TOWN OF RAYMOND
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN WARRANT - 2008

FIRST SESSION:

To the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the **Iber Holmes Gove Middle School** in said Raymond on **Saturday, the ninth (9th) of February, 2008 at Ten of the clock (10:00 a.m.)** in the forenoon. This session shall consist of explanation, discussion and deliberation of the warrant articles numbered 1 through 30. The warrant articles may be amended subject to the following limitations: (a) warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended, and (b) warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on official ballot for a final vote on the main motion as amended.

SECOND SESSION:

Voting Session to act on all Warrant Articles as amended, including the proposed budget, as a result of the action of the "FIRST SESSION" will be held **Tuesday, March 11, 2008**, at the **Iber Holmes Gove Middle School**. Polls will be open from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM.

Article 1. To choose the following:
Two (2) Selectmen for 3-year terms; One (1) Selectman for a 2-year term; One (1) Town Treasurer for a 3-year term; One (1) Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a 3-year term; One (1) Town Moderator for 2-year term; One (1) Supervisor of the Checklist for 6-year term; Three (3) Budget Committee Members for 3-year terms; One (1) Trustee of Trust Funds for 3-year term; One (1) Library Trustee for 3-year term; Two (2) Planning Board Members for 3-year terms; Two (2) Ethics Committee Members for 3-year terms.
One (1) Ethics Committee Member for 2-year term

Article 2. **Zoning Amendment – Citizen Petition Zoning Amendment**
The undersigned legal voters of the Town of Raymond, New Hampshire, in the capacity of the Town's Legislative Body, request that the Zoning Map of the Town of Raymond be amended by rezoning lots portions of Raymond Tax Map 37-2, 32-43, 32-68, 38-12 and 38-13(on land formerly known as Nashua River Land Corporation) from Zone D-Industrial to Zone C-2 (Commercial/Residential) to:

a) Promote the growth of clean businesses compatible with existing residential neighborhoods, the environment, and organized economic development.
b) To foster economic development by creating high quality, well paying local jobs.
c) Broaden the town's tax base via economic growth.
d) Promote public health and safety, general welfare, and peaceful, uncongested living conditions for Raymond citizens.
e) Protect Raymond's future town water supply as well as existing community and private water wells.

f) Safeguard the Lamprey River from pollution caused by heavy industry, and promote the Raymond Master Plan suggesting that the Raymond portion of the Lamprey River be included in the federal Wild and Scenic River designation.

Not recommended by the Planning Board.

Article 3 Shall the Town of Raymond 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 **Six Million Eight Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents ($6,842,736.00)**? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Six Million Seven Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Zero Cents ($6,728,319.00)**, 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. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.**

NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

Article 4. To see if the Town will 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 graduating seniors (established pursuant to Warrant Article 23 at the 2000 Town Meeting), said funds to be administered by the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.**

Article 5 Shall the Town vote to discontinue the following existing Capital Reserve Funds: Parks & Recreation Equipment Fund, established at the 2004 Town Meeting, the Parks and Recreation Vehicle Replacement Fund established at the 2004 Town Meeting, and the Parks and Recreation Facilities Expansion Fund established at the 2004 Town Meeting; said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund. The purpose of discontinuing these funds is to allow for establishment of the Capital Reserve Funds described at Article 6 and Article 7.

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Parks Department, Equipment, Vehicles and Facility Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars ($73,869.00)**, to be placed in this Fund, and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend this Fund. (Majority vote required) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.**

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Recreation Department, Equipment, Vehicle and Facilities Fund, and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars ($40,165.00)** to be placed in this Fund and to name the board of Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.**

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Six Dollars ($345,006)** 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.

Name	Amount 2008	SEL	BC	Agents Named
General Government Buildings Maintenance and Improvements	$11,505	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Highway Heavy Equipment	$77,752	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Highway Vehicle Replacement	$50,182	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Bridge Maintenance	$8,306	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Sidewalks	$1,000	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Master Plan Updates	$10,343	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Town Office Technology	$10,015	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Revaluation	$5,900	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Police and Dispatch Equipment and Vehicle Fund	$18,505	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Fire Department Equipment and Vehicle Fund	$150,000	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Library Improvements	$1,498	**YES**	**YES**	Selectmen
Total	**$345,006**			

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
This is a special warrant article.

Article 9. Shall the Town vote pursuant to the provision of RSA 35:16 to change the name and purpose of the following existing Capital Reserve accounts:

From: New Town Facilities Construction Fund, and the Design and Construction of New Town Facilities Fund

To: New Town Facilities Fund to be used for the planning and construction of new town facilities. **(2/3 vote required.) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 10. Shall the Town vote pursuant to the provision of RSA 35:16 to change the name and purpose of the following existing Capital Reserve accounts:

From: General Government Buildings Maintenance and Improvements Fund, and the Facilities Maintenance Fund

To: General Government Improvements and Maintenance Fund to be used for the improvements to and maintenance of town facilities. **(2/3 vote required.)**
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000)** to be deposited into previously established Capital Reserve Funds (listed below), and to apportion this sum among the several funds as listed below. Said funds shall be paid by Water Revenues.

New Water Treatment Facility	$5,000.00
Clean Wells CRF	$5,000.00
Paint Water Tank Towers CRF	$5,000.00
Water Dept Utility Replace Vehicle	$5,000.00
New Well Site Acquisitions CRF	$5,000.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
This is a special warrant article.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars ($82,647)** in support of the following Social Service Agencies, these being the same amounts that were approved at the 2007 Town Meeting:

A Safe Place	$2,875
Adult Tutorial Program of Rockingham County	$500
AIDS Response - Seacoast	$1,000
American Red Cross - Manchester Chapter	$1,201
Area Homemaker Health Aide Service	$4,500
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Seacoast	$1,000
Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham Co.	$1,000
Child and Family Services	$5,500
Lamprey Health Care	$6,500
Retired Seniors Volunteer Program	$600
Richie McFarland Children Center	$3,025
Rockingham County Community Action	$32,848
Rockingham County Nutrition Program	$2,535
Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association	$12,913
Seacoast Hospice	$2,350
Seacoast Mental Health	$3,000
Sexual Assault Support Service	$1,300
Total	$ 82,647

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
This is a special warrant article.

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Dollars ($55,320)** for the purpose of Controlling Adult Mosquitoes by applying by spray and/or other means bacterial insecticide into stagnant water for mosquito larvae control and taking other reasonable steps to control the adult mosquito population in the Town of Raymond. **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee.**

This is a special warrant article.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Dollars ($149,000)** 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 in two years, whichever is sooner. (Majority vote required.) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.**

This is a special warrant article.

Article 15. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 31:95-c to restrict fifty percent (50%) of revenues from the building permit fees received from building permit applications from development in the Sewer Overlay District to expenditures for the purpose of necessary building inspections, plan reviews, special consultants required, and other necessary costs associated with construction and plan review of development projects in the Sewer Overlay District. Such revenues and expenditures shall be accounted for in a special revenue fund to be known as the Sewer Overlay District Building Permit Special Revenue Fund, separate from the General Fund. Any surplus in said fund shall not be deemed part of the general fund accumulated surplus and shall be expended only after a vote by legislative body to appropriate a specific amount from said fund for a specific purpose related to the purpose of the fund or source of revenue. (Majority vote required.) **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to rescind Article 34 as passed by the 2006 Town Meeting and vote, as required by RSA 41:14-a, to ratify the leasing of a portion (± 1 acre) of town owned land (± 3.7 acres) (Map 22 Lot 34) fronting on Old Manchester Road to Raymond Ambulance for a term of greater than one (1) year, such land to be used by Raymond Ambulance for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating an ambulance service and facility and for such uses incidental thereto, said long term lease to be on such other terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate**.** **Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.**

Article 17. To see if the Town will re-establish a CIP committee for the purpose of managing the Capital Improvements Plan, and giving the Board of Selectmen and the School Board recommendations on what is included in the plan, and how much should be funded each year. This committee will be composed of the following: Two Selectmen, Two School Board Members, Two Budget Committee Members, Two Planning Board members, and three Citizens at large appointed by the Planning Board for a 3 year period. The committee makeup and purpose will remain in effect until dissolved or changed by vote of the citizens at town meeting or annual vote.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the current Code of Ethics for the town, Adopted March 8, 2003, to show that under Section VI (A) a new line will be added to state:

"Immediately the Ethics Committee shall appoint two alternative members to their board with one for a one year term and one for a two year term, thereafter all alternates will be appointed for a two year term."
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to modify Article 26 of the 2007 Town Meeting which ratified the leasing of Town owned property to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4479. and to vote, as required by RSA 41:11-a to ratify the leasing of a portion (± 3 acres) of Town owned land (± 20 acres) (Tax Map 38 Lot 4) fronting on New Hampshire Route 27 to the United Veterans Club of Raymond (UVCR), a non-profit club established to operate and potentially own the property for the purpose of establishing a meeting place for all veteran organizations in the Town. The lease shall be for a term of seven (7) years with an option granted to purchase the property for $150,000 within the lease period, and the lease shall have an additional three (3) year option period, subject to the mutual agreement between the Board of Selectmen and the UVCR. Should the option to purchase be exercised, the property shall be conveyed pursuant to the process established by RSA 41:14-a, which includes public hearings before the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. The property shall be leased for a lease payment of $100.00 per year. The lease shall also permit the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages, consistent with all Town and State regulations regulating or licensing such use, within the proposed building to be constructed on the parcel.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred and Seventy-Seven Thousand Dollars ($177,000)** to be used to pay for the construction of the extension of Old Bye Road to provide a second means of access to that development, and to grant to the developer two town owned lots (Map 14-2 Lots 8 and 23, totaling ±9.35 acres) as a part of the compensation for building the road.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Not recommended by the Budget Committee

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to develop a Town owned parcel of land (Map 35 Lot 4) (the Flint Hill Property) as a business park under the Mixed Use Business Campus Overlay District by issuing requests for qualifications and proposals for a master developer to develop the property, and to ratify the leasing of the property pursuant to that RFP process for a period of not more than 55 years on such terms and conditions established by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to place a conservation easement in perpetuity on approximately 215 acres of Town owned land between State Route 27, Route 156 and bordering the Raymond High School property described on the Town of Raymond new tax maps as Map 35 Lot 4. The Town shall create a trust fund to accept donations, grant monies, timber revenues from selective cutting on Map 35 Lot 4, bequests et al, and appropriate the funds in this trust as a non-transferable appropriation for the up-keep of this land. **This is a petition warrant article.**

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to resolve that no type of fireworks or explosives by any individual be discharged within 400 feet radius of any other property in the Town of Raymond, NH unless properly licensed and have received a permit signed by the Raymond Fire Chief and Raymond Police Chief. **This is a petition warrant article.**

Article 24. To see if the town will vote that the Board of Selectmen and the respective moderator hold all future deliberative sessions on the town warrant at the Raymond High School cafeteria or gymnasium unless that structure is not available due to renovations or is damaged and not useable. **This is a petition warrant article**.

Article 25. To see if the Town of Raymond will vote to rescind the provision of Article 42 of the March 14, 2006 Town Meeting requiring that the Town Manager reside in Raymond, and rescind the provisions of Article 28 of the March 13, 2007 Town Meeting relating to the residency of the Town Manager and instead direct that the Board of Selectmen select the Town Manager based on his or her education, training, experience, and ability to perform the duties of the office. **This is a petition warrant article**.

Article 26. To see if the Town shall vote to support 50% of the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) collected be deposited into the Conservation Fund pursuant to RSA 79-A. The LUCT funds will be used to support Land Conservation initiatives pursuant to RSA 36, as recommended in the 2007 Town Survey.

The Land Conservation initiatives are:

- Protect high value land consisting of forests, wetlands, farms lands, scenic views and river bank properties;
- Preservation of our natural resources and wildlife habitats;
- Restore or enhance damaged watershed river banks;
- Preserve open green space for outdoor recreation activities;
- Preserve land to minimize residential development that over crowds our schools and increases taxes.

This is a petition warrant article.

Article 27. To see if the Town shall vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to support the Conservation Commissions initiative and to purchase 56 acres of land subdivided from Map 44 Lots 26 & 29, for the appraised purchase price of $225,000 plus closing expensed, with existing money from the Conservation Fund, per RSA 36 and placing this land in permanent conservation easement.

Acquisition of this parcel of conservation land is consistent with the results of the 2003 and 2007 Town Surveys and will preserve for the town additional accessible open green space for outdoor recreation activities; protect natural resources and wildlife habitats within the forests and wetland while at the same time providing Raymond residents access to the surrounding upland scenic views. **This is a petition warrant article**.

Article 28. To see if the Town shall vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to pursue and promote non-residential commercial and/or industrial development at the NH Route 101 Exit 5, ALONG Route 27 Business Corridor and the Sewer Overlay, and allow qualified development projects in these areas, requiring off-site mitigation for permitted wetland filling, to participate in the Pooled Wetland Mitigation Plan.

The pooled Wetland Mitigation Plan recommends Developers to:

- Protect high value open space land within Raymond with conservation easements.
- Enhance, Restore damaged wetlands or Create new wetlands within Raymond in exchange for the permitted wetlands filling.
- Protect enhanced or restored wetlands with a restricted deed or conservation easement to prevent future damage.

This is a petition warrant article.

Article 29. Shall a Charter Commission be established for the purpose of revising a Municipal Charter or establishing a new Municipal Charter. **This is a petition warrant article**.

Article 30. Shall the Town of Raymond pursue a 3 million dollar land acquisition of parcels 37-2, 38-12, 38-43 and 32-68 to protect the future drinking water of the town? These parcels sit over top of a class GA1 aquifer, which may become polluted and a health risk as a byproduct of a proposed quarry operation. A purchase will put public safety first and protect all citizens of the town. This article shall also permit the town to further sell the land for clean development which will be sate for the community and have minimal ecological impact, offsetting any initial cost and making this long term tax neutral.
This is a petition warrant article.

Article 31. Should the Town of Raymond ban smoking on Raymond Recreation fields, including Cammet Fields and RT 107 ball fields? This is being requested by the Raymond Coalition for Youth and the RCFY Youth Action, for the health and well being of all, but especially our youth, who do not have a vote or say. **This is a petition warrant article**.

Article 32. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this ____ day of January, 2008.

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Franklin C. Bishop, Chairman

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Frank Bourque, Co-Chairman

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James Tuttle, Selectman

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Gregory C. Bemis, Selectman

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Timothy Auclair, Selectman

A true copy of warrant – attest:

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Franklin C. Bishop, Chairman

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James Tuttle, Selectman

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Gregory C. Bemis, Selectman

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Timothy Auclair, Selectman

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING
TOWN MEETING – 2008

January ___, 2008

This is to certify that I, Christopher Rose, acting in my capacity as the Town Manager, hereby affirm that on the ___ day of January, 2008, I gave notice to the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond by posting an attested copy of the within 2008 Town Meeting Warrant at the Iber Holmes Gove School within named and posted a like attested copy at the Raymond Town Office, being a public place in said Town in accordance with the provisions of RSA 39:5, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

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Christopher Rose, Town Manager

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
ROCKINGHAM, SS.

On this ____ day of January, 2008, personally appeared before me the above named Christopher Rose, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to this certificate, and acknowledged that he has executed the same for the purposes herein contained. Before me:

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Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My Commission Expires:_____