

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Postponed from

Tuesday, February 18, 2003

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Ada Brown opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous minutes dated February 11, 2003.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the minutes with the correction on page 4 in the last paragraph which should read "He asked that the public be involved in these talks so that we meaning the Selectmen can hear their opinions." Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Award of the Boston Post Cane to Raymond's oldest citizen Ernest Knight.

Ada Brown presented the Boston Post Cane to Ernest Knight saying that it was an honor in her doing so because of Mr. Knight's contributions to Raymond in keeping Raymond's history alive and on record with his books about Raymond. Mr. Knight read a notation that he had written for the Casco/Raymond Historical Society about the Boston Post Cane. Mrs. Brown gave Mr. Knight a certificate of recognition as being the holder of the cane.

4. Windham Rotary Ice Fishing Derby Update. *(Due to postponement of the meeting, this will be a follow-up to the February 22nd and 23rd, 2003 event rather than a request for a no parking and tow away zone.)*

DISCUSSION: Tom Noonan thanked the Board for their cooperation and help with the Windham Rotary Fishing Derby. He said that the fireworks and concert had to be cancelled because of the storm and said that the Rotary would like to give the value for the fireworks display of \$2,500 to the Town for Founders Day. His only request was that Raymond hire Central Maine Power Technics to put on the fireworks because they had been hired for this weekends display. He asked that the Board give him feedback on how they can improve their weekend because they want to make it an annual event and Raymond is integral to their plans. He felt that using Raymond Beach was very important to their event and also felt that the area businesses were very pleased with the increase in their business. He reported that the Polar Ice Dip made over \$11,000 and the Derby itself made over \$60,000 for various Maine charities. The Rotary is also looking for matching grants to expand the usefulness of their money. As for the Derby the vendors did very well and the Dept of Inland Fishers & Wildlife was very happy with their interaction with the fishermen. There were 18 wardens (one half of the warden service) on the lake on Saturday and 12 on Sunday. They were there for PR purposes and not because they anticipated problems. The winning fish was 14.4 pounds. Mr. Willard thanked Mr. Noonan for their support and gift to Raymond's Founders Day saying that it was a good weekend. Mr. Noonan asked that Raymond acknowledge the Derby's sponsors by letter which Mr. Willard agreed to.

5. Planning Board resignation.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard asked that the Selectmen accept Stephen Harvey's resignation from the Planning Board.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to accept the resignation of Stephen Harvey from the Planning Board. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. Willard noted that Raymond would advertise in the Suburban News and the Roadrunner for a replacement.

6. 2002 Town Report printing bid award.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt asked that in the future the RFP for this kind of bid process include more information like the cut off point for the amount to be spent as well as other weighted criteria and an example of previous work etc.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to award as recommended by the Town Report staff of Maine Label and

Printing. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Brown, McDermott, McClellan) 2 opposed (Leavitt, Desjardins)

7. Consideration of new street names requested by Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper.

- a. Fire Lane 212C off Tenny Hill Rd Skyline Drive or Highland Drive
- b. Fire Lane 60 off Meadow Road Rope Burn Ridge
- c. Fire Lane 258 (Old Dump Road) off Egypt Rd Farwell Drive

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the road names of Skyline Drive, Rope Burn Ridge, and Farwell Drive. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Discussion of committee appointment protocol.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown noted that there was nothing in there about conflict of interest. Mr. Leavitt felt that a notation of the M.R.S.A. which covers conflict of interest should be connected with all boards and committees. Mr. Willard said that term limits might be a way to go. Mrs. Lester said that in the past it has been difficult in having enough board members at all. Mr. Leavitt wanted to have all reappointments come before the Selectmen. Mr. Willard read the draft protocol. Mr. Leavitt felt that it needed an interim appointment proviso. Peter Leavitt asked that alternates to the boards be involved in every meeting in order to step into a vacancy when needed. He said the Appeals Board has an alternate but the Planning Board does not. He felt that possibly a confidentiality and/or conflict of interest statement be sworn to annually by board members. Mr. Willard said they might consider a code of ethics statement. Mrs. McClellan said that she had been asked whether Planning Board members might be required to be a property owner.

TABLED for further study and discussion.

9. Request for public hearing to consider removal of Zoning Board of Appeal's Member.

DISCUSSION: Peter Leavitt asked that their present Board alternate be removed because of lack of attendance and that a new member be appointed. Mr. Willard thought that it would need a public hearing with public notice and a certified letter to the alternate under discussion. Whether this scenario was covered in the ordinance was discussed and will be explored.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to hold a public hearing and invite Mr. Mairs to attend. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt felt that some "removal" wording might be required. Mr. Willard felt that if the ordinance contained the needed language that would be enough as long as the town attorney agreed.

10. Consideration of adoption of official Town Seal.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester suggested that the Selectmen look at the assortment of designs submitted and within the next month or so pick a finalist list for the town voters to choose at our Annual Town Meeting in May. At that point the suggested design would be given to a professional artist for development of the town seal.

11. Communications and other business.

a. GPCOG Regional Meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2003 at the Public Safety Building 7:00 pm. This meeting will discuss coordination or consolidation between towns in the future.

b. Public Hearing scheduled for March 4, 2003 to apply for the CDBG grant in the amount of \$10,000 to hire a consultant to look into the safety dispatch center for this area. The LRDC is also going to apply for another grant in the amount of \$7,000 which will be used cooperatively for the same purpose. This study would discover the best place or not to put a regional dispatch center. This endeavor will be aided by GPCOG.

c. Posted Roads

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to authorize the Road Commissioner, Public Works Director, and the Town Manager to set the date for road posting in the future and to notify them of their decision. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

d. Route 302 Improvement Project.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that the contracts with Gorrill-Palmer and Pratt & Sons Construction have been signed and the project will begin as soon as the ground is suitable.

e. School Budget Public Hearing

NOTICE: Mr. Leavitt announced that the 2003-2004 School Budget Public Hearing would be Thursday, March 6, 2003 at 7:00 pm at Raymond Elementary School.

The second budget meeting with the Selectmen and the Budget Committee will be Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at the Town Office at 7:00 pm.

12. Review and authorize:

a) February 11, 2003 Treasurer's Warrant

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$34,583.52.

Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b) February 25, 2003 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$50,184.41.

Seconded by Charles Leavitt

VOTE: Unanimous.

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Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

13. Adjourn.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk