subdivisions.
- 2) Depth of a lot shall be considered to be a line perpendicular to the lot frontage and extending from the foremost points of the side lot lines in the front to the rearmost points of the side lot lines in the rear.
- 3) Width of a lot shall be considered to be the distance between the side lot lines measured at right angles to the lot depth at a point midway between the front and rear lot lines.

- 4) Setback measurements shall be measured from the property line, road right-of-way line, or the normal high-water mark to the nearest part of a building on the lot. [Amended 8-7-2007]

Addendum 4 - Special Features Standards

23-03

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF

the
**LAND USE ORDINANCE
FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE**

§ 300-10.5. – CRITERIA AND STANDARDS

Summary of Changes: This amendment to the Land Use Ordinance will require special feature areas to meet minimum district setbacks. For example, a dumpster pad or exposed machinery installation will need to meet minimum setbacks. Currently, they are not required to meet the minimum setback as long as they are screened (fence, shrubs, etc).

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§ 300-10.5. Criteria and standards.

The following criteria and standards shall be utilized by the Planning Board in reviewing applications for site plan review. These standards are intended to provide a guide for the applicant in the development of site and building plans as well as a method of review for the Board. These standards shall not be regarded as inflexible requirements. They are not intended to discourage creativity, invention, and innovation.

- A. Preservation of landscape. The landscape shall be preserved in its natural state, insofar as practicable, by minimizing tree and soil removal, retaining existing vegetation where desirable, and keeping any grade changes in character with the general appearance of neighboring areas.
 - 1) If a site includes a ridge or ridges which are elevated above the surrounding areas and provide scenic vistas for surrounding areas, special attempts shall be made to preserve the natural environment of the skyline of the ridge. Buildings shall be located so that they are not clearly visible from surrounding areas. Siting away from the skyline, plantings and buffering landscaping are potential methods of preserving the scenic vista.
 - 2) The Planning Board shall consider the comments of the State Historic Preservation Officer, if any, and may require that significant archaeological sites be preserved to the maximum extent possible, both during construction and following completion of the development.
- B. Relation of proposed buildings to the environment. Proposed structures shall be related harmoniously to the terrain and to existing buildings in the vicinity that have a visual relationship to the proposed buildings. Special attention shall be paid to the scale of the

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- proposed building(s), massing of the structure(s) and such natural features as slope, orientation, soil type, and drainage courses.
- C. Vehicular access. The proposed layout shall ensure that vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions shall not exceed reasonable limits for the neighborhood. Special consideration shall be given to the location, number, and control of access points, adequacy of adjacent streets, traffic flow, sight distances, turning lanes, and existing or proposed traffic signalization and pedestrian-vehicular contacts.
- D. Parking and circulation. The layout and design of all means of vehicular and pedestrian circulation, including walkways, interior drives, and parking areas, shall consider general interior circulation, separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, service traffic, loading areas, and the arrangement and use of parking areas. These facilities shall be safe and convenient and insofar as practicable, shall not detract from the proposed buildings and neighboring properties.
- E. Surface water drainage. Adequate provisions shall be made for surface drainage so that the removal of surface waters will not adversely affect neighboring properties, downstream conditions, or the public storm drainage system. Adequate treatment shall be provided to mitigate potential impacts to receiving wetlands and water bodies from pollutants, excess nutrients, and elevated temperatures in stormwater runoff from developed areas. [Amended 12-2-2008]
- F. Utilities. The site plan shall show what provisions are being proposed for water supply and wastewater disposal. Electric, telephone, and other utility lines shall be installed underground.
- G. Special features. Exposed storage areas, exposed machinery installations, dumpsters, trash receptacles, service areas, truck loading areas, fuel storage areas, utility buildings, similar accessory areas and structures, ~~and similar accessory areas and structures~~ shall be subject to the minimum such setbacks required for the zoning district.; Screen plantings or other screening methods ~~as~~ shall ~~reasonably~~ be required as necessary to prevent special features from their being incongruous with the existing or contemplated environment and the surrounding properties.
- H. Exterior lighting. All exterior lighting shall be designed to encourage energy efficiency, to ensure the safe movement of people and vehicles, and to minimize adverse impact on neighboring properties and public ways. Adverse impact is to be judged in terms of hazards to people and vehicular traffic and potential damage to the value of adjacent properties. Lighting shall be arranged to minimize glare and reflection on adjacent properties and the traveling public.

- I. Emergency vehicle access. Provisions shall be made for providing and maintaining convenient and safe emergency vehicle access to all buildings and structures at all times.
- J. Landscaping. Landscaping shall be designed and installed to define, soften, or screen the appearance of off-street parking areas from the public right-of-way and abutting properties to enhance the physical design of the building(s) and site, and to minimize the encroachment of the proposed use on neighboring land uses. Particular attention should be paid to the use of planting to break up parking areas.
- K. The standards and regulations set forth in Article 9 of this chapter shall be adhered to where applicable.

Addendum 5 - Shipping Containers

23-04

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF
the
**LAND USE ORDINANCE
FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE**

§ 300-9.22. – SHIPPING CONTAINERS
§ 300-12.2. – TERMS DEFINED

Summary of Changes: This proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance would allow intermodal shipping containers to be used in residential and nonresidential zoning districts for storage or occupancy. Currently, shipping containers are only allowed in nonresidential districts for temporary storage only.

The proposed text is shown in red with an underline, and revised or removed language is shown in ~~red with a strikethrough~~.

§ 300-9.22. Intermodal Shipping containers.

A. Storage use~~Residential zoning districts.~~

- 1) ~~Temporary use. Shipping containers are not permitted in a residential zoning district. A property owner may apply for a shipping container permit from the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) to continue use of not more than one shipping container on a residential lot if he/she can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the CEO that such shipping container was on his/her lot and in active use as of January 1, 2004. The CEO shall not issue such permit unless the property owner has submitted a written application within six months of the effective date of this chapter. The application shall include information on the container's size, type and location on the property. No such container shall be located within a required setback or between the principal structure and the front lot line.~~
 - a) A property owner may apply for a shipping container permit to temporarily locate a single intermodal shipping container on a lot ~~in a residential zoning district~~ for a period not to exceed six (6) months. Use of such intermodal shipping container shall be limited to the temporary storage ~~of residential goods, such as household furniture, appliances, bathroom fixtures, clothing, and similar items, while the residence is being built, remodeled, or being repaired after damage due to fire, flood, or similar event.~~ A one (1) time three-month extension of a shipping container said permit may be granted at the discretion of the CEO~~Code Enforcement Officer~~.

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- 2) Permanent use. A property owner may apply for a shipping container permit to temporarily locate a single shipping container on a lot in a residential zoning district for a period not to exceed six months. Use of such shipping container shall be limited to the temporary storage of residential goods, such as household furniture, appliances, bathroom fixtures, clothing and similar items, while the residence is being remodeled or is being repaired after damage due to fire, flood or similar event. A three-month extension of a shipping container permit may be granted at the discretion of the CEO.
- a) A property owner may apply for a permit to permanently locate an intermodal shipping container on a lot. Use of such intermodal shipping containers shall be limited to storage. The intermodal shipping container must be accessory to an existing principal structure, incidental, and subordinate to the principal structure.
1. Intermodal shipping containers must be screened from view at all property lines. The following are considered acceptable methods of screening:
 - a. Fencing.
 - b. Vegetation.
 2. Intermodal shipping containers must be setback at least fifty feet (50') from all lot lines.
 3. Intermodal shipping containers repurposed for use as buildings or structures shall be designed per the structural provisions in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, as applicable.
 4. The total floor area of all intermodal shipping containers on a lot shall not exceed 700 square feet without Planning Board site plan approval.
 5. Intermodal shipping containers shall not be located between the principal structure and the front lot line.
 6. Intermodal shipping containers must be in either new or single-use condition.
- B. Principal structure or use. Nonresidential zoning districts.

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- 1) Requirements. Use of an intermodal shipping container as a principal structure or use must comply with the applicable district regulations as well as the following standards: Shipping containers are permitted in nonresidential zoning districts subject to site plan review by the Planning Board and issuance of a shipping container permit by the CEO and further subject to the following standards:
- a) Intermodal shipping containers repurposed for use as buildings or structures shall be designed per the structural provisions in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, as applicable. Their use is limited to the temporary storage of goods, products or materials that are manufactured or assembled on the site or used in manufacturing and assembly on the site.
 - b) The total floor area of all shipping containers on a lot shall not exceed 700 square feet. For intermodal shipping containers modified off-site and delivered ready for occupancy use, a permit application shall include structural and architectural plans, and a letter or documentation from the manufacturer confirming the following:
 - 1. Location of where the structure was modified to its current condition.
 - 2. Certification that the structure, as modified, conforms to all applicable codes and standards, and adopted state laws and local ordinances.
 - 3. Documents and plans describing the manufactured structure's design, assembly, and installation, including the quality assurance practices.
 - 4. Manufacturer's certification label will be permanently affixed to the electrical panel, or in a conspicuous location, listing the company name, facility's address, date of issuance, and the applicable building code and year.
 - 5. Manufacturer must provide a one (1) year warranty per State statute.
 - 6. Letters from licensed installers and their associated plumbing, electrical, and HVAC credentials.

7. A Third-Party Inspector must be obtained by the applicant to ensure compliance with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), local ordinances, and other relevant safety standards.
- ~~c) For partially or unmodified intermodal shipping containers finished on-site, a permit application shall include structural and architectural plans, and all other requirements included on the building permit application. They are located outside of any required setback, parking space or vehicle maneuvering area.~~
- ~~d) Permit applications must be approved prior to the commencement of all work. A final inspection and Certificate of Occupancy from the Code Enforcement Officer are required prior to any occupancy of an intermodal shipping container. They do not adversely affect sight distance at any point of access from the site onto a public or private way.~~
- ~~e) Intermodal shipping containers must be in either new or single-use condition. They do not adversely affect stormwater flow across the site.~~
- ~~2) A property owner may apply for a shipping container permit from the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) to continue use of shipping containers on a nonresidential lot if he/she can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the CEO that such shipping containers were on his/her lot and in active use as of January 1, 2004. The CEO may not issue such permit unless the property owner has submitted a written application within six months of the effective date of this chapter. The application shall include a site plan that shows the location of all shipping containers in relation to existing improvements and demonstrates compliance with the standards of Subsection B(1)(a) through (e). In the event the site does not comply with one or more of the Subsection B(1) standards, the application shall include a written plan demonstrating how the site will be brought into conformance within three months of issuance of a shipping container permit. If the CEO determines that the site has not been brought into compliance with the Subsection B(1) standards within this time period, he/she may revoke the shipping container permit and order all shipping containers removed from the site.~~
- ~~3) Shipping containers may be temporarily placed on property in a Commercial or Industrial District where a construction project is occurring and utilized for the storage of construction materials, equipment, tools, etc. without a shipping container permit from the CEO. In all cases, such shipping containers shall not be placed where they will diminish or negatively impact sight distance, cause a hazard to the traveling public or negatively impact existing stormwater flow~~

~~across the site. Such shipping containers shall be removed within 30 days after the completion of the construction project. [Added 5-15-2004]~~

Land Use Ordinance § 300-12.2. – Terms Defined.

INTERMODAL SHIPPING CONTAINER — A six-sided steel unit originally constructed as a general cargo container used for the transport of goods and materials ~~roofed or unroofed container placed outdoors and used for the storage of goods, materials or merchandise, which is utilized in connection with a lawful principal or accessory use of the lot.~~ The term "intermodal storage container" includes, but is not limited to, containers such as boxcars, semi-trailers, roll-off containers, slide-off containers, railroad cars and "piggy-back" containers. The term "storage container" does not include:

- A. A garage, barn or storage structure accessory to a principal use, provided such structure is not of a type designed, equipped or customarily used for over-the-road transport of goods, materials or merchandise.
- B. A "dumpster"-type container that is owned by a licensed waste hauler and is emptied no less than once a month, provided that use of such container is incidental to the principal use of the property. **[Added 5-15-2004]**

Addendum 6 - Map Error Correction

23-05

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF

the
**LAND USE MAP
FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE**

§ 300-2.2. – LAND USE REGULATION MAP

§ 350-2.1. – DISTRICTS AND ZONING MAP

Summary of Changes: The current zoning map (amended last in 2014) has an error with the inset, which will be corrected by this amendment. In addition to the correction, we are slightly modifying the style of the map (stream protection color and wetland symbol).

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§ 300-2.2. Land Use Regulation Map.

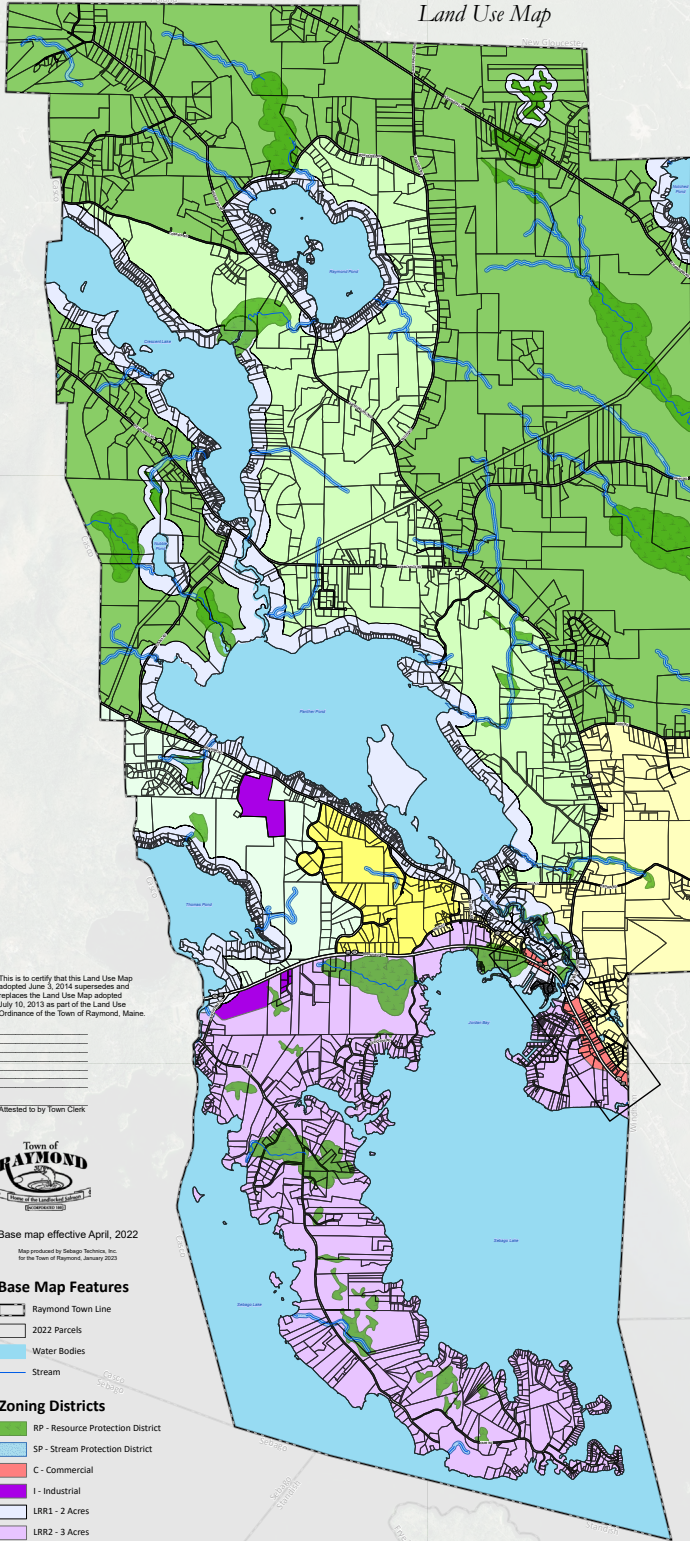
§ 350-2.1. Districts and Zoning Map.

Town of Raymond, Maine

Official Land Use Map



The depiction of the Shoreland District on the Land Use Map of the Town of Raymond as shown on the general location. The boundaries of these districts shall be determined by measurement of the distance indicated on the map from the normal high-water mark of the water body or upland edge of wetland vegetation, regardless of the boundary shown on the map.



This is to certify that this Land Use Map adopted June 3, 2014 supersedes and replaces the Land Use Map adopted July 10, 2013 as part of the Land Use Ordinance of the Town of Raymond, Maine.

Attested to by Town Clerk



Base map effective April, 2022

Map produced by Sebago Technics, Inc. for the Town of Raymond, January 2022

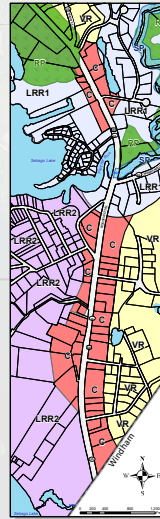
Base Map Features

- Raymond Town Line
- 2022 Parcels
- Water Bodies
- Stream

Zoning Districts

- RP - Resource Protection District
- SP - Stream Protection District
- C - Commercial
- I - Industrial
- LRR1 - 2 Acres
- LRR2 - 3 Acres
- R - Rural - 3 Acres
- RR - Rural Residential - 2 Acres
- RR-MH - Rural Residential - Mobile Home
- VR - Village Residential - 40,000 sq ft
- VR-MH - Village Residential - Mobile Home

Commercial District Inset Map



Scale: 1 inch = 1,000 feet
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Addendum 7 - Subdivision Notification

23-06

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF

the
**SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE
FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE**

Article 6(4) – AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SUBDIVISION PLAN

Article 7(4) – AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SUBDIVISION PLAN

Summary of Changes: This proposed amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance would require notification to be sent to all lot owners within a subdivision when an amendment to that subdivision has been proposed. Currently, notification is only sent to lot owners within 250' of the properties involved. If this amendment is approved all lot owners, regardless of the distance from the subject property, would be notified.

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Article 6

4. Amendments to Previously Approved Subdivision Plan

Prior to making any change, erasure, modification, or revision to a final Major Subdivision Plan which has been approved by the Board and endorsed in writing on the plan, the plan must be resubmitted to the Board for their review and approval of the proposed modifications. Prior to taking final action on any amended Major Subdivision Plan, the Planning Board may hold a public hearing ~~may be held~~ to afford the public the opportunity to comment on the application concerning a subdivision amendment as prescribed in Article 5, Section 1.F of this Ordinance. Notice of the time, place, and date, of such hearing, shall be sent not less than seven (7) days before the hearing to the owners of all existing lots on the Major Subdivision Plan. Property owners shall be those listed in the most recent tax records of the Town of Raymond. All amended plans must be signed by the Board and recorded in the Registry of Deeds within sixty (60) days of the date the plan is signed. Any amended plan not so filed or recorded within sixty (60) days of the date the plan is signed by the Planning Board shall become null and void, unless the particular circumstances of said applicant warrant the Board to grant an extension which shall not exceed two additional periods of sixty (60) days. The applicant shall provide the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) with a receipt from the Registry of Deeds within that time limit stating that the plan has been filed and giving the book and page numbers.

Article 7

4. Amendments to Previously Approved Subdivision Plan

Prior to making any change, erasure, modification, or revision to a Minor Subdivision Plan which has been approved by the Board and endorsed in writing on the plan, the plan must be

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resubmitted to the Board for their review and approval of the proposed modifications. Prior to taking final action on any amended Minor Subdivision Plan, the Planning Board may hold a public hearing to afford the public the opportunity to comment on the application ~~may be held concerning a subdivision amendment~~ as prescribed in ~~Section~~Article 7 1. F(E) above. Notice of the time, place, and date, of such hearing, shall be sent not less than seven (7) days before the hearing to the owners of all existing lots on the Minor Subdivision Plan. Property owners shall be those listed in the most recent tax records of the Town of Raymond. All amended plans must be signed by the Board and recorded in the Registry of Deeds within sixty (60) days of the date the plan is signed. Any amended plan not so filed or recorded within sixty (60) days of the date the plan is signed by the Planning Board shall become null and void, unless the particular circumstances of said applicant warrant the Board to grant an extension which shall not exceed two additional periods of sixty (60) days. Any extension of the 60-day period must be requested of the Planning Board before the previous 60-day period expires. The applicant shall provide the Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) with a receipt from the Registry of Deeds within that time limit stating that the plan has been filed and giving the book and page numbers.

Addendum 8 - Required for Consistency 30-A MRS § 4364-B

23-07

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF

the
**LAND USE ORDINANCE
FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE**

§ 300-9.26. – ACCESSORY APARTMENTS
§ 300-12.2. – TERMS DEFINED

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The
**SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE
FOR THE TOWN OF RAYMOND, MAINE**

§ 350-5.4. – TABLE OF LAND USES
§ 350-8.2. – TERMS DEFINED

Summary of Changes: The proposed amendment is necessary in order to maintain consistency with the new Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) law contained within LD 2003, 30-A M.R.S. § 4364-B.

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§ 300-9.26. Accessory Dwelling Unitsapartments. [Added 6-3-2015]

Accessory Dwelling Unitsapartments, constructed within an existing dwelling unit on a lot, attached to or sharing a wall with a single-family dwelling unit, or detached, as a new structure on the lot for the primary purpose of creating an accessory dwelling unit, shall be allowed on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit in any zone where housing is permitted, in a residential zone, provided that the existing structure and accessory apartment shall not cover the lot by more than 15%. The Appeals Board may grant an additional 5%. If the total number of bedrooms or potential bedrooms exceeds by more than one the number of bedrooms the septic system is designed for, a replacement or expanded system shall be designed and installed before occupancy. The accessory ~~apartment~~dwelling unit must be a minimum of 190 s.f. and shall not comprise more than 700 square feet of living space, excluding stairways. Not more than one accessory ~~dwelling unit~~apartment shall be permitted per parcel. No additional parking is required for an accessory dwelling unit beyond the parking requirements of the single-family dwelling unit on the lot where the accessory dwelling unit is located.

§ 300-12.2. Terms defined.

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Accessory Dwelling Unit Apartments – A separate dwelling unit ~~of no more than 700 square feet, excluding stairways, either attached or detached, and~~ located on the same parcel with a single-family dwelling. The ~~accessory dwelling unit apartment~~ shall contain a kitchen and bathroom which are separate from and not used in common with the principal dwelling unit.

§ 350-5.4. Table of Land Uses. [Amended 6-14-2022]

Table 1 Land Uses in the Shoreland Zone				
Land Uses		RP	SP	LRR1 LRR2
16A.	Accessory dwelling units apartments	no	no	CEO

Notes:

- * There may be additional performance standards in Article 9 of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance beyond those in Article 6 of these shoreland zoning provisions.
- ** Home occupations are those land uses that conform with the requirements of Article 9. A home occupation that conforms to Article 9 and that is specifically permitted by Article 11 of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance shall be considered a permitted use in the Limited Residential/Recreation I and II Districts. All other home occupations not specifically listed in the definitions of home occupations in Article 12 of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance shall be considered conditional uses that must conform to the standards set forth in Article 9, § 300-9.2, of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance and that must be reviewed and approved by the Appeals Board.
- *** Allowed single-family structures shall include those units commonly called "modular homes" or "Type 2 manufactured homes" as defined in the definition of "manufactured housing" in Article 12, § 300-12.2, Terms defined; which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with Title 10, Chapter 975, and rules adopted under that chapter, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, which are not constructed on a permanent chassis and are designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning or electrical systems contained in the unit.
 1. (Reserved)²
 2. Requires permit from the Code Enforcement Officer if more than 100 square feet of surface area, in total, are disturbed.

² Editor's Note: Original Note 1 was repealed 6-7-2012.

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3. In RP not permitted in areas so designated because of wildlife value.
 4. See further restrictions in § 350-6.14B(2).
 5. Except for Panther Run's floodplain, in which case a permit is required from the Planning Board.
 6. Except to provide for permitted uses within the district, or where no reasonable alternative route or location is available outside the RP area, in which case a permit is required from the Planning Board.
 7. Excluding bridges and other crossings not involving earthwork, in which case no permit is required.
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§ 350-8.2. – Terms defined.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT APARTMENT — A separate dwelling unit ~~of no more than 700 square feet, either attached or detached and~~ located on the same parcel with a single-family dwelling. The accessory dwelling unit apartment shall contain a kitchen and bathroom which are separate from and not used in common with the principal dwelling.

Special Town Meeting Minutes - August 8, 2023

Town of Raymond
August 15, 2023
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

TO: Don McClellan, a resident of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Broadcast Studio at 423 Webbs Mills Road in said town on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., then and there to act on Articles 1 through 2 as set out below.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Nomination made and seconded for Joe Bruno. Call for nominations to cease.
Voted 3-0

Mr Bruno was sworn in by Town Clerk Look

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will authorize medical cannabis retail store locations operating with municipal approval as of December 13, 2018, to operate pursuant to a medical cannabis dispensary registration or a caregiver registration, in compliance with all applicable state and local requirements?

NOTE OF EXPLANATION: *This change in no way allows any sale of recreational use cannabis in the Town of Raymond. It does allow the 2 medical use sites currently grandfathered to operate in Raymond to register with the State of Maine as either a medical caregiver or a medical dispensary.*

The Maine State Statues (Title 22, Chapter 558-C: Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act) §2422. Definitions include the following:

1-F. Caregiver retail store. "Caregiver retail store" means a store that has attributes generally associated with retail stores, including, but not limited to, a fixed location, a sign, regular business hours, accessibility to the public and sales of goods or services directly to a consumer, and that is used by a registered caregiver to offer cannabis plants or harvested cannabis for sale to qualifying patients.

6. Registered dispensary or dispensary. "Registered dispensary" or "dispensary" means an entity registered under section 2425-A that acquires, possesses, cultivates, manufactures, delivers, transfers, transports, sells, supplies or dispenses cannabis plants or harvested cannabis or related supplies and educational materials to qualifying patients and the caregivers of those patients.

Motion to approve as presented by Mrs Sadak. Seconded by Mr Olsen.
Vote 9-0

Motion to adjourn at 5:35pm by Mrs Sadak. Seconded by Mr Olsen.
Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look, Town Clerk



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Maine Senate Chambers

Maine House of Representative Chambers



Report of US Senator Susan Collins

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Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the U.S. Senate. I am grateful for the trust that Mainers have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments for our state.

Last year, I secured more than \$500 million for 285 projects from Aroostook County to York County that will promote job creation, workforce training, and economic development; expand access to health care; improve public safety, infrastructure, and community resources; and protect our environment. To address the crisis of soaring inflation and high energy prices, I led efforts to provide \$2 billion in supplemental funds to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. In the new Congress that begins in 2023, I expect to be the Vice Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and will continue to champion investments to support Maine's communities and families.

Strengthening our economy and supporting good jobs remain a top priority. Along with the Governor and the rest of the Maine Delegation and the associations representing the lobster industry, I worked to protect our hardworking lobstermen and women by pausing for six years the onerous federal regulations that jeopardize our lobster fishery's very existence. Another ongoing threat to Maine's small businesses is the shortage of workers. That's why I led an effort to push the Administration to nearly double the number of H-2B visas that are critical to our hospitality industry. Additionally, when the Administration proposed to cut the construction of a destroyer to be built by Bath Iron Works, I restored this funding to protect Maine jobs and our national security.

When Maine Veterans' Homes announced last year that it planned to close its facilities in Caribou and Machias, I opposed that decision which would have had such a devastating effect on rural veterans and their families. I am glad that the decision was reversed, and I have secured \$3 million to help with upgrades to these facilities. My *AUTO for Vets Act* also became law, which will help disabled veterans maintain their independence by supporting the purchase of a new adaptive vehicle once a decade.

This past year, Congress demonstrated how effective it can be on behalf of the American people when both parties work together. A few of the bipartisan achievements that I was involved in include the *Respect for Marriage Act*, which will provide certainty to millions of loving couples in same-sex marriages while protecting religious liberties, and the *Electoral Count Reform Act*, which establishes clear guidelines for our system of certifying and counting electoral votes for President and Vice President.

