

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 1, 2003

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan, Michael McClellan, Executive Director Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; Elisa Trepanier, Information Systems Administrator, 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 minutes dated June 17, 2003.
MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Betty McDermott.
VOTE: Unanimous.
3. Route 302 Improvement Project update and discussion of potential liquidated damages for street lighting – Tom Gorrill, Gorrill-Palmer Engineers.
DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown announced that Gorrill-Palmer was not represented and this discussion would be tabled. Mr. Willard said that there would be a detailed email coming which would answer their questions. The street lights are installed but not illuminated as yet. He added that the liquidated damages for this late installation would be for two weeks only.
4. Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce – Executive Director Mike McClellan.
Discussion of potential benefits of Town of Raymond membership.
DISCUSSION: Michael McClellan explained that his Chamber of Commerce currently has twelve towns as members and has business members from 20 other towns. He felt his job was to connect with other organizations to enhance civil, recreational, and economic endeavors. Mr. McClellan said that he was becoming involved with other entities like fire departments and special events like Casco Days. He puts out a monthly newsletter, current press releases, and sends notices over an ever enlarging email list server. The Chamber feels that it also should be following legislation such as the Dirigo Health bill in order to keep our members informed. The Chamber maintains the information building on Rt 302 in Bridgton and promotes area business from there. Another benefit of the Chamber is each member has a discount card to use in all participating businesses. Mr. McClellan continued that this chamber believes it should be a partner with other area Chambers and work in cooperation with them. He said that the price for membership is scaled to the size of the entity joining. Non-profit organizations are at a lower rate. Mr. Willard felt that the Chamber could help the town promote area businesses in maintaining the new Rt 302 commercial district improvements. Mr. McClellan offered to make Raymond a member at no fee for this year but encouraged the Selectmen to add the membership fee to their next budget.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to join the Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce for one year and add the membership fee to the next budget. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. McClellan handed out some membership cards to the Selectmen.

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

Agawam Road – Fire Lane 135 – Off Webbs Mills Road/Casco Line – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. Suggested names: Trails End Lane; Fox Run Road; Cliff View Road; or Knowlton Road.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the name of Trails End Lane to replace Agawam Road. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Online Services – Web and Technology Committee – Laurie Forbes, Chairman and Elisa Trepanier, Information Systems Administrator.

DISCUSSION: Elisa Trepanier represented the Technology Committee saying that they would like to put a link from our website to the Inland Fisheries, and Wildlife website so that our citizens can purchase IF&W licenses online as well as register their boats, ATV's, and snowmobiles online in the future. She said that they would also like to create a town clerk page which would have town information on it.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to accept the recommendation of the Technology Committee and make these changes. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Presentation of administrative abatement – Beacon Lanes Corp. – Michael O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown noted that there were two letters from Mike O'Donnell in their meeting packages which explain this situation. She had decided that Mr. O'Donnell didn't have to attend this meeting because the letters covered the issue. She didn't feel that this situation would happen again in the future.

8. Formal acceptance of Planning Board resignation – William S. Toder, D.M.D.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to accept with regrets the resignation of Dr. Toder from the Planning Board. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous

RECESS: Ada Brown recessed the meeting at 7:38 pm.

9. Executive Session – Legal – Personnel issue.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Mrs. Brown re-opened the meeting at 8:02 pm saying that this will be continued.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RECESS: Ada Brown recessed the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Executive Session – Public Safety personnel issue.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Mrs. Brown re-opened the meeting at 8:30 pm saying that this will be continued to the next meeting.

10. Communications and other business.

- a.) Founders Day – letter of thanks to be issued to Sue Ellen Gendron and Deb Cutten, Co-Chairs Raymond Founders Day.

Mr. Willard asked Ada Brown to sign certificates of recognition for Sue Ellen Gendron and Deb Cutten for their organization of this year's Bicentennial Founders' Day Celebration. Mrs. McDermott felt that thanks should be extended to our Public Works Department who worked all three days of the event to create the fair, through the day and then clean up after it. Also thanks should go to our fire department, rescue, fire police personnel, and the town manager who supported the event. Mr. Willard mentioned the Phil Michaud of Panther Run Marina organized the boat parade and arranged to have the docks available for the fire works. The original Founders' Day Committee should also be commended on developing the event over the last few years to make this a special day. Mr. Leavitt felt that the town should organize some event for the volunteers in Raymond i.e. a picnic at Tassel Top. Mr. Willard said he would work on it.

- b.) Thank you notes from Scholarship recipients.

Mrs. Brown read a letter from Valerie Martin thanking the Selectmen for her scholarship. Mr. Willard followed with thank you notes from Shalya LaMotte and Julia Bruno for theirs.

- c.) Street Flags

Mrs. McDermott felt that the Selectmen should design a protocol for the display of the American flags along our streets. She felt that if they were left up all summer, they would be destroyed in a short time. It was decided for each Selectman to give Mr. Willard their suggestions for future discussion.

11. Review and authorize Treasurer's Warrants dated: a.) June 30, 2003; and
b.) July 1, 2003.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$505,516.26. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for July 1, 2003 in the amount of \$43,340.49. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk