

**Town of Raymond
Special Selectmen's Minutes
Tuesday, January 23, 2001**

Meeting to be in concert with the Town of Gray Town Council

Attendance: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Mark Acker; Michael McClellan; Mark Sanborn, Chairman of the Gray Town Council; Dick Cahill, town Manager; Susan Austin, Councilwoman; Gerry Grant, Councilman; Jack Goosetray, Councilman; Chris Champagne, Deputy Fire Chief; Nathan White, Road Commissioner; Steve LaVallee, Gray Public Works Director; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Tim Pomerleau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Raymond Town Office.
2. Discussion about future cooperation and mutual aid.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Pomerleau opened by saying the Raymond's policy is to not plow any private roadways except in the event that fire or rescue needs immediate entry onto a private road. Mr. Sanborn said that in order for Gray to plow Brown Road and the .2 miles of Gore Road between the end of Raymond's town road and the Gray town line, they would need an easement from the property owners abutting this road. Mr. LaVallee said that Gray had been plowing private roads with owner easements since 1988 or 1989 as a safety issue. Mr. Acker felt that the road should be kept open for Raymond's fire/rescue when they are called for mutual aide in Gray on the west side of Little Sebago Lake. Mr. Grant thought Gray might look into having a written legal agreement with Raymond and the abutting property owners for their access because of emergency safety issues. Mr. Willard indicated that a subdivision had been approved with a condition that the developer brings Brown Road up to Town specifications leading to it possibly being accepted as a Town road. It was discussed that this condition must be met by November 2001, which would indicate that Gray would have to plow Brown Road through the winter of 2002 before Raymond could bring the road acceptance to an annual town meeting. The two questions concerning this end would be 1) do the residents on Raymond's section of Brown Road want it a town road and 2) will Raymond accept it as a town road? Mr. White reiterated that Raymond would be using Brown and Gore Roads for emergency purposes. Mr. Willard thought that a mutual aide agreement might work for the near future. He asked if they had explored a contract for services with the abutting property owners? Mr. Grant replied that those Raymond residents have never paid for plowing and they probably would not be willing to now. A representative from the Lyons Point Road Association noted that those Raymond residents have never paid anything to the road association and he concurred that they probably wouldn't now. Mr. Cahill asked for a copy of the Granite Subdivision Plan and a letter of reference from the Raymond Selectmen saying that they were in favor of Gray obtaining an easement from the Brown Road residents. Mr. Sanborn repeated that this was a question of legal liability for Gray. There was some discussion about Raymond taking over the .2 miles in Raymond on the Gore Road which Gray is now plowing. Mr. Willard and Mr. White felt it might be accomplished.

3. Adjourn. Tim Pomerleau adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester
Secretary