

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 1998

ATTENDANCE: Stephanie Bubier, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Ernest Allen; Ada Brown; Charles Murray; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephanie Bubier called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.
Table until next meeting.
3. Report from the Town Manager on the status of the Ice Storm Emergency operations and restoration efforts.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore reported that this was day 14 and as of 3:30 pm 473 households still had no power in Raymond which should be corrected before the weekend. He said that on Thursday of the first week Public Works had tried to have at least one lane open on all roads. He continued that P & K, the National Guard and others had worked on brush clearing etc. and that so far they have reported an expense of \$20,000 for sanding. He added that the South Windham Correction Facility had sent men up to use a chipper along the roadways. Also that Town crews had been working on some private roads so that safety vehicles could pass if necessary. As of the third or fourth day all roads were rescue passable. He reported that a bucket truck and chipper would be rented to help cut down hanging limbs and deal with brush. The expense will be from \$500 to \$1000 per day. He hoped that most would be reimbursed by the State and/or Federal aid. He estimated the road clean up would be about \$100,000. The Fire Department had 138 calls for fire and rescue plus there was various amounts of equipment wear and tear of which most will be reimbursable. The number of volunteers was massive and most appreciated. He felt the total cost of this storm would be between \$100,000 and \$200,000. Mrs. Bubier asked about the removal of brush etc. off private land. Mr. Poore said it could be removed to the Bulky Waste Facility in Casco and that the Town would be chipping along the roadsides. He added that many vendors had volunteered goods and services.

4. Consideration of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan as drafted by the Town Attorney.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Allen said he didn't think that this suggested ordinance change was what the public hearing indicated they wanted. He felt that a workshop was needed with the Comprehensive Plan Committee to see what they wanted to do. Mr. Murray said that the Comprehensive Plan Committee didn't want to do any changes until the whole Plan is reviewed. He said that after the public hearing on this the Selectmen decided to change just this area and bring it to Town Meeting. He didn't feel that this change would drastically change the Comprehensive Plan and it would allow a zoning change to come before Town Meeting. There was discussion about a public hearing about this. Mrs. Brown felt that the Comprehensive Plan could be revised without a complete review.

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to recommend adoption of the amendment to the Comprehensive Plan as prepared by the Town Attorney. Seconded by Charles Murray.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Bubier allowed Craig Gerry to speak about the Fire Department and the purchase of a new truck. Mr. Gerry said that he had been with the Fire Department for about 29 years and feels it is a very strong department which it not always been. He thanked the Rescue for saving his son's life after the accident. He continued to say that the building/home values in Raymond are such that he felt the landowners demanded good fire protection and a new truck would help provide that. Modern technology on a new truck would allow a higher level of protection with less manpower which is becoming more of a problem as more people work daytimes in Raymond and are unavailable to answer fire calls.

5. Consideration to sell surplus school busses.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Allen asked why these buses aren't serviceable. Mr. Poore said that they could be useable to someone but not to the school department anymore. Mr. Murray felt that we could contact camps and churches to see if they want to bid on them.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to allow Nathan Poore dispose of the buses as he sees fit. Seconded by Charles Murray.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Consideration to award Town Report printing bid.

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to confirm the bid from Minuteman Press as the lowest bidder. Seconded by Charles Murray.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Consideration of a citizen appeal of the Town Manager's denial of a bulky waste fee refund.

MOTION: Mr. Allen motioned that this be tabled until the appellant is present to discuss this. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Consideration of Town scholarship dollar amounts to be awarded in the 1998 scholarship program.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore explained that in the last couple of years' awards, the principal was dipped into in order to pay the scholarship. He recommended not awarding the Torstein Johannas , Clough, and Woods scholarships unless outside funds come forth to subsidize them in order for the balance to be brought up.

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to award the Day and Edwards scholarships at a \$500.00 Level and to take some action through the warrant of the next Town Meeting to bring the scholarships up to the established principal level. Seconded by Charles Murray.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Communications and other business.

- a. Dielectric Reception with Gov. Angus King

NOTE: Mr. Poore announced this reception for January 23 at 1:00 pm at Dielectric.

- b. LD 1941 Legislation to revamp County Representation.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown said that this would make representation on the Commissioners Board fair for the whole county.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to support this legislation in writing from the Selectmen. Seconded Ernest Allen.

VOTE: Unanimous.

- c. Human Services forum on February 26, 1998. It is hoped that this will diminish duplication of effort among departments.
- d. Cumberland County Commissioners Minutes.
- e. Maine Municipal Association dues are due in the amount of \$3347.00.
- f. Final Budget document given the Board.
- g. Warrant Articles covering multi-year financing which is quite complex for the new fire truck as well as the CAMA project contract and raising the money for it.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to rescind last night's motion and vote on the new fire truck. Seconded by Stephanie Bubier.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Bubier, McDermott, Murray) 2 opposed (Brown, Allen)

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to have this article with the correct figures on the warrant with the recommendation that the Selectmen do not recommend this article. No second.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve this article as written to be included in the warrant. Seconded by Charles Murray.

VOTE: 4 in favor (McDermott, Bubier, Murray, Allen) 1 opposed (Brown)

MOTION: Charles Murray motioned that the Selectmen not recommend approval of this article. Seconded by Allen.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Murray, Allen, Brown) 2 opposed (Bubier, McDermott)

- h. Audit Report was handed out.
- i. 2 articles to allow \$225,000 to go toward Jordan Small School renovations account.

MOTION: Charles Murray motioned to set aside \$225,000.00 for the renovation of Jordan Small School. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. Poore requested an Executive Session on January 24, 1998 at 9:00 am at the Town Hall to discuss a personnel matter. The Selectmen agreed.

- 1. Review and authorize the January 20, 1998 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Charles Murray motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$73,842.04. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mrs. McDermott asked that the recognition dinner for the volunteers who covered services during the recent storm. The Selectmen said they would discuss it at the next meeting.

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Murray.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Stephanie Bubier adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester
Secretary