

TOWN OF RAYMOND BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes Monday, December 10, 2001

Attendance: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Louise Murray; Jane Jordan; Ralph Bartholomew; Ernest Allen; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

Open Meeting: Rolf Olsen opened the meeting at 7:10 pm at the Town Office.

Minutes from previous meeting.

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2001 as written. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Establish schedule for budget review.

Meetings: January 21, 2002; February 25, 2002; March 4, 2002; March 18, 2002; and March 25, 2002 if needed. Mr. Olsen asked that any materials for meetings be submitted for distribution to the members not less than one week prior to the meeting.

Review status of Fire/Safety building project.

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse reported that the trees have been cut from the lot and the stumps are being pulled now. He said that because of the good weather progress was being made with the late start and that if the building cannot be closed in by snow, which is doubtful, building would begin in the spring. He added that space for expansion for a police office was being kept open if that should ever materialize. Mr. Willard noted that all permits and pertinent papers were in hand and complete for DEP, MDOT, Glen Builders, and Mrs. Karpoe. He continued that he was looking into combining three projects into one bond entity, the Public Safety building, the Route 302 project, and the waterline expansion. He said that the waterline project was in the engineering stage and expected that bids would be coming in this winter with planned completion by June 2002. The Route 302 Project should be complete by the end of the fall 2002. Mr. Willard thought that they Town should seriously consider extending the waterline to the Route 302 and Main Street intersection because the MDOT will not allow any road openings after the resurfacing for five years. He discussed the funding possibilities for the projects and its relationship with our TIF program. Mr. Olsen asked that the usage of the TIF in this scenario be checked with the State so that we know it will be considered a valid use by them. Mr. Willard informed them that the tie-in cost to residents and businesses has not been established. There was discussion about the rescue collections for this year and Chief Morse indicated that they were doing well, however about half the calls were from out-of-town and collections there are uncertain. Mr. Willard added that our excise tax collections are still up.

Review status of waterline project.

See above in number 3.

Old Business.

New Business.

a. Members

DISCUSSION: Mr. Olsen noted that it appears that two members have moved from Raymond (Skillings and Knight). He asked that this be verified and if true notify the Selectmen of this fact and ask them to either make appointments to fill the Committee until the next municipal election or make it possible for the Committee to run with only 7 members. Mr. Olsen recommended that the positions be filled by appointees.

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk