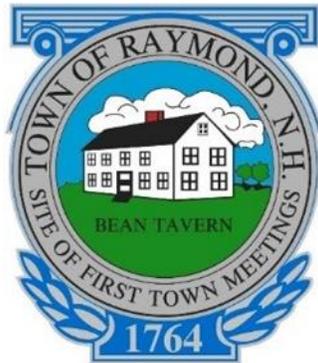


TOWN OF RAYMOND, NH

2019

WARRANT ARTICLE OVERVIEW

*PRE-DELIBERATIVE*



PRESENTED BY THE RAYMOND  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*UPDATED FEBUARY 04, 2019*

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## Warrant Article 1 – Elected Officials

To Select by Non-Partisan Ballot

- Two (2) Selectmen for 3-year term
  - One (1) Budget Committee Member for a 1-year term
  - Two (2) Budget Committee Members for 3-year term
  - Two (2) Planning Board Members for 3-year term
  - One (1) Ethics Committee Member for a 3-year term
  - One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a 3-year term
  - One (1) Library Trustee for a 3-year term
  - One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a 1-year term
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# Proposed Planning Board, Zoning & Citizen Petition Warrant Articles



## Warrant Article 2 – Zoning Amendment Section 6.6.3 Allowed Use

### **\*Zoning Articles Cannot Be Amended at Deliberative Session\***

*Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Retitle and rearrange Article 6, Section 6.6.3 to clarify the statutory exceptions to the earth excavation permit and Special Permit requirements? Adoption of this amendment would change the requirement for Special Exception to Special Permit for the Zone C.1 uses and create requirements to obtain a Special Permit in Zones B, C.2, and C.3. A Special Permit is issued by the Planning Board and a Special Exception is issued by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Additionally, this amendment would provide a definition for a Minor Topographical Adjustment. Adoption of this language will not result in any change in zoning boundaries.*

### Points of Discussion

- No tax impacts
- Recommended by the Planning Board



## Warrant Article 3 – Zoning Amendment Section 4.9.3 District Boundaries

### **\*Zoning Articles Cannot Be Amended at Deliberative Session\***

*Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Article 4 Section 4.9.3 Subsection 4.9.3.1 Shoreland Protection areas within Zone G – Conservation District? Adoption of this language will result in expanding the zoning boundaries for Shoreland Protection Area to any area of land within seventy-five (75) feet of the seasonal high-water mark of any river, brook, stream, pond or lake as shown on the Water Resource Management Plan. Also includes any area of land within seventy-five (75) feet of the high-water mark of any river, brook, stream, pond, or lake*

having flowing or standing water for six (6) months of the year not included in Water Resource Management Plan.

#### Points of Discussion

- No tax impacts
- Recommended by the Planning Board



#### **Warrant Article 4 – Zoning Amendment – Section 2.9 Wetlands**

##### **\*Zoning Articles Cannot Be Amended at Deliberative Session\***

*Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article II, Section 2.9 Subsection 2.9.1 entitled No Net Loss of Wetlands, would allow for input from the Conservation Commission, eliminates 2.9.1.5, and clarifies the point of measurement in Section 2.9.1.3 as within five (5) miles of the proposed development area and not necessarily within the Town boundaries?*

#### Points of Discussion

- No tax impacts
- Recommended by the Planning Board



#### **Warrant Article 5 – Zoning Amendment – Section 6.5.5**

##### **\*Zoning Articles Cannot Be Amended at Deliberative Session\***

*Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No.4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 6, Section 6.5 Subsection 6.5.5 to clarify that in C.3 East and C.3 West, for any multi-family that may be approved, in no case shall density exceed three (3) bedrooms per acre of developable land and to update the title of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, ENV-WS 100-“Subdivision and Individual Sewage Disposal System Design Rules” to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, ENV-WQ 1000 -“Subdivisions; Individual Sewage Disposal Systems”. The re-designation from subtitle Env-Ws to subtitle Env-Wq was done pursuant to a rules reorganization plan for Department rules approved by the Director of the Office of Legislative Services?*

#### Points of Discussion

- No tax impacts
- Recommended by the Planning Board



#### **Warrant Article 6 – Citizen Petition Zoning Amendment**

##### **\*Zoning Articles Cannot Be Amended at Deliberative Session\***

*Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To change the zoning designation of the following parcels from Zone C.1 (Commercial) to Zone B (Residential/Agricultural): Map 22, Lot 15 (3 Gile Road)?*

#### Points of Discussion

- No tax impacts
- Not Recommended by the Planning Board



## Warrant Article 7 – Citizen Petition Zoning Amendment

### **\*Zoning Articles Cannot Be Amended at Deliberative Session\***

*Are you in favor of the adoption of amendment for the Town zoning ordinance as follows: To change the zoning designation of the following parcels from Zone C.1 (Commercial) to Zone B (Residential/Agricultural): Map 32, Lot 71 (74 Long Hill Rd.); Map 32-2, Lot 43 (76 Long Hill Rd.); Map 32-2, Lot 37?*

#### Points of Discussion

- No tax impacts
- Not Recommended by the Planning Board

# End of Proposed Planning Board, Zoning & Citizen Petition Warrant Articles





# Board of Selectman Proposed Warrant Articles



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## Article 8 – 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, Seven Hundred Sixty Thousand, Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,760,950)?*

**Components of the budget include:**

\$7,714,563 Town Operating Budget  
\$1,046,387 Water department Operating Budget  
\$8,760,950 Total

\$7,828,920 Town Default Budget  
\$ 988,178 Water Department Default budget  
\$8,817,098 Total

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact Proposed Operating Budget: \$4.501**

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact Proposed Default Budget: \$4.623**

### Points of Discussion

- The Town Operating Budget is \$114,357 less than the Default budget because “Pay as You Throw” was removed but could not be removed from the Default Budget
  - “Pay as You Throw” is covered in Warrant Article 12
- The growth of the Operating Budget was 1.91% which is .6% less than the historical increases of approximately 2.5%
- The target budget growth restriction of 1.9%, is part of the strategy to attempt to ensure budgetary growth does not exceed the Cost of Living Index (i.e. the average growth of residents’ household income)
- The growth in the Water Budget of 33.80% is almost entirely attributed to the \$219,811 increase in Water Debt due to the Special Revenue Fund (SRF) loan (Well 4 and 1). (92% of the growth is from the debt)
- The Water Budget and Water Debt is covered by the users and does not create a tax impact
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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## Article 9 – 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 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), for five (5) years, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level: And further to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Thousand, Nine Hundred, Ninety Dollars, **(\$21,990)** 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).

### First Year Estimated Costs:

- **Town Operating Budget \$ 21,990**
- **Water Department Operating Budget \$ 10,339 (no Tax impact)**

### Estimated Successive Years Costs:

Town Operating Budget <i>Impact</i>	Water Department Operating Budget <i>Impact</i>
2020 - \$ 28,043	2020 - \$ 16,559
2021 - \$ 28,654	2021 - \$ 18,204
2022 - \$ 29,432	2022 - \$ 19,850
2023 - \$ 30,327	2023 - \$ 21,573
2024 - \$ 14,097	2024 - \$ 6,223

Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.023

### Points of Discussion

- Extends contract period from 3 years to 5 years
- Allows Town to adopt a Performance Based Pay System
- Allows Town to migrate away from the employee “Buy-Out” program
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee



## Article 10 – Collective Bargaining Agreement

Shall the Town of Raymond, if Warrant Article 9 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article 9 cost items only? (Majority vote required).

### Points of Discussion

- No tax impacts; standard to accompany a Collective Bargaining Warrant Article (Warrant Article 9)
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

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## Article 11 – 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 One Hundred Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) from the 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).*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

### Points of Discussion

- Allows current and future Operating Budgets to be reduced because it eliminates budgeting year after year for unforeseen events
- Allows budgets to be built on actual and anticipated expenses; rather than “in case something happens”
- Allows for access to funds in the event of an emergency without creating a tax impact
- Requires Board of Selectmen approval to access funds limited to contingencies
- Funds used must be reported to the state at the end of the year; ensures strict accountability/oversight
- If funds are not required, then the money returns to the Unassigned Fund Balance
- Examples for what the funds could be used for; if the activities/events below exceed funds available in the Operating Budget:
  - Winter Operations (multiple major winter events)
  - Response to a natural disaster
  - Significant loss of capital infrastructure caused by an event or failure
  - Unanticipated legal liabilities or expenses of the Town
- This Warrant Article does not create a tax impact today or into the future because it allows access to funds already raised through taxation and revenue to be available if these funds are required
- Will be an annual Warrant Article
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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## Article 12 – Solid Waste/“Pay as You Throw” Program Subsidy

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000) to continue to subsidize the Solid Waste/ “Pay as You Throw” Program? If passed, these funds will continue to supplement the cost of curbside collection, disposal of household trash and allowed recyclables. These funds will be used in conjunction with the funds in Fund 18 generated through the sale of bags, sale of recycle bins and transfer station revenues to cover the program costs and will offset the fees to program users and keep bag prices below private market rates. Should this article be defeated, all program costs not covered through the sale of recycle bins and transfer station revenues will be fully-funded by the user through bags sales; with an estimated bag sale price of Three Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$3.25) for Small Bags and Four Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$4.25) for Large Bags. If the program costs exceed the projected amount during the transition year, the Town shall have the ability to cover unanticipated costs through the operational budget. (Majority Vote required).*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.324**

### Points of Discussion

- If this Warrant Article passes or fails, the program will function the same as it does today
- This Warrant Article allows the tax payers to decide if they want to continue to support approximately 40% of the program through taxation or have this amount come from user fees (like the Town Water Program)
- The funds (plus the projected increases) previously sought from taxation to run this program were removed from the Operating Budget and placed in this Warrant Article
- If passes (a Yes vote), the program will run as it has in the past and the cost of the program will continue to be offset by taxes with a \$.324 impact on the Municipal tax rate
- If fails (a No vote), the program will run as it has in the past and bag prices are projected to increase (\$1.80 to \$3.25 for small bags) (\$2.35 to \$4.25 for large bags) with no impact on the Municipal tax rate
- The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee **do Not Recommend** the passage of this Warrant Article

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### Article 13 –Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund (Fund 18)

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed Seven Hundred, Seventy-Two Thousand Dollars (\$772,000) 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 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).*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

#### Points of Discussion

- This Warrant Article is a “Housekeeping Warrant Article” brought forward under the recommendation of the N.H. DRA to address the procedural error regarding how the Town has been accessing the revenues in Fund 18
- The revenue from Fund 18 is derived from bag sales, recycle bin sales and revenues received from the transfer station; all of which is currently used to pay of 60% of the Town’s Pay as You Throw program
- This is a Special Revenue Fund (SRF) and the Town requires authority form the voters to access these funds
- **\*\*\*This Warrant Article is entirely separate from the question of how we pay for the program which is posed in Article 12; rather it allows access to the funds in the account\*\*\***
- If passes (a Yes vote), there is no tax impact because this allows the Town to continue to have access to the Revenue generated and required to cover the cost of the “Pay as You Throw Program”; whether Article 12 passes or not
- For clarification; there are two Warrant Articles which seek the authority to access the SRFs (this Article and Article 21 Shim and Overlay). Neither create a tax impact because it authorizes access to funds not generated through taxation
- This Warrant Article will need to be brought forward each year to authorize access to Fund 18
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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## Article 14 - Establish Tax Deeded Properties Reserve Fund

*To see if the town will vote to establish a reserve fund pursuant to RSA 35:1-c and RSA chapter 35, to be known as the Tax Deeded Properties Reserve Fund, for the purposes of securing, cleaning, and otherwise maintaining properties taken by the town via tax deed; and to raise and appropriate the sum of up to Two Hundred Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000) to be placed in this fund. This sum to come from fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation. This amount represents the monies projected to be collected in 2018-2019 from the sale of tax deeded properties. Further to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

### Points of Discussion

- The Town has nearly 65 properties (691 acres) seized through tax deed dating back to the 1960s
- The estimated total value of these properties is in the range of \$2.78 million dollars and with an estimated loss of tax revenue of approximately \$73,411.00 annually
- Some of these “**Deeded Properties**” are in such state of disrepair they not only negatively impact the property value of abutters due to blight, some also pose a safety issue to our community
- In addition, there are multiple unoccupied in “**Tax Default Properties**” that cause blight, potential safety and environmental concerns that the Town has opted not to deed due to the potential cleanup cost
- The focus of these cleanup efforts will be to address blight, public safety issues, and to mitigate environmental concerns without a creating a tax impact
- If passed (a Yes vote), this Warrant Article will allow the Town to use the revenue (up to \$225,000) generated from the sale of **Deeded Properties** to clean up the remainder of these properties and those in tax default
- If this fails (a No vote), the funds generated from these properties will go into the Unassigned Fund Balance
- Currently the initiative to sell the “**Deeded Properties**” has generated nearly \$87,000.00 in 2018 and 2019 which would be available for this initiative
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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## Article 16 – Capital Improvements

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred, Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$345,000)** to be deposited into previously established Capital Reserve Funds (listed below) and to apportion this sum among the several funds as listed below, and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents thereof?

General Government Buildings Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 58,250
Highway Department Vehicle Repair & Replacement	\$ 106,750
Highway Department Heavy Equipment	\$ 60,000
Bridge & Culvert	\$ 5,000
Sidewalks	\$ 0
Master Plan Updates	\$ 0
New Town Facilities	\$ 0
Library	\$ 0
Police Department & Dispatch Equipment, Vehicle, & Facilities	\$ 40,000
Fire Department Equipment and Vehicle	\$ 50,000
Recreation Department Equipment, Vehicles & Facilities	\$ 0
Parks Equipment & Facilities	\$ 25,000
TOTALS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 345,000

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.367**

### Points of Discussion

- Allocation strategy is prepared and proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee each year (amount requested can change each year) to the Board of Selectman and Budget Committee
- The Capital Improvement Committee partners with all of the Town Department Heads to develop a Town-wide needs assessment
- This Warrant Article (and Article 17) Secures the funding outside of the operation budget to purchase, maintain, upgrade, or replace Town facilities, vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure
- These funds are placed in specific Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) each year, which are like “saving accounts” to set money aside for future purchases
- Spreading the cost of these large purchases over multiple year helps stabilize the tax rate
- Used to cover capital purchases with a life expectancy of over 5 years and a cost in excess of \$20,000
- These funds are deposited in Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) and only can be expended with approval of the Board of Selectmen
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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## Article 18 – Purchase of One (1) Public Works Vehicle

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand (\$183,000)** for the purchase of one (1) Public Works Vehicle and to authorize the use in that amount of December 31, 2018 fund balance for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the vehicle is purchased or by December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required).*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

### Points of Discussion

- Purchase recommendation prepared and proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee
- Secures one-time funding outside of the operation budget and Capital Improvement (Article 16) to purchase a six-wheel dump truck used for highway construction and snow operations
- This Warrant Article allows the replacement of a vehicle in excess of 18 years of age (purchased in 2001)
- The old vehicle will be auctioned off and the revenue generated will be deposited in the Unassigned Fund Balance at the end of the year
- The Town is using the Unassigned Fund Balance to cover the cost of this Warrant Article, eliminating any tax impact
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

## Article 19 – Purchase of One (1) Public Works Heavy Equipment Vehicle



*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty (\$128,750)** for the purchase of one (1) Public Works Heavy Equipment Vehicle and to authorize the use in that amount of December 31, 2018 fund balance for this purpose. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the vehicle is purchased or by December 31, 2020, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required).*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

### Points of Discussion

- Purchase recommendation prepared and proposed by the Capital Improvement Committee
- Secures onetime funding outside of the operation budget and Capital Improvement (Article 16) to purchase heavy equipment (Backhoe) used to maintain the roads and support Water Department activities
- This Warrant Article allows the replacement of heavy equipment (Backhoe) in excess of 12 years of age
- The old vehicle will be auctioned off and the revenue generated will be deposited in the Unassigned Fund Balance at the end of the year
- The Town is using the Unassigned Fund Balance to cover the cost of this Warrant Article, eliminating the tax impact
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

## Article 20 – Road Reconstruction Projects

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$315,000)** 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, 2021, whichever is sooner.

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.335**

### Points of Discussion

- Prepared and proposed by the Department of Public Works and Town Manager, and approved by the Board of Selectmen each year (amount requested can change each year)
- Secures one-time funding outside of the Operating Budget and Capital Improvement (Article 16) to cover the cost of road maintenance and culvert repair
- Represents a 5% increase over last year to address the state of Town roads caused by years of deferred highway maintenance due to lack of funding
- These **Town funds** are combined with the State funds (Article 21) and are primarily used to cover the cost of road reconstruction activities (e.g. paving, culvert repair, bridge work, sidewalks, signage, curbing, drainage, guard rail replacement)
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

## Article 21 – Shim and Overlay Special Revenue Fund

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$249,926)** for road reconstruction and to authorize the withdrawal of \$249,926.00 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, 2021, whichever comes first.

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

### Points of Discussion

- This Warrant Article is brought forward each year to allow access to the State funds deposited in a Special Revenue Fund (SRF); because these funds come from the State there is no tax impact
- This is a Special Revenue Fund (SRF) and requires authority from the voters to access these funds.
- These **State funds** are combined with the Town funds (Article 20) and are primarily used to cover the cost of road reconstruction activities.
- If fails (a No vote), as with Article 13 Solid Waste SRF, the Town will be unable to access the funds set aside for road work
- For clarification; there are two Warrant Articles which seek the authority to access the SRFs (this Article and Article 13 Waste Disposal). Neither create a tax impact because it authorizes access to 2019 funds not generated through taxation
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

## Article 22 – Sick and Vacation Non-Union Expendable Trust Fund

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed **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 fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation.*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

## Article 23 – Sick and Vacation Union Expendable Trust Fund

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed **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? And further that said set amount to come from fund balance and no amount is to be raised from taxation.*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

### Points of Discussion

- Both Articles are used to help cover the cost of employee “Buy-Out” which the Town would migrate away from if Article 9 (Collective Bargaining Agreement) passes
- These funds are deposited into a Trust Fund and only used if the total cost of the “Buy-Outs” exceed the amount in the 2019 Operating Budget (\$55,000.00)
- If these funds are not expended, they stay in the trust fund to cover future liabilities until the Town has completely migrated from the “Buy-Out” program
- The Town is using the Unassigned Fund Balance to cover the cost of this Warrant Article, eliminating the tax impact
- The current balance in these Trust Funds are (at the end of 2018):
  - \$45,359.39 Non-Union
  - \$20,261.74 Union
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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## Article 24 – 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.*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.043**

### Points of Discussion

- Brought forward each year to control mosquito population growth
- As recently as 2018, the State detected mosquito borne disease in water pools in Raymond
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

## Article 25 – 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 and further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.003**

### Points of Discussion

- Brought forward each year
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

## Article 26 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 Community Event

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000)** to help offset the expenses incurred associated with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 community event?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.003**

### Points of Discussion

- Brought forward each year
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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**Article 41 – Conversion of Street Lights to Light Emitting Diodes (LED)**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand (\$53,000) for the purpose of converting all Raymond Street Lights to LED to reduce street light utility cost by 40-60% and to authorize the use in that amount of December 31, 2018 fund balance for this purpose.*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.000**

**Points of Discussion**

- This Warrant Article is brought forward to mitigate the growing utility cost associated with street lights, currently budgeted at \$26,000.00
- This initiative is projected to save the tax payer an estimated, 40%-60% on street light utility cost each year (a 40% savings reduces this budget line \$10,400.00)
- These savings are projected to be reflected in the 2021 Town Operating Budget
- This Warrant Article is being funded from the Unassigned Fund Balance and will not impact the tax rate
- Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee

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**End of Board of Selectman Proposed  
Warrant Articles**





# Proposed Social Services Warrant Articles



## General Points of Discussion

- In previous years the Social Services funding was consolidated into one single Warrant Article
- This Warrant Article was broken apart to 14 individual Warrant Articles
- The total cost of all the Social Services Warrant Articles is \$80,669.00
- Since these are all independent Warrant Articles, only Warrant Articles that pass will impact the tax rate
- All of the Social Services Warrant Articles were recommended by the Board of Selectmen
- All of the Social Services Warrant Articles were **not recommended** by the Budget Committee

### **Article 28– Social Service Agency – HAVEN**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$4,175)** to be paid in support of the social service agency HAVEN?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.004**

### **Article 29– Social Service Agency – American Red Cross**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,850)** to be paid in support of the social service agency American Red Cross?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.002**

### **Article 30– Social Service Agency – Area Homecare and Family Services**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Area Homecare and Family Services?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.004**

### **Article 31 – Social Service Agency – Court Appointed Service Advocates**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Court Appointed Service Advocates?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.001**

### **Article 32 – Social Service Agency – Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.002**

### **Article 33– Social Service Agency –Child and Family Services (now known as Waypoint)**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Waypoint, formally known as Child and Family Services?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.006**

### **Article 34– Social Service Agency – Lamprey Health Care**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Lamprey Health Care?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.007**

### **Article 35 – Social Service Agency – Retired Senior Volunteer Program**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Six Hundred Dollars (\$600)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Retired Senior Volunteer Program?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.001**

### **Article 36– Social Service Agency – Richie McFarland Children’s Center**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$8,700)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Richie McFarland Children’s Center?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.009**

### **Article 37 – Social Service Agency – Southern New Hampshire Services/Rockingham Community Action**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Southern New Hampshire Services/Rockingham Community Action?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.038**

**Article 38– Social Service Agency – Children’s Chamber Fund**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Children’s Chamber Fund?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.003**

**Article 39 – Social Service Agency – Rockingham County Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$3,747)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Rockingham County Nutrition and Meals on Wheels Program?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.004**

**Article 40– Social Service Agency – Seacoast Mental Health**

*Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand, Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$3,097)** to be paid in support of the social service agency Seacoast Mental Health?*

**Estimated 2019 Tax Impact: \$0.003**

**Notes**

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**End of Social Services**

**Warrant Articles**



## Helpful Explanation of Terms

### What are Capital Reserve (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds?

A capital reserve fund is defined in RSA 35:1. Basically it is a fund used to save for the future purchase of a major capital item or a specific type of capital item. An expendable trust fund, as defined in RSA 31:19-a, is to save for the maintenance and operation of the Town.

CRF Example: Capital Improvement CRFs; (Warrant Articles 16 & 17)

Trust Fund Examples: Sick and Vacation Trust Funds (Warrant Articles 22 & 23)

### What is a Contingency Fund?

Per RSA 52:4-a, every village district may establish a contingency fund annually by inserting an article in their warrant. The contingency fund is to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year. The district cannot exceed one percent of the amount appropriated (exclusive of capital expenditures and amortization of debt) during the preceding year.

Example: Contingency Fund (Warrant Article 11)

### What is a Special Revenue Fund?

A special revenue fund (SRF) is an account established the Town to collect money that must be used for a specific project. Special revenue funds provide an extra level of accountability and transparency to taxpayers that their tax dollars will go toward an intended purpose

Examples:

- Solid Waste Special Revenue Fund; Fund 18 (Warrant Article 13)
- Shim and Overlay Special Revenue Fund (Warrant Article 21)

### What is an Unassigned Fund Balance?

The Unassigned Fund Balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents the remaining monies in the overall fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed or assigned for specific purposes within the General Fund

**Note:** Raymond's current Unassigned Fund Balance is \$2,617,460.00 and is estimated to increase by upwards of approximately \$700,000.00 in 2019

### What is the difference between a Deeded Property and a Tax Default Property?

A Deeded Property is a property the town has sized because of failure to pay taxes and the ownership of this property has reverted to the Town. A Tax Default Property is a property which has failed to pay taxes for 3 or more years and the Town can take deed action, but has chosen not to.

### What is a "Buy-Out"?

For nearly the last 30 years, the Town has actively participated in a program where long-term employees were paid at a lower rate with the understanding the employee would receive a cash settlement "Buy-Out" of their leave and sick time at the end of their service. This "Buy-Out," at times, could equal 6 months' pay at the employee's highest rate and has resulted in a significant unbudgeted liability each year. Prior to the migration from this program, the projected liability (cost) of this program was estimated \$3,800,000.00 over the next twenty years.