



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes**

November 18, 2014

Broadcast Studio

423 Webbs Mills Road

Selectmen in attendance: Mike Reynolds (chair), Lawrence A Taylor, Joe Bruno, Teresa Sadak, and Samuel Gifford

1) **Called to order** at 7:00pm by Chairman Reynolds.

Motion to allow non-residents to speak by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.
Unanimously approved.

Chairman Reynolds began the meeting by reading the following resolution:

We, the Raymond Board of Selectmen, recognize our individual and collective responsibilities as leaders and representatives of our community. To this end, we pledge to conduct ourselves in a manner befitting these roles and duties. We pledge and encourage others to "Be the Influence" and to recognize that decisions matter.

2) **Approval of minutes** of previous meetings dated:

- October 14, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 14th Selectman's Meeting as presented by Selectman Bruno. Second by Selectman Gifford. Sue Occardi should be Accardi (also Marj Govoni).

Unanimously approved.

3) **New Business**

- a) Update on 2015 Rotary Club Ice Derby – Deb McPhail, Cyndy Bell, & George Bartlett of the Sebago Lake Rotary Club.

The Select Board has an application which has been filed for the Ice Derby.

Mr Bartlett – introduced Ingo Hartig who has been a member of the Rotary Club for 31 years.

Mr Hartig – 21 oakledge road. Here to request that Feb 14 & 15 there be an Ice Fishing Derby (which is subject to ice).

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Ms McPhail – involved in Rotary for 25 years. Last year was very successful and included a snowmobile run (which will not be run by the Rotary this year – don't make that much money on this). The fish went to hunt for th hungry which fed 2,500 people. There will be a polar dip. Raised about \$25,000. The Polar Dip is run by ME Children's Cancer and raised more than \$50,000. IF&W will be providing wardens and Cumberland County will be sending officers. Insurance is through Rotary International.

Motion to approve application by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.

Louise Lester – Will everything happen at Raymond Beach?

Ms McPhail – Yes. The Kid's Derby is March 7th at Range Pond.

Don Willard – Tassel Top Park is also open and Nathan White will handle opening and closing.

Unanimously approved.

b) Raymond Village Library Annual Report – Elissa Gifford, Co-Chair of RVL Trustees

Ms Gifford – The Selectmen were given the full written report, and the Library showed a picture presentation highlighting the various programs for adults and children.

Sally Holt – there will be a bake sale in December, the basket sale will begin November 23rd, long-sleeve tee shirts will be on sale soon. There will be a couple of baskets raffled. The knitting group will be participating in Stitch Out Cancer.

Selectman Gifford – 3D printing?

Ms Holt – the library will be looking into getting a 3D printer so people in this area can begin to learn how to use it. The materials do require some money. The Library is running out of space. At one of the recent events there were 72 attendees and many had to wait outside.

c) Consideration of FY 2015-16 Budget Development Schedule – Nancy Yates, Finance Director

Mrs Yates – Presented tonight is a very preliminary schedule.

Chairman Reynolds – I can not make Feb 23rd, nor March 2nd. I could skype in. (both mondays)

Selectman Bruno – December 14th is a Sunday, please change to the 12th. Why is there a large gap between March 2nd and April 7th?

Mrs Yates – There may be another Budget & Finance meeting on March 12th.

Chairman Reynolds – We may want to have a Budget Workshop on March 24th for both the Board of Selectmen and the Budget & Finance Committee to discuss the budget.

d) Road Paving and Bond Expenditure Update – Nathan White, Public Works Director

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Cape Rd paved at 1.5" surface (5 miles) for \$375,000.
Hawthorn Rd ground, widened at Rt 302 end, and paved.

Plains Rd from Rt 85 to 121.

Valley Rd 8,300 feet done with 1,000 left for next year. We were able to maintain the existing drainage with no need of easements. We put in 400 yards of material.

Tenny Hill Rd from Mountain Rd to top.

\$973,308.32 spent to date. 973,208 for next year. Positive comments from citizens. Some questioning why Valley Rd was not complete and why Main St has not been done, but they seem to understand. We will be done sweeping the end of May or the 1st of June and then will finish Valley Rd.

Selectman Bruno – have you projected out needs past next years?

Mr White – not as yet, I will be doing this for this coming budget season. We are getting caught up on our paving and will need to start to go back to do some further maintenance. I have been very happy with the work that FR Carroll has done. The State did a skim coat on Egypt Rd and Rt 85 and it is already falling apart. We have the cheapest cost of any town in the GPCOG contract. We saved \$4,200 per mile for paving. Rodney Knight's has done the excavating work and works very well with my crew.

e) Consideration of Draft Letter Concerning Reasons for RSU Withdrawal to be Filed with the Commissioner of Education and RSU #14 Superintendent, and Discussion of Timeline of Events

Draft:

On November 4, 2014, the Raymond residents voted favorably (1,324 yes, 940 no) to begin the process of withdrawing from the RSU#14. As we understand it, the reasons to withdraw from the RSU are as follows:

- *Inequitable and expired cost sharing formula*
- *Potential for constructing a new middle school with no State funding when an under utilized building exists in Raymond*
- *Unbalanced representation on the school board*
- *Lack of true consolidation*

Selectman Bruno – I do not agree with the unbalanced representation. The representation is based on population.

Selectman Sadak – We are to put down the major, legitimate reasons. It does feel that we do not have a say.

Selectman Taylor – I agree with all 4 points. It seems that we need a different formula. 3 of 9 votes for Raymond is too small when we are paying 45% of the cost.

Selectman Gifford – what does it mean to not really be consolidated.

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Selectman Sadak – we are still 2 different teams, there is a “us vs them” atmosphere.

Chairman Reynolds – the lack of consolidation is also the lack of local control.

Selectman Bruno – representation is always based on population. It is not unbalanced.

Chairman Reynolds – we will change unbalanced representation to lack of local control.

Motion to approve letter with changes by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.
Unanimously approved.

f) Consideration of Tax Acquired Property Bids – Danielle Loring, Executive Assistant

There are 2 properties to be sold:

Map 031 Lot 003 – Bond Street – 1.05 acres - \$34,300 assessed value

Map 041 Lot 050 – Boulder Road - 0.12 acres - \$27,000 assessed value

Chairman Reynolds – we do attempt to get at least 50% of assessed value.

Mr Hansen – The Boulder Rd property is a non-buildable lot. It has access to the water and you could park an RV there for 90 days with a permit. The Bond St property is probably a buildable lot, but it is not on a recognized street.

Motion to accept the bid of \$20,000 for the Bond Street property by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford. The bidder sent a \$200 deposit and should have sent \$2,000, but this seems to be a misread of our instructions in the bid packet.
Unanimously approved.

Motion to accept the bid for the Boulder Road property by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.
Unanimously approved.

g) Consideration of Quit Claim Deed as submitted by Deputy Tax Collector Sue Carr

- Jennifer Dodd Moore, M6148R, Musson Road, Map 063 Lot 011A
- All back taxes have now been paid.

Motion to accept the Quit Claim Deed by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.
Unanimously approved.

4) Public Comment This agenda item is for the public to bring attention to any issues and concerns for future Board of Selectmen meetings.

Mrs Lester – I don't think our problem is with the RSU, but with the RSU law. If we can not have equal representation we will always lose. Also, we need to have a consolidated school name, and we still have Windham High School.

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Mr McDermott – Selectman Bruno is correct about the representation by population. It is the way America works. Windham is playing for State Championships, not a consolidated high school.

5) Executive Sessions

Motion to enter Executive Session at 8:34pm pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E): Consultation with Town Attorney and Code Officer Regarding Pending Land Use Matter by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved.

Motion to leave Executive Session at 8:52pm by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved.

Motion to allow the Codes Enforcement Officer to negotiate on a land use matter by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

Unanimously approved.

6) Selectmen Comment

Selectman Sadak – I did not like what I saw with the RSU. I am very happy with the turnout at the election and we need more people to step up and help. It is time for Raymond to take Raymond back. We have a number of young families with up and coming students.

Chairman Reynolds – The Library's capital campaign is still going on and they hope to hit their goal by the end of the year.

The RSU Withdrawal letter will go the Dept of Education Commissioner and to the RSU. The next step is to appoint a committee at the next Selectmen's meeting at which time we will have completed our part of this process until after the committee and sub-committee have completed their tasks.

7) Town Manager Report and Communications.

- Confirm date for next regular meeting:
 - December 9, 2014**Consensus approved.**
- Town Office Holiday Schedule
 - Closed November 27-28 for Thanksgiving**Consensus approved.**
- Community Survey Now Available
 - Due November 21, 2014 – a few more than 400 have been returned via mail and less than 40

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have been completed online.

8) Fiscal Warrants – November 18, 2014

- Payroll Expense Summary Warrant

Motion to approve Payroll Warrant totaling \$69,545.27 for 11-18-2014 by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.
Unanimously approved.

- Treasurer's Warrant

Motion to approve Treasurer's Warrant dated 11-18-2014 for \$206,319.13 by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.
Unanimously approved.

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:54pm by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.
Unanimously approved.

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