No one works harder than the people of Maine, and I have honored that work ethic by showing up for every vote. During my Senate service, I have cast more than 8,500 consecutive votes, never having missed one. I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2023. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact one of my six state offices.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

Report of US Senator Angus King

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January 1, 2023

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Dear Friends,

I've often thought that Maine is just one big small town connected by long roads. Well, in the past year or two, those roads have gotten steeper and bumpier as we dealt with an unprecedented pandemic and the resulting economic troubles.

As we faced the historic challenges, something impressive happened. We came together and lent a hand to our neighbors wherever we could to keep things running and spirits high.

Down in Washington, Congress tried to help Maine communities get through this struggle, so that our state would come out stronger. To do that, we put in the work and set some things into motion that are already helping Maine people. That's why you hired us, after all.

The pandemic made something we'd known for a while clear: those roads and networks that connect our big town needed repair, improvements, and expansion – from bridges to broadband. So, while Maine was uniting towards a common purpose, Congress came together to pass the *Bipartisan Infrastructure Law* – legislation that makes generational investments in physical infrastructure, broadband connections, harbors, and the energy grid. These efforts will lay the foundation for Maine's 21st century economy and make sure even the most rural areas aren't left behind.

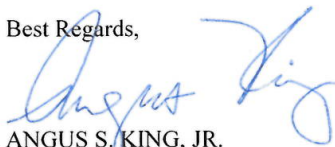
Over the last two years, as we drove up and down our state, you couldn't help but see storefronts in trouble and prices rising as the economy struggled through a global recession. And again, while you focused your efforts on getting through the difficult times, Congress took meaningful action. We passed the *American Rescue Plan* in 2021, which enabled Governor Mills and the state of Maine to better meet the health and economic difficulties of the pandemic. At a critical moment it expanded healthcare efforts to confront COVID and invested in the state to keep the economy in far better shape than most others nationwide.

Congress didn't stop there. This year, we took even more concrete steps to cut costs, create jobs, and provide more affordable, cleaner energy. The bipartisan *CHIPS Act* will bring home the manufacturing of the technical components known as "chips" that are used in everything these days – from smartphones to microwaves to cars – and in doing so reduce prices and create good American jobs. We also passed the *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* to lower healthcare costs, allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices, and cut energy bills with new rebates for things like heat pumps and solar panels.

Beyond these major investments, we also passed vital legislation to improve the day-to-day lives of Maine people and Americans nationwide. On a bipartisan basis, we expanded health care for veterans exposed to toxins, strengthened protections for marriage equality, supported Ukraine as it fought off a bloody Russian invasion, secured our elections and the peaceful transfer of power, and delivered millions in federal investments to projects up and down our state.

So, as Maine worked to get through hard times, Congress took steps to support our state – and we're already starting to see brighter days ahead. I'm proud to have played a small part down here; it's a true privilege to listen to you, work with you, and build a brighter future for all the incredible people up and down the roads that connect our big small town. Mary and I wish you a happy, and safe 2023.

Best Regards,



ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator

AUGUSTA
40 Western Avenue, Suite 412
Augusta, ME 04330
(207) 622-8292

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202 Harlow Street, Suite 20350
Bangor, ME 04401
(207) 945-8000

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Report of US Representative Chellie Pingree

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is my honor and privilege to serve the people of Maine's First District in Washington, DC, and I appreciate the opportunity to share this annual update with you.

This past year, our state faced unprecedented challenges, mirroring the difficulties experienced by communities across the nation. High inflation rates, a rapidly changing climate, aging infrastructure, and increasing energy costs were among the top concerns I heard while home in the district. Keeping these in mind, I was proud to work with my colleagues in the Maine Delegation to pass historic legislation to bring federal dollars back to our communities.

One of the ways we delivered for Mainers was through the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) in August. This law provides much-needed assistance to struggling families. With the help of the IRA, Americans will save an average of \$800 per year on health insurance and Medicare beneficiaries will have increased access to medication.

Additionally, the IRA offers billions of dollars to expand rebate programs for Americans who wish to make their homes more energy efficient. Homeowners can now receive up to a 30 percent tax incentive for the cost of home solar installations and a 30 percent incentive when investing in a heat pump. Over the next decade, these rebates will offer Mainers thousands of dollars in savings while decreasing fuel costs for winters to come.

In 2022, Congress also passed meaningful legislation to help create skilled jobs in the construction, manufacturing, and engineering sectors. The Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Act will allow the U.S. to advance its leadership in the development of semiconductors used in the manufacturing of computers, cell phones, cars, and numerous other technologies we rely on. By developing this industry at home, we can bolster our national security and lessen our reliance on foreign technology.

As I look toward this Congress, I am excited to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to improve the lives of Maine people. It is critically important that we continue to take action to increase job growth, decrease inflation, take measures to promote our national security and invest in our health care and education systems.

Each year my office receives over 40,000 calls, letters, and emails from Mainers. I recognize the tremendous trust you place in having me represent you in Washington and by sharing your stories, thoughts, and concerns. Please rest assured, I will continue to fight for the interests of Mainers in Congress, and my staff and I will do everything we can to ensure your needs are met.

Sincerely,
Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress

Report of Governor Janet Mills



STATE OF MAINE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0001

Dear Maine Resident:

In January, I was privileged to take the Oath of Office to begin my second term as your Governor. I am deeply humbled by the trust the people of Maine have placed in me, and I look forward to continuing to work hard over the next four years to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

Over the past four years, we have made real progress. We have expanded health care, leading to the largest decline in the uninsured rate of any state in the nation. We fully funded the State's share of public education. We delivered two-years of free community college. We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent. We delivered substantial tax relief, nation-leading inflation relief, and emergency energy relief to help Maine people through difficult times.

Through the Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, we are strengthening and diversifying our economy. In 2022, our state's gross domestic product – a key measure of economic growth – grew at the 9th fastest rate in the United States. People are moving to Maine at a rate higher than any other New England state, and at one of the highest rates in the nation. We have enacted balanced budgets, and we have built up Maine's "Rainy Day" fund to a record high, preparing our state to continue meeting its commitments in the event of an economic downturn.

While I am proud of the progress we have made, there is more to do, like addressing the housing crisis, the workforce shortage, and the opioid epidemic and strengthening health care, education, and the economy. I know that by working together to tackle these issues head-on, we can improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people and make Maine the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Governor.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Janet Mills'.

Janet T. Mills
Governor

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888-577-6690 (TTY)

FAX: (207) 287-1034

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General Information

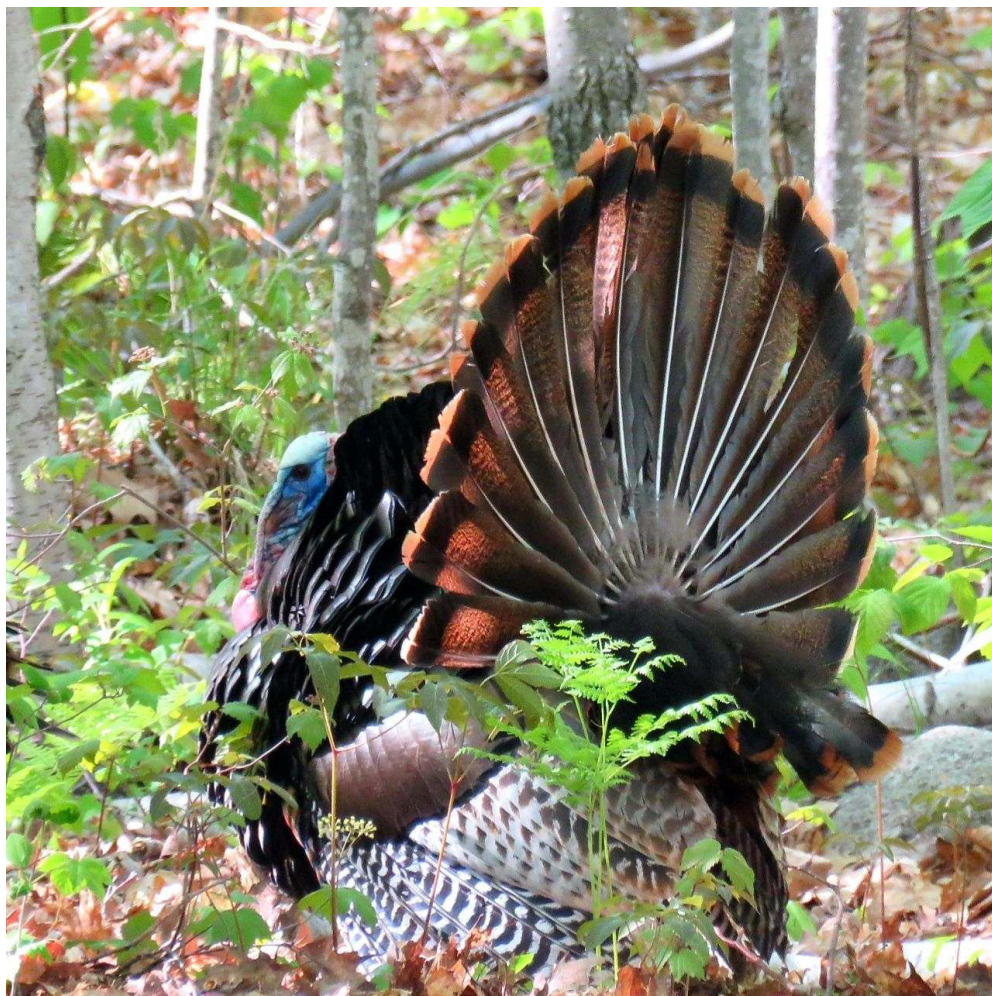


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Town of Raymond Information

Animal Control

Lost Pets:

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

Animal Refuge League, 449 Stroudwater Street, Westbrook, Maine.

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

Assessing Office

The Assessing Office is open during regular Town Office hours (8:30am to 4:00pm) Wednesday thru Friday. The Contract Assessor has hours on Thursdays; the rest of the time an assistant assessor is available.

Information about your property valuation, exemptions, and abatements is found in this office.

Beach, Public

Tassel Top Park: [Roosevelt Trail/Route 302]

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

Park/Beach Hours (weather permitting):

- Memorial Day weekend to June 14 - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- June 15 to August 15 - 9:00 am to 7:30 pm
- August 16 to Labor Day - 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

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

Crescent Lake Beach: [Webbs Mills Road/Route 85]

Crescent Lake beach is a small beach where Raymond Recreation Association swimming lessons are held.

Raymond Beach: [Roosevelt Trail/Route 302]

Boat Haul Outs

Jordan Bay on Sebago Lake:

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

Crescent Lake:

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

Town of Raymond Information

Cable Access Channels

Raymond's cable franchise is with Spectrum.

- Municipal: Channel 2
- School: Channel 3

Certified Copies – Birth, Marriage or Death

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

Code Enforcement Office

Permits, Building and Septic, Etc:

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

Fire & Rescue Department

Burning Permits:

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

Call 911:

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

Food Pantry

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

Genealogy Research

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

General Assistance

Application:

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

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, dealer invoice showing sales tax paid, blue Title Application form, and a current insurance card for that vehicle.

Trailer (utility, boat, snowmobile): bill of sale, if over 3,000 lbs. title or MCO (Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin) form.

Trailer (RV, horse with living quarters): bill of sale, if over 3,000 lbs. title or MCO (Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin) form.

Motor Vehicle Registration – Re-Registration:

Car/truck: old registration and current insurance card for that vehicle.

Trailers: old registration

Schools

RSU #14 (Windham, Raymond) Schools:

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

Selectmen Agenda

Agenda Item Submission:

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

Taxes

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

Town Office

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

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 13, 2023

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor

Joe Bruno, Chair, 2024
Rolf Olsen, Vice-Chair, 2025
Teresa Sadak, 2025
Samuel Gifford, 2026
Derek Ray, 2026

Town Manager [655-4742 x131]

Donald Willard

Finance Director [655-4742 x132]

Charisse Keach

Town Clerk [655-4742 x121]

Susan L Look

Tax Collector [655-4742 x122]

Suzanne Carr

GA Administrator [655-4742 x129]

Jennie Silverblade

Superintendent - RSU #14 [892-1800]

Christopher Howell

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

Michelle N Brann

Fire Chief [655-1187]

Bruce D Tupper

Deputy Chief [EMS] [655-1187]

Lee O'Connor

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

Nathan L White

Emergency Management Agency

Bruce D Tupper, Director

Health Officer

Catherine Gosselin

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

Jessica Jackson

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

Alex Sirois

Registrar of Voters [655-4742 x 121]

Susan L Look

Town Attorney

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson

RSU #14 School Committee [Raymond]

Char Jewell, 2025
Kate Leveille, 2024
Jodi Carroll, 2026

Budget/Finance Committee

Robert Gosselin, 2024, Chair
Deanna Lee, 2025
Karen Lockwood, 2025
Frank McDermott, 2026
Shawn McKillop, 2025
Denis Morse, 2024
1 vacant seat

Planning Board

Robert O'Neill, Chair, 2026
Edward Kranich, Vice-Chair, 2025
Mark Childs, 2025
Michael D'Arcangelo, 2024
Greg Foster, 2026
Mike Richmond, 2024
Kevin Woodbrey, 2025

Town Planner

James Seymour, Sebago Technics

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

David Murch, 2024, Chair
Greg Dean, 2025
Thomas Hennessey, 2024
Pete Lockwood, 2026
Frederick Miller, 2026
Alternate, vacant

Elected State Representatives

Senator Tim Nangle

Representing Senate District 26, which includes Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, Windham, and part of Westbrook.



Address: 3 SHS, Augusta ME 04333

Cel Phone: (207) 650-4407

Contact Information: Senate Democratic Office (207) 287-1515

Email: timothy.nangle@legislature.maine.gov

Legislative Website: <http://www.mainesenate.org>

Committee Membership: State & Local Government, Chair, Transportation

Representative Jessica Fay

Representing House District 86, which includes Casco, part of Poland, Raymond and Frye Island.

Address: 141 Spiller Hill Road, Raymond, ME 04071



Cell Phone: (207) 415-4218

Business Telephone: (207) 329-6148

E-Mail: Jessica.Fay@legislature.maine.gov

State House Message Phone: (800) 423-2900

State House TTY Line: (207) 287-4469

Committee: Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Town of Raymond, ME 04071

Maine Area Code is 207

EMERGENCY

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

UTILITIES

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

TOWN OFFICE

401 Webbs Mills Rd	
Don Willard, Town Manager	655-4742
<u>Hours:</u>	
Tues 8:30am-7:00pm	
Wed-Fri 8:30am-4:00pm	
Sat- Mon Closed	

RAYMOND VILLAGE LIBRARY

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

SCHOOLS

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

COMMUNITY MEETING LOCATIONS

<u>Jordan-Small Middle School</u>	655-4743
<u>Raymond Elementary School</u>	655-8672
<u>Town Office, Broadcast Studio</u>	655-4742
<u>Public Safety Building</u>	655-1187
<u>Raymond Village Library</u>	655-4283
<u>Raymond Village Community Church</u>	655-7749

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

<u>Lions Club</u> – Bob Fey	655-5041
<u>Raymond Recreation</u> – Sarah Davis	272-7541
<u>Raymond Baseball</u> – Joe Troiano	891-7681
<u>Raymond-Casco Historical Society</u>	
Frank McDermott.....	655-4646
<u>Raymond Conservation Commission</u>	
John Rand	655-4277

Scouts:

Cub Scouts – David Fletcher	655-5080
Boy Scouts – Matthew Witten.....	233-5060
<i>Meetings Tues 6:30pm Raymond Village Church, Sept thru June</i>	

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

<u>Food Pantry</u> – Gary Bibeau.....	655-4334
2 nd & 4 th Thurs from 4pm to 6pm	

<u>General Assistance</u> – Jennie Silverblade	655-4742 x129
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<u>Lake Region Explorer (bus)</u>	774-2666
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People's Regional Opportunity Program (PROP):

Head Start, Fuel Assistance, WIC, etc.	
1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800	

Senior Services:

Community Health Services	775-7231
Meals on Wheels	1-800-400-6325
Regional Transportation	1-800-244-0704
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	1-800-427-7411
Social Security.....	1-800-722-1213

<u>Sexual Assault Response Services</u>	1-800-313-9900
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TTY	1-888-458-5599
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<u>Tri-County Mental Health Services</u>	1-888-568-1112
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OUTDOOR LOCATIONS (no supervision implied)

Beaches:

Crescent Lake Beach	655-4742
- free public beach, free boat launch	
Raymond Beach, Route 302	655-4742
- free public beach, free boat launch	
Tassel Top Beach, Route 302.....	655-4675
- beach, swimming, picnicking, cabin rentals	
- fees charged	

<u>Jordan-Small Middle School</u>	655-4743
- fields, basketball court, wooded trails	

<u>Morgan Meadow, FL 268, 1 Egypt Rd</u>	655-4742
- multi use trails, cross country skiing, snow shoeing	

Rattlesnake Mountain Trail

- multi use trails across from 743 Webbs Mills Rd	
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Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club

- Larry Wood	655-5469
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<u>Sheri Gagnon Memorial Park, Mill St</u>	655-4742
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- playing fields, playground, picnic	
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