

Town of Raymond  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Town Office

Monday, January 7, 2013

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Rolf Olsen; Steve Linne; Dana Desjardins; Brian Walker; Peter Dunn; Bob Gosselin; Marshall Bullock; Steve Crockett; Mike Reynolds, Selectman; Charles Leavitt, Selectman; Don Willard, Town Manager; Nancy Yates, Finance Director; Nathan White, Public Works Director.

ABSENT: Tacy Hartley

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

2. Approval of minutes April 22, 2012

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to approve the corrected minutes. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Carried

3. Thanks to retired members and welcome new members. Mr. Olsen thanked past Budget Finance Committee member Susan Accardi for her years of work on the committee and welcomed our new members Dana Desjardins and Steve Linne.

4. Election of chairman.

NOMINATION: Bob Gosselin nominated Rolf Olsen as chairman. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

NOMINATION: Dana Desjardins nominated Steve Linne as chairman. No second.

MOTION: There was a motion that nominations cease.

VOTE: Carried.

VOTE FOR CHAIRMAN: Carried for Rolf Olsen.

5. Discussion of new 2013-2014 Budget Schedule.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Olsen noted that the current schedule was for February 26 and March 25. There was some discussion of the Selectmen's budget procedure. Mr. Reynolds said that the Selectmen's budget meeting on March 5 was a public meeting. Mr. Willard added that the Selectmen's meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> was going to be discussion our road plan and capital expenditures including the possibility of a 10 year bond for which the first payment wouldn't be until the 2013-2014 budget year.

Mr. Desjardins felt the Budget Committee should meet after they get the budget on March 15 and before their February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Olsen said that there would not be any department heads at an extra meeting. Mr. Crockett asked if there would be any "surprises" in the new budget. Mr. Willard answered that this would be a difficult year because of the past zero

increase years. The Selectmen would like to meet our LD1 mandate and not use any undesignated surplus funds. There are also some new requests from some departments. Mr. Linne wanted to confirm that they will only be making recommendations. Mr. Olsen replied yes that the Selectmen and the Budget/Finance Committee will have recommendations on the warrant and that town meeting can lower the budget amount but not increase it.

Mr. Bullock said that he would like to see a “needs” budget so that they know what the department heads feel they need to effectively do their jobs. Mr. Willard commented that the budget will need to be near the LD1 limit. Mr. Bullock added that he would like to talk about funding beyond a 1 year cutoff. Mr. Olsen noted that any financial arrangement would have to be passed by a town meeting vote. Mr. Desjardins said that he would like to know exactly what the CIP was being spent on. He would like to know where the money was coming from for the new District 2 renovations.

NEXT MEETING: February 25, 2013 at 7:00 pm location to be announced.

Mr. Dunn and Mr. Walker asked that there be some time used for a review of this year’s budget to date at the next meeting.

Mr. Olsen asked that any questions from the Budget Committee be sent to him. He will make the requests to the town manager. In that way the answers will come to him and he can distribute them to the entire Budget Committee and then everyone will get that information.

6. New Business. None

7. Adjournment. Mr. Olsen adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk