

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

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Lloyd Thompson, Cemetery Committee; Alvin Morrison, RTAC Representative; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Don Willard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Elect a chairman.

NOMINATION: Ada Brown nominated Mark Acker. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

There were no other nominations.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. a. Recognition of former Selectman Tim Pomerleau.

Mr. Acker presented Mr. Pomerleau with a plaque from the Town and a Legislative sentiment for the work for the Town of Raymond as Selectman and School member, as well as his other endeavors for the Town.

3. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

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Correction: Mrs. McDermott asked that a correction be made on #2 where "on" should be "of".

NOTE: Because the Board did not have two Selectmen sitting that were in attendance at the March 8th meeting and only one Selectman sitting who was there, a vote could not be taken there not being a quorum. Therefore, the Selectmen asked that the Minutes of March 8, 2001 be filed with the others with this notation.

4. Community Development Block Grant Application for Economic Development update.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Morrison reported that since his report last fall the MDOT has said that the speed limit on Route 302 by Raymond Beach would remain the same. The signage for the boat haul out going north would remain the same unless the Town wished to have the 40 MPH signage removed and that going south has been removed and left at 55 MPH. Mr. Morrison said that their only recourse is to have a hearing at the State level, which is usually not successful. Mr. Morrison continued that there have not been any RTAC meeting since November. Mrs. Brown felt that a lower speed limit was necessary for safety sake in the area of Raymond Beach. Mr. Desjardins asked if the addition of the new fire station would be helpful in lowering the speed limit. Mr. Morrison added that a park & ride lot across from Raymond Beach would also be a factor. The Selectmen decided to wait for the fire station addition before they approached the State again on the speed limit reduction request. Mr. Morrison said that in the recently published 6 year plan Route 85 and 121 were noted for work. He asked if there was any discussion about Route 121 at this point. Mr. Willard replied that they would look toward Route 121 after the work on Route 85 was finalized.

5. Community Development Block Grant Application for Economic Development update.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that both Articles pass at Town Meeting March 17th. He continued that Joe Bruno, State Representative, informed him that the application had been looked at favorably but had not been confirmed. He added that a second Town Meeting would be needed to approve financing and permission to spend those funds if this goes forward. Mr. Leavitt noted that the legislation to make Raymond a member of Portland Water District wouldn't go in until the DECD gives their approval to the application.

6. Discussion of reuse or disposal of Town owned modular classroom located at Jordan-Small School.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to sell the modular classroom. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt asked where the proceeds from the sale would be held. Mr. Willard suggested a capital reserve fund toward the building of a new town office or putting it into undesignated surplus.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Streetlight request Valley Road and Winding Way (Fire Lane 237).

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to deny the request. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Communications and other business.

a. Recognition of former Selectmen Tim Pomerleau and Michael McClellan.

See above under number 2.

b. Certificates of Appreciation for outgoing Budget Finance Committee members.

NOTE: Certificates were signed for Philip Hamilton and Louise Lester.

c. Sign Unlicensed Dog Warrant.

NOTE: Warrant was signed.

d. Veteran flag holders.

NOTE: Ada Brown, being on the prevailing side of the vote taken March 8, 2001, asked that this issue be reconsidered.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the purchase of bronze Veteran grave markers with the amount not to exceed \$2,450.00 and that any donations given the Cemetery Committee for such be kept in their designated fund account to purchase future grave markers. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

e. Selectmen's appointments to committees.

DISCUSSION: It was decided that the boards and committee who the Selectmen are members would be approved at the next meeting. In the interim Mr. Willard will attend, as Raymond's representative, on March 28th the GPCOG meeting.

f. Website - minutes.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins asked that the Website be kept supplied with minutes taken at the Town's boards and committees. Mrs. Brown asked that the Selectmen's meetings be shown on the access channel on the Tuesday following the Selectmen's meeting.

g. Christ Chapel.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt asked if the Town had replied to the offer by Christ Chapel? Mr. Willard said that he had by phone and would follow with a letter that the Town appreciated the first refusal but encouraged them to put it on the market.

9. Review and authorize the March 20, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$67,949.68. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Lloyd Thompson thanked the Selectmen for reconsidering their decision on the Veteran's grave markers.

10. Adjourn.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Deputy Town Clerk