

**Town of Raymond  
Selectmen's Minutes  
Tuesday, February 20, 2001**

Attendance: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Mark Acker; Ada Brown; Linda Alexander and Lloyd Thompson, Cemetery Committee; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Kathleen Brown, LRDC Director; Karen Martin, GPCOG; John Kendall, CHIPCO; Ronald Miller, General Manager Portland Water District; Joe Bruno, State Representative; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Tim Pomerleau opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

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CORRECTION: Mrs. Brown asked that her name be added to those attending the meeting.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Public Hearing - Community Development Block Grant Application for Economic Development.
  - a. Possible extension of water utility from Windham to CHIPCO International to facilitate business development.

PUBLIC HEARING: Tim Pomerleau opened the public hearing at 7:02 pm.

DISCUSSION: Kathleen Brown reviewed the background of the proposal for which the \$400,000 grant would be used. Karen Martin asked that the Board give permission to go forward with the grant submission to the DECD, which should be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>. She said that if the DECD approves the application then a vote by the Selectmen would be needed to accept the grant and go forward with a contract. Mr. Kendall said that the ear tags would retail for \$1.00 each and that they would not be reusable.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Tim Pomerleau closed the public hearing at 7:10 pm.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Pomerleau asked for absurdity that Raymond's investment would be covered in the agreement with CHIPCO should the company fail. Mr. Kendall said his attorney, Bruce Coggshill (sp?), was discussing this possibility with the Town's attorney. He said that he was willing to put in that absurdity. Mr. Willard noted that two decisions would have to come before the Selectmen for approval: 1) approval of the DECD application submission and 2) a warrant article to accept that funding. He indicated that the process to become a Portland Water District member would have to be initiated. Jean Carter asked what expenses Raymond would have to pay to become a PWD member. Mr. Miller explained that no funds would be needed but that Raymond in becoming a PWD member would adopt PWD's general obligation debt as well as assets. Mr. Miller said that PWD's debt would only revert to the Town should it default on a debt and the Company had been in existence since 1908 and had never had a financial problem. He indicated that the Town's share would be 3.4% and if the worst happened, the Town would be responsible for about \$1.1 million of the debt at present. He continued that PWD would need the authority to do the waterline construction and that Raymond would need to give permission for PWD to pursue changing their charter through legislation, which Joe Bruno was ready to do. He said this request for membership would have to be passed by a Town Meeting. Charles Leavitt asked if once a PWD member, how would a Town get out of the corporation? Mr. Miller replied it would take legislation and a change in their charter. He added that PWD would also want their investment in the water line repaid to them. He said that the only ongoing fee to the Town would be about \$200 per fire hydrant for maintenance. Mr. Acker asked exactly what the schedule would be. Mr. Willard replied: 1) \$300,000 would be raised under the TIF debt application, and 2) the \$300,000 would be paid over the next 15 years by the tax base of CHIPCO and after that the tax money would go to the general fund. Chief Morse indicated that the addition of public water would probably lower Raymond's ISO rating and saves the homeowners insurance fees. Mr. Pomerleau asked what would happen if Raymond become a member of PWD and the project was not done. Mr. Miller replied that Raymond would be a member and could hookup to the water system at any time.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the submission of an application to the DECD for a grant. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to put the question of applying for this grant on the March 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to request Portland Water District to submit legislation to make Raymond a member of Portland Water District. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Vote to send articles to Town Meeting:

Municipal Fire/Rescue Protection Ordinance

Emergency Management Ordinance

Barking Dog Ordinance (Amendment)

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to recommend a, b, and c on the March 17<sup>th</sup> Warrant. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Fire Station Building Project Update.

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse reported that Owens McCullough, Bob Murray, and Bruce Sanford reviewed the three proposals and they recommended hiring Glen Builders of North Conway, New Hampshire. The Committee will now fine tune the plans and decide exactly what the building will be. Chief Morse requested that: 1) the Town accept the property at Town Meeting; 2) the Selectmen will entertain holding a special town meeting to approve the building, 3) the Selectmen authorize sending a letter of intent to Glen Builders, and 4) the Selectmen have pertinent warrant articles written to accomplish this end.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to have the Town Manager write a letter of intent to Glen Builders. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Cemetery Committee request for funds to purchase Veterans' Flag holders in order to be ready for Memorial Day 2001.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to postpone this until the March 6, 2001 meeting to find out whether the State will pay for the holders. Seconded by Tim Pomerleau

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Communications and other business.

a. Posted Roads to weight.

NOTE: Mr. Willard announced that Raymond's town roads would be posted to trucks over 23,000 beginning February 28, 2001 until May 1, 2001.

8. Review and authorize the February 20, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$44,416.75. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Adjourn.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

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

Louise H. Lester  
Deputy Town Clerk