

**Town of Raymond
Selectmen's Minutes
Tuesday, February 6, 2001**

Attendance: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Mark Acker; Michael McClellan; Ada Brown; Lloyd Thompson, EMA Asst. Director; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Kathleen Brown, LRDC Director; Karen Martin, GPCOG; John Kendall, CHIPCO; Jay Hewett (sp?), Portland Water District; Joe Bruno, State Representative; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Tim Pomerleau opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

January 16, 2001

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve as written. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

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

January 23, 2001

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve a written. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

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

Public Hearing March 17, 2001 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Municipal Fire/Rescue Protection Ordinance

DISCUSSION: Denis Morse explained that the Department would like to have the commercial portion of this Code accepted so that the Town would have some life safety standards from which the buildings would have to be built.

Emergency Management Ordinance

DISCUSSION: Lloyd Thompson updated that the Emergency Management Plan had been previously accepted by the Selectmen and that the Ordinance would allow that Plan to be utilized.

Barking Dog Ordinance (Amendment)

DISCUSSION: Don Willard explained that this amendment only changes the fines in the Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Tim Pomerleau closed the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm.

Fire Station Building Project Update.

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse reported that the bids would be opened tomorrow evening, February 7th. He thought that the bids would be lower than originally anticipated at Town Meeting last March.

5. Discussion of possible extension of water utility from Windham to CHIPCO

International to facilitate business development.

DISCUSSION: Kathleen Brown introduced the project saying that this business could bring \$3.1 million over the next 10 years into this area; it will provide 50 jobs. She indicated that the water line for public water would be a necessity. She requested action be taken to: 1) give permission to prepare a block grant application; 2) organize a public hearing for the project and grant; and 3) apply for membership in the Portland Water District.

Karen Martin indicated that she would be willing to work on the Community Block Grant application which is Federal money coming to Raymond through the Department of Economic Development in Augusta. She continued that after the public hearing, the Selectmen would then decide whether to go forward with the program and have the DECD review for qualification. She added that an Article in our next Town Meeting should be written to accept these funds if awarded.

John Kendall explained that CHIPCO has been in Raymond since March of 1999 and a Maine business for 15 years. He introduced the proposed product, which they would be making. A livestock ear tag, which would have a computer chip encapsulated so that it could be read by computer to follow that animals' life history. This would allow better tracking of that food consumption animal to help prevent disease and illness to them and those who would consume them. He said that in order to fill the possible orders; it would take over 200 machines. Raymond would house 30 and he hoped the rest of the machines would be located within Maine possibly helping to

replace the dwindling shoe production businesses. Mr. Kendall said that there were orders for ten million tags from June 2001 to December 2001. He indicated that the Personal Property Tax paid by CHIPCO for these machines would over time repay the Town for the money expended on the water line installation. Mr. McClellan asked who would be leading the project. Ms. Brown replied that the LRDC would be. Ms. Martin said that she would be helping with the administration of the paperwork.

Mr. Willard felt that over time the debt associated with this project would be retired by the CHIPCO tax payments.

Jay Hewett explained that in order for Raymond to become a member of Portland Water District the request would have to be passed by the Legislature. Joe Bruno indicated that it could be attached to another LD and would not be a problem to get passed. Mr. Hewett said that PWD would initiate and administer the request to the Legislature. Mr. Acker asked whether Windham would pay for their part of the extension? Mr. Hewett replied no but that any private attachment to the line could be charged between \$1500 and \$2500 for the privilege which the Town would get. Any main line (i.e. housing development) could not be charged. He said that the Town could use the PUC formula but that it was very cumbersome and confusing. He also said that through the contract with CHIPCO, if the developer doesn't provide what he has agreed to in the contract, the company must pay back the CDBG grant. Mr. Pomerleau asked how the Town would be protected if the project fails? Ms. Martin replied the contract would have to be written to protect the Town. Mr. Kendall added that the line would give better fire protection for the whole commercial area.

Charles Leavitt asked whether the Department of Environmental Protection would have to review the disposal of the water after production? Mr. Kendall replied no because the water will be used for a cooling system only for the machines. Mr. Leavitt asked what the level of wages would be? Mr. Kendall answered the machine operators would get between \$15 and \$20 per hour plus benefits.

Mr. Willard indicated that once the resurfacing of Route 302 was finished the MDOT will not allow any disturbance of the road for 5 years. He asked if Raymond would have a seat on the Board of Directors for Portland Water District? Mr. Hewett said that Raymond would but would probably have a joint representative with other towns.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to 1) ask Don Willard, Karen Martin, and Kathleen Brown to work on preparing an application, 2) that they would set a time and date for a Public Hearing for this project and 3) prepare an Article for the March 17th Town Meeting to accept these grant funds from the State. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Reconsider Article 21 to correct percentage to be charged for overdue taxes from 10% to 11.5%

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Consideration of 2000 School Scholarships.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve but would reserve the option to split up funds to offer more scholarships. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Communications and other business

Time Warner Cable of Maine

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that the agreement with Time Warner would not change because of their merging with AOL.

b. Town Meeting Warrant.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that the Town Meeting Warrant would be complete.

c. Allowed mileage credit.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that the new figure for mileage allowed by the IRS is 34.5 cents. The Selectmen agreed to set 34.5 cents as Raymond's mileage amount.

d. Town Office Closing.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that only one staff person in the Town Office would be available to work on Saturday, March 17th because the others would be working or attending Town Meeting. The Selectmen agreed to close the Town Office March 17th.

e. Quit Claim Deeds.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to sign the Quit Claim deeds for payment of taxes for Map 27, Lot 4; Map 12, Lot 65; and Map 19, Lot 51. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Review and authorize the February 6, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$116,560.36. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Adjourn.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Pomerleau adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester
Deputy Town Clerk