TOWN OF RAYMOND  
Selectmen's Minutes  
Tuesday, August 7, 2001

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; Kevin Woodbrey, School Committee member and Cable Committee chairman; Nathan White, Road Commissioner; 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.

July 17, 2001

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

Summer road construction update – Nathan White, Public Works Director.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard informed the Selectmen that the work on North Raymond Road was progressing well with the limited manpower available to the Public Works Department and that the work on Deep Cove Road would be completed this year. However, the proposed work on the Cape Road would not be done this year because of time and manpower constraints. Mr. White noted that they would put a shim coat on the Cape Road between Fire Lane 8 and Fire Lane 10 to help the residents and the snowplows get through the winter. The money voted on at Town Meeting for this work would be held until next year so that the Cape Road would be completed. Mr. Willard said that this money could be set in the CIP account for use this next year. Mrs. Brown said that as before she feels that Frye Island should be paying for part of this work since they use the road exclusively to get to the island. Mr. Willard said that he has talked with the town manager of Frye Island but would entertain another to discuss this subject more fully. Mr. Acker concurred and added that Frye Island selects who can come on the island and charges everyone to get there via the ferry. He felt that Raymond should be able to do the same over the Cape Road from the Frye Island ferry landing. Mr. Leavitt noted that probably our mutual aid and dispatch services should be discussed as well. He felt that since Frye Island residents and their trailers park along the Cape Road and the roads around the ferry landing waiting for the ferry, Frye Island should be aware that this causes a traffic hindrance and possible emergency hazard. Mr. Leavitt felt that a package of issues should be formulated for this discussion with Frye Island.

4. Request for DOT Speed Zoning Review – Canal Road & Salmon Run

DISCUSSION: Ann Marie Murch and Elisa Trepanier from Canal Road and Salmon Run Road asked the Selectmen to petition the MDOT to have a speed limit designated for Canal Road in the interest of safety.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to request the MDOT to review Canal Road and Salmon Run Road to determine what speed limit should be in place; the Selectmen recommend 25 mph. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

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

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that NorCour Construction, now working on the renovations to the Jordan-Small School, are not interested in working on the modular classroom but had no problem with working with an outside contractor who would be doing the work. Mr. Willard said that local contractors could do the work later this year. He had pricing that it would cost about $12,000. Mr. Leavitt thanked Mr. Woodbrey for an excellent needs assessment document. He asked, since the School Department would be using the facility, would they be willing to help with the renovation expense. Mr. Woodbrey replied no that they didn't have it in the budget and all funds in the school budget were earmarked for editing equipment. He felt that in the future more funding might be considered. Mr. Woodbrey said that he would approach the School Committee to pick up the expense of janitorial, heating and electric expense this year. Mr. Willard thought that the $15,000 carried over from last year might be used for this renovation. Mr. Woodbrey said that the $15,000 was forwarded to be used for equipment as well as running and staffing the facility. He thought they could delay purchasing some items in order to finance the renovations. There was discussion about money raised this year for operating expense. Mr. Acker
felt they could approve the renovation and then use what is available after that for equipment and expertise as is available.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to establish the modular building as a broadcast facility with up to $12,000 from the budget. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt felt they should complete the waterline hookup first and wait to complete the rest when the contractors are available. Mr. Desjardins thought that they should get the plumbing inside the building so that it will be useable.

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

6. Consideration of an appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.


VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Communications and other business.


DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard submitted a letter from Jerry Nash who feels that his seasonal rental cabins on Sloans Cove Road should have their trash picked up as residences and that they are not a commercial entity. Mr. Acker said he considered Mr. Nash's cabins as a commercial endeavor and should be treated as such. There was discussion about changing the wording in the next trash contract to be more specific.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to have Mr. Willard write a letter to Mr. Nash and tell him of the Town's position of his enterprise being commercial and that he will have to pay for his trash pickup. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Raymond Beach

DISCUSSION: Mr. Acker felt that having parking tickets would help the 8 or 9 days a year when the beach is over crowded. Mr. Willard thought the tickets would help the Sheriff's Department control the area when there is a problem. He was not in favor of towing cars unless absolutely necessary. Mrs. Brown wanted to pursue any avenue, which would keep the beach under control. She thanked Mr. Willard for his prompt attention to the situation there two or three Sundays ago when there were cars parking along Rt. 302 and in the gravel area across from the beach. Mr. Leavitt noted that the problem would increase as the location is found by the public. He desired to keep faith with the Raymond Planning Board in completing and running the beach as was originally intended.

c. Embedtech.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard informed them that Embedtech had not submitted their escrow of $50,000 nor signed a contract with the Town. He had visited the facility and there are new machines and some new employees hired. Mr. Kendall told him that he would have the escrow delivered to the Town by the end of the first week in August.


VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for August 7, 2001 in the amount of $131,801.86. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. Willard announced that prior to the auditor's report it looks as if the 2000-2001 budget was under expended and the revenues were over collected on fund balance.


VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk