

TOWN OF RAYMOND BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rolf Olsen Louise Murray Howard Williams Jane Jordan Neil Southwick Phil Hamilton Ralph
Bartholomew Louise Lester

MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 1999

ATTENDANCE: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Jane Jordan; Phil Hamilton; Louise Murray; Ralph Bartholomew; Louise Lester; Neil Southwick; David Bois, Superintendent; Norma Richard, Principal; Margaret Waters, Special Education Director; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

CALL TO ORDER: Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Approve minutes of previous meetings.

a. January 11, 1999.

MOTION: Neil Southwick motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Jane Jordan.

VOTE: Carried.

2. 1998-1999 School Budget Review.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bois said that the teacher's contract was still not finalized and that the teachers would be paid through August, 1999 on the current contract. The new contract would be in force September, 1999.

MOTION: Neil Southwick motioned to accept the proposed school budget. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about the warrant articles which allow the Town and School amounts to be transferred as desired by the officials through any account as long as the total budget is not overdrawn. Mr. Bois noted that any decision for this type of expenditure is discussed at the School Committee meetings which are public hearings and posted ahead of the meeting date.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. New Generator for Jordan Small School.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore informed the Committee that procuring an emergency generator was being studied. At this time a 20kw to 34kw machine is being investigated. There will be more information soon.

4. Recycling Contract.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore told the Committee that Pine Tree Waste had agreed to every other week pickup of recyclables and two "silver bullet" containers to be located in Raymond. He said that they desired to extend the present contract a year because of the expense of purchasing the silver bullets. The Town will own one of the bullets at the end of the contract whether or not the contract is renegotiated.

5. Lake Region Development Council.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore explained that the LRDC had asked for a contribution from Raymond of \$10,000 to help them establish a director and an office. This organization hopes to improve the commercial/business interests in the area. Mr. Poore felt that this money could be included in the TIF budget.

6. Septic Site.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore explained that Paul Lawrence will be talking with the Selectmen about his study of the septic site possibilities. The choices are improving and expanding the existing site or closing the site and arranging to have our sludge taken to an outside facility.

7. Public Works Chipper.

MOTION: Neil Southwick motioned to pay off the chipper using Undesignated Surplus in an amount not to exceed \$18,300. Seconded by Louise Murray.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Fire Department Mandatory Training Compensation.

DISCUSSION: Denis Morse, Fire Chief, proposed that the Town pay the fire fighters to attend mandatory training. This is in line with the current policy of paying fire fighters. This would also pay "on call" fire fighters a dollar an hour as the Town is now doing for rescue. This would ensure personnel available to go to calls.

9. Public Works heating furnace.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore informed the Committee that a new furnace will be necessary soon which will cost in the vicinity of \$3700.

10. Y2K Preventative Plan.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore explained that the insurance company is asking that the Town get a professional to be sure that the Town is ready to deal with the "Y2K" problems which may occur in Town. He continued that GPCOG is working on this problem and they may have a plan for us.

NEXT MEETING: Budget/Finance Committee will meet February 16, 1999 at 6:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion and second to adjourn. Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:54 pm.