

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 15, 2010

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Sue Accardi; Bob Gosselin; Ralph Bartholomew; Peter Dunn; and Marshall Bullock.

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE ABSENT: Jean Carter; Dennis Cole; and Will Chapman.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Mike Reynolds; Charles Leavitt; and Dana Desjardins.

TOWN STAFF: Don Willard, Town Manager; Nancy Yates, Finance Director; Nathan White, Public Works Director; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Bruce Tupper, Assistant Fire Chief; Kathy Gosselin, EMS Chief and Chris Hanson, Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHERS: None

1. Call to order. Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Town Office.
2. Approval of minutes February 23, 2010.

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

3. Review and vote of the 2010-2011 Budget.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about the TIF funds and the bonds currently in the budget. Mr. Willard reported that the Selectmen would be putting an advisory question to be voted on June 8th as to whether the voters would agree to purchase a bond for roadwork with a face amount of \$6,000,000. Mr. Olsen felt that it should be discussed at the open town meeting June 1st before it goes to a referendum question, even an advisory vote. Mr. Reynolds explained how this money would be used if approved in 2011. Mr. Bartholomew questioned whether another bond would be acceptable in the total amount that Raymond now owes. Mr. Willard said that Raymond is at a low theoretical percentage. Mrs. Yates thought it was 15%. Mr. Rolf encouraged that this go to the open town meeting so that people can learn and express their opinions. Mr. Reynolds felt it could be entertained at both the open town meeting and a referendum ballot question. Mr. Leavitt noted that the road assessment program had not been updated in a while and felt that this should be updated and by using that information we could better plan for our road construction budget. Mr. White explained that it would be updated without the GIS part by the time of town meeting. Unfortunately we didn't have the budget to keep the GIS updating in the past. It is hoped that it will be done next summer.

Ms. Accardi asked about the new contract for trash/recycling pickup. Mr. Willard said that Pine Tree Waste was the low bidder and was working with Raymond to accomplish the work within the budgetary parameters.

Mr. Gosselin asked why there doesn't seem to be a reduction in technology now that the Town doesn't have to pay for a share of the school's technology. Mr. Willard said that there isn't a change because of volunteer work done when needed. We have a contract for technology with Mr. Woodbrey which hasn't changed and the schools are now maintained by the school department. Historically the town supported the networking with the school. The school did their own hard and software work by their own staff.

Warrant Article Amounts:

Administration \$468,010
Assessing \$65,669
Town Hall \$30,623
Insurance \$478,492
GA \$4,000
Technology \$150,000
Community Development \$39,850
Fire/EMS Department \$578,196
Animal Control \$17,771
Infrastructure \$20,930
Public Works \$589,499
Solid Waste \$471,555
Cemeteries \$16,112
Parks/Recreation \$11,697
Raymond Village Library \$30,900
Provider Agencies \$zero
CIP \$678,665
County Tax \$544,946
TIF \$193,823

Non-property tax revenues \$1,580,148
Use of Undesignated Fund Balance \$143,214
The FY 2010-2011 budget uses all the Town's allowed LD1 increase.

Mr. Olsen read the articles as follows:

Article 8

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 9

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 10

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 11

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 12

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend not over \$75,000. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 13

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 14

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Olsen questioned whether we now have to plow for school buses. It was decided that the school will arrange for their own coverage.

MOTION: Marshall Bullock motioned to amendment Article 14 by removing section C. Seconded by Bob Gosselin.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Unanimous 6-0

VOTE ON MOTION: Unanimous 6-0

Article 15

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 16

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 17

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 18

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 19

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 20

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 21

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 22

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

ARTICLE 23

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 24

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 25

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 26

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 27

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 28

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 29

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 30

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Marshall Bullock.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 31

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Ralph Bartholomew.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 32

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about not having the Provider Agencies article in the warrant because there are no items in that column this year. The Budget/Finance Committee recommended deleting that article.

Article 33

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 34

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 35

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 36

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 37

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Article 38

MOTION: Bob Gosselin motioned to recommend. Seconded by Peter Dunn.

VOTE: Unanimous 6-0

Old Business

None

New business

None

ADJOURNMENT: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk