

**SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE TOPIC
GROUP
FOR THE RAYMOND MASTER PLAN INITIATIVE
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COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

Raymond's building needs were prioritized as follows, beginning with the greatest need:

- #1 New Police Station
- #2 New Town Office (could be done in conjunction with expansion of the library and/or development of a community center) The new Town Office must have space for storing town records in a secure, fire-proof environment
- #3 Additional Public Works Space
- #4 Community Center (a community center for all ages could begin as a building for meetings, gatherings, performances, etc., and expand to include additional sports fields/courts, swimming pool, and playgrounds nearby or at various locations in town. Also, the community center could be space within a new town hall)
- #5 Larger Library (current library could expand into the present town hall)
- #6 Satellite Fire Stations (a cost analysis could be conducted to compare the cost or requiring sprinklers in new homes to the cost of building a satellite fire station)

Also, suggested uses of the old fire station were discussed (e.g. fire museum, office space, parking lot). No recommendation was made.

INFRASTRUCTURE:

Beautification:

- Prior to the installation of sewers, designate and Preserve a "Village District" in the traditional village center around the Common and Main Street business district area through a new zoning ordinance
- Consider a Property Tax Moratorium for buildings rehabbed within the historic or village districts

There should be a concerted and immediate effort to designate a Village District in Raymond. RSA 79-E provides a mechanism for short-term property tax

incentives for substantial rehab of qualified buildings in village centers and requires a vote of the townspeople; guidelines from the zoning ordinances should protect the appearance, character and scale of buildings. Also, there should be clarification as to whether buildings outside the designated Village District could be designated Historic District Overlay.

- ❑ In lieu of an ordinance for private property beautification/clean-up, have a “Town Clean-up Day” where residents can put cast-off items at the curb and others can take new-found treasures home. The Town of Raymond could then collect any remaining trash items a couple of days later.
- ❑ Allow residents to pre-pay for disposal of large items including appliances, furniture and place a sticker (indicating the pre-payment) on the item so it can be picked up by the Town or contracted disposal service; designated days might be advisable
- ❑ Promote adoption of town roads for clean-up by local groups that will have a sign posted for their efforts
- ❑ New cemetery guidelines have already been developed by the Cemetery Committee

Sewer:

- ❑ Eight centralized sewer collection areas have been identified by the Wastewater Treatment Facility Feasibility Study completed by Wright-Pierce, 6/06. Order of installation would be dictated by need and efficiency of installation. The sewer collection areas are:

Exit 4 West	Exit 4 East/Downtown	Epping Street	The Plains
Route 27 West	Governor’s Lake	Exit 5 North	Route 27 East
- ❑ Water lines should be installed as a joint project with sewer lines; water hook-ups could occur at a later date

Water:

- ❑ New water mains are needed for Exit 4 and Industrial Drive (part of the TIF district) and at the Candia line (beginning along Route 27) which at a later date could then come back towards town and include Leisure Village, Fire Lake/Clearwater Estates, Scotland Drive and the commercial properties en route
- ❑ Water and sewer hook-ups time table would be determined by the Sewer Commissioners and Board of Selectmen

Roads:

- ❑ To maintain the Town's rural character, there need to be more designated "Scenic Roads"
- ❑ Vehicle speed on town roads could be controlled by having curved roads, narrow roads and speed tables or other traffic calming measures.
- ❑ More sidewalks/paved shoulders are desirable for pedestrian safety, particularly that of children. At a minimum, sidewalks would be desirable at IHG Middle School-Common, LR Elementary School-Common and Main Street (at Route 27)-Pecker Bridge
- ❑ Sidewalks and bike paths would also promote the health and well being of the community by encouraging people to exercise and would reduce pollution by providing a safe alternative to driving

Utilities:

- ❑ Additional electrical transmission capacity is needed at the Safety Complex and Industrial Drive; and to support commercial and industrial growth. The Town Manager should address this issue
- ❑ Additional cable and phone service will be needed by the Town; this could allow people to work from their homes as a way to enhance employment opportunities and quality of life by reducing commuting and associated pollution. The Town Manager should address this issue
- ❑ Gas transmission was discussed, but no recommendation was made. The nearest known gas lines are East Kingston, Exeter, and Manchester.