

**SAMPLE BALLOT
TOWN OF RAYMOND
REFERENDUM ELECTION
JUNE 9, 2026**

Melanie Fernald
Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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- YES **Referendum Question A:** To see if the Town will vote to:
- NO 1. Set the date the 1st half of taxes due to November 2, 2026, and the 2nd half of taxes due to April 30, 2027.
2. Set the interest rate for unpaid balances and for abated taxes at seven percent (7%) per annum (annualized) for the fiscal year.
3. Authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §506, with no interest; and
4. Authorize the Select Board on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any property acquired by the Town for nonpayment of taxes pursuant to the policy adopted by the Select Board, as may be amended from time to time, the policy to remain consistent with State statutes and laws; in all cases conveyance to be made by municipal quitclaim deed.

Select Board recommends Question A
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question A

- YES **Referendum Question B:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$3,222,764** for General Government Services (Administration; Assessing; Code Enforcement; Employee Benefits; General Assistance; Insurances; and Technology).
- NO

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| Administration | \$845,743 |
| Assessing | \$107,985 |
| Code Enforcement | \$244,650 |
| Employee Benefits | \$1,552,376 |
| General Assistance | \$15,000 |
| Insurances, Workers Comp | \$214,810 |
| Technology | \$242,200 |

Select Board recommends Question B
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question B

- YES **Referendum Question C:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$2,049,461** for Public Works.
- NO

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| Public Works | \$1,273,521 |
| Town Buildings | \$111,190 |
| Solid Waste | \$664,750 |

Select Board recommends Question C
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question C

YES **Referendum Question D:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$36,500** from the Cemetery Trust Fund/Restricted Fund for cemetery maintenance and operations.

NO

Select Board recommends Question D
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question D

YES **Referendum Question E:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,780,271** for Public Safety.

NO

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:
Fire/Rescue Department \$1,731,451
Animal Control \$48,820

Select Board recommends Question E
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question E

YES **Referendum Question F:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of Town owned personal property with value not to exceed **\$75,000**.

NO

Select Board recommends Question F
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question F

YES **Referendum Question G:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from undesignated fund balance (surplus) to meet the unanticipated needs of the community that occur during the fiscal year and/or to adjust the tax rate as the Select Board deem advisable, an amount not to exceed **\$75,000**.

NO

Select Board recommends Question G
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question G

YES **Referendum Question H:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to transfer funds between appropriation accounts as long as the grand total of all appropriation is not exceeded, any such transfers to be approved only at a properly called public meeting of the Select Board.

NO

Select Board recommends Question H
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question H

YES **Referendum Question I:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to:

NO

- Allow Town Staff to make application for and execute any documents related to a grant;
- Accept or reject grants, donations and/or gifts of money to the Town of Raymond; and
- Authorize the expenditure of monies awarded, donated and/or gifted for the purposes specified in the grant, donation, and/or gift.

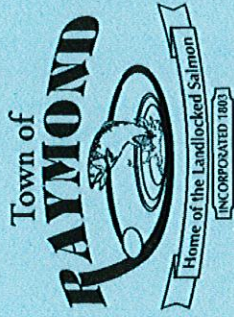
Select Board recommends Question I
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question I

YES **Referendum Question J:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from undesignated fund balance (surplus), in an amount not to exceed **\$300,000**, for any one or more of the following purposes as the Select Board deems advisable: to reduce the property tax commitment; to fund one-time capital expenditures or equipment reserves; or to apply toward capital improvements or debt reduction; provided that any such appropriation shall be consistent with the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance Policy and shall not reduce the undesignated fund balance below fifteen percent (15%) of the prior year's tax commitment.

NO

Select Board recommends Question J
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question J

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- YES
- NO

Referendum Question K: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to appropriate from the Overlay account as much as may be necessary for the payment of tax abatements, the defense of property tax valuations in proceedings before the Board of Assessment Review or in Superior Court, and professional appraisal or consulting services related to tax assessment matters.

Select Board recommends Question K
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question K

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question L: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$546,183** from the tax increment of the Pipeline/RT 302 Tax Increment Financing District for FY 2026-2027 project proposed in the Tax Increment Financing District Development Program (for details see Voter Guide, Section #1).

Select Board recommends Question L
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question L

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question M: To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Raise and appropriate an additional **\$281,300** to the General Government Appropriation for Recreation programs and services, which amount shall be recorded and expended as part of the General Government appropriation.
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2. Appropriate \$155,700 from the Tassel Top Park Enterprise Fund for the administration of activities at Tassel Top Park. The Enterprise Fund may raise additional revenues beyond the appropriated amount necessary to cover actual operating expenses, and all such revenues shall be recorded in and retained by the Tassel Top Park Enterprise Fund; and
3. Appropriate \$196,300 from the Recreation Programs Special Revenue Fund for the administration of recreation program activities. The Special Revenue Fund may raise additional revenues beyond the appropriated amount as necessary to cover actual operating expenses, and all such revenues shall be recorded in and retained by the Recreation Programs Special Revenue Fund.

Select Board recommends Question M
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question M

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question N: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$756,988** for Debt Services. The budget figures will be assigned as follows to include any interest variance:

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| A.) Debt Service Bond Payment FY2022 (Original Debt \$489,250) | \$58,064 |
| B.) Debt Service Bond Payment FY 2023 (Original Debt \$1,150,000) | \$257,600 |
| C.) Debt Service Bond Payment FY 2024 (Original Debt \$748,318) | \$253,976 |
| D.) Debt Service Lease Payment FY2025 (Original Debt 1,447,746 + Interest) | |
- Annual Payment of \$187,348 Carried Forward from FY26 Deferred until FY27 and carried forward.

Select Board recommends Question N
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question N

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- YES
- NO

Referendum Question O: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$243,026** for the Raymond Village Library.

Select Board recommends Question O
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question O

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question P: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$1,232,211** for the Capital Improvement Program.

The budget figures will be assigned as follows:

| Raise & Appropriate | |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Public Works Equipment | \$425,000 |
| Public Works Paving | \$450,000 |
| Public Safety Fire Reserve | \$232,711 |
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| Municipal Facilities | \$35,000 |
| Revaluation Reserve | \$40,000 |
| Technology | \$49,500 |

Select Board recommends Question P
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question P

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question Q: To see whether the Town will vote to carry forward any existing fund balance in the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) accounts, the Healthcare Reimbursement Accounts (H.R.A.), and the Employee Compensation Account.

Select Board recommends Question Q
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question Q

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question R: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$25,600** for community transportation services, to be allocated as follows:

- \$13,000 - Lakes Region Explorer (fixed route service)
- \$12,600 - RTP Micro-Van Service

Select Board recommends Question R
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question R

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question S: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$8,134** for community services and provider agencies, to be allocated as follows:

- \$1,500 - Crescent Lake Watershed Association
- \$3,000 - Spurwink Services
- \$1,134 - LifeFlight of Maine
- \$1,500 - Southern Maine Agency on Aging
- \$1,000 - Town Manager's discretion

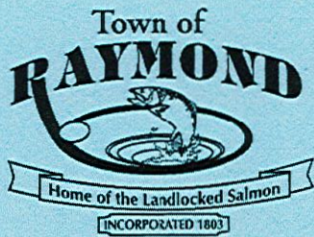
Select Board recommends Question S
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question S

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question T: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of **\$2,256,072** from estimated non-property tax revenues to reduce the property tax commitment, together with all categories of funds, which may be available from the federal government, and any other sources.

Select Board recommends Question T
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question T

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- YES **Referendum Question U:** To see if the Town will vote to accept certain State Funds as provided by the Maine State Legislature during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and any other funds provided by any other entity including but not limited to:
- NO

Municipal Revenue Sharing
Local Road Assistance
Emergency Management Assistance
Snowmobile Registration Money
Homestead Exemption
Tree Growth Reimbursement
General Assistance Reimbursement
Veteran's Exemption Reimbursement
Business Equipment Tax Exemption (B.E.T.E.) Reimbursement
State Grant or Other Funds

Select Board recommends Question U
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question U

- YES **Referendum Question V:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of Town employees and/or Town owned equipment or independent contractor(s) hired by the Town for maintenance on private roads in special and certain circumstances where in the public's interest.
- NO

Select Board recommends Question V
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question V

- YES **Referendum Question W:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance **\$564,531.25** for the employee benefits liability.
- NO

Select Board recommends Question W
Budget-Finance Committee recommends Question W

- Yes **Referendum Question X:** Shall Article 9.3.A.2. "Off-Street Parking" and Article 12.2. "Terms Defined" of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 10, 2025, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Voter Guide, Section #2?
- No

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.gov, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Question X
Select Board recommends Question X

Description: Adds parking for, and definitions of, Short Term Rentals

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- YES
- NO

Referendum Question Y: Shall Article 9.28. "Medical Cannabis Cultivation Facilities" and Article 12.2 "Terms Defined" of the Land Use Ordinance, as adopted May 21, 1994, and amended through June 10, 2025, be further amended by adding the underscored language and removing the language in strikeout text as in Voter Guide, Section #3?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed change is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.gov, or at the polling place prior to voting.)

Planning Board recommends Question Y
Select Board recommends Question Y

Description: Adds definitions relative to cannabis cultivation for Raymond as a Non-Opt-In Town

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question Z: Shall an ordinance entitled "Short Term Rental Registration Ordinance" be enacted?

(A copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, on the Town's website at www.raymondmaine.gov, or at the polling place prior to voting. Voter Guide, Section #4)

Planning Board makes no recommendation on Question Z
Select Board recommends Question Z

Description: Creates an ordinance to define and regulate Short Term Rentals

- YES
- NO

Referendum Question AA: Shall the Town of Raymond accept Tarkiln Hill Road/Shady Lane as Town Roads, conditioned upon confirmation that these roads meet Town standards?

Select Board recommends Question AA

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING