

TOWN OF RAYMOND BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rolf Olsen Louise Murray Ernest Allen Jane Jordan Neil Southwick Phil Hamilton Ralph
Bartholomew Louise Lester

MINUTES

MONDAY, May 8, 2000

ATTENDANCE: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Jane Jordan; Phil Hamilton; Louise Murray; Bob Jones (late arrival); Louise Lester; Neil Southwick (late arrival); Ralph Bartholomew; Ernest Allen; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

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

1. Minutes.

a. January 10, 2000

MOTION: Jane Jordan motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Seconded by Louise Murray.

VOTE: 5 in favor (Olsen, Hamilton, Murray, Bartholomew, Jordan) 2 abstentions (Lester, Allen)

b. January 24, 2000

MOTION: Jane Jordan motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Seconded by Louise Murray.

VOTE: 6 in favor (Olsen, Hamilton, Murray, Bartholomew, Jordan, Lester) 1 abstention (Allen)

NOTE: Mr. Olsen welcomed the new member Ernest Allen.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore updated the Committee on what the Selectmen have worked on since Town Meeting on the District 1 Fire building including formation of a committee, deciding how to proceed which will probably be the design/build format, and writing a charge for the building committee.

NOMINATION: Louise Lester nominated Rolf Olsen as chairman. Seconded by Jane Jordan.

MOTION: Jane Jordan motioned that nomination cease. Seconded by Neil Southwick.

VOTE: 6 in favor (Jordan, Southwick, Lester, Bartholomew, Murray, Allen) 1 abstention (Hamilton)

VOTE ON NOMINATION: 6 in favor (Jordan, Southwick, Lester, Bartholomew, Murray, Allen) 1 abstention (Hamilton)

NOTE: Mr. Olsen explained that since the Committee is not complete at this time the same criteria for passing a motion will stand as last year. Five votes must be in favor of passing a motion.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hamilton took issue with how the meetings are called and announced. He felt that the public should have one evening a month when they know the Committee will meet so that they can voice their opinions. Mr. Olsen and Mrs. Lester said that all meetings are posted in the Town Office and included in the ROADRUNNER calendar, also they didn't feel that there was business every month to warrant having a monthly meeting. Mr. Olsen proposed having our called meetings on the second Monday of the month unless there must

be an emergency meeting which cannot be held on the second Monday. Mr. Olsen said that he would write a letter to the Selectmen to request during the next budget season to have a combined information meeting with them with the department heads as we did in 1998. It was felt that the department heads would only have the present their position once instead of twice and that questions put forth by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee might be helpful to either because one might think of a question that the other wouldn't.

NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2000 7:00 pm at the Town Office to establish the 2001-2002 budget development schedule and talk about ways to increase Town revenue.

2. Old Business.

a. Public Works.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore informed the Committee that the Selectmen had voted to re-establish the Public Works Department hiring at least one more employee to join Nathan White. The Committee was in agreement and said that if research to this point indicates that sub-contracting will not cover Raymond's needs; that reinstating employee(s) was necessary.

3. New Business.

None

4. Adjournment.

Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester

Acting Secretary