

Town of Raymond
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Budget/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
With the
Raymond Board of Selectmen

2006-2007 Provider Agency Requests
Thursday, January 12, 2006

Budget/Finance Committee present: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Frank McDermott; Suzie Brockelbank; Jean Carter; Dennis Cole; Louise Murray; Ralph Bartholomew; Tucker Cole; and David Rowe.

Budget/Finance Committee member absent: None

Selectmen present: Betty McDermott, Chairman; Mark Gendron; Mike Reynolds; and Lonnie Taylor.

Selectmen absent: Dana Desjardins.

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager; also John Rand and Charlie Turner, RWPA and the Conservation Commission.

Others present: Provider representatives.

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Town Office saying that they would not be voting on the items tonight.
2. Provider Agency Provider requests.
 - a. Tri-County Mental Health [\$2,712]
Tim McMann reported that Raymond used 290 sessions including work on substance abuse which has a rising demand. He said they were non-profit but did take some patient payment according to income. They are also the only provider service in the area with psychiatrists on staff.
 - b. Home Health (Community Health) [\$4,000]
Charity Hearst explained that this agency was a non-profit medical assistance, in-home health care provider. They are Medicare certified and cover Cumberland County and southern Oxford County. They have 275 clinics and visit many homes during a year. She said that in Raymond they took care of 75 residents with 941 visitations. Their goal is to keep people in their homes where they want to be instead of care facilities. She handed out their annual report.
 - c. People's Regional Opportunity Program (PROP) [\$5,500]
Lucy Real, Susan Joyce, and Deborah Tennebaum represented PROP saying that they worked on housing and heating oil programs. In Raymond they helped with

13 house repairs and 132 households for fuel. They also work in concert with Raymond's Mentoring Program which Lori Rand organizes. Mrs. Rand said that this year they ran the mentoring program as well as organizing a couple of special events like orienteering training for the teachers and school children.

d. Southern Maine Agency on Aging [\$1,950]

Peg Brown reported that they are a 501c3 corporation. Their main focus is Meals On Wheels where 375 Raymond residents received help. She added that 6% of their funding is from Federal sources. She said that a special service this year was to advise the elderly on their prescription service choices required with the Medicare change. One hundred Raymond residents receive their newsletter *Senior News*. She said they had a 5% increase primarily because of gasoline expense for Meals On Wheels. At this time each meal costs them \$3.33.

e. Regional Transportation [\$2,935]

None.

f. Family Crisis Shelter [\$1,000]

Jill Rousch-Donohue represented the FCS reporting that they work in Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties with a shelter in Portland and outreach offices in four communities; Bridgton being the closest to Raymond. They man a 24/7 hotline. They also work with elder abuse. They have a workplace coordinator who advises businesses and trains employees. They have a young adult program which focuses on dating violence and are beginning a program instructing teachers about dealing with bullying in the schools. She handed information to the Boards.

g. Raymond Extended Day Care (RED) [\$3,684]

Christy Curtis thanked the Boards for past support and noted that this program was for Raymond residents only. She said that the money is primarily for scholarships for needy children. She noted that they do get some reimbursement from the state for the children's food. She added that their space is donated.

h. Raymond Waterways Protective Association

John Rand and Charlie Turner attended with Mr. Rand reporting that the milfoil program was very successful especially with their "catch" of a boat going into Sebago Lake with eurasian milfoil on it. Interestingly a boat was caught last summer from the same lake in Connecticut. He noted that Noralee Raymond has been diligently working on sites in the area protecting the watershed. They are now a 501c3 program and do apply for and receive grants. Being non-profit should allow them to apply for more grants in that category. With the 501c3 they can now accept donations which will be tax deductible. Portland Water District will also be providing funds this year. This year they received \$6,400 from the IF&W milfoil program with \$3,200 coming for the organization and the second \$3,200 because of the IF&W boat haul out site. He noted that they have increased their request because they are now doing all their own record keeping instead of having the Town Office do it. He continued that Nathan White's help has been most welcomed. Mr. Willard added that Public Work's efforts could be used as value for matching grants. Mr. Rand noted that this year the Crescent Lake and the Raymond Beach sites were monitored full time with other sites watched sporadically.

i. Conservation Commission

John Rand spoke to the open space fund saying that Hugh Coxe, town planner, had been most helpful in their work on open space. They have some core parcels studied for possible preservation. He noted that their funds being used for the purchase of the old dumpsite off Egypt Road was not in their plans but they were happy to contribute. He felt that was exactly why this fund should be maintained. Mr. Olsen noted that the only way this reserve fund can be used is through a town meeting vote.

NOTE: Mr. Willard reported that a test pit was dug at Sheri Gagnon Park as part of the study preparing for the work by the Maine National Guard this spring. Because they found more than a depth of 10 feet of clay, it is questionable whether raising the level of the field surface would be helpful to “dry” the fields out. More will be forthcoming.

NEXT MEETING: It was decided to move the CIP meeting to January 31, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

ADJOURNMENT: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk