

Town of Raymond
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2000

ATTENDANCE: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Ada Brown; Mark Acker; Mike McClellan; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Tim Pomerleau opened the meeting at 7:02 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

a. August 1, 2000

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Brown, Acker, Pomerleau, McDermott) 1 abstention (McClellan)

3. Consideration of an appointment to the Planning Board.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to appoint Charlotte Lester to the Planning Board. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Discussion with Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer, about options for developing a junkyard ordinance.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Pomerleau asked how to proceed and what can be changed from the last proposed ordinance which will be more acceptable to Raymond. Mr. Cooper said that the last proposal was very similar to the State's ordinance. He said the problem was with the interpretation of the ordinance - semantics - and that people were not ready to have anyone tell them what they could do with their property. He continued that changing the wording for the "auto graveyard" from unserviceable to unregistered would be one solution to the collection of junk cars. The definition of unserviceable is ambiguous but unregistered is specific. He thought that a more solid subjective ordinance from an attorney or MMA would be more acceptable to the Town. Mr. Poore said they would look into what MMA and other towns are suggesting.

5. Report update from the Town Manager regarding progress and other issues at Raymond Beach.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore reported that the boat launch facility was opened August 9th but that the beach area would not be used this year. He continued that directional arrows on the tar would be added for traffic control. He said there has been good cooperation from the State Police and Cumberland County Sheriffs in keeping people off the beach. Also the grant to the Department of Conservation was denied possibly because the money would have been used for enhancement of a finished project. He said that the money needed to finish the grass and plant beach roses in the islands would be found elsewhere. There was still a possibility of a small grant from Portland Water District for this work. Mr. Pomerleau said that he and Mr. Poore had attended the last Planning Board meeting and received a waiver for the lighting at the beach site until the year 2001 and then they would decide whether it was needed or not with the two lights shining from across the street.

6. Communications and other business.

a. Map 40, Lot 17 Tax Appeal will be 8/16/2000 at 2:00 pm.

b. September 19th meeting will host representatives from Transportation and GPCOG with a presentation on the RTAC process.

c. 422 Webbs Mills closing will be August 16, 2000 at 3:00 pm.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore relayed the request from the Caton's that their rent for August be waived because of the delay in the closing. Mr. Poore said his intent was to charge them half only if they closed tomorrow. The Selectmen felt that some rent should be paid for August.

d. 422 Webbs Mills easement exchange.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore explained that the 27 foot addition to the Caton property in exchange for the right of way to the school septic site would have to be deeded to the School Trust and then to the Catons. This was all a matter of paper work.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to authorize Nathan Poore to sign for the Selectmen whatever papers were necessary to conclude this transaction. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

e. Personnel Policy

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the personnel policy, which they voted to change at their meeting on August 1, 2000.

f. Northern Pines Project.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore informed the Selectmen that a developer was looking at Northern Pines to cut up the individual cabins for saleable lots and give the convention center and some waterfront area to a non-profit organization. He said that the Town would be first on the list and that he would like to investigate this proposal. The project would come before the Planning Board on August 30, 2000. He continued that a few people who are involved in various community organizations i.e. baseball and elderly programs have considered starting a Community Council to coordinate all Raymond's programs. He said that this group might be a base for coordination of the use of this land. He asked if he could write a letter of intention from the Town to the developer because he would like to have a decision made prior to mid-November. Mr. McClellan said that at first look it appeared to be a great opportunity for Raymond but wanted further information. The rest of the Selectmen asked that Mr. Poore look into it.

g. Bulky Waste Facility.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Acker said that he had not been attending the Bulky Waste meetings because he doesn't get notice of them but that he had heard rumors that the increase of deliveries to the site was increasing rapidly. He wondered if it was because of the new rule to allow commercial plated trucks to take refuse over by sticker instead of day pass. Mr. Poore said he would look into it.

7. Review and authorize August 15, 2000 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$58,810.41. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Adjourn.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Pomerleau adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester
Secretary