

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

This Citizen Petition is intended to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,500 for Lamprey Health Care to support the Senior Transportation Program. Lamprey Health Care's Senior Transportation Program provides seniors (aged 60+) and adults with disabilities transportation to and from medical appointments and pharmacies, to the grocery store, and to physical and social activities. The program claims to contribute to riders' health and independence, to promote a healthy diet and exercise to decrease the prevalence of obesity, diabetes, heart disease and stroke, and to encourage socialization for its elderly and disabled clients. Lamprey Health Care has had a long-standing relationship with the town of Raymond. Regardless of zero funding from the Town in 2019, Lamprey Health Care continued to provide transportation services for residents of Raymond.

In 2018, Lamprey Health Care provided transportation services to 305 Raymond residents, with 1,385 patient visits, and provided \$9,586.20 in free or reduced-cost care. At its Raymond site, as a whole, a total of 5,304 patients received services over 20,914 visits. (1) Estimated 2020 tax impact is \$0.007 per thousand, or \$1.40 on a \$200,000 home.

A YES vote will provide funding for the Senior Transportation Program, which will aid Lamprey Health Care in providing accessible, individualized transportation to Raymond residents in need.

A NO vote will not provide funding to the Senior Transportation Program, which will impact Lamprey Health Care's ability to continue the same level of services.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To provide seniors or disabled individuals with transportation for qualified visits.
- To support a program of the comprehensive community health care center in Raymond.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Personal objection to this agency and/or its services.
- Personal objection to the Town funding social service agencies.

References:

1. Debbie Bartley, Director of Transportation Services and Lauren Garza, Grants & Development Coordinator, Lamprey Health Care, in an email 1/21/20.