

Town of Raymond
Selectmen's Minutes
Tuesday, July 17, 2001

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Ada Brown; Karen Martin, GPCOG; Kathleen Brown, LRDC; Kevin Woodbrey, Cable Committee; Chris McClellan, Route 302 Committee; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENING: Mark Acker called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

Community Development Block Grant

The Raymond Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing to receive Public Comment regarding Raymond's Phase II participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program for Economic Development Infrastructure (Route 302 water line extension) including:

Fair Housing Resolution

Standards of Conduct

Equal Employment Opportunity Policy

DISCUSSION: Karen Martin explained what this public hearing was to accomplish in order to go forward with the Community Development Block Grant Program and satisfy the Town's Federal requirements. She said that the Town would be working with GPCOG, the LRDC, and the State to accomplish this project. There was no public comment.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution, the Standards of Conduct, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED: Mark Acker closed the public hearing at 7:05 pm.

1. Call to order. Mark Acker opened the regular Selectmen's Meeting at 7:06 pm.

DISCUSSION: Kathleen Brown announced that she had spoken with John Kendall of EmbedTech who said that he was in agreement with the escrow plan and that he will be prepared to enter into that agreement by August 1, 2001. Mr. Willard said that after the agreement is signed he would arrange to go ahead with the engineering with Portland Water District, which should take about two weeks and then go to bid for the work. He didn't know if the work could be accomplished before winter at this late date but felt that the window of opportunity was still open to use the grant.

2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

July 3, 2001

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Consideration of using surplus modular classroom as a meeting room and broadcast location.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that he had asked for estimates for installing a restroom from NorCoeur Construction, contractor for the Jordan-Small School renovation, and Barry Stallman, architect and clerk of the works for the Jordan-Small School renovation, but had not received them as yet. However the estimate he had worked out with Dale Gilman, local contractor, and Dennis Cole, local plumber, was about \$6,300 with the Public Works Department doing the earthwork. Mr. Willard said that the Town's options were: 1) to use the building as a meeting room and broadcast studio for the Town and the schools, 2) to use it for storage, or 3) to sell it. He indicated that only one school put in an offer of \$4,500 (Trinity Christian Academy). Rebecca Sidray was present from the Trinity Christian Academy.

Kevin Woodbrey felt this was a good use of the building and said that the \$48,000 grant money from Time Warner and the \$15,000 from last year's budget would set the building up for use in developing the two access

channels and videoing meetings. He said that with this studio live broadcasting could be done from anywhere in Jordan-Small School. He thought that this was the only place to be able to set the equipment up for videoing and editing, plus storage of equipment. All the school buildings and the Town Office are maximized for space. Mr. Willard estimated that the work to be done would be in the area of \$10,000. Mr. Desjardins felt that the plumbing from Jordan-Small should be done while the school building was in rehab and make the renovations to the modular later when our contractors are available. Mr. Leavitt wondered if there would be a legal problem with doing this work to Jordan-Small School while Norcoeur was the contractor doing the rehab of the school. Mr. Desjardins asked if there was budget money to maintain the modular. Mr. Acker felt that this was a Town project and facility and therefore should be maintained by the Town. Mr. Woodbrey felt that the school would help with expenses if the school would be using the facility. Mr. Acker asked to table this until their next meeting when they would have more information. Mrs. McDermott wanted to move on it while the construction was going on. Mr. Leavitt noted that ventilation would be a problem and felt that this was a substandard building, which will eventually cost the Town a lot of money for renovation. He wanted some official interest from the school to understand that they are willing to be involved with the project. Mr. Woodbrey said that he had talked with Dennis Dory, school computer instructor, about this use at some length. Mrs. Brown felt that they had talked about having live broadcasting for a long time and that they should go forward with this plan. Mr. Desjardins said that if Norcoeur didn't want to do the work, then they might give the Town a release so that the Town's contractor can run the water line. Mr. Leavitt noted that all that is needed is a one-inch cold water line to the outside of the building. He thought more cooperation was needed between the School Committee and the Selectmen for mutual objectives. Mr. Woodbrey said that the School Committee, of which he is a member, has expressed interest in this use for the modular. Mr. Leavitt felt they should have a needs analysis for this building renovation and usage.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to table this issue until the August 7, 2001 meeting. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Acker, McDermott, Desjardins, Leavitt) 1 opposed (Brown)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Acker thought that the building sale would be unlikely for \$4,500 but that the Town would find a use for it. He apologized to Ms. Sidray of the Trinity Christian Academy on not letting her know sooner that the building would not be for sale after all.

4. Consideration of a renewal liquor license for the Sundancer Restaurant.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to renew this liquor license having a positive report from the Fire Department inspection. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Consideration of a renewal liquor license for Cafe Sebago, Inc.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to renew this liquor license having a positive report from the Fire Department inspection. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. First Time System Variance Request - Kerry Glew Deep Cove Road.

DISCUSSION: Jack Cooper explained that they wanted a sink and lavatory in their workshop/garage and a 300-gallon tank would take care of that need and that he had no reservations about this installation. He added that it would have to be approved by the State next. It was stated that the smaller tank would be less expensive to purchase and install and that it would need less ground disturbance because it would need a smaller hole in a very rocky area.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to grant the variance for a first time septic system. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

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

7. Comprehensive Plan Committee - budget reallocation request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the Comprehensive Plan Committee have not decided how they will be collecting information and they do see a need for professional help, therefore, they would like to use some of this money for administrative expense. Mr. Leavitt felt that this budget item was based on a line item being binding but the Committee needed more latitude to pursue information toward their Plan update. This will also allow the Committee to have matching funds in order to apply for a State grant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to grant the Comprehensive Plan Committee permission to use the \$12,000 as they deem necessary. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Communications and other business.

a. BBI refurbished old dumpster.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that BBI offered to repair the old dumpster which was being used to collect returnable bottles. It will now be used by Public Works or the Fire Department.

b. Spurwink School Road Mirror Request.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard informed them that the Spurwink School's access to Raymond Hill Road was in a difficult spot and they would like to install a mirror across Raymond Hill Road for more visibility. Mr. Willard thought that the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department could evaluate the area and give their opinion. He felt that it would be difficult to maintain the mirror by vandalism. Mr. Acker thought there might be a legal issue as well as maintenance. He didn't want to incur Town expense because of a private road. He thought they might table this until they have more information. Mrs. Brown didn't want to have the Town involved in private road issues. Mrs. McDermott noted that this was a very hard place to enter Raymond Hill Road.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned not to act on this request. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Brown, Acker, Desjardins, Leavitt) 1 opposed (McDermott)

c. New Public Safety Building

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that there would be a Planning Board site walk on July 26, 2001.

d. Raymond Beach

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that the Planning Board has an issue with the lighting. The original agreement with the Selectmen called for a reevaluation of the lights a year from installation. He also noted that the Public Works Department was controlling the trash problem. Mr. Leavitt asked that they be informed about the agreement between the Planning Board and the Selectmen for staffing the beach and their business plan for use of the revenues.

e. Senior Housing.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that the project was being delayed until they know if the water line is going to be installed.

9. Review and authorize the June 30, 2001 & July 17, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant of June 30, 2001 in the amount of \$66,844.94. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant of July 17, 2001 in the amount of \$102,984.71. Seconded by Mark Acker.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Adjourn.

MOTION: There was a motioned and second to adjourn.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:19 pm.

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk