

**TOWN OF RAYMOND
SECOND SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2020**

The Town of Raymond second session was held Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at the Iber Holmes Gove Middle School Gymnasium. The Accuvote ballot machines were tested on March 5, 2020 starting at 9:00 a.m. by Town Clerk Sharon Walls, Town Moderator Wayne Welch, and School District Clerk Linda Hoelzel. On March 10, 2020 before the polls opened, Moderator Wayne Welch inspected and locked the ballot boxes. Zeroed tapes on the Accuvote machines were printed and posted. Moderator Welch declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisors of the Checklist Kathleen McDonald, Lisa Morrill, and Aimee Hayes were present. Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sharon Walls was present. The School District Clerk Linda Hoelzel and School District Moderator Edward French were present. Moderator Welch announced that Edward French would be the Assistant Moderator for this election. Town Clerk Walls swore in Ballot Clerks Kathleen Stockley, Jennifer Ferrante, Michelle Dubin, and Kerry Pratt. Thomas Krantz was sworn in as an Assistant Election Official. Selectman Chairman George Plante, Scott Campbell, and Kathleen Hoelzel chose to be election officials. Whereas Selectman Jack Barnes and Selectman George Plante were on the official ballot, Town Clerk Walls swore in Warren Barnes as Selectman Barnes' pro tem, and Tracy Plante as Selectman George Plante's pro tem. Town Clerk Walls swore in Ballot Clerks Kathleen Stockley, Jennifer Ferrante, Michelle Dubin, and Kerry Pratt. Moderator Welch addressed the rules for the election. He announced the location of emergency exits. He addressed the rules for electioneering and stated they were posted outside in the area of electioneering. He went outside and addressed the electioneering rules. The opening of the absentee ballots was posted and commenced at 9:00 a.m. and remained open until 5:00 p.m. The ballot boxes were emptied periodically during the day and the ballots were secured during the Election. Moderator Welch declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m. After the polls closed the write-ins were counted.

New registered voters on 03-10-2020: 19
 Number of registered voters on 03-10-2020: 7,563
 Number of town ballots cast on 03-10-2020: 1,262
 Number of town absentee ballots cast on 3-20-2020: 54
 Total number of ballots cast on 3-10-2020: 1,316

Moderator Welch declared the voting results.

Article 1 – Elected Officials:

To Select by Non-Partisan Ballot:

Two (2) Selectmen for 3-year terms		Write-ins:	
John S. "Jack" Barnes	886	Jonathan Wood	5
George H. Plante	924	Persons receiving less than f votes	18
One (1) Budget Committee Member for a 3-year term		Write-ins:	
Richard T. Mulryan	955	Persons receiving less than 5 votes	2
One (1) Planning Board Member for a 1-year term		Write-ins:	
		Kendra Ferm	57
		William Casey	15
		Wayne Welch	7
		Persons receiving less than 5 votes	38
Two (2) Planning Board Members for 3-year terms		Write-ins:	
John Beauvilliers	815	William Casey	6
Brad Reed	891	Persons receiving less than 5 votes	6
Two (2) Ethics Committee Members for 3-year terms		Write-ins:	
Joyce D. M. Wood	967	Kevin Pratt	4
		Persons receiving less than 5 votes	13

On 3/17/2020 Kevin Pratt declined the position.

One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for a 3-year term Kevin S. Woods 981	Write-ins: Persons receiving less than 5 votes	5
One (1) Library Trustee for a 3-year term Sabrina Maltby 994	Write-ins: Persons receiving less than 5 votes	4
One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for a 1-year term Aimee Hayes 992	Write-ins: Persons receiving less than 5 votes	2
One (1) Town Moderator for a 2-year term Wayne Welch 1,040	Write-ins: Persons receiving less than 5 votes	2
One (1) Treasurer for a 3-year term Edward F. French 987	Write-ins: Persons receiving less than 5 votes	2
One (1) Town Clerk for a 3-year term Alyssa Richard 988	Write-ins: Persons receiving less than 5 votes	2

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

YES 765 NO 464

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

YES 848 NO 394

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

YES 833 NO 413

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)**

Components of the budget include:

\$ 7,780,265 Town Operating Budget
 \$ 907,147 Water Department Operating Budget
\$8,687,412 Total

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)** 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 Town Default Budget
 \$ 976,625 Water Department Default budget
\$ 8,801,633 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: Town Proposed Operating Budget \$5.468

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact Town Proposed Default Budget \$5.589

YES 1,015 NO 262

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
Highway Department Vehicle Repair & Replacement	\$ 50,000
Highway Department Heavy Equipment	\$ 30,000
Bridge & Culvert	\$ 82,000
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
Recreation Department Equipment, Vehicles & Facilities	\$ 0
Parks Equipment & Facilities	\$ 33,000
TOTAL TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 345,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.363

YES 800 NO 491

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)** 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

YES 953 NO 331

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: \$0.042

YES 1,012 NO 298

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: \$0.003

YES 990 NO 311

Warrant Article 10 – 4th of July 2020 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

YES 922 NO 358

Warrant Article 11 – 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?

Social Service Agencies

HAVEN	\$ 4,175
Area Homecare and Family Services	\$ 4,000
Court Appointed Service Advocates	\$ 1,500
Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County	\$ 2,000
Waypoint/ Formally Child and Family Services	\$ 6,000
One Sky Community Services	\$ 0
Retired Senior Volunteer Program	\$ 600
Raymond Coalition for Youth	\$10,000
Southern NH Services/Rockingham Community Action	\$ 3,978
Chamber Children’s Fund	\$ 3,000
Rockingham County Nutrition Program	\$ 3,747
Home Health & Hospice Care	\$ 1,000
Total	\$40,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.042

YES 906 NO 402

Warrant Article 12 – Waste Disposal Special Revenue Fund (Fund 18):

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

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

YES 1,065 NO 236

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 **(\$253,702.41)** 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, 2022, whichever comes first. **(Majority Vote Required)**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

YES 1,125 NO 155

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)** 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: \$0.369

YES 910 NO 364

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)** 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

YES 872 NO 394

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

YES 869 NO 407

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

YES 835 NO 444

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)** or if married a combined net income of less than **(\$42,385)** and own net assets not in excess of **(\$72,100)** 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

YES 990 NO 292

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)** to **Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500)**. **(Majority vote required)**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.011

YES 1,067 NO 230

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, Four Hundred Dollars (\$154,400)** 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
Assessing Software Update	\$ 15,000
2020 Presidential Election Year Budget Impact	\$ 15,500
Town Re-Evaluation	\$ 60,000
Town Energy Efficiency (Building Energy Conversion)	\$ 18,900
Legal Expenses and Settlements	\$ 30,000
TOTALS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 154,400

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.000

YES 859 NO 424

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)** 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

YES 1,008 NO 274

Warrant Article 22 – Establish Facility Revitalization Capital Reserve 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)** to be placed in this fund of this amount \$145,519 is to come from unassigned fund balance (which represents funds received from the State of New Hampshire’s One-Time Municipal Infrastructure Grant in 2019 and the remaining \$144,481 to come from anticipated Municipal Infrastructure grant to be received in 2020 with no amount to be raised through 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

YES 1,008 NO 269

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

Shall the Town of Raymond vote to raise and appropriate a sum certain of **Forty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$45,215)** 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

YES 1,003 NO 292

Warrant Article 24– Citizen Petition: Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program:

To see if the Town of Raymond will raise and appropriate the amount of \$6,500 for the Lamprey Health Care Senior Transportation Program?

This is a citizen petition warrant article.

Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Not Recommended by the Budget Committee

Estimated 2020 Tax Impact: \$0.007

YES 8008 NO 476

Warrant Article 25 – Citizen Petition: Ban of Plastic Bags by all Retail Businesses:

To see if the Town will vote to ban the use of plastic bags by all retail businesses in town that sell products and bags them in plastic by January 1, 2021. *This is a citizen petition warrant article.*

YES 43 NO 847

Warrant Article 26 – Citizen Petition: Designation of Scenic Road:

To see if the Town of Raymond shall vote to designate as a scenic road Old Fremont Road and Extension,pursuant to RSA 231:157? *This is a citizen petition warrant article.*

YES 336 NO 951

Moderator Welch adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon E. Walls

Town Clerk/Tax Collector