

**TOWN OF RAYMOND**  
**Selectmen's Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 2, 2001**

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; 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.

September 18, 2001

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Minutes with two typographical corrections. 1) one page 2, number 4 "Mrs." Desjardins should be "Mr.". 2) on page 3 , number 6 line g "of" should be "to". Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

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

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that EmbedTech had provided a total of \$43,500 toward their escrow account. He would not order any engineering work until the full \$50,000 has been delivered. Mr. Leavitt asked what the time line was now. Mr. Willard said that his last conversation with the State and the bond bank was that as long as Mr. Kendall is showing good intent, they do not have a firm deadline. The bond bank will have the money on line as soon as the entire amount of the escrow is on hand in Raymond.

4. Update on Raymond Beach lighting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that 3 cobra head lights on wooden poles installed by Central Maine Power would be \$1,200 annually with light full time. The Lightolier suggestion would be of 3 12' metal poles and fixtures which would be a capital investment of \$4,650 plus installation and power cost of \$73.00 annually to Central Maine Power. These lights could be turned off is desired. Mr. Desjardins suggested getting a price on 20' poles and 100 watt metal halide lights instead of sodium vapor because the color of light is better. Mr. Willard said he would look into the cost of getting the line across Route 302 by CMP and get pricing on installation.

Update on Route 302 American Flag display.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Acker reported that there are 21 lighted telephone poles from the Windham line to the Casco line. Mr. Willard said that the Route 302 Committee liked the idea of the flag display but felt donations could pay for them at least in part and that a Committee be formed for their maintenance and display work. Mr. