

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 16, 2008

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Mark Gendron

STAFF: Don Willard, Town Manager

OTHERS: Jeri Keane, Chairman School Board; Teresa Sadak and Wendy Trask, School Board members; Aniko Pondgratz; Charly Leavitt; Steve Swick; Julie Chouinard; Amy Appleguard; and others.

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

2. Minutes for September 2, 2008

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of September 2, 2008. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3. New Business:

a. Request to utilize Raymond Beach parking area for charity dog walk – Julie Chouinard.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Chouinard introduced her associate Amy Appleguard and described their charity event as being for the benefit of Harvest Hills Animal Shelter in Fryeburg which takes in stray animals and pets who are given up by their owners. It will be Saturday, October 18, 2008, with rain date for Sunday the 19th. Ms. Chouinard said that they would find out if Harvest Hills will have an event liability rider to their insurance for this event. Mr. Reynolds said this coverage was for unforeseen problems. The route will go from Raymond Beach to the Post Office for 1 mile, and back for 2 miles, or if you want a 3 mile walk up and back and then through Main Street back to the Beach. Mr. Desjardins said that he would donate his Selectmen's check for this event which is about \$92. The registration fee will be \$10 per dog and Dog Gone Grooming, PO Box 733, Raymond, Me 04071 will give a donation as well as Dirty Paw Dog Wash, 9 Storm Drive, Windham, Me. 04062, also Harvest Hills Animal Shelter, 1389 Bridgton Road, Fryeburg, ME 04037. Southern Maine EMS will have paramedic/EMT's in attendance. She has asked Raymond Fire Police for intersection crossing guards, but if they aren't available Southern Maine EMS will cover. The rest of the Selectmen said they would give their checks to the charity for their insurance coverage and any overage to Harvest Hills.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the dog walk at Raymond Beach with the provision that the area and sidewalks would be kept clean, that they would have crossing guards, and they provide proof of liability insurance for \$1,000,000 with Raymond as a named assured. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

b. Update request for proposals “IT Infrastructure Management Services”.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said this is a rewrite from what they were studying last spring. The Web and Technology Committee have approved this edition of the RFP. He would like to send it out within the week. Mr. Reynolds found only one discrepancy with the length of time of the contract. Mr. Desjardins asked if there were 400 users including the school, would we still need to service the schools after consolidation. The door locks have already been taken out of the RFP. Mr. Willard said that the user numbers in the RFP can be updated as well as the number of servers needed. The Selectmen felt Mr. Willard could do a revision and send it out without showing it to them again. Mr. Taylor asked about the level of insurance required. He also asked about a termination clause for the contract for Raymond.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) (c) for a discussion about real property. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 8:05 pm.

c. Executive Session – Acquisition of real property or economic development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(c)

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 8:27 pm.

4. Old (unfinished) business

It was decided that they would discuss a, b, c together.

- a. Consideration of warrant article – consolidation with Windham School Department.
- b. Consideration of warrant article regarding high school choice.
- c. Approval of November 4, 2008 referendum order and referendum warrant.

DISCUSSION: Louise Lester read the items above as appeared in the Selectmen’s packet.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to accept Article 2 as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

Article 3. Mr. Reynolds read Article 3 for discussion.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to accept Article 3 as written. No second.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds felt the question was ambiguous because we currently have choice. Mrs. Caldwell said this was prepared by Drummond and Woodson and was taken from the article to

be used last spring. She suggested changing “beginning with” the 2009 and strike “for”. Mr. Taylor felt it was a negative question which needs a positive answer for passage. Mr. Bruno would like a positive question to be answered positively for passage. Mr. Reynolds had concern that the School Board hadn’t had time to study and approve the question. Mr. Bruno would like to settle it tonight. Mrs. Sadak felt it should be a straightforward question. Mrs. Trask suggested putting the part about grandfathering on the ballot as an explanation. Mrs. Caldwell said that the School Board needs to know whether the citizens want to change the policy and suggested that it come before the School Board at their meeting on September 17th. The following copy was suggested as an alternative language:

“Are you in favor of retaining Raymond’s current secondary school policy of allowing school choice.”

Mrs. Caldwell said that the Dept of Education says that capping of tuition can’t be held beyond this one year. She said the DOE is discussing this with the Attorney General. It appears that after consolidation the town will be responsible for the difference in tuition amounts. There will be more information tomorrow night at the School Board meeting when Mrs. Gendron and Mr. Rier will attend.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to reword Article 3 to say: “Are you in favor of retaining Raymond’s current secondary school policy of allowing school choice.” Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NOTE: There will be a School Board workshop on School Choice Monday, October 1, 2008 at the Jordan Small Middle School cafeteria beginning at 6:30 pm.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins requested that the venue be changed to the JSMS cafeteria for tomorrow night’s School Board meeting. Mrs. Caldwell agreed.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant for November 4, 2008. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the school Order for November 4, 2008. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NOTE: Mrs. Caldwell announced the meetings on consolidation being September 17, 2008 at JSMS cafeteria at 6:30 pm and school choice being October 1, 2008 at JSMS cafeteria at 6:30 pm.

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the Special Town Meeting Warrant and Order for November 4, 2008.

d. ICMA Conference September 20-24, 2008

Mr. Willard announced that he would be leaving on Saturday and be back on Wednesday for the ICMA Conference in Richmond, VA. He felt this time was very useful in gaining contacts, new ideas, and problem solutions for Raymond.

e. Egypt Road reclassification.

Mr. Willard announced that Egypt Road has been approved as a State Aid/Minor Collector Road. October 6, 2008 will be date of transfer as a state aid road. Raymond

and Gray will be responsible for plowing, sanding and salting, but the state will take care of maintenance. Any major work would be through a Rural Road Initiative which is a one third (Raymond) two third (state) partnership for capital improvement. The state will take over weight limits etc. Mr. Reynolds asked if they should apply by October 9th for Egypt Road in the Rural Road Initiative Program. Mr. Willard said that it might be a good idea because otherwise they won't do any major repairs for many years.

f. Morgan Meadow

Mr. Reynolds announced that the IF&W logging of Morgan Meadow off the Egypt Road has ended, and they are now working off Valley Road. Mr. Reynolds suggested that Raymond Rattlers Snowmobile Club be notified that their trail has been used as a skidder trail and the bridges were moved and some were broken. He felt that the IF&W would help with any repairs which might be needed.

5. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – September 16, 2008

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$45,077.02
Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: 4-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$98,805.61. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NEXT MEETING will be with the assessor Mike O'Donnell on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 6:30 pm to set the tax rate.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk