

Town of Raymond
June 10, 2025
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TO: Nathan White, a constable 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 assemble in the Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium of said town on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, A.D. 2025, at seven (7:00) o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the articles listed below.

The polls will open as soon as Article 1 has been acted upon and will remain open to vote on Articles 2 through 33 until eight (8:00) o'clock in the evening.

The Registrar hereby gives notice that the Town Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of registering voters and correcting the list of voters on Friday, May 30, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, June 3, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday, June 5, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Friday, June 6, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Registrar will be in the Jordan-Small Middle School Gymnasium on Election Day, June 10, 2025, until the closing of the polls to register voters and to correct names and addresses.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator by written ballot.

ARTICLE 2: To elect by secret ballot the following Town Officials, namely two (2) Select Board members, for three-year terms; three (3) 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.

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, 2025, and the 2nd half of taxes due to April 30, 2026;
2. Set the interest rate for unpaid balances and for abated taxes at seven and a half percent (7.5%) for the fiscal year;
3. Authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506, with no interest; and
4. Authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any property acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes pursuant to the policy adopted by the Select Board, as may be amended from time to time, the policy to remain consistent with State statutes and laws; in all cases conveyance to be made by municipal quitclaim deed.

Select Board recommends Question A

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question A

ARTICLE 4: Referendum Question B: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,125,416** for General Government Services (Administration; Assessing; Code Enforcement; Employee Benefits; General Assistance; Insurances; Recreation; and Technology).

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Administration</i>	<i>\$724,316</i>
<i>Assessing</i>	<i>\$98,257</i>
<i>Code Enforcement</i>	<i>\$250,650</i>
<i>Employee Benefits</i>	<i>\$1,332,504</i>
<i>General Assistance</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>Insurances, Workers Comp</i>	<i>\$187,639</i>
<i>Recreation</i>	<i>\$294,850</i>
<i>Technology</i>	<i>\$222,200</i>

Select Board recommends Question B

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question B

ARTICLE 5: Referendum Question C: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,627,495** for Public Works.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Public Works</i>	<i>\$1,095,156</i>
<i>Town Buildings</i>	<i>\$47,250</i>
<i>Solid Waste</i>	<i>\$457,089</i>
<i>Cemeteries</i>	<i>\$28,000</i>

Select Board recommends Question C

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question C

ARTICLE 6: Referendum Question D: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,445,806** for Public Safety.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<i>Fire/Rescue Department</i>	<i>\$1,396,990</i>
<i>Animal Control</i>	<i>\$48,816</i>

Select Board recommends Question D

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question D

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 Question E
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question E

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 Question F
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question F

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 Question G
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question G

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 Question H
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question H

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 \$700,000.

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

ARTICLE 12: Referendum Question J: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$511,177** from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2025-2026 project proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program (for details see Addendum 1).

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

ARTICLE 13: Referendum Question K: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Tassel Top Park Enterprise fund the amount of **\$144,500** for the administration of activities at the Park, and to allocate all revenues generated by Park operations to be recorded in and retained by the Tassel Top Park Enterprise fund.

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

ARTICLE 14: Referendum Question L: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Recreation Programs special revenue fund the amount of **\$198,500** for the administration of activities at the programs, and to allocate all revenues generated by program operations to be recorded in and retained by the Recreation Programs Enterprise fund.

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

ARTICLE 15: Referendum Question M: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$578,840** for Debt Services.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

<u>2022 Lease Purchase Rescue Pumper Truck</u>	<u>\$58,063</u>
<u>2023 Tassel Top Snack Shack & PW Garage Design</u>	<u>\$266,800</u>
<u>2024 Broadband Fiber Ring Loan</u>	<u>\$253,977</u>

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

ARTICLE 16: Referendum Question N: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$203,701** for the Raymond Village Library.

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

ARTICLE 17: Referendum Question O: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$415,000** and move from abandoned or completed projects that have been carried forward in the CIP **\$135,623** (a total of \$550,623) for the Capital Improvement Program.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

Raise & Appropriate

<i>Public Works Equipment</i>	<i>\$281,373</i>
<i>Public Works Paving</i>	<i>\$119,791</i>
<i>Public Safety Fire Apparatus Reserve</i>	<i>\$13,836</i>

Carry Forward & move

<i>Public Works Equipment</i>	<i>\$34,603</i>
<i>Public Works Paving</i>	<i>\$66,417</i>
<i>Public Safety Fire Apparatus Reserve</i>	<i>\$34,603</i>

Select Board recommends Question O

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question O

ARTICLE 18: Referendum Question P: To see whether the Town will vote to carry forward any existing fund balance in the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) accounts, the Healthcare Reimbursement Accounts (H.R.A.), and the Employee Compensation Account.

Select Board recommends Question P

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question P

ARTICLE 19: Referendum Question Q: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$67,500** for the RTP Micro-Van Service.

Select Board recommends Question Q

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question Q

ARTICLE 20: Referendum Question R: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$13,250** for Provider Agencies: \$1,500 for Crescent Lake Watershed Association, \$750 for the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce, \$10,000 for the Thomas Pond Dam Restoration, and \$1,000 to be used at the Town Manager's discretion.

Select Board recommends Question R

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question R

ARTICLE 21: Referendum Question S: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$2,221,180 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 Question S

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question S

ARTICLE 22: Referendum Question T: To see if the Town will vote to accept certain State Funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, 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 Question T

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question T

ARTICLE 23: Referendum Question U: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Town employees and/or Town owned equipment or independent contractor(s) hired by the Town for maintenance on private roads in special and certain circumstances where in the public's interest.

Select Board recommends Question U

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question U

ARTICLE 24: Referendum Question V: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance \$642,568 for the employee benefits liability.

Select Board recommends Question V

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question V

ARTICLE 25: Referendum Question W: To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement for an amount not to exceed **\$1,600,000** not including interest and/or legal fees on such terms as they deem advisable for the purpose of purchasing a new stock ladder truck, and
2. Raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed **\$187,348.08** for the payment due in fiscal year 2025-2026 for the ten (10) year lease

Treasurer's Statement

Total Indebtedness as of June 30, 2025:

<i>Outstanding Principal Balance</i>	<i>\$ 1,447,746</i>
<i>Authorized but unissued debt</i>	<i>\$ 0</i>
<i>New Debt to be issued if this question passes</i>	<i><u>\$ 1,447,746</u></i>
<i>Total Debt Outstanding if this question passes</i>	<i>\$000,000</i>

Costs

The projected interest rate is 4.984% per annum for a ten (10) year term, the estimated costs of this lease purchase will be as follows:

<i>Principal</i>	<i>\$1,447,746.00</i>
<i>Interest</i>	<i><u>\$ 425,734.80</u></i>
<i>Total Debt Service</i>	<i>\$1,873,480.80</i>

Validity Disclaimer

The validity and voters' ratification of the new debt may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the new debt varies from the estimate, the ratification by the voters is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the new debt is not affected by reason of the variance.

Respectfully,

Brenda Fox-Howard
Finance Director

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

ARTICLE 26: Referendum Question X: This item is intentionally left blank.

ARTICLE 27: Referendum Question Y: Shall Article 4, Section 2.B. “Number of Copies” and Article 5, Section 2.B. “Number of Copies”, and Article 6, Section 2.A. “Number of Copies”, and Article 7, Section 2.B. “Number of Copies” of the Subdivision Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 4, 2019; and Article 10.3.A.3.b. “Applications” and Article 10.4.A.3. “Submission Requirements” of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 11, 2024, 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 Question Y

Select Board recommends Question Y

Description: Administrative – Reducing the number of hard copies required for submissions.

ARTICLE 28: Referendum Question Z: Shall Article 10.3.A.10.a. “Expiration of Approval” of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 11, 2024, 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 Question Z

Select Board recommends Question Z

Description: Administrative – Clarification on the standards for approvals on extensions of permits.

ARTICLE 29: Referendum Question AA: Shall Article 5.5. – Footnote 3 “Street Design Standards” of the Town of Raymond Street Ordinance, adopted May 18, 2002, and amended through June 2, 2015, 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 Question AA
Select Board recommends Question AA

Description: Administrative – Clarification on the Reviewing Authority.

ARTICLE 30: Referendum Question AB: Shall Article 6.3.E.3. “Appeals Procedure” of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 11, 2024, 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 Question AB
Select Board recommends Question AB

Description: Administrative – Aligning appeals noticing timeframe to State statute.

ARTICLE 31: Referendum Question AC: Shall Article 6.2.B.1. “Shore and road frontage” and Article 6.4.E. “Piers, docks, wharves, bridges, and other structures and uses extending over or below normal high-water line of water bodies or within wetlands” of the Town of Raymond Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 11, 2024, be further amended by adding the underscored language and diagram and removing the language in strikeout text as in Addendum #6?

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

Planning Board recommends Question AC
Select Board recommends Question AC

Description: Administrative – Clarification on shore frontage and dock design.

ARTICLE 32: Referendum Question AD: Shall Article 12.2. "Terms Defined" of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 11, 2024, 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 Question AD
Select Board recommends Question AD

Description: Administrative – Clarifying the definition of a 'Solar Energy System', providing definitions for 'Accessory Solar Energy System' and 'Principal Solar Energy System', adding a definition for 'Building-Integrated Solar Energy System', clarifying definition for 'Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System', and clarifying definition for 'Building Mounted Solar Energy System'.

ARTICLE 33: Referendum Question AE: Shall Section 3 "Administration", Section 6 "Compliance", and Section 7 "New Construction & Subdivisions" of the Town of Raymond Addressing Ordinance, adopted March 15, 1997, and amended through June 5, 2018, 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 Question AE
Select Board recommends Question AE


Description: Administrative – Clarification on the Reviewing Authority.

*Signatures on next page

Given under our hands on the 10th day of April AD 2025.


Rolf Olsen, Chair


Teresa Sadak, Vice Chair


Derek Ray

Samuel Gifford


Denis Morse