



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes**

August 12, 2014

Broadcast Studio

423 Webbs Mills Road

Selectmen in attendance: Mike Reynolds (chair), Joe Bruno, Teresa Sadak, Samuel Gifford, and Lawrence A Taylor

1) Called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Reynolds.

Raymond ME tee-shirts available at the Raymond Library.

Motion to allow non-citizens to speak by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.
Unanimously approved.

2) Approval of minutes of previous meetings dated:

- May 13, 2014
Motion to approve the minutes from the May 13th Selectman's Meeting as presented by Selectman Sadak. Second by Selectman Gifford.
Correction: on page 5 it should be Rolf Olsen rather than Tolf Olsen.
Selectman Bruno abstained due to not being present.
Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstained
- June 17, 2014
Motion to approve the minutes from the May 13th Selectman's Meeting as presented by Selectman Sadak. Second by Selectman Gifford.
Correction: August 12th is the correct meeting date and all June meeting dates should be removed.
Selectman Gifford abstained due to not being present.
Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays – 1 abstained

3) PUBLIC HEARING

- a) General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A
- b) General Assistance Maximums Adoption Form
MMA gathers data in conjunction with DHHS for each county. The survey is to find housing costs to help set GA levels.

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*** Items taken out of order*

Motion to accept the General Assistance Ordinances Appendix A and Maximums Adoption Form as presented by Selectman Bruno. Second by Selectman Gifford. **Unanimously approved.**

4) New Business

- a) Appointment Confirmation of Town Clerk, Sue Look – Board of Selectmen
Motion to appoint Susan L Look as the Town Clerk by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Sadak. **Unanimously approved.**

- b) Regional Transportation Program (RTP) Bus Update – Dan Goodman

Powerpoint presentation given by Dan Goodman from RTP, Rick Harbison from GPCOG, and Janna Thompson from Opportunity Alliance.

RTP is a non-profit for disabled, elderly, low-income, etc, as well as being open to the public, in Cumberland County with volunteer drivers. Began offering bus service on November 25, 2013. The stop in Raymond is at Sunset Variety Monday-Friday with 8 stops per day – 4 northbound & 4 southbound.

The cost is \$3 one way or there are various passes available. There have been 241 who boarded in Raymond and 215 who disembarked in Raymond in the past few months. Some of the funding for RTP is from MEDOT. Currently funded via Federal grant. Not sure how long the grant will sustain. Would appreciate municipal support. Looking into Community Development Block Grant.

RTP is proposing to add stops at Tassel Top and Raymond Shopping Center only when there are riders at the stop. Possibly there will also be a stop added at Sabre Yachts as a commuting option for employees – they may be able to purchase passes for their employees.

RTP recommends new sidewalks on Main St and to the Avesta Housing complex. Raymond is already working on sidewalks with a DOT grant to make Raymond more “walkable”.

Opportunity Alliance offers services to people in need, Public Health Program, transportation is often a barrier to people for health care. They surveyed 500 people (77 from Raymond), and 75% said they wanted commuter service.

Public Comment – Bill Blood of 7 Mills St said that it is a wonderful program which he is using 3 or 4 days per week and it is a cost savings of between \$120 and \$604 per month. This is also going to decrease his insurance cost by 40%.

- c) Fee Schedule Amendment- Sue Look, Town Clerk

MRSA 21-A §196-A specifies the fees for all voter related information from the Central Voter Registration system, however these are not the fees currently on the Fee Schedule:

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List	Medium	Raymond's Current Fee	Fee Should Be
Absentee Voter List	Paper	\$30	\$1 for first page & \$0.25 for each subsequent
Absentee Voter List	Electronic	\$20	Free
Voter List	Paper	\$125	\$1 for first page & \$0.25 for each subsequent As of 7-9-2014 there are 207 pages for the whole list and would cost \$52.50
Voter List	Labels	\$135	\$1 for first page & \$0.75 for each subsequent As of 7-9-2014 there are 172 pages for the whole list and would cost \$129.25
Voter List	Electronic	\$65	Based on the number of records. As of 7-9-2014 there are 3,894 voters and the list would cost \$22

Motion to accept the Fee Schedule as corrected by Selectman Gifford. Seconded by Selectman Taylor. **Unanimously approved.**

- d) Consideration of Quit Claim Deed as Submitted by Deputy Tax Collector Sue Carr-
 • William P. Miller (012/059), 172 Raymond Hill Road

Motion to accept recommendation of the Quit Claim Deed for William P Miller (map-lot 012-059) by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford. **Unanimously approved.**

- e) RSU Withdrawal Update Presentation- Teresa Sadak, Selectman

The RSU is looking to build a new consolidated middle school in Windham. Raymond is paying 45% over EPS. The new school will be 100% over EPS. The school would increase the taxes on a \$250,000 home by almost \$300 per year. The buses would be picking up children prior to 6am. There is a lack of representation from Raymond. The required # of signatures on a municipal petition is 223 and there are 352 voter signatures certified, with more citizens requesting to sign. We would need to have approval for the initial question ready by September 9th to be on the November ballot.

The cost to divorce from the RSU is dependent on how much involvement the attorneys have and how much the towns folks do. It could be less than \$10,000 or up to \$50,000. It has been suggested that the town agree to pay up to \$50,000 for this effort and then aim at not spending all of it.

The Select Board would like to have a joint meeting with the RSU School Committee to ask what they are thinking.

The steps up to the initial vote are:

Step	Description	Time
1	Circulate a petition to withdraw from the RSU and gather at least 223 signatures from voters registered in Raymond. At least 45 days before the Special Town Meeting.	Complete 6-10-2014 352 valid signatures
2a	Selectmen call a Special Town Meeting to vote on whether or not to officially start the withdrawal process.	Possibly September 2, 2014

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Step	Description	Time
2b	Deadline to have ballot question sent to ES&S to print ballots and program the voting machine to be ready for the 11/5/2014 Gubernatorial Election.	September 9, 2014
3a	Town Clerk to post the Notice of Public Hearing. At least 7 days prior to Public Hearing.	
3b	Hold a Public Hearing regarding the petition at least 10 days prior to a Special Town Meeting (2b below).	By October 25, 2014
4a	May include absentee ballots, and if so they need to be available 30 days prior to the election.	October 4, 2014
4b	Hold a Special Town Meeting (election) to secret vote (ballot) on whether or not to officially start the withdrawal process. <u>The article would need to read:</u> “Do you favor filing a petition for withdrawal with the board of directors of regional school unit RSU14 and with the Commissioner of Education, authorizing the withdrawal committee to expend \$ (insert dollar amount) and authorizing the (municipal officers; i.e., selectpersons, town council, etc.) to issue notes in the name of the Town of Raymond or otherwise pledge the credit of the Town of Raymond in an amount not to exceed \$ (insert dollar amount) for this purpose?” Yes No	November 4, 2014

Diana Froisland of 101 Daggett Dr – RSU School Board member from Raymond – there is 1 option for Raymond to continue to use the Jordan Small Middle School AND Windham would build a new middle school. The RSU School Board is not ready to make a solid recommendation as yet and whatever they do will need to go to a vote to proceed.

Selectman Bruno – Raymond is a small segment (about 700 students from Raymond out of over 3,000 total). The rate Raymond is paying should have been reviewed after 2-3 years and was not. Would like to have a joint meeting to discuss what is going on.

Frank McDermott – Losing our middle school will not attract young families. We had a technology program in the middle school and when we joined the RSU Windham did not, so the Raymond students no longer have a technology program. If we have no children we are a dead town. We need to build a quality education program for the Town of Raymond and we can not wait to begin.

Wayne Helmquist – Realtor – 90% of folks moving to Raymond came because of the quality of the school system. At that time Raymond was the 6th highest per capita in CUM & 8th in the State. Now we have slipped to 8th in CUM.

Selectman Sadak – if we lose the schools we will lose families. If we lose families we will lose businesses.

Louise Lester – Out of 9 total members on the RSU School Board, Raymond has only 3 seats. When we vote on the annual budget for the RSU if Raymond rejects it and Windham passes it, then it has passed.

Grace Leavitt – teacher – 7th grade students used to go to various schools in the area, and families did not stop moving to Raymond. Windham has very good facilities and programs for our students. We need to let the RSU School Board complete the process. We need to be thinking about the students. Many families moved to Raymond for school choice. We do have 3 votes out of 9 and that is a say. We have a representative form of government. Tonight has been a lot of speculation and not real hard facts. There are high costs associated with divorcing from the RSU. We need to stop looking at it as 2 towns instead of 1 school district.

Marshall Bolduc – Budget Finance Committee member – we may be a bit premature and we should at least create an ad hoc committee to gather information. Who would give us a 10 year contract if Windham will not take our students? The committee would have a difficult time

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increasing the expense item for the RSU.

Frank McDermott – It is unlikely that Windham would not take our students if we left the RSU. Windham would need the revenue from our students.

Selectman Sadak – if a new school is built there will be more cuts at the schools and this will hurt our students.

This will be on the agenda for the next Selectman's Meeting. For now there will probably be a question on the November ballot.

- f) Consideration of Abatements as Submitted by Assessors' Agent Curt Lebel
Motion to abate 1 camper trailer that was assessed twice and 1 camper trailer which is no longer in town for a total of \$213.76 by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Taylor.
Unanimously approved.

5) Public Comment. This agenda item is for the public to bring attention to any issues and concerns for future Board of Selectmen meetings.

Frank McDermott – Raymond-Casco Historical Society – we are fund raising by asking citizens to save their change and take it to the museum as a donation and then take a tour of the 3 buildings, including a car display. Wed Sat & Sun from 1-3pm for free. Rt 302 – Watkins Farm.

Bill Blood – Will the RSU School Board meeting tomorrow night be broadcast? Yes.

6) Executive Sessions

- a) **Motion** to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(H): Consultation with Code Officer Regarding Pending Land Use Matter at 8:53pm by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Gifford. **Unanimously approved.**
Ended Executive Session at 9:10pm.
- b) **Motion** to enter Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A): Town Report Dedication at 9:15pm by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Taylor. **Unanimously approved.**
Ended Executive Session at 9:20pm.

7) Selectmen Comment

Selectman Sadak – prayers for Tony Pennell and family. There is a clinic opening soon for x-rays, etc. Possibly post on the website what people are doing in Raymond – families with pictures, consensus was to add this to the website.

Library update – Chairman Reynolds – Selling tee-shirts for fund raiser. Possibly promote them in Raymond businesses. Annual book sale for the rest of the summer. Grant from Gorham Savings. Grant from Loon Echo for star gazing programs. 100 teens signed up for summer reading. 5,300 materials have been checked out and 3,538 patron visits this summer thus far.

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8) Town Manager Report and Communications.

- a) Confirm date for next regular meeting:
- September 2, 2014
- Consensus approved.**

Review of FY2013-2014 Budget Results as of 08/12/2014:

The FY2013-2014 Gross Municipal Budget passed at Town Meeting was \$4,325,612. There were some departments that exceeded budget, but there were others that came in under budget, with the resulting expenditures from appropriations totaling \$4,293,510.87, or \$32,401.13 under budget.

The projected FY2013-2014 Revenues amounted to \$2,150,800, which included an estimated \$195,000 for Municipal Revenue Sharing. The State projection as of June 27, 2013 estimated that Raymond would received \$117,530.76 in revenue sharing. The amount actually received was \$120,880.52, or \$74,119.48 under the budgeted amount. Excise taxes were estimated at \$740,000. The amount actually received was \$809,762.31, or \$69,762.31 over budget. There were several other areas that came in at less than the amount budgeted, but there were other revenue accounts that came in at totals greater than the budgeted amount, with the result that the Town reached 100.46% of the budgeted total, or \$9,901.25 more than the total revenues budgeted.

Overall the Town's net budget was met with \$42,302.38 to spare, and came in under the LD1 spending limit as calculated by contracted assessor, Curt Lebel.

The town office is nearly complete in re-wiring the computer connections courtesy of Bob Murray who has often been instrumental in technology upgrades. The work is being done by Woodbrey Consulting.

Town Report is under construction and will be available later this fall. Deadline for submission of reports is August 29th.

August 14th the RFQ for the Planning Grant will be released. Responses are due August 29th at 4pm. Community Survey Committee, made up of Laurie Forbes, Sharon Dodson, Danielle Loring, Teresa Sadak and Sue Look, is working on the survey design with Pan Atlantic SMS. Pan Atlantic will be administering the survey, which is scheduled to be released in October. This project is coming in significantly under budget.

The National Guard has left for the season, but is scheduled to return in April 2015 and will be working on some maintenance and capital improvement projects for Raymond.

Timber sale is nearly done. We have been receiving checks since last May.

9) Fiscal Warrants – August 12, 2014

- Payroll Expense Summary Warrant
Motion to approve Payroll Warrant totaling \$76,636.19 for 8-12-2014 by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Sadak. **Unanimously approved.**
- Treasurer's Warrant
Motion to approve Treasurer's Warrant dated 8-12-2014 for \$159,312.83 by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Bruno. **Unanimously approved.**
Motion to approve residual Treasurer's Warrant for FY2013-2014 for \$6,379.41 dated 8-12-

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2014 by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Sadak. **Unanimously approved.**

10) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:35pm by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.
Unanimously approved.

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