



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
RAYMOND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 14, 2023**

BALLOT 1 OF 5

Alyssa Richard
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p>BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Vote for not more than two) For Three Years</p> <p>GEORGE H. PLANTE <u>374</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>PATRICIA "TRICIA" BRIDGEO <u>660</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>CHRIS "TURTLE" LONG <u>456</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>RANI MERRYMAN <u>549</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>ETHICS COMMITTEE MEMBER (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>JOHN O'BLENIS III <u>921</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TREASURER (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>EDWARD F. FRENCH <u>978</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER (Vote for not more than one) For One Year</p> <p>LISA BONNETT <u>726</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>KEVIN S. WOODS <u>979</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>TOWN CLERK (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>ALYSSA RICHARD <u>966</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>JEFFREY J. ROY <u>938</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (Vote for not more than one) For Three Years</p> <p>VIRGINIA FEENEY <u>518</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SARINA MALBY <u>502</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS (Vote for not more than two) For Three Years</p> <p>ROBERT "BOB" McDONALD <u>835</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>JIM McLEOD <u>716</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	
<p>WARRANT ARTICLES</p> <p>Article 02 Zoning Amendment: Sprinkler/Fire Alarm Systems To amend Article 8.3.3 of the Raymond Zoning Ordinance to clarify that sprinkler systems shall be installed for all new commercial and industrial buildings of any type to include multifamily residential dwellings of three or more units, lodging or rooming housing, residential board and care, or group housing. Further, any new uses, additions, renovations to commercial and or industrial buildings needing the approval of the planning board or exceeding 50% improvement of such a building as determined by the building inspector, shall require the entire structure to be brought into compliance with this section as a condition of approval before issuance of the certificate of occupancy. Sprinkler plans shall be submitted to and approved by the Raymond Fire Department fire inspector(s).</p> <p>Structures requiring the installation of a sprinkler system shall also have a fire alarm system installed as defined and accepted by the Raymond Fire Department fire inspector(s). Further, a fire alarm system design plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Raymond Fire Department fire inspector(s) prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.</p> <p>Sprinkler systems and fire alarm systems required under this section shall meet the requirements of the current edition of the State of New Hampshire applicable codes including but not limited to NFPA 70, NFPA 72, and dependent on the occupancy classification, NFPA 13, NFPA 13D, or NFPA 13 R.</p> <p>Recommended by the Planning Board</p>			<p>PLANNING BOARD MEMBER (Vote for not more than one) For One Year</p> <p>DAVID RICE <u>872</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>

SAMPLE

963
255

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 03 Zoning Amendment: Parking Lots Require Permit in Zone G

To amend Article 4.9.5 ALLOWED USES TABLE – CONSERVATION DISTRICT by adding "parking lots," which requires a Special Permit in Zone G.

YES
NO

846
426

Recommended by Planning Board

Article 04 Zoning Amendment: Definition of "Parking Lot"

To amend ARTICLE 13.1: DEFINITIONS by adding the following definition of "Parking Lot": Parking Lot: Parking lot is defined as a developed location of an open land area, other than a street or other public way that is designated to accommodate clients, customers, residents of multi-family dwellings, or the public for parking motor vehicles, whether developed with asphalt, concrete, gravel, or other material and regardless of other infringements or features like fees or charging stations.

YES
NO

917
366

Recommended by Planning Board

Article 05 Zoning Amendment: Electric Vehicle Charging Station

To amend Article 14.2 to add the following statement to the Notes to Allowed Uses Table: Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations shall be permitted in any zoning district in the Town of Raymond in any parking lot that contains six (6) or more parking spaces. Parking spaces set aside for EV Charging may be included in the total number of required parking spaces as specified elsewhere in these regulations. No EV charging station shall preempt handicap parking spaces. All Direct Current (DC) charging stations must be approved by the Planning Board. Alternating Current (AC) charging stations may be approved by the Building Inspector.

YES
NO

771
523

Recommended by Planning Board

Article 06 Zoning Amendment: Addition of Prohibited Use in the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District

To amend Article 5.2.10 to add the following prohibited uses within the Groundwater Conservation Overlay District: The siting or operation of a petroleum bulk plant or terminal, the siting or operation of gasoline stations, the storage of commercial fertilizers, unless such commercial fertilizer storage is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of runoff or leachate and is in compliance with the standards of section 5.2.7, and the outdoor storage of road salt or other de-icing chemicals in bulk.

YES
NO

1630
264

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 07 Zoning Amendment: Zone G Land Dimensional Requirements/Wetlands Setbacks

To amend Article 15.3.2 and Table 15.1 of the Raymond Zoning Ordinance to require that all lots containing Zone G land shall comply with the frontage and setback requirements of the underlying zone as set forth in Section 15.1 and shall have minimum wetland setbacks of 75 feet, except a minimum wetland setback of 25 feet shall apply to lots that contained an approved well with a drinking well or municipal water hookup and an approved working septic system on record at the time of application on record as of March 14, 2023.

YES
NO

961
387

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 08 Zoning Amendment: Elderly Housing Overlay District Dimensional Requirements

To amend Article 5.5 of The Raymond Zoning Ordinance, Elderly Housing Overlay District to change the regulation for such developments to require that such developments consist of at least two acres; to change the minimum frontage to 200 feet and to require that a one-bedroom dwelling unit have a minimum of 600 square feet of living space and a two-bedroom unit have 900 square feet. Each unit must have a minimum of two parking spaces per unit.

YES
NO

935
356

Recommended by the Planning Board

Article 09 Zoning Amendment: Add a new Workforce Housing Overlay District

To add a new Workforce Housing Overlay District to the Raymond Zoning Ordinance, Article 5.6 in conjunction with proposed changes in the Elderly Housing Overlay District. New state legislation requires that if a municipality allows increased density or other dimensional or procedural incentives for the development of housing for older persons, it may allow the same incentives for the development of workforce housing. As of July 1, 2023 any incentives established for housing for older persons shall be deemed applicable to workforce housing development.

At present, Raymond does not have any workforce housing development provisions in its Zoning Ordinance. In response to the above-described legislation, the Planning Board has proposed a Workforce Housing Overlay District which is closely based on the Elderly Housing Overlay District. The proposed density, lot size and other dimensional and procedural requirements for the proposed Workforce Housing Overlay Districts are the same as what is proposed for changes to those provisions of the Elderly Housing Overlay District as described in Article 8 above.

YES
NO

800
476

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WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 10 Authorization to Finance Water Tower Replacement via Bond, Notes and Grants

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million, Six Hundred-two Thousand, Two Hundred Seventy-seven Dollars (\$4,602,277) (gross budget) for the design, permitting, construction, and connection of a new water tower, including costs to demolish two existing towers and perform related infrastructure improvements (the "Project"); and to authorize \$2,625,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33) and with \$1,102,277 coming from the American Rescue Funds Act grant (ARPA) as well as a Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (DWGTF) grant of \$875,000; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the date, maturities, interest rate, and other details of such bonds or notes; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any federal, state, or private funds that may become available in respect of the Project to reduce the amount that must be bonded or to pay debt service on such bonds or notes. (3/5 ballot vote required)

YES
 NO

727
597

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 11 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 purpose set forth therein, totaling Nine Million, Four Hundred One Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars (\$9,401,529)?

Components of the budget include:

\$8,523,576 Town Operating Budget
\$ 877,953 Water Department Operating Budget
\$9,401,529 Total

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be the line item of Forty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$9,046,175) 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:

\$8,166,104 Town Operating Budget
\$ 880,071 Water Department Operating Budget
\$9,046,175 Total

YES
 NO

711
596

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 2023 Operating Budget: \$4.319
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact Default Budget: \$4.056

Article 12 Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Article 12 – Collective Bargaining Agreement
Shall the Town of Raymond vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Raymond and the police Teamsters Union Local 633, for three (3) years, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

First Year	Additional Costs
2023	\$186,771
Tax Impact	\$.137
Successive Years	Estimated Increase
2024	\$117,513
2025	\$ 84,053
2026 (1st 3 months)	\$ 20,290

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-One Dollars, (\$186,771) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at the current staffing levels? (Majority Vote Required).

YES
 NO

838
490

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$.137

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 13 Special Meeting for Defeated/Amended Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Shall the Town of Raymond, if Warrant Article 12 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article 12 cost items only? (Majority Vote Required)

YES
NO

700
563

Recommended by Board of Selectmen

Article 14 Two Full-Time Firefighters:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Four Dollars (\$134,004) for the purpose of creating the positions of two full-time firefighters in the Fire Department. If passed, the future cost of these positions will be added into the Town of Raymond Operating Budget after 2023.

YES
NO

983
326

Two FT Firefighters Amount

Wages	\$ 34,877
Retirement	\$ 11,045
Medicare	\$ 506
Life/AD&D	\$ 150
Health	\$ 20,068
Dental	\$ 356
Total Each	\$ 67,002
	x 2
Total	\$134,004

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$.099

Article 15 Youth Sports/Special Events Coordinator:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-one Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (\$31,839) for the purpose of creating a part-time position in the Recreation Department to assist with youth sports and special events. If passed, the future cost of this position will be added into the Town of Raymond Operating Budget after 2023.

YES
NO

757
554

Recreation Youth Sports/Special Events Coordinator Amount

Recreation Youth Sports/Special Events Coordinator Amount	Amount
Wages	\$14,900
Retirement	\$ 1,000
SS/Med	\$ 1,339
Life/AD&D	N/A
Health	\$ 11,244
Dental	\$ 356
Total	\$31,839

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$.02

Article 16 Capital Improvements:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Ninety Thousand, Three Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$390,390) 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 to expend from said funds. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
NO

819
484

Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations	Amount
General Government Buildings Maintenance & Improvements	\$122,004
Highway Department Vehicle Repair & Replacement	\$ 42,436
Highway Department Heavy Equipment	\$ 47,741
Sidewalks	\$ -
Master Plan Updates	\$ -
New Town Facilities	\$ -
Library	\$ -
Police Department & Dispatch Equipment, Vehicle, & Facilities	\$ 10,980
Fire Department Equipment and Vehicle	\$106,090
Recreation Department Equipment, Vehicles & Facilities	\$ -
Town Office Technology Fund	\$ 50,000
Parks Equipment & Facilities	\$ 11,139
Total	\$390,390

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Article 17 Appropriate to Capital Reserve Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty-two Dollars (\$202,952) to be deposited into the previously established Bridge and Culvert Capital Reserve Fund, naming the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund; this appropriation to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. This is to transfer a special one-time allocation in the amount above specifically for maintenance, construction, and reconstruction of municipally owned bridges. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
 NO

1,110
206

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article 18 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 previously established 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 taxation. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
 NO

966
349

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article 19 Town 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 previously established under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of supporting the Town's 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)

YES
 NO

1135
188

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article 20 Capital Reserve Fund (Water Department):

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$206,000) 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)

Capital Reserve Fund Appropriations	Amount
Construct, Repair & Maintain Town Water Treatment Facility	\$ 51,500
Water System Infrastructure	\$ 46,350
Water Storage Facilities	\$103,000
Water Department Utility Replace Vehicle	\$ 3,090
New Well Site Acquisitions	\$ 2,060
Total	\$206,000

YES
 NO

1,045
264

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

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WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 21 Mosquito Control:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Dollar (\$1) 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)

YES
 NO

938
~~3065~~ 375

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$.00000074

Article 22 Shim and Overlay Special Revenue Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum certain of Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$475,000) for road reconstruction and to authorize the withdrawal of \$265,987 from the Shim and Overlay Special Revenue Fund created for this purpose, with the balance of \$209,013 to come from unassigned fund balance. 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, 2025, whichever comes first. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
 NO

1120
182

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article 23 Road Reconstruction Projects:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$382,455) 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 by December 31, 2025, whichever comes first. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance and no amount will be raised through future taxation. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
 NO

1084
225

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$.000

Article 24 Social Services Agencies:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) in support of the following? (Majority Vote Required)

Social Service Agencies	Amount
HAVEN	\$ 3,415
Court Appointed Service Advocates	1,708
Ray Fre Center	4,000
RCFY	13,538
Chamber Children's Fund	5,000
Rockingham County Nutrition Program	5,000
American Red Cross	1,580
Waypoint at the Richie McFarland Center	292
Rockingham Community Action	3,755
Total	\$40,000

YES
 NO

880
436

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$.029

Article 25 Sick and Vacation Leave Non-Union Trust Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum certain Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) 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)

YES
 NO

902
398

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article 26 Sick and Vacation Leave Union Trust Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum certain Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Sick and Vacation Leave Union Expendable Trust Fund (established pursuant to Warrant Article #14 of the 2002 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)

YES
 NO

905
396

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Recommended by the Budget Committee
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Article 27 Town of Raymond Scholarship Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) 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)

YES
 NO

984
340

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$.003

Article 28 4th of July 2023 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 2023 community event? (Majority Vote Required)

YES
 NO

980
336

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$.004

Article 29 Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund (Fund 18):

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying for any Town costs associated with town pick-up and removal and transfer station costs with said funds to come from the Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund 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 these funds. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
 NO

922
379

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article 30 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 raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$85,236) 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 shall 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)

YES
 NO

888
397

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

Article 31 Elderly Exemption Increase and Reevaluation Adjustment:

Shall the town Modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a to qualify for the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Raymond, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, as follows: the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$35,490 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$48,116; and own net assets not in excess of \$74,865 excluding the value of the person's residence. The exemption amounts will remain the same 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. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
 NO

1106
211

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 32 Blind Exemption Reevaluation 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 \$73,836. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
 NO

1040
269

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

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Article 33 Disabled Exemption Reevaluation Adjustment:

Shall the town Modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b to qualify for the Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers, as follows: the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$35,490 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$48,116, and own net assets not in excess of \$74,865 excluding the value of the person's residence. The exemption amount will remain the same at \$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. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
NO

1017
268

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 34 Disabled Veterans Credit Increase:

To see if the Town will increase the optional residential property tax credit under RSA 72:35 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 Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000). (Majority Vote Required)

YES
NO

1134
166

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 35 Optional Veterans' Tax Credit and All Veterans' Tax Credit:

Shall the Town re-adopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with the terms and eligibility requirements of RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500 and re-adopt the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with the terms and eligibility requirements of RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be the same amount (\$500) as the optional veterans' tax credit? (Majority Vote Required)

YES
NO

1109
177

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 36 Storm Water Planning (CWSRF Loan):

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) 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 \$100,000 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 offer a portion of said appropriation by applying for and accepting a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan, being understood that repayment of the loan may include up to 100% principal forgiveness and to allow the Board of Selectmen as applicable to expend such monies as they become available and pass any resolution relating thereto. Requires a 3/5 ballot vote.

YES
NO

790
497

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2023 Tax Impact: \$0.00

"needed
772 votes
Passed"

Article 37 Change of CRF Purpose - Purchase of 10 Old Fremont Road (The Bean Tavern)

To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Bean Tavern Capital Reserve Fund to the Bean Tavern Renovation, Repair and Preservation Fund, and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund and after an advisory letter from a Planning Board member, Historical Committee member, Conservation Committee member and a Raymond Citizen. (2/3 vote required).

YES
NO

887
392 passed
"needed
853 votes"

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 38 Re-establish Cemetery Trustees

To see if the Town will vote to re-establish a 3-member board of cemetery trustees in accordance with RSA 289:6. If passed, a board of cemetery trustees will be elected at the 2024 Town Meeting. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
NO

966
563

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 39 Establishment of a Heritage Commission

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission under the authority of RSA 673:1 II, for the proper recognition, use and protection of community historic resources as defined in RSA 674:44-a and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint Five (5) Raymond residents as members, with one (1) of the five (5) being a member of the Board of Selectmen per RSA 673:4-a, II, along with two (2) additional Raymond residents as alternate members, who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their office by the Town Clerk, to such Heritage Commission, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and with terms pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:5. The Heritage Commission shall exercise such powers as are set forth in RSA 674:44-b I and II and RSA 674:44-c and RSA 674:44-d, and shall file an annual report of their activities with the Town. (Majority Vote Required)

YES
NO

693
571

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING



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TOWN CLERK

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 40 Amendment to the Raymond Code of Ethics:

Shall the Town amend the Code of Ethics, previously adopted, to add the following:

1. Section IV. B, 1 – Education, Page 7 of the Code of Ethics, to add the phrase "...and NH RSA 91-A, the Right-to-Know Law," so that the new language in its entirety under Item 1, would read, "That when each new public servant takes the oath of office, he/she shall receive a copy of this code and NH RSA 91-A, the NH Right to Know Law, and acknowledge receipt in writing within 30 days."
2. Section IV. B – Education, Page 7 of the Code of Ethics, to add an Item #4, which would read, "4. Public Servants shall have a duty to familiarize themselves with RSA 91-A."
3. Pre-Hearing Conference, page 14 of the Code of Ethics, to add to Item 1, A the phrase, "...at their own expense." so that the new language in its entirety under Item 1, would read, "A. Parties may be represented by legal counsel at a pre-hearing or hearing at their own expense."

YES
NO

1038
240

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 41 Citizen Petition: Community Power Aggregation Committee

Shall the Town establish a committee of local residents, town officials, local businessmen, local educational institutions,

- landowners and developers to investigate the best avenues for establishing the Town of Raymond Community Power, per NH RSA 53-E. The Organization shall be known as Raymond Community Power. Selectmen shall appoint members to the Raymond Community Power Aggregation Committee (per RSA 53-E:6) in the 2 weeks following the 1st Session of Town Meeting on April 23 and the Raymond Community Power Aggregation Committee shall provide article support at the March 14, 2023, Town Meeting in support of establishing Community Power in Raymond.
- If this article is approved by the Town Meeting in March 2023, the Aggregation Committee shall continue to work on developing the Electric Aggregation Plan (per RSA 53-E:6) and shall define the Aggregation Program (per RSA 53-E:7). All statutory requirements defined in RSA 53-E shall be delivered to the Selectmen in anticipation of hearings for the 2024 Town Meeting or sooner.
- The Raymond Community Power Aggregation Committee shall investigate various methods of aggregation including, but not limited to, Solar Farm, Purchase Power Agreements (PPA), lease, buy, Power Collaboratives and the utilization of Geothermal heat pumping technologies for applicability. Sales of private power into the Raymond Community Power shall identify considerations for fair allocation of power revenue between parties in the agreement.
- The Community Power Aggregation Committee shall offer recommendations to the Planning Board for recommended changes to the Town of Raymond Zoning ordinances and the Master Plan to accommodate and encourage Community Power as a community asset. The Committee may establish subcommittees to research specific issues and report to the full Power Aggregation Committee for inclusion into the final documents.
- The Community Power Committee shall investigate sources of grants from all sources including, but not limited to, the State of New Hampshire Agencies, Federal Government Agencies and private funding institutions. The Committee shall also examine the potential for selling "shares" to community members (crowd sourcing) to enable the ability to purchase defined amounts of energy in future years based on an initial "investment" in a locally owned facility (Solar farm) as a separate class. Shall also examine Brownfield Solar Array deployments.
- The Aggregation Plan shall prioritize municipal and school electricity expenditures, State EAP subsidies for low-income, Elderly (over 55) Housing and Workforce Housing in this order to stabilize and reduce cost variability to these populations and provide a public benefit. Geothermal for large commercial and industrial buildings shall also be assessed. Selectmen shall consider negotiating a 2.0-2.5 MW Solar Farm using a Purchase Power Agreement (PPA) at \$0 cost to the Town for the purpose of providing electric power for school and municipal needs at the Selectmen's earliest opportunity.

YES
NO

766
504

Article 42 Citizen Petition:

The Citizens of Raymond hereby declare, from this point forward, that the downstairs children's library room in the Dudley Tucker Library will be free of any books with content containing nudity, gender identity, sex or sexual references in writing or illustrations.

YES
NO

677
640

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 43 Citizen Petition:

The citizens of Raymond, in order to maintain independent and local control of the contents of our library, hereby withdraw any and all obligations to the American Library Association (ALA). The Dudley Tucker Library will accept no money from the ALA and will not use taxpayer dollars to fund events, materials, or training from the ALA.

YES
NO

619
679

Article 44 Citizen Petition:

A Citizen Warrant Article to offer tax free solution to our current water tower issues. To require that the 1.8 million dollars available be used to rehabilitate the Rt. 156 storage tank to secure 606,000 gallons of storage for the next 20 - 30 years and to make updates to the Main Street water lines in order to compensate for reduced fire flow capacity the future removal of the Orchard Street tank will create.

YES
NO

651
632

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Not recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 45 Citizen Petition: Prohibit Certain Land Uses in the Town of Raymond:

Are you in favor of prohibiting Chemical Recycling and Chemical Refinery Establishments in the Town of Raymond?

CHEMICAL RECYCLING ESTABLISHMENT: A facility where manufactured chemicals or materials containing manufactured chemicals are extracted, treated, processed or otherwise altered for further use on site.

YES
NO

910
375

CHEMICAL REFINING ESTABLISHMENT: A facility that employs chemical or mechanical processes to break down chemical bonds, through pyrolyses, catalysis, or other means, in order to alter the chemical structure of materials to produce by-products on or off site.

Article 46 Citizen Petition: Remove Tax Increment Finance District:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to remove the TIF (Tax Increment Finance District)?

YES
NO

713
492

SAMPLE

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT