

Town of Raymond  
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Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 18, 2004

ATTENDANCE: Ada Brown, Chairman; Christine McClellan; Betty McDermott; Mark Gendron; Mike Reynolds; Teresa Sadak and Tim Cobb, Raymond Baseball; Noralee Raymond, Raymond Waterways Milfoil Program; John Rand, Raymond Conservation; Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Ada Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

2. Consideration of previous minutes dated: a. May 4, 2004

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous

3. Election – Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the 2004-2005 year.

MOTION: Christine McClellan nominated Betty McDermott as chairman. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard introduced and welcomed the two new members of the Board of Selectmen Mark Gendron and Mike Reynolds. Mrs. McClellan thanked Mrs. Brown for her leadership the past few years and welcomed her participation in the future. Mrs. McDermott agreed and said that Mrs. Brown always worked to a high degree for the good of Raymond. She asked that Mrs. Brown act as co-chairman in her stead if necessary.

4. Raymond Baseball/Softball request for dog waste ordinance and expansion of concession stand/equipment building – Teresa Sadak, President.

DISCUSSION: Teresa Sadak, Raymond Baseball asked if she could add one more item to the agenda. She reported that the Stedt's are moving and have donated 5 light poles to Raymond Baseball/Softball. She would like them erected at Sheri Gagnon Field. She added that Nathan White had looked at this possibility along with Scott McDonald. Mr. McDonald indicated that the lights were really parking lot lights but that they will work at the field as well as the playground. He felt that two lights would light up the area around the concession stand and would be helpful for at least the baseball season. Mrs. McDermott said that these would be on a meter at the concession stand and will only be on during games. Mrs. Sadak said that they would like at least one on all the time for security possibly even year round. She added that the poles would be stored at the Public Works

yard for security until they are erected. Mrs. McDermott thought this was a great idea. Mrs. McClellan concurred.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to allow the acceptance of the light poles and subsequent installation on Mill Street. Seconded by Ada Brown.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gendron cautioned that the placement of the lights should not disturb the neighbors.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Concession Stand. Mrs. Sadak explained that they would like to make the concession stand bigger for storage and to make it more secure. She said that Hancock Lumber would donate the cinder blocks and that Tom Cobb would build it. She added that they are working with Home Depot toward other donations of materials but if that doesn't happen they will have money raisers to obtain the extra money needed. She explained that they would not be coming to the town for this money. Construction will not start until fall. Mr. Willard felt that all the plans should be in order first. Mrs. Sadak said that they would submit floor plans prior to construction. Mr. Reynolds asked if there were any restrictions on this site. Mr. Willard suggested that they have a review by the Code Enforcement Office. Mr. Reynolds thought it might be prudent to have this review prior to having materials delivered. Mr. Cobb agreed but said they felt they should begin with Selectmen approval. He said that the increase would be from 12'x28' to 24'x28'. He continued that there is a well, which they would like to use and install water in the concession stand. The water would have to be tested for public use. Mr. Willard encouraged their looking for donations but asked them to get town permission from the Code Enforcement Office prior to accepting materials. Mr. Cobb informed them that the back of the building would be for storage and the front for the concession stand. Mrs. Sadak said that Mr. White had the new doors but wouldn't install them until the building is enlarged.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned for them to go ahead with the concession stand improvement as long as they get the necessary approvals. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Sadak asked the Selectmen if they wanted the Committee to come back for further approval after they have met with the Code Enforcement Office. The Selectmen said that as long as they are approved they could go ahead.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Dog Ordinance. Mrs. Sadak said there was a big issue with dog dung on the ball field. She indicated that extra field maintenance was necessary because of the mess. She said that this area was not a dog bathroom. She also had a problem with dogs running loose in the neighborhood especially when the children are playing in the playground. She asked that the dog owners be fined and asked if the Animal Control Officer could patrol more in the area. She didn't think that winter was a problem because that manure was dissolved by spring. Mr. Willard said that signs could be put up without an ordinance but in the past signs have been taken down. He said that enforcement would be a problem without anyone who can oversee it. Mrs. Sadak said that the area was filthy because people don't pick up after their dogs. Mr. Willard indicated that the Animal Control Officer could possibly issue

a citation but that it wouldn't be instantaneous because the recipient has the possibility of appeal. Don Alexander said that an owner could have their dog off leash as long as they are under direct control and is within a reasonable distance of the handler. He added that the fine for running at large is \$50. Mrs. Sadak felt that allowing dogs to soil the field the children are playing on is rude and unnecessary. Mrs. McClellan said that this is a public health issue and there is also a problem with Raymond's sidewalks, beaches, and boat ramps. She felt it should be a town wide issue. John Rand believed that the beach at Crescent has signage not to allow dogs. Mrs. Sadak noted that the public attitude is bad because they don't want to pick up after their dogs, and they believe that the ball field is a dog exercise yard. Mr. Reynolds asked if the town should erect signage about the leash law. Mrs. Sadak said that they have been putting up professionally made metal signs for a number of years and people tear them down. Mr. Willard thought they could start with a sign with the Selectmen directive. It was felt that enforcement was a necessity. It was suggested that dogs should be banned from the ball fields during the season when the children are playing. Mrs. Sadak related that last year a child was bitten when two dogs started a fight at their closing ceremonies. Mr. Reynolds indicated that this would have to come before a town meeting for passage of any kind of ordinance. Mr. Gendron had a problem with having qualifications as to certain times of use except possibly a time of year. It was felt that usage should be either yes or no. Mrs. Sadak said that Sheri Gagnon Park is one of the only places our children have to play. Dog owners feel that this is the only place to let their dogs exercise. Mrs. Sadak thought that the dog owner should understand that the town should not have to provide a place for their dogs to run. She wanted to make the dog owners responsible for their dog's behavior. Mr. Gendron wanted to have something that will work and to begin with signage and possibly have someone in attendance before and after the normal workday when people want to let their dogs run. Mr. Alexander said that he gave a verbal warning to a man a couple of days ago and the man said that he would attend tonight for the debate. Mr. Gendron thought they could ban dogs from the field during the baseball season. Mr. Willard said the town can put in signage but an ordinance would take a town meeting vote, which would take some time to arrange. Mr. Reynolds suggested putting the signs on the gates, which people couldn't miss.

**MOTION:** Ada Brown motioned to put up signs, try local enforcement and possibly later on put in a dog ordinance. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

**DISCUSSION:** Ken Brown thought that this type of information could be given to residents at the time of their dog registration and that would help let them know what is expected.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

5. Panther Pond Conservation Project – Noralee Raymond, Raymond Waterways Protective Association.

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Raymond reported that they had completed their survey from Panther Pond and published their findings. Mrs. McClellan thanked the Association and noted that it is was a very good report. Ms. Raymond asked permission to submit a grant application

through the town for a 319 Clean Water Act grant. Mr. Willard recommended this action saying that it's a good program.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to support this application through the town's auspices. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Consideration of annual committee appointments. The following Selectmen have agreed to attend the following meetings.

Bulky Waste –Christine McClellan

Cemetery – Betty McDermott

Comprehensive Plan – Christine McClellan - a regular member who will also represent the Selectmen

Conservation Commission– Mark Gendron

GPCOG – Mike Reynolds and Mark Gendron as alternate

Library – Betty McDermott

MMWAC – Christine McClellan

PROP – TBA if they need a representative

Recreation – Mike Reynolds

Recycling – Ada Brown

Route 302 & You – Mark Gendron suggested that if no one came forward that possibly Nathan White, Public Works Director would be asked to attend.

Tassel Top- Betty McDermott and Don Willard as Town Manager

Technology – Mike Reynolds

Town Office/Library Building – Ada Brown

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the list of committee appointees for the year 2004-2005. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous

7. Request for fee schedule – Louise Lester, Town Clerk

a. Dog Licensing List

b. Absentee Voter List

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that there were increasing requests for lists and information, which we keep and maintain. He felt it was reasonable to charge for these lists in both paper and digital format. It was discussed that there may be other lists which the public might ask for and should the town charge across the board of them. Mrs. Lester said that if that were done the public might perceive that they were entitled to some lists, which are confidential.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to charge a fee for these lists: \$20 for digital and \$30 for paper. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Communications and other business.

- a. Raymond Union Chapel on Webbs Mills Road is now on the State Historic Site list.
- b. Flags are being furled on Rt 302 and will be throughout the rest of the town by Memorial Day weekend. The flags will fly until one week after Veterans Day. There are 68 short flags and 54 long flags.
- c. Information was provided about the 1A referendum question to come to the voters June 8, 2004. Mr. Willard said he would be sure to get it to the new members.
- d. Route 85. Mr. Willard reported that this is a state road but the town in partnership with the state through the Rural Road Initiative is helping to pay for the improvements. The waterline is going to a new development owned by Busque Construction who is paying for that installation. This extension was approved by the Portland Water District. The grading is going on and the paving should be finished by the end of this week.
- e. There will be a forum regarding the Palesky Tax Initiative on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Region High School. Many representatives from both sides will be present to discuss the referendum question.
- f. Stewardship of Sebago Lake meeting. Mr. Willard will attend tomorrow.
- g. Denis Morse explained that they are going forward with the RFP for the new fire truck but will delay the ambulance until next year. They will be looking for demos or stock inventory rather than a new order. There is a sample truck in town until Thursday, which he encouraged the Selectmen to see. Mr. Willard explained that this was one example from one manufacturer and each company had their own product so that all trucks are not exactly the same. Chief Morse explained that the computerized equipment make the trucks more efficient. He said that they are looking at three different companies. He added that they would be driving it around town including camp roads to see if it will work for Raymond.
- h. Vision Appraisal has been in Raymond and meeting with our assessing office. The project is underway and it will finish on time in 2005.
- i. The Road Improvement Bond will be an agenda item in the near future. Nathan White will have a suggested plan for initiation, which includes a road schedule.
- j. Mrs. McDermott said she was very pleased with town meeting and the town's participation and very happy that everything passed.

Mr. Willard said of Mrs. Brown, past chairman, that no one in his career had been more committed to the town and the Board of Selectmen than Ada Brown has been.

9. Review and authorize Treasurer's Warrant dated May 4, 2004.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$561,068.43 (\$450,000 of which is for the investment account). Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. Willard announced that the Finance Director Elizabeth Cummings would be

attending an upcoming Selectmen's meeting to talk about new procedures, which we should adopt in order to conform with the state accounting practices. He added that any financial information is open to the public and is available from the Finance Office.

10. Adjourn.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk