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Budget/Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
with the
Raymond Board of Selectmen

2007-2008 PROVIDER AGENCIES
Monday, January 11, 2007

Budget/Finance Committee present: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Frank McDermott; Jean Carter; Dennis Cole; Tucker Cole; Robert Gosselin; Sue Accardi; and Jerilyn Ward.

Budget/Finance Committee member absent: Ralph Bartholomew.

Selectmen present: Mark Gendron; Mike Reynolds; Joe Bruno; and Dana Desjardins

Selectmen absent: Lonnie Taylor

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager

Staff absent: None

Others present: Charles Leavitt

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Broadcast Studio saying that they would not be voting on the Provider Agencies tonight but would wait until the entire budget comes before them.

2. Minutes: January 8, 2007

MOTION: Jean Carter motioned to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2007 as written. Seconded by Susan Accardi.

VOTE: Unanimous 8-0

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about an alternative to the provider agency warrant article being a check off option on the tax bill.

3. Provider Agency Discussion

HomeHealth Visiting Nurses - Charity Hearst. Services intended to keep people in their homes and healthy. Serve everyone no matter his or her ability to pay. Cumberland, York and parts of Oxford Counties; therapy, home health aid, resource for other agencies acting as a conduit for information to other agencies.

Family Crisis Services, Jill Roush-Donahue. Cumberland & Sagadahoc Counties offices in Bridgton, Portland, and Brunswick. Services to incarcerated women, elder services, and youth violence prevention program. They are specific to victims from domestic violence.

Southern Maine Agency on Aging, Sylvia Harkin – Services as an elder advocate for information and other supportive services. Organize volunteer aid to the needy: “Meals on Wheels”, organize volunteer small home repairs, grocery shopping service, social worker aid in office or in home i.e. insurance counseling, benefit screening. They work in Cumberland, York and parts of Oxford Counties; provide

care whether they can pay or not; therapy, home health aid, resource for other agencies with information. Conduit for information to other agencies.

People's Regional Opportunity Program, Thomas Bartell – A community action agency for low and moderate-income people. Aid in submitting applications for heating assistance to state programs, operate the WIC program, foster grandparents program, case management service, and referral for other services. County provides some funds for some childcare, and case management. There might be some relief to the county by GDBG grant funds from the Federal government.

Raymond Extended Day Program, John Reder – Providing childcare before and after school and during the summer. Funds used for financial assistance to families and enhancement of their educational programs. Use of the school is free but they maintain the area they use.

Tri County Mental Health Agency, Timothy McMahon – Acting as a physician-based service including psychiatry. Services in-house and additionally try to keep patients at their homes rather than in a hospital. They obtain some funding from the counties and the United Way.

Discussion about voting choices which might be warrant articles individually, as a group, or sent to town meeting without Selectmen or Budget Committee recommendation. It was cautioned to note what the administrative costs are for each organization.

Raymond Casco Historical Society has an article of its own and wasn't sure they were considered a provider agency.

Red Cross – no representative was able to attend.

DayOne Substance Abuse Services for Youth & Families – no representative

Lake Region Development Council – Mike McClellan, Director, did a presentation last fall.

Regional Transportation Program, Inc. – no representative.

Senior Transportation Program – no representative.

United Cerebral Palsy of Maine – no representative.

NEXT MEETING: February 26, 2007 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

The line item groups will be at the meeting for the other municipal departments.

There was discussion of what the budget process will be to a final vote. The next Selectmen's meeting will discuss in part municipal bonding with a finance expert.

4. Adjourn. Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk