

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING

MINUTES
Monday, April 24, 2006

Attendance: Rolf Olsen, Chairman Budget Committee; Ralph Bartholomew, Suzie Brockelbank; Dennis Cole; Louise Murray; David Rowe; and Jean Carter.

Absent: Tucker Cole and Frank McDermott.

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager.

Others: None.

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Minutes of April 3, 2006.
MOTION: Suzanne Brockelbank motioned to approve the minutes of April 3, 2006 as written. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.
VOTE: Carried.
3. Approval of article for Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to deposit all revenue from Tree Growth, Open Space, and Farmland penalties in the Open Space Reserve Fund for the purpose of acquiring open space. This action to remain in effect until such time the Town Meeting votes otherwise.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the Selectmen had removed the \$5,000 from projected revenues because curbside trash pickup won't be able to go to a one-barrel system next year (except possibly for a trial period). They voted to take that \$5,000 from undesignated surplus to balance the budget.

Mr. Willard explained that the amount of money coming from Tree Growth, Open Space, and Farmland penalties has historically been \$3,000 to \$10,000 annually. Mr. Bartholomew questioned whether the Selectmen, if desired, would restrict this. Mr. Willard said any movement of funds would need Selectmen approval, Budget/Finance review, and passage at a town meeting. Any restrictions would be set by town policy. Mrs. Carter felt that this money should be available to the town for any need arising. She

didn't like the idea of it being put into a designated fund. Mrs. Brockelbank said that there was flexibility through a town meeting vote. Mrs. Carter wanted to build our below auditor recommended surplus level and this money would help do that. Mr. Rowe said it was a non-issue because a town meeting would decide whether that money was to be used or not no matter where it was placed in the accounting.

MOTION: Dennis Cole motioned to not recommend this article. Seconded by Jean Carter.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Cole, Carter, Bartholomew, Olsen) 2 opposed (Murray, Brockelbank) 1 abstention (Rowe)

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about the use of the existing Open Space Reserve Fund for the purchase of the Egypt Road (old dump) property and the fact that it did allow the town to not have to take so much from undesignated surplus.

4. Old Business - None
5. New Business - None
6. Adjourn. Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 7:43 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk