

**Town of Raymond
Selectmen's Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 2001**

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt (late); Dana Desjardins; David Bois, Superintendent of Schools; Ellen VanHaastern, Middle School Building Committee Chairman; Chris Elkington, Middle School Principal; Tammy Acker, Chairman School Committee; Kevin Woodbrey and Brenda Stevenson, School Committee; Barry Stallman, School Architect; Mike O'Donnell, Assessor; Paul Lawrence for Martin Machine; Lloyd Thompson, Cemetery Committee; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Mark Acker called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

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MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Jordan-Small Middle School renovation project - bid summary and financial status Report.

DISCUSSION: Ellen VanHaastern announced that the bids for the middle school renovation had been opened and the lowest bid came in \$79,564.38 over their approved budget amount. The lowest bid overage represented 10% over the estimated cost done 5 years ago. The School Committee had looked at some cuts to lower the cost of the project but the contractor told them that regardless of what the Board took off the bid sheet, he would not drop the cost of the job more than \$35,000. The Board felt that doing that would be false economy because of what they would be deleting from the job. The contractor will hold the bid for 30 days only from the date of submission. Tammy Acker asked if the Selectmen were in agreement with their decision and would they call a special town meeting for the townspeople to vote on the project. This town meeting could be combined with other warrant articles so long as it was in good time to be able to have the work done this year.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned that the Selectmen would approve an article to cover the cost of this shortfall for this project to go to a special town meeting in order for the town to decide whether they want to go forward with renovations to the Jordan Small School. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Tree growth withdrawal penalty assessment – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mike O'Donnell explained that this supplemental tax commitment would cover the amount of tax because of taking a piece of property out of tree growth. With this amount being on a tax commitment, if it were not paid the town would then have recourse to lien the property.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to sign the supplemental tax commitment on account number C1960R in the amount of \$10,877.80. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Community Development Block Grant application for economic development update.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said after daily calls he still does not have an answer from the DECD, however he felt it still looks promising.

6. Discussion of possible change in date of Annual Town Meeting.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to put into the next town meeting a warrant article changing the date of the Annual Town Meeting from the third Saturday in March to the third Saturday in May. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Selectmen committee assignments for 2001.

Betty McDermott - Library, Tassel Top Committee, Cemetery and Veterans Memorial Committees.

Ada Brown - Recycling Committee, Route 302 Development Committee, Fire Station Building Committee.

Mark Acker - Lake Region Bulky Waste Board, Cable Committee, GPCOG Representative, MMWAC Representative.

Charles Leavitt - Comprehensive Plan Committee, Route 302 Development Committee, Conservation Commission.

Dana Desjardins - Fire Station Building Committee, Raymond Recreation Representative, Comprehensive Plan Committee, Recreation Committee.

2001 annual appointments.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to appoint the list of people submitted with the exception of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Martin Machine request for expansion of industrial zone – Paul Lawrence, land use consultant.

DISCUSSION: Paul Lawrence explained that Martin Machine has leased their facility to Atlantic Precision Products, Inc. who needs to expand the building. Martin Machine is asking that the town expand the Industrial Zone from the present 700-foot depth along Route 302 to 1000 feet. He added that the Industrial Zone on the neighboring Sabre Yacht's lot is 1000 feet. Martin Machine requested that this zone change be a part of the next town meeting.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned that the Selectmen include the zone change requested by Martin Machine to be an article in the next town meeting. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Communications and other business.

a. Appropriation control report shows the Town of Raymond at 69% expended. Mr. Willard felt that with only 3 months left in the fiscal year, this was a good level of spending. He added that revenues are at 100% now with three months to go.

b. Fire Station Building Committee. Mr. Willard said that the square footage has been reduced and that new lower building cost estimates would be submitted soon.

c. Fielder variance appeal. Mr. Willard reported that with the Appeals Board denying Mr. Fielder's application, Mr. Fielder would be appealing the decision to the Superior Court. Geoff Hole, Town Attorney, is handling the case. Mrs. Brown indicated that the town does not have a written policy on allowable expansion and felt that the town needs consistency in its policies and rules.

d. Veterans' Memorial Markers. Lloyd Thompson reported that the Veteran's grave markers have been delivered and ready to be put up as soon as the weather permits.

11. Review and authorize the April 3, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$134,724.65. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Deputy Town Clerk