

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Selectmen's Minutes
Tuesday, November 6, 2001

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Mark Acker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office opening the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes dated October 16, 2001.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to accept the minutes of October 16, 2001 as written. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Lake Region Development Council Board of Directors appointments – Ingo Hartig Raymond Representative.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard stated that Mr. Hartig's appointment expires on 12/31/01 and that Mr. Hartig has done an excellent job representing Raymond. Mr. Willard recommended Mr. Hartig be reappointed for a three year term. Mr. Willard added that Kathleen Brown of Lake Region Development Council also recommended Mr. Hartig be reappointed.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to nominate Ingo Hartig as the Raymond Representative to Lake Region Development Council Board of Directors for an additional three-year term.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Update on Raymond Beach Lighting Plan.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that he now has a final plan for submission to the Planning Board and that he will be appearing before the Planning Board on 11/14/01 to present the Selectmen's plan for two cobra-head lights. Mr. Willard indicated that he believes the two cobra-head light plan is the most cost effective way to approach the issue at this point and that the issue could be revisited in the future, if funds permitted under the 302-redevelopment effort. Mr. Willard discussed the conduit issue whereby the power will have to come across Route 302 because the conduit runs inboard of the park and does not run along the road.

5. Streetlight Request Mountain Road and Tenny Hill Road – Rebecca Sayward 85 Mountain Road.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that this request involves two public roads where a streetlight had existed in the distant past. Mr. Willard further explained that according to Nathan White, Public Works Director, most of Raymond's public road intersections do have town-supported streetlights. Mr. Willard stated that there had been reports of several motor vehicle accidents at this intersection in the past. Mr. Willard indicated that he had reviewed the site with the Public Works Director and feels that it would not be unreasonable to put a streetlight at this location, paid for by the Town of Raymond. Mr. Willard added that, although unable to attend tonight's meeting, Selectmen McDermott has expressed her support for adding a light at the intersection. Mr. Willard stated the annual cost of a 100-watt

streetlight would be \$172.44 and would need to be added to the streetlight budget.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to accept the Town Manager and Public Works Director's recommendation for a streetlight at the intersection of Mountain Road and Tenny Hill Road. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt asked if this issue would require Town Meeting approval. Mr. Willard responded that he would research that question and that if Town Meeting approval were not required, he would go ahead and order the streetlight.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Miscellaneous Administrative Property Tax Abatements for review and approval – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the abatements were for administrative purposes and that they all have explanations outlining the reasons for the abatements. Mr. Willard suggested approval of the abatements as requested by Michael O'Donnell.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the summary sheet for personal property tax abatement on the following accounts: D0125P; T0300P; P0300P; L0051P; B0025P; A0003P; G0128P; C1232P; J0025P; G0232P; P3059P; M0992P; M0056P; K2000P; and W0016P. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the request for property tax abatement in the name of Ken Sayward, Account #S0176P in the amount of \$52.16. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the request for property tax abatement in the name of Jonathan Dalton, C/O Deep Woods Properties, Map 26 Lot 11A, Account # D0104R in the amount of \$1,367.57. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the request for property tax abatement in the name of Portland Pipeline Corporation, Personal Property Account # P0155P in the amount of \$1,677.23. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the request for property tax abatement in the name of Charles F. Lester, Map 50 Lot 36A, Account #L0766R in the amount of \$722.25. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the request for property tax abatement in the name of Roy Simmonds, Map 6 Lot 42, Account #S1118R in the amount of \$466.04. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the request for property tax abatement in the name Francis Grieve, Personal Property Account # G0138P, in the amount of \$32.10. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Communications and other business.

a. Revenues to date – Mr. Willard stated that there had been some concern over the slow down in revenues but that for the first 1/3 of the 2001/2002 fiscal year, the town is over the previous year's revenues by \$37,114. Mr. Willard indicated that the town is currently on track with collections. Mr. Willard then referred to a memo from Elizabeth Cummings outlining areas of concern that will be monitored.

b. Mr. Willard updated the Selectmen on the results of his monthly meeting with School Superintendent David Bois. Mr. Willard explained that Mr. Bois would be meeting with school administrators to discuss the "One Raymond" concept. Mr. Willard also explained that he had recently had a meeting with Department Heads to generate a list of areas where the town might cooperate with the school to budget cut some areas for cost savings.

c. Mr. Desjardins expressed his concern with ongoing non-maintenance at Sheri Gagnon Field. Mr. Desjardins listed rotted picnic tables, trash, and broken bleachers. Mr. Desjardins asked who is responsible for maintenance at the park and if the light in the parking lot is a town provided light. Mr. Desjardins noted that the light is not working. Mr. Desjardins also noted recent vandalism at the park. Mr. Willard responded that he didn't know what Raymond's protocol is for streetlights that are out but he would find out. Mr. Desjardins stated that the Soccer Program wanted to reseed the front field but their funds are limited. Mr. Desjardins indicated that the baseball committee is willing to do some field maintenance. Mr. Willard responded that he would find out who is responsible for park maintenance. Mr. Desjardins noted that the town owns a hydro seeder that could be used to reseed the park.

d. Town Manager's Contract. Mr. Leavitt inquired about the due date for Mr. Willard's annual evaluation. Mr. Acker explained that each Selectmen would fill out an evaluation sheet and that the Selectmen would discuss the evaluation in an executive session to determine an appropriate annual increase. Mr. Willard indicated that he would be interested in a one-year extension of the contract on an annual basis.

8. Review and authorize the November 6, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for November 6, 2001 in the amount of \$71,608.29. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisa A. Trepanier
Recording Secretary