

**TOWN OF RAYMOND, NEW
HAMPSHIRE 2022 Warrant Articles**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Rockingham, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet in the Raymond High School Gymnasium on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 10:00AM to participate in the first session of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Furthermore, you are hereby notified that the polls will be open at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 a.m. and you may cast your vote on the official ballot questions below and to vote on all warrant articles from the First Session of the annual meeting until at least 7:00 p.m. of the same day.

Warrant Article 01 – Elected Officials:

Board of Selectman	(2) open positions for a 3-year term
Board of Selectman	(1) open position for a 1-year term
Budget Committee	(2) open positions for a 3-year term
Budget Committee	(1) open position for a 1-year term
Ethics Committee	(2) open positions for a 3-year term
Trustees of Trust funds	(1) open position for a 3-year term
Library Trustee	(1) open position for a 3-year term
Town Moderator	(1) open position for a 2-year term
Planning Board	(2) open positions for a 3-year term
Planning Board	(1) open positions for a 1-year term
Supervisors of the Checklist	(1) open position for a 6-year term

Warrant Article 02 – Citizen Petition: Discontinuation of Town Manager Position:

Shall the Town of Raymond discontinue the Town Manager position (RSA 37:13) on the second Tuesday of April this year and replace the position with a Town Administrator? The Town Administrator's salary shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, after a public hearing. (The wording used in this article is allowed by RSA 31:130.)

This is a citizen petition warrant article.

Warrant Article 03 – Zoning Amendment :

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to the Raymond Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows: Amend sections 4.5.2, 15.2.6 and 15.2.7 to clarify that setbacks required for uses abutting properties in different zoning districts are measured from the property line, not the zone boundary line.

Recommended by Planning Board

Warrant Article 04 – Zoning Amendment:

Are you in favor of Amendment No. 3 to the Raymond Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, as follows: Amend section 15.1 to combine all area and dimensional tables (minimum lot size requirements, minimum frontage requirements, and minimum setback requirements) into one Proposed Area and Dimensional Requirements Table and to increase the required dimensions for lots in Zone A which are not served by town water to be consistent with those properties in Zone B. Specifically, properties in Zone A which are not served by town water will be required to have a minimum of 87,120 square feet (2 acres) where 40,000 square feet is currently required; a minimum of 200 feet of frontage, where 150 feet are currently required, and setbacks of 30 feet, where 25 feet are currently required.

Recommended by Planning Board

Warrant Article 05 – Zoning Amendment Article 5, Table 5.1.1:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to amend Article 5, Table 5.1.1 to include the Bean Tavern, 10 Old Fremont Road, Map #23, Lot #60 into Zone F, the Historic Overlay District.

This is a citizen petition warrant article.

Recommended by Planning Board

Warrant Article 06 – Operating Budget/Default Budget:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Eight Million, Six Hundred and Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$8,606,539)**

Components of the Operating Budget include:

\$ 7,759,991	Town Operating Budget
\$ 846,548	Water Department Operating Budget
\$ 8,606,539	Total

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Eight Million, Six Hundred Nineteen Thousand, Seven Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars (\$8,619,798)** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Raymond or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Components of the Default Budget include:

\$ 7,770,909	Town Operating Budget
\$ 848,889	Water Department Operating Budget
\$ 8,619,798	Total

Note: This operating budget Warrant Article does not include appropriations contained in any other Warrant Article.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact Operating Budget: \$3.939

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact Default Budget: \$3.949

Warrant Article 07 – Capital Improvements:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand and Ten Dollars (\$366,010)** to be deposited into previously established Capital Reserve Funds (listed below) and to apportion this sum among the several funds as listed below, naming the Board of Selectmen as agents thereof? (Majority Vote Required)

General Government Buildings Maintenance & Improvements	\$
118,450 Highway Department Vehicle Repair & Replacement	\$
41,200	
Highway Department Heavy Equipment	\$ 46,350
Bridge & Culvert	\$ 35,535
Sidewalks	\$ 0
Master Plan Updates	\$ 0
New Town Facilities	\$ 0
Library	\$ 0
Police Department & Dispatch Equipment, Vehicle, & Facilities	\$ 10,660

Fire Department Equipment and Vehicle	\$ 103,000
Recreation Department Equipment, Vehicles & Facilities	\$ 0
Parks Equipment & Facilities	<u>\$ 10,815</u>
TOTALS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 366,010

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.277

Warrant Article 8 – Capital Reserve Funds (Water Revenues):

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)** to be deposited into previously established Capital Reserve Funds (listed below) and to apportion this sum among the several funds as listed below? These funds shall be paid by Water Revenues. (Majority Vote Required)

Construct, Repair & Maintain Town Water Treatment Facility	\$
50,000 Water System Infrastructure	\$
45,000	
Water Storage Facilities	\$ 100,000
Water Department Utility Replace Vehicle	\$ 3,000
New Well Site Acquisitions	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 200,000

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 9 – Mosquito Control:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** for the purpose of controlling the adult mosquito population in the Town of Raymond? Methods to include, but may not be limited to, spraying bacterial insecticide into stagnant water for mosquito larvae control, and other reasonable steps to achieve adequate control. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.030

Warrant Article 10 – Town of Raymond Scholarship Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000)** to be placed in the Town of Raymond Scholarship Fund for Raymond High School Senior Graduates and any Raymond resident attending their first year of college (established pursuant to Warrant Article 23 at the 2000 Town Meeting)? Said funds are to be administered by the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
 Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.002

Warrant Article 11 – 4th of July 2022 Community Event:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000)** to help offset the expenses incurred associated with the 4th of July 2022 community event? (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.004

Warrant Article 12 – Social Services Agencies:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars (\$34,372)** in support of the following? (Majority Vote Required)

Social Service Agencies	Amount
HAVEN	\$ 4,175
Court Appointed Service Advocates	\$ 1,500
Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County	\$ 2,000
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 600
Raymond Coalition for Youth	\$10,000
Chamber Children’s Fund	\$ 3,000
Rockingham County Nutrition Program	\$ 6,247
American Red Cross	\$ 1,850
Richie McFarland Children Center	\$ 5,000
Total	\$34,372

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.026

AMENDED AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION: FEBRUARY 5, 2022

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Two Dollars (\$39,372)** in support of the following? (Majority Vote Required)

Social Service Agencies	Amount
HAVEN	\$ 4,175
Court Appointed Service Advocates	\$ 1,500
Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County	\$ 2,000
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 600
Ray-Fre Center	\$ 5,000
Raymond Coalition for Youth	\$10,000
Chamber Children’s Fund	\$ 3,000
Rockingham County Nutrition Program	\$ 6,247
American Red Cross	\$ 1,850
Richie McFarland Children Center	\$ 5,000
Total	\$39,372

Not Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.030

Warrant Article 13 – Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund (Fund 18):

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed **Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$849,000)** for the purpose of administering the Pay as You Throw Program with said funds to come from the **Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund** also referred to as **Fund 18**? *Should this Warrant Article be defeated, the Town would not be able to continue with the Pay as You Throw Program due to the absence of legislative authority to legally access the funds.* (Majority Vote Required).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 14 – Shim and Overlay Special Revenue Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Forty-Thousand, Two Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$240,208)** for road reconstruction and to authorize the withdrawal of **\$240,208** from the Shim and Overlay Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose. No amount to be raised by taxation. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Shim and Overlay work is complete or until December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 15 – Road Reconstruction Projects:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Seventy-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$371,315)** for road reconstruction projects? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the road reconstruction work has been completed or by December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.281

Warrant Article 16 – Establish Contingency Fund:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a contingency fund pursuant to RSA 31:98-a for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise and further to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy-Six Thousand, Three Hundred, Seventy-Six Dollars (\$76,376)** from the unassigned fund balance to be placed in this contingency fund. Such fund shall not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount appropriated by the town for town purposes during the preceding year excluding capital expenditures and the amortization of debt. Any appropriation left remaining in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the general fund. A detailed report of all expenditures from the contingency fund shall be prepared annually by the Board of Selectmen and published with their report. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 17– Sick and Vacation Non-Union Expendable Trust Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum certain **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the Sick and Vacation Leave Non-Union Expendable Trust Fund (established pursuant to Warrant Article 25 of the 2004 Town Meeting) for the purpose of paying out accrued time upon leave of employment as indicated in the Town of Raymond Personnel Policy for employees? And further that said set amount to come from unassigned fund balance and no amount from taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 18 - Elderly Exemption Increase and Re-evaluation Adjustment:

Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Raymond, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, **\$141,000**

for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, **\$155,000**; for a person 80 years of age or older **\$183,000**. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **\$33,800** or, if married, a combined net income of less than **\$45,825**; and own net assets not in excess of **\$74,865** excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 19 - Blind Exemption Re-evaluation Adjustment:

Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37, Exemption for the Blind, to allow an inhabitant who is legally blind as determined by the blind services program, to be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate to the value of **\$70,320** (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 20– Disabled Exemption Re-evaluation Adjustment:

Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be **\$141,000**. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **\$33,800** or if married, a combined net income of not more than **\$45,825**, and own net assets not in excess of **\$74,865** excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 21 – Disabled Veterans Credit Increase:

To see if the Town will increase the optional residential property tax credit for One Hundred Percent (100%) Permanently and Totally Disabled Veterans as determined by the Department of Veteran Affairs and their surviving spouse, from **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to Three Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500)**. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 22 – One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One-Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000)** to be placed in the One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes set forth below and to authorize the expenditure of previously raised and appropriated funds in this Capital Reserve Fund for any approved purpose authorized by Town vote under this Capital Reserve Fund. This Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2020 for the purpose of stabilizing the Town’s Operational Budget and offsetting the tax impact of one-time or cyclic operational budget purchase needs. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount will be raised through future taxation. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Town Insurance Reserves	\$45,000
Town 33% Computer Replacement Cycle	\$30,000
Legal Expenses and Settlements	\$45,000
TOTALS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 120,000

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

AMENDED AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION FEBRUARY 5, 2022

Warrant Article 22 – One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund:

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One-Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000)** to be placed in the One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes set forth below and to authorize the expenditure of previously raised and appropriated funds in this Capital Reserve Fund for **their designated purposes** approved purpose authorized by Town vote under this Capital Reserve Fund. This Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2020 for the purpose of stabilizing the Town’s Operational Budget and offsetting the tax impact of one-time or cyclic operational budget purchase needs. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount will be raised through future taxation. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Town Insurance Reserves	\$45,000
Town 33% Computer Replacement Cycle	\$30,000
Legal Expenses and Settlements	\$45,000
TOTALS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 120,000

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Recommended by Budget Committee

Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 23 – One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund Amend Purpose:

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund by adding a purpose to include covering/contributing to expenses for State and Federal elections. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 vote required).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

AMENDED AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION FEBRUARY 5, 2022

Warrant Article 23 – One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund Amend Purpose:

To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund by adding a purpose to include covering/contributing to expenses for State and Federal elections **and that these funds come only from the amounts specifically designated and approved by the voters for this purpose.** Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (2/3 vote required).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 24 –Town Vehicle and Equipment Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$257,500)** to be placed in the Vehicle and Equipment Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purpose of supporting the Town’s forty-year strategic Capital Investment initiative to fund Town-wide vehicle and equipment funding needs identified in the 2020 Capital Investment Analysis. These funds are to be used in conjunction with the funds received from other municipal vehicle and equipment funds to address sustained underfunding of municipal capital investment for Town vehicles and equipment. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount will be raised through future taxation. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required).

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 25– Road Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)** to be placed in the Road Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of supporting the Town’s five-year strategic initiative to upgrade and render safe the Town’s Road infrastructure systems. These funds are to be used in conjunction with the funds received from the Road Reconstruction fund to return the Town roads to a maintainable condition. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount will be raised through future taxation. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 26 - Stormwater Planning Project (CWSRF Loan):

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000)** for the purpose of stormwater planning work relative to management of the municipal storm drain system in accordance with the 2017 NH Small MS4 General Permit, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$75,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33, as amended); to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to offset a portion of said appropriation by applying for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan, it being understood that repayment of the loan may include up to 100% principal forgiveness? Requires a 3/5 ballot vote.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 27 – Full-Time Youth Services Librarian:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$8,975)** for the purpose of reinstating the position of Youth Services Librarian to be full-time, rather than a thirty-two (32)-hour position. If passed, the future cost of this position will be added into the Town of Raymond Operating Budget after 2022.

Recommended by Board of Selectmen
Recommended by Budget Committee
Estimated 2022 Tax Impact: \$0.007

Warrant Article 28 -Citizen Petition: Election Ballots:

Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices.

This is a citizen petition warrant article.

Warrant Article 29 -Citizen Petition: Establish Full-Time Planner Position:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to establish a Full-Time Planner position as defined in the Town’s Administrative Code, adopted by the Board of Selectmen effective 4-30-1990, in which Chapter 200 Article XIX Planning Department Section 200-60 defines the Responsibilities of Town Planner as such:

The Town Planner shall be responsible for the following functions:

- Develop and update annually the overall Capital Improvements Program
- Update the Town Master Plan as necessary.
- Recommend revisions of the Zoning, Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations and make appropriate changes per Town Meeting.
- Provide technical assistance to the Raymond Planning Board.

Furthermore, the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to appropriate funding for the established position and/or act on anything related thereto.

This is a citizen petition warrant article.

AMENDED AT DELIBERATIVE SESSION FEBRUARY 5, 2022

Warrant Article 29 -Citizen Petition: Re-establish Full-Time Planner Position:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to re-establish a Full-Time Planner position as defined by, but not limited to, the Town of Raymond's Administrative Code [Division 2: Board of Selectmen's Regulations/Chapter 200. Administrative Code/Article XIX. Planning Department/Section §200-60. Responsibilities of Town Planner], adopted by the Board of Selectmen effective 4-30-1990. This position was vacated in 2019 and responsibilities assumed by the Town Manager. Furthermore, the Town Planner's salary and funding shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen, after a public hearing, as granted by RSA 31:130.

This is a citizen petition warrant article.