

**Town of Raymond**  
**Selectmen's Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2001**

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; Owens McCullough, Sebago Technics; Ed Poliquin, Glen Builders; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Chris Champagne, Asst. Fire Chief; Nathan White, Public Works Director; Jack Cooper, Dispatch Supervisor; Jane Jordan, Fire Station Building Committee member; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Mark Acker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
- 2 Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

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MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Discussion of project budget for proposed new Fire Station.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reviewed the project saying that of the \$1,795,351 needed to be raised, \$200,000 was raised at the last Annual Town Meeting and the rest, \$1,595,351, will have to be bonded. He felt that the building would be high quality but not extravagant. Chief Morse continued that this expansion was first mentioned in the 1991 Comprehensive Plan document and the planning for it began 2 1/2 years ago. Chief Morse gave a brief history of the work, which had been done. He also said that from the original bid, the Committee had lowered the finished cost per square foot but putting less quality into the outside construction (i.e. from brick to vinyl siding) and deleting one of the bays. He said that the building would be big enough to allow office space for Cumberland County Sheriff's, which have said that they would like to have a substation in this area. He also said that the bond cost would be approximately \$175,000 per year, which is less than the \$225,000 that has been raised by the Town for the last four years to cover the cost of Jordan-Small School renovation. Because of this, the project would not increase the tax expenditure over what we are now paying. Don Willard said that he recommended approval of this project. Mr. Leavitt asked if they had an appraisal on the District 1 fire station. Chief Morse replied several, which range from \$70,000 to \$140,000. Mr. Leavitt asked how much this new building would increase Raymond's insurance premium. Mr. Willard said he would get that information but didn't believe it would be appreciable. Mr. Desjardins asked why they had to have 5 drive-through bays. Chief Morse said the drive-through bays were mostly for safety so that no one would have to back a vehicle into the garage. It would also help to alleviate damage to the trucks. Mr. Poliquin said that the expense of the drive through door was not a great expense: each door is metal insulated and costs between \$1,200 to \$1,500. He said the greatest part of the expense was the site work and excavation cost because of ledge. He continued that the construction would be 2x6 and have radiant heat with one blower to heat the maintenance bay. Mr. Desjardins asked if there was a generator included. Mr. Poliquin replied that it would be a 30KW with automatic transfer. Mr. Desjardins asked about the interior lighting in the bays and felt that fluorescent was not the best for the area. Mr. Poliquin indicated that Glen Builders would be happy to make changes to the lighting as long as it was within the budget. Mrs. Brown felt that the building should go forward as planned by the Fire Station Building Committee since they had spent so much time and energy making such decisions and believing that their research had led them to the best choices. Jane Jordan agreed. There was discussion about the \$60,000 approved in 1998 for engineering, which was never used. It was understood that the money had gone back into the General Fund and not held for the Fire Station building. Would this money be available now for the project? Mr. Willard read Article 3.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to recommend Article 3. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: 3 in favor (McDermott, Brown, Leavitt) 2 opposed (Acker, Desjardins)

4. Request for new Dispatch radio and phone recorder.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cooper explained that the current equipment is 9 years old, has had many service calls and now only has one recording deck. The frequency of repairs is increasing to the point where it is becoming uneconomical. Mr. Acker asked if the proposal was the only machine under consideration. Mr. Cooper replied no, that options ranged from \$14,000 to \$30,000 and this one was the best without getting too expensive. There is also a service representative in the Portland, Maine. Mr. Acker felt this item should go to the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Leavitt questioned asking Frye Island to pay more than last year to help with the expense. Mr.

Willard noted that discussion with Frye Island would be occurring in the near future. Mr. Willard indicated three ways to raise this money: 1) raise it out of Undesignated Surplus, 2) raise it out of the tax base, or 3) send the item to the Special Town Meeting on June 5, 2001 for the Town's decision.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to recommend approval of a warrant article for this expenditure and raise it from taxes. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Acker, Desjardins, Leavitt) 2 opposed (McDermott, Brown)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard suggested doing a request for proposal (RFP) and go to bid, which would probably include the brand suggested by Mr. Cooper.

5. June 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles for recommendation and warrant signing.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that there is a change in the square footage of the discontinued portion of Route 302, which will be to our benefit. This will be absorbed into the Mary Jane Karpoe property gift.

NOTE: The Selectmen have approved the warrant but will sign at a later date when the article for the Dispatch phone and radio recorder is completed.

6. Raymond Beach policy and rules.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that the beach was already getting some use and that some rules should be posted. He added that the Sheriff's Office and Peter Klepsig, Tassel Top Head Ranger, would keep watch of the beach. He continued that landscaping would not be done because of a lack of funds. Possibly some bark mulch could be put on the open soil. Mr. Desjardins asked about trash. Mr. White said that Public Works would keep watch on it. The Selectmen felt that trash in/trash out should be encouraged. Mr. Willard suggested that they use the IF&W rules as a model and alter them as necessary. It was decided to compare the rules for all Raymond parks and beaches and keep them uniform.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the park/beach rules with the suggested changes. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Appointment of additional Greater Portland Council of Governments representative.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to appoint Don Willard as the alternate representative to GPCOG. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Consideration of purchase of used street sweeper.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that the leased sweeper from Gray has done 3/4 of the roads in Raymond and has done a good job. Mr. White said that this sweeper is safer for the crew to use, is less expensive to accomplish the job taking into consideration subcontracting fees and man-hours by Raymond. The sweeper should be useable for at least 5 years. Mr. Willard said the funds to purchase might come totally from the 2000-2001 budget depending upon year-end expenditures or half and half the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 Public Works budgets. If the latter, they would arrange a lease purchase agreement with Gray. Whether this should be an article in the Special Town Meeting was discussed.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to purchase the sweeper as Mr. Willard can arrange. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Communications and other business.

a. Water Line Legislation

DISCUSSION: Joseph Bruno has asked that he go ahead with the legislation to allow Raymond to become a member of the Portland Water District. He said that if the article at the Special Town Meeting does not pass, he could put in legislation at the next session to withdraw. The Selectmen agreed that he should go ahead.

b. Jordan-Small School Renovation.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt felt that Mr. Bois' response to their questions was not complete. He would like to know about the retainage of funding for the new school and what will be done to ensure that the school is totally operational. He felt that the jobs for both schools need more oversight and not less. Mr. Willard said he would follow-up with Mr. Bois. Mr. Desjardins said he had great concern about an electric wire, which was unearthed by a digger at Jordan-Small, which was never reported or repaired. He said he was meeting with Barry Stallman, architect, about this problem.

c. High School Awards Night.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt was disappointed that no one from the Raymond School System attended the Awards Night at Windham High School where some of the Raymond students were honored. He asked Windham if the Raymond administrators were informed of the meeting and was told that they were. He felt that the Raymond School system should be following their students through middle school and high school instead of apparently forgetting them. He felt that if the School Department couldn't do it than the Town should. He would like to recognize the graduates of 2001 in some way.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to recognize the graduates of 2001. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Review and authorize the May 15, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$1,580,004.24. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

11. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk