

# Raymond School District

2019 Capital Improvement Plan Proposal

Capital Improvement Plan Committee

# Committee Membership

- Colleen West-Coates, Chair (Board of Selectmen)
- Carol Watjus, Vice Chair (Budget Committee)
- Brad Reed (Planning Board)
- Joe Saulnier (School Board)
- Beth Paris (School Board)
- Joshua Mann (Budget Committee)
- Greg Bemis (Board of Selectmen)
- George Plante (Board of Selectmen)

# 2019 CIP Committee Goals

- Continue intensive scrutiny of needs assessment
- Identify how School District can continue current service level with funding capacity
- Gradual increase CIP funding to better prepare for large expenditures
- Decrease Money In/Money Out practice to prepare for future expenditures

# What can CIP do for us?

- A fully functional, healthy CIP has the following benefits for the town
  - Fiscal planning tool for large expenditures
    - Buildings, large equipment, large projects
  - Levels out tax rate and assists in predicting tax impact
    - Items are “saved” for over a number of years
    - Prevents or reduces bonding, and the interest payments required with a bond
    - Prevents sharp spikes in tax rate due to large purchases
    - Allows community to plan for expenditures, showing the impact on the tax rate years in advance
  - Necessary instrument
    - Town of Raymond Master Plan
    - Impact Fees from development

# Methodology

- Committee defined what items belonged in the CIP

As used in the Capital Improvement Plan, a capital improvement project is defined as a major fiscal expenditure which made infrequently or is non-recurring and includes one or more of the following:

1. Acquisition of Land
2. Construction or expansion of public facility, street or utility lines
3. Non-recurring rehabilitation of a facility
4. Design or planning study related to an individual project
5. Replacement and purchase of vehicles
6. Any item that has a useful life of 5 or more years and costs more than
  - a. Municipality \$20,000
  - b. School District \$10,000
  - c. Food Service \$2,500

# Methodology

This Ranking system is adopted and used the Raymond Capital Improvements Committee in developing the School District and Town Capital Improvement Plans.

Class 1 - Urgent - Cannot be delayed; Needed immediately for health and safety.

Class 2 - Necessary - Needed within 3 years to maintain basic level and quality of service.

Class 3 - Desirable - Needed within 4 to 10 years to improve/maintain quality or level of service.

Class 4 - Deferrable - Can be placed on hold until after 10 year period, but supports community development goals.

Class 5 - Premature - Needs more research, planning and coordination.

Class 6 - Inconsistent - Contrary to land use planning or community development goals.

Raymond NH CIP Committee, June 2018

# 2019 CIP Findings

- Committee Found:
  - CIP is chronically underfunded
  - CIP is currently used as a budget supplement
    - Money in Money out projects
    - No actual savings achieved on a year to year basis
    - Some projects should be part of budget, not CIP
  - Actual funding amount to fully fund CIP far exceeds ability of taxpayers to afford

# 2019 CIP Proposals

- **Consensus of the committee was to recommend that the school district CIP warrant article as proposed with exception of technology purchases**
  - CIP committee split on technology requests
- **Committee recommends that the school district retain a portion of their CRF monies each year (reduce money in/money out actions)**
- **Committee recommends that the school district reexamines items that the CIP committee ranked as inconsistent/premature**
  - Items that do not meet definition threshold
  - Items that appear to be routine maintenance (i.e. gym floors, security upgrades)
  - Transition out inconsistent items



**Thank You**

2018/2019 Raymond CIP Committee