



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes**

March 12, 2018

5:30pm – Regular Meeting

Broadcast Studio
423 Webbs Mills Road

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.

Selectmen in attendance: Joe Bruno, Samuel Gifford, Teresa Sadak, and Rolf Olsen

Selectmen absent: Lawrence Taylor

Town Staff in attendance:

Don Willard – Town Manager

Sue Look – Town Clerk

1) **Called to order** at 5:30pm by Chairman Sadak

2) **Minutes of previous meetings**

a) February 13, 2018 – Regular meeting

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved.

3) **New Business**

a) Review of the Proposed Changes to the Budget-Finance Committee Ordinance – Marshall Bullock, Budget-Finance Committee Chair

Mr Bullock – Our committee has done its work and have presented the changes to you tonight. 3 major changes – reducing membership from 9 to 7, election of Vice-Chair, and elimination of chair of school committee as ex officio. There has been discussion regarding the changing of the voting language, but the committee voted to keep the existing language.

Selectman Bruno – What is the purpose of having unanimous votes if you have only a quorum?

Mr Bullock – The thinking of the committee is that when you are dealing with public finance you should have as many onboard as possible, not a simple majority. I refer to the US Senate, it requires 60 votes to carry an appropriations bill.

Selectman Bruno – That is their own rules.

Mr Bullock – We are setting our own rules.

Selectman Bruno – The Select Board makes financial decision too and we do so with a simple majority.

Mr Bullock – There are 2 purposes: making sure that many are onboard and to encourage attendance.

Chairman Sadak – I have not seen instances of strategic absences here.

Mr Bullock – That did happen in a neighboring town.

Selectman Olsen – To encourage a broad participation and input from more and varied areas of the town. I can only think of 3 times the committee have not been able to carry a motion.

Selectman Bruno – It is like saying that you can't have a Town Meeting unless you have 100 people show up, no business would be done. If people want to commit and show up, they should have the right to pass items. I am not sure this encourages anyone. Some bodies require supermajorities, but not at the committee level.

Chairman Bullock – Each year the committee can vote at their first meeting to change the rules to be a simple majority for that fiscal year. I think that we have missed a deadline for this Town Meeting.

Town Clerk Look – You have not missed the deadline for voting on this ordinance change at the June 5th Town Meeting, but to have the change take effect for this upcoming fiscal year we would have had to vote at a Special Town Meeting at least 90 days prior to June 5th (by March 6th). If the changes are passed at the June 5th Town Meeting, the changes will not take effect until the Town Meeting in 2019 (probably June 4th, 2019).

Motion to send to public hearing as presented by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.

Unanimously approved.

b) Quit Claim Deeds – Sue Carr, Tax Collector

Margaret M Kraft – Map 001 Lot 007 – 14 Andersen Road

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

Unanimously approved.

Anthony & Rebecca Rudball – Map 053 Lot 036 – 5 Harman Road

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

Unanimously approved.

Deep Cove Shores Realty Trust (Michael Hugo) – 124 Deep Cove Road - \$74,578.50 paid

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved.

Deep Cove Shores Realty Trust (Michael Hugo) – Deep Cove Road - \$3,260.95 paid

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

Unanimously approved.

c) Abatement Requests – Curt Lebel, Assessing Agent

Thomas York has filed for tax abatement on his property at 29 Kings Grant (Tax Map 039-042) Applicant purchased .7 acres of land in 2015 for \$120,000 and constructed a new single-family dwelling on the property in 2017.

The Towns assessment of the completed home and land is \$536,300.

Applicant filed a request for tax abatement and provides an opinion of value of \$425,000.

Written by Mr Lebel – All indicators, including those provided by the applicant upon request, appear to show that the Town’s assessment is within acceptable range of what the property market value is on the date of assessment. I therefore recommend that the Assessors deny this request for abatement.

Motion to deny the requested abatement as proposed by Mr Lebel by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved.

d) Awarding the Boston Post Cane – Sue Look, Town Clerk

Mr Harry “Buster” Delan passed on March 1, 2018, at the age of 94. Coincidentally, I received an application for Elizabeth Z Stetson who will be turning 100 this month. Mrs Stetson’s family has requested that the cane be awarded at a celebration to be held on March 21st in Windham.

Motion to award as presented by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved.

e) Consideration of Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment Changes – Sue Look, Town Clerk

Steve Warshaw has requested to be moved to the alternate seat and Rick Welch has expressed an interest in being moved to Mr Warshaw’s regular seat. This change requires that both members be reappointed.

Motion to appoint Steve Warshaw as alternate on the ZBA by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved.

Motion to appoint Rick Welch as a regular member on the ZBA by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

Unanimously approved.

4) Public Comment - none

5) Selectman Comment

Chairman Sadak – Be patient, go slow, be careful driving in the upcoming storm.

6) Town Manager's Report and Communications

a) Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings

- April 10, 2018
- May 15, 2018

b) Reminder of Budget Schedule

- March 12, 2018 – Department Head Budget Review #2, directly following this meeting
- March 27, 2018 – Budget Workshop
- April 10, 2018 – Warrant Article Review & Approval

c) Conversion of Public Street Lighting to LED

Town Manager Willard – We have been working with Gorham, Standish and Gray to look into converting to LED street lights. This is a national trend. We will first need to conduct a study to see how many we need and what pieces need to be changed. We will probably be able to pay for this project with the savings in electricity. We will be able to adjust the intensity of the lights – increase in the case of an accident for example and decrease to save energy. We have 115 lights.

7) Treasurer's Warrant

Motion to approve as presented with a total of \$96,341.84 by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved.

8) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:02pm by Selectman Gifford. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look, Town Clerk