

TOWN OF RAYMOND, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2020 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 Cafeteria on **Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** to participate in the first session of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.

Furthermore, you are hereby notified that the polls will be open at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.**, and you may cast your vote on the official ballot questions below until at least **7:00 p.m.** of the same day.

Warrant Article 1– Elected Officials:

To Select by Non-Partisan Ballot

Two (2) Selectmen for 3-year terms

One (1) Budget Committee Member for a 3-year term

One (1) Planning Board Member for a 1-year term

Two (2) Planning Board Members for 3-year terms

Two (2) Ethics Committee Members for 3-year terms

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 6-year term

One (1) Town Moderator for a 2-year term

One (1) Treasurer for a 3-year term

One (1) Town Clerk for a 3-year term

Warrant Article 2 – Zoning Amendment- Section 2.1 Pre-Existing, Non-Conforming Lots:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To add a new subsection 2.1.3 to prohibit making pre-existing, non-conforming lots more non-conforming by any changes to lot area, frontage, setbacks, or other dimensional requirements of this Ordinance.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Warrant Article 3 - Zoning Amendment- Sections 13.1 Definitions and 14.1 Allowed Uses Table:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To add two new definitions 1) Dump: “A land site used primarily for the disposal by dumping, burial, burning, or other means, and for whatever purposes, of garbage, sewage, trash, refuse, junk, discarded machinery, vehicles or parts thereof, and other waste, scrap, or discarded material of any kind” and Landfill: “A disposal site in which refuse and earth, or other suitable cover material, are deposited and compacted in alternating layers of specified depth in accordance with an approved plan.” (NOTE: Adding these definitions will result in a re numbering of the definitions). Further to prohibit all landfills/dumps/sanitary landfills in any zone.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Warrant Article 4 - Zoning Amendment-Section 6.1 Sign Regulations:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: To amend Section 6.1.4.2 to subject signage in the Commercial 3 East and West (C3E and C3W) zones to the Ordinance’s sign regulations.

Recommended by the Planning Board

Warrant Article 5– 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 Eighty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Twelve Dollars (8,687,412.00)**

Components of the budget include:

\$ 7,780,265.00 Town Operating Budget
\$ 907,147.00 Water Department Operating Budget
\$ 8,687,412.00 Total

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$5.253

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Eight Million, Eight Hundred and One Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Three Dollars (8,801,633.00)** 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 budget include:

\$ 7,825,008.00 Town Default Budget
\$ 976,625.00 Water Department Default budget
\$ 8,801,633.00 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 2020 Tax Impact: \$5.253

Warrant Article 6 – 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, naming the Board of Selectmen as agents thereof?

General Government Buildings Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 120,000.00
Highway Department Vehicle Repair & Replacement	\$ 50,000.00
Highway Department Heavy Equipment	\$ 30,000.00
Bridge & Culvert	\$ 82,000.00
Sidewalks	\$ 0
Master Plan Updates	\$ 0
New Town Facilities	\$ 0
Library	\$ 0
Police Department & Dispatch Equipment, Vehicle, & Facilities	\$ 0
Fire Department Equipment and Vehicle	\$ 30,000.00
Recreation Department Equipment, Vehicles & Facilities	\$ 0
Parks Equipment & Facilities	\$ 33,000.00
TOTAL TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 345,000.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.362

Warrant Article 7 – Capital Reserve Funds (Water Revenues):

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)** 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.

Construct, Repair & Maintain Town Water Treatment Facility	\$ 30,000
Water System Infrastructure	\$ 35,000
Water Storage Facilities	\$ 130,000
Water Department Utility Replace Vehicle	\$ 3,000
New Well Site Acquisitions	\$ 2,000
TOTAL TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND (WATER REVENUES)	\$ 200,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 8 – 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.043

Warrant Article 9 – 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.002

Warrant Article 10 – 4th 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 4th of July 2020 community event?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.003

Warrant Article 11 – Social Services Agencies:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** in support of the following?

Social Service Agencies

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\$4,175.00

Area Homecare and Family Services	\$4,000.00
Court Appointed Service Advocates	\$1,500.00
Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County	\$2,000.00
Waypoint/ Formally Child and Family Services	\$6,000.00
One Sky Community Services	\$0
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$600.00
Raymond Coalition for Youth	\$10,000.00
Southern NH Services/Rockingham Community Action	\$3978.00
Chamber Children's Fund	\$3,000.00
Rockingham County Nutrition Program	\$3,747.00
Home Health & Hospice Care	\$1,000.00
Total	\$40,000.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
 Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.043

Warrant Article 12 – 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 (\$849,000.00)** 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 the Board of Selectmen
 Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 13 – Shim and Overlay Special Revenue Fund:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Fifty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred, Two Dollars and Forty-One Cents (\$253,702.41)** 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.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
 Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 14 – Road Reconstruction Projects:

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00)** 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, 2022, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
 Recommended by the Budget Committee
Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.372

Warrant Article 15– 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 and One Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars (\$101,182.00)** 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).**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.00

Warrant Article 16 – 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 unassigned fund balance and no amount from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 17 – 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 unassigned fund balance and no amount from taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 18 - Elderly Exemption Increase:

To see if the Town will increase the income limits for the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of Raymond by **three percent (3%)**. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (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 for at least five (5) consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than **(\$31,260.00)** or if married a combined net income of less than **(\$42,385.00)** and own net assets not in excess of **(\$72,100.00)** excluding the value of the person's residence.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.016

Warrant Article 19– 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 **Two Thousand Dollars \$2000.00** to **Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00)**. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.011

Warrant Article 20 – Establish a 2020 One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund:

To see if the town will vote to establish an Operational Budget One-Time or Cyclic Procurement Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purpose of stabilizing the Town’s Operational Budget and offset the tax impact of one-time or cyclic operational budget purchase needs and to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars (\$154,400.00)** to be placed in this fund. 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).

Replacement of Town Telecommunication System	\$ 15,000.00
Assessing Software Update	\$ 15,000.00
2020 Presidential Election Year Budget Impact	\$ 15,500.00
Town Re-Evaluation	\$ 60,000.00
Town Energy Efficiency (Building Energy Conversion)	\$ 18,900.00
Legal Expenses and Settlements	\$ 30,000.00
TOTALS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 154,400.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 21 – Establish Road Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund:

To see if the town will vote to establish a Road Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purpose of supporting the Town’s five-year strategic initiative to upgrade and render safe the Town’s road infrastructure systems and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00)** to be placed in this fund. 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 the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 22 – Establish Facility Revitalization Fund:

To see if the town will vote to establish a Facility Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for purpose of supporting the Town’s five-year strategic initiative to renovate and bring up the Town’s facility infrastructure to code, safety and energy standards and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$290,000.00)** to be placed in this fund. This sum is to come from the funds received from the State of New Hampshire’s One-Time Municipal Infrastructure Grant paid in Budget Year’s 2019 and 2020 and any amount of these funds deposited in the 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 the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 23 – Fire Department Utility Vehicle Special Revenue Fund (Fund 17):

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed **Forty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$45,215.00)** for the purpose of purchasing and outfitting one (1) Fire Department Utility Vehicle with said funds to come from the **Fire Department Utility Vehicle Fund? (Majority Vote Required)**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

Warrant Article 24– Citizen Petition:

To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate the amount of \$6,500.00 for the Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program?

Warrant Article 25– Citizen Petition:

To change **Article 13 197-13.1 B Noncommercial Agriculture**, use to state agricultural use of land accessory to a residential use where the lot size exceeds ½ of an acre in which up to six poultry can be kept.

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