

TOWN OF RAYMOND  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 15, 2008

SELECTMEN: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Mike Reynolds; Joe Bruno; Lonnie Taylor; and Dana Desjardins

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None

STAFF: Don Willard, Town Manager; Will Cook, Code Enforcement Officer; Mike O'Donnell, Contract Assessor; and Nathan White, Public Works Director.

OTHERS: None.

1. Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes for June 3, 2008

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes of June 3, 2008. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3. New Business:
  - a. Election of chairman and vice chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the 2008-2009 fiscal year – Board of Selectmen.

NOMINATION: Mark Gendron nominated Mike Reynolds as Chairman. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to cease nominations. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

VOTE ON NOMINATION: 4 in favor (Desjardins, Bruno, Gendron, Taylor), 1 abstention (Reynolds).

NOMINATION: Mark Gendron motioned to nominate Joe Bruno as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned that nominations cease. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous

VOTE ON NOMINATION: 4 in favor (Reynolds, Desjardins, Gendron, Taylor), 1 abstention (Bruno).

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mr. Reynolds appointed Joe Bruno as Parliamentarian.

- b. Recognition of Raymond young women joining the Windham Chamber Singers – Board of Selectmen.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds noted that the Windham Chamber Singers are from Windham and Raymond who attend Windham High School and entertain with performances and recordings. The Selectmen extended their congratulations to four women from Raymond have been accepted to join the group: Georgia Noonan, Molly Keane-Dryer, Haley Desjardins, and Rebecca Morris. It was noted that Patrick Martin formerly of Raymond and Jenna Eastman are in this group already.

- c. Consideration of property tax abatements – Contract Assessor Mike O’Donnell

DISCUSSION: Mr. O’Donnell noted that this was a denial letter. The applicant was invited to attend this meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Gendron motioned to deny this abatement and support the assessor’s recommendation. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor. Mr. Gendron felt that the Board of Assessment Review should be their next request, if they wish.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- d. Fiscal year 2008-2009 road construction plan – Public Works Director Nathan White.

DISCUSSION: Mr. White said that the cost of asphalt has increased so that their amount of work will not be as much as they would like. Elizabeth Avenue, and Cape Road will receive an overlay as a stopgap measure. Egypt Road will be patched up for the MDOT acceptance which will cost about \$40,000. The entire budget will be about \$187,000. Mr. Desjardins felt that any new businesses accessing a town road should be asked to help with the cost of the maintenance/building of these roads. Mr. White said that the new construction of Speedy Stop did help with the drainage problem and felt that Elizabeth Avenue was in poor shape before that construction and that the town would have to repair it in the near future. Mr. Desjardins felt that this should be a part of the planning process. Mr. Gendron agreed that the Selectmen should encourage the Planning Board to enhance the town’s ordinance to help the town maintain roads following new construction. The developer needs to take more responsibility for the demand and damage their development will cause to roads.

Mr. Reynolds explained that CPIC was working on design guidelines for the Commercial District. They are looking at impact fees and what the developer should be responsible for. The fine line is to understand at what point these policies will discourage commercial development. Raymond should continue to welcome new development in the Commercial Zone.

Mr. Taylor said that residential development should be considered for this new guideline as well because of the cost of building/repairing roads. Mr. Gendron had concern that there were developments being planned which are kept small to avoid DEP review but with a combined large impact. Mr. White felt that the residential units have more impact on the infrastructure than a commercial unit. Mr. Cook said that there was a curb cut fee for a residence to a town road of \$25.00. He added that they surveyed surrounding towns for fees and said that they are comparable. Mr. Bruno suggested that the Selectmen meet with the Planning Board and ask them what changes in the ordinance they would consider

to make the Raymond ordinance stronger. Mr. Reynolds felt that a workshop be considered on a night other than their regular meeting night. Mr. Reynolds indicated that our rural area probably has more road mileage per house than some of our neighboring communities.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to send a letter of recommendation to the Planning Board that they don't just interpret the ordinance, but they enforce them to the fullest extent that they can. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- e. Consideration of two road names, one new and one changed – Code Enforcement Office Will Cook

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cook asked that Dot's Avenue be changed to Chickadee Lane and a new road off Tenney Hill Road be named Cornerstone Drive.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the road names. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- f. Discussion regarding the Lakes Region Transit bus service – Selectmen Lonnie Taylor

DISCUSSION: Mr. Taylor felt that with the increase in fuel prices, this should be discussed further. The cost now to join is \$11,800 instead of the original \$3,800 per year. He was not in favor of spending \$11,800 but would like to work on the proposal. Mr. Willard noted that one way to lessen the cost would be to get more towns to participate and to lessen the number of daily trips serviced. Mr. Willard said that this funding would go toward gaining federal grant money. Mr. Bruno acknowledged that the rider's fee would be expensive and wasn't sure how many people would participate. Mr. Desjardins had concern that a plan wasn't formulated to deal with in part commuter parking, scheduling, and fees. Mr. Willard said that David Willauer, GPCOG, hasn't investigated Raymond's participation because Raymond didn't show interest. Mr. Bruno felt that the plan was too conceptual. Mr. Taylor agreed that he would like more specifics before he agreed to dedicate any funding. Mr. Bruno asked Mr. Willard to write or call Mr. Willaur to see if the original cost of \$3,800 would be acceptable to join the coalition and have more definitive information about the service in Raymond.

- g. Planning Board and Comprehensive Planning Implementation Committee correspondence – Chairman Mark Gendron

See d. above

- h. Discussion of two Quit Claim Deeds – Town Manager Don Willard

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve and sign the Quit Claim deeds for Map 37, Lot 4 and Map 23, Lot 21. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- i. Greater Portland Council of Government (GPCOG) update – Selectman Mike Reynolds

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds reported that he had at the GPCOG June Annual Meeting accepted a community award on behalf of the volunteers for the Memorial Park. He noted that the recognition awards go to the town but should have gone to Howard Stiles and his volunteers. Mr. Willard was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Stiles and ask his committee to the next Selectmen's meeting.

j. School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno reported that the next cost sharing formula meeting and the public participation meeting was cancelled because the person who does the formula was not able to attend. He noted that school choice should not be a part of the consolidation discussion but a vote of the town. Mr. Reynolds indicated that the School Board has asked that it go to the town for a vote. Mr. Bruno suggested the November election for maximum participation. It was decided to schedule a November 4, 2008 warrant at the first meeting in September.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to go into Executive session for a code enforcement and a personnel matter. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 8:36 pm.

k. Executive Session – Consultation with Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matter as authorized under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(H)

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 9:04 pm.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to authorize Don Willard to represent the Board of Selectmen, excluding Joe Bruno, in relation to the code enforcement issue relative to the land use violation. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Gendron, Taylor, Gendron, Reynolds) 1 abstention (Bruno).

NOTE: Mr. Reynolds announced that there will be a change in hours at the town hall to be closed on Mondays, open Tuesdays from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm, open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Saturdays 8:30 am to 12:00 pm in order to save heat expense. They wanted to keep the critical hours available to the residents. The start of the new hours will be advertised.

4. Old (unfinished) business.
  - a. None
5. Town Manager Report and Communications.
  - a. None
6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – July 15, 2008

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$52,878.32. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the 2007/2008 Treasurers Warrant for July 15, 2008 in the amount of \$65,733.05. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the 2008-2009 Treasurer's Warrant for July 15, 2008 in the amount of \$64,649.48. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-09

## 7. Adjournment

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

ADJOURNED: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk