

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Selectmen's Minutes
Tuesday, September 4, 2001

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; John Kendall, CEO EmbedTech; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; Michael O'Donnell, Assessors Agent; 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.

August 21, 2001

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Landuse Ordinance Violation Authorization to Engage Town Attorney, Geoff Hole - Code Enforcement Office, Jack Cooper.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cooper reported that one of the issues was appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals and was denied, the other has not been addressed by the owner. Mrs. Brown noted that it appears that this weekend the Bolduc RV was removed from the lot.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to ask the attorney to pursue these infractions in order to protect the integrity of Raymond's ordinances. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

DISCUSSION: Ada Brown asked the amount of legal budget the Town has used. She felt that it would be prudent to keep the level to a minimum. She continued that since the Bolduc trailer was removed, that issue should be excused and the other possibly reviewed. Mr. Cooper said that the Town Attorney recommended pursuing in order to at least get the legal fees of the Town covered. Mr. Acker had a problem with going forward only in order to monetarily support our attorney. He was in favor of retrieving the fines and fees associated with the infractions. Mr. Willard felt he could consult with a MMA attorney and get their recommendation for action.

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

4. Update on EmbedTech development plan and capital reserve fund - John Kendall CEO EmbedTech.

DISCUSSION: John Kendall affirmed that he had sent a letter with photocopies of three checks he has received which will be a part of the \$50,000 escrow. He said he would forward a check for at least partial payment very soon once these checks have cleared into his account. Mr. Acker felt that the Selectmen should consider setting a time as a deadline. He noted that originally the Selectmen were not interested in installing a waterline until EmbedTech requested it to be done. He didn't feel any further work should be done on the project until EmbedTech's agreement is fulfilled. Mr. Kendall understood and said that now that summer is over his business associates should be more available and should be able to finalize this within a few days. Mr. Acker reiterated that time was growing short because of the various time lines including the grant deadline, the engineering and actual work which must coincide with the Route 302 revitalization project for next spring. Mrs. Brown asked when the grant deadline was. Mr. Willard replied in October but that he had not spoken to the DECD office to see exactly when that deadline will be. He said a big concern was getting the engineering done in time to start the actual roadwork and have the ability to coordinate with the Route 302 work. He noted that the Town's responsibilities have been completed and is only waiting for EmbedTech's capital reserve. Mr. Acker asked Mr. Kendall if he had considered asking other businesses on the proposed waterline to contribute. Mr. Kendall said he had considered that but felt this escrow account was his responsibility. Mr. Acker asked that they table this

issue until the next meeting. Mr. Leavitt asked that a definite date for the grant deadline be found and proceed with that information.

5. Request to use surplus modular classroom - Raymond School Department.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that he had received a request from David Bois, Superintendent, for the school to use the modular classroom beginning September 24th because the renovations to Jordan-Small School are not complete. He said that the plumbing connection has been made to Jordan-Small but not into the modular at this point. He felt that would not be done until late this fall or into the winter.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the use of the modular classroom by the Raymond School Department. Seconded by Ada Brown.

DISCUSSION: Charles Leavitt felt that the School Department should pursue Norcoeur Construction for the added expense from not having the building ready for the beginning of classes. He also felt they should be liable for "liquidation damages" such as the rent of the modular classroom.

AMENDED MOTION: Betty McDermott amended her motion that there should be a rent or lease amount for the modular classroom to the Raymond School Department. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Unanimous.

VOTE ON MOTION: Unanimous.

6. Consideration to set mill rate and sign the commitment paper for 2001-2002 tax year -- Mike O'Donnell from O'Donnell Associates, assessors.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell informed the Selectmen that he would be ready with the commitment and assigning of a mil rate at their next meeting on the 18th. He discussed the process for the future and asked if the Selectmen would consider creating the overlay amount prior to the commitment. He felt this would make the process smoother and if they would allow a overlay value range, he then would be able to give them the mil rate in an amount which would keep the amount in two decimal places and not three.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to establish the 2001-2002 overlay between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Communications and other business.

a. School Committee meeting with the Selectmen September 11, 2001 at 7:00 pm at Raymond Elementary School.

b. Planning Board meeting with the Selectmen September 12, 2001 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

c. Frye Island letter.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that a response had been received concerning Frye Island's possible contribution to the maintenance of Cape Road. Frye Island is not prepared to do so.

d. Raymond Beach dock.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that apparently vandals are detaching a piece of the dock and letting it float away. Mr. Acker said that he saw a piece of it on the beach this evening. Mr. Willard said that he would notify Public Works.

8. Review and authorize the September 4, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$40,276.28. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Adjourn.

NOTE: Mr. Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk