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Town of Raymond
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, February 10, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Stephenson, Co-Chair; Harold Burnham; Greg Foster; Priscilla Rand; Jean Carter (arrived at 7:15); Charles Leavitt; and Chris McClellan

STAFF PRESENT: Rich Rothe, Planner; Amanda L. Simpson, Secretary

GUESTS: Donald Willard, Town Manager; Nathan White, Road Commissioner

1. **Call to Order:** J. Stephenson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
2. **Minutes of January 28, 2003**

MOTION: With a motion by P. Rand and a second by J. Stephenson, the minutes of January 28, 2003 were approved unanimously. NOTE: J. Carter made a correction later in the evening.

Note: I am missing minutes of the meetings I am not able to attend. Dates are Oct 21 and 28, 2002; Nov. 12, 18 and 25, 2002; and Jan. 13, 2003. I believe it is important to have them available for the public record here at the office as well as be able to post them on the website. Amanda

3. Discussion on Community Facilities:

R. Rothe mentioned to the Committee that there will be a meeting with the Planning Board on Wednesday February 19, 2003 at the Jordan Small Modular Classroom.

R. Rothe briefly went over the packet mailed out and explained that he had received corrections from D. Willard and A. Simpson and they would be incorporated in the final documents. He also indicated that in the final form of the plan the Committee may want to consider some summary explanation with the final policies and strategies.

The discussion of Public Safety began. P. Rand inquired about the assumption that boat traffic was decreasing. D. Willard added that he understood that boat registrations are increasing. J. Carter suggested that even though there are increased numbers of boats that they may be used less frequently. J. Stephenson asked about jet skis and the problem with enforcement in area towns.

The following changes were approved by the Committee

1991 Public Facilities Policies/Strategies
Review Sheet

Plain type face – Submitted by Rich Rothe

Bold and underlined type - Additions approved

~~Strikeouts~~ – Deletions approved

GOAL: PROVIDE FOR AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES THAT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS

1. **Maintain an adequate level of police protection and public safety services**
 - a. Continue to work with the County Sheriff **and other communities** on the establishment of a coordinated dispatch facility in Raymond.
 - New f. b. ~~Periodically~~ Establish and maintain survey public safety staffing in similar sized southern Maine towns relative to **competitive compensation for** paid fire, police and emergency personnel and make recommendations to the Selectmen.
 - c. Increase police coverage, either through a contract with the Cumberland County Sheriffs Department for greater coverage, or through a shared service with a neighboring community.
 - New b. f. Continue to evaluate public safety needs on a periodic basis and recommend cost-effective courses of action, where appropriate.
2. **Identify suitable land areas consistent with the Comprehensive Plan suitable for the expansion of municipal services and facilities including a town office, a public works garage and a community building. Upgrade Town facilities, where and when necessary, to meet the needs of Raymond's growing population.**
 - a. **Establish and maintain** a local land acquisition fund for municipal facilities expansion.
 - c. Continue to evaluate options for replacing or ~~upgrading~~ **renovating** the Town Hall/**Public Works/Transportation Facility** and **further to** make recommendations for appropriate courses of action.
 - d. ~~Plan for and construct a new public works garage.~~
 - e. ~~Consider establishing a second floor meeting room in the fire station at Webbs Mills Road.~~
3. **Work with local and regional community organizations to continue provision of quality community services to the town.**
 - a. **Work with the library club to continue providing quality services to the town.**
 - b. **Work with the recreation organizations to continue providing quality services to the town.**
4. **Continue and improve the municipal recycling and hazardous waste disposal programs.**
 - a. Continue curbside pick-up of recyclable materials.

- b. Continue to publicize the importance of recycling and availability of various recycling options using all local media sources.
- c. Continue to provide for collection and safe disposal of household hazardous wastes within the town or in conjunction with neighboring MMWAC towns.
- d. Continue to utilize the services of the Lake Region Bulky Waste facility in Casco **so long as it continues to be economically feasible.**
- e. **Work with neighboring communities to establish a household hazardous waste collection site as may be required by law.**

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Several representatives from the Building Committee were in attendance and discussed with the Committee the best way for them to stay connected to the work that the Committee is doing. They have just organized and expect to be gaining momentum over the next couple months. They want to be certain that the directions their recommendations take take into consideration the policies of the Comp. Plan Committee. They will have a representative attend the meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next meetings scheduled for March 10th and 24th.