

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Tuesday, December 4, 2001
6:00 pm at the Town Office
ASSESSING WORKSHOP

1. Discussion with Michael O'Donnell of O'Donnell Associates.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; Karen Martin, GPCOG; Bob Jones, Chairman Founders Day Committee; Frank McDermott, Founders Day Committee; John Rand, Charles Turner, John Palmer, Conservation Commission; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Mark Acker called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

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MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Dielectric Communication request for Raymond to participate with the Town of Bridgton in a business assistance grant through the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development – Karen Martin, GPCOG

DISCUSSION: Karen Martin explained that this application would be in partnership with the Town of Bridgton to apply for a grant through the Department of Economic and Community Development for Dielectric Communications of Bridgton and Raymond. She indicated that the added jobs created with this funding would be in Bridgton and Raymond. She said that Bridgton would manage handle the grant. The money would go directly to Dielectric for increasing machinery and employees. Ms. Martin said that Raymond would be needed to sign a letter of commitment for the grant process but would have no responsibility beyond that. Raymond would also need to have a town meeting to approve the commitment. She added that if Dielectric didn't create the jobs it agreed to then Dielectric would lose its grant status and the funding would become a loan which they would have to pay back to the State. This process would be handled by the State of Maine. Mr. Leavitt asked how many people worked at Bridgton. Ms. Martin replied she thought the Raymond plant had about 300 employees but would get the number of Raymond residents who worked at the Bridgton plant. Mr. Willard asked that Ms. Martin provide the Selectmen with a commitment letter and sample warrant article at their next meeting December 18th for the Selectmen's approval. Mr. Acker thought the Selectmen could act upon this on December 18th if they had that information.

4. Proposed milfoil program update – John Rand, Conservation Commission.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to table this item until later in the meeting. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Correspondence Raymond Founders Day Committee – Bob Jones.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Jones said that the Founders Day Committee was getting worn out and they wanted to see a special celebration for Raymond's bicentennial in 2003. Therefore, he asked that the Selectmen form an umbrella committee to solicit ideas and personnel to operate that celebration. He noted that the same few people have run the current event but they have problems getting people to volunteer and propose new activities. It was proposed that the Selectmen will endorse articles in the Roadrunner and website etc to promote Founders Day and the Bicentennial. John Rand reported that the Conservation Commission would have a presence of a broader conservation platform at the next Founders Day. Mr. Leavitt wanted to tie in the One Raymond concept to gain ideas and involvement of citizens in organizing some activities.

4. Proposed milfoil program update – John Rand, Conservation Commission.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rand said that he had talked with several agencies since the last Selectmen's meeting he attended including Peter Klepsig, Head Ranger for Tassel Top Park. He wanted to begin some program of milfoil inspection in 2002. He felt that the Department of Environmental Protection, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Portland Water District, the Lakes Environmental Association, the Town of Casco, Kokatosi Campground, and Bob Metz of the Tassel Top Committee would all cooperate in their program. He reported the Mr. Klepsig was willing to have his staff in the program but felt that there would need to be more employees for the coverage and all would need training. He said that Ray Bouchard of the DEP will know what his budget will be during the winter and might have some funds available. Mr. Rand hoped that cost sharing would cover the estimated expense of \$15,000 to \$25,000 for this pilot year. Mr. Bouchard thought that they might give up to \$5,000. Portland Water District was willing to provide brochures and training with a slight possibility of funds. Mr. Leavitt felt that Raymond being a Portland Water District member might give us an advantage to protect their commodity of water. He also felt that they might provide some manpower at Raymond Beach for inspections. IF&W wardens will be inspecting in mostly southern Maine and the State will be adding 5 new wardens in 2002 statewide. He added that Maine has 5000 lakes with 200 of them watershed lakes which are threatened; therefore, the possibility of getting one for Raymond is questionable. David Morton, Town Manager in Casco, might be willing to help in some way because of our dual responsibility for Crescent Lake and Thomas Pond. He felt the focus of inspections would be Crescent Beach and Raymond Beach with sporadic checks at Raymond Pond, Panther at Mill Street, and Thomas Pond. He felt that landowner education was more important at these lakes because there are no public boat launch sites. He also mentioned that Kokatosi Campground was willing to give out information to their renters. John Palmer, Panther Pond resident, will be soliciting private funding from landowners as well. Mr. Rand didn't think that one person would be able to do both boat inspections and beach policing at the same time during busy weekends. He asked that Raymond consider funding this process at some level. Mr. Willard asked that Mr. Rand prepare a cover letter to go with his cost spread sheet in order to request funds through Raymond's budget process. Mr. Leavitt felt that the best preventative would be for citizen involvement with very good signage and public participation in the policing of their boats.

6. Junk yard violation update – Jack Cooper, CEO.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cooper reported that all but two violators were attempting to clean up. Mr. Willard said that he would like to request Town Attorney Geoff Hole to send a final warning letter with a date certain for compliance. Attorney Hole said that upon winning court costs and fines would cover the costs of litigation and he felt confident of winning these cases. Mr. Acker thought they should prosecute the two offenders. Mr. Leavitt had concern over the need

of a baseline for a fair standard of evaluation under the ordinance as to who should be prosecuted. He felt there is also a need to know whether there may be waivers or limits of completion.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to move forward as Jack Cooper suggested. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Correspondence from the Maine Department of Transportation on Speed Zoning.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard suggested that this would shift the responsibility and cost to the towns but keeps the requirements of speed limit changes at the MDOT standards/requirements. He saw no advantage. Mrs. Brown noted that the roads where they would like changes don't fall under this provision anyway.

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8 Discussion of Town Manager evaluation process.

Will be continued at the next meeting.

9. Discussion of rescheduling the first Selectmen's Meeting in January 2002.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to hold the first meeting in January 2002 on Thursday, January 3, 2002 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

10. Communications and other business.

a. Amended Personnel Policy.

The Selectmen signed the policy.

b. Portland Water District letter to Raymond property owners about the waterline.

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen decided that this letter should go to the landowners who are directly abutting the waterline and that an article in the January Roadrunner might be helpful to inform the rest of the residents in Raymond with follow up articles during the progress of the waterline construction. The Fire Station Building Committee will be writing articles as well about their progress.

11. Review and authorize the December 4, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$1,030,893.40. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

12. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk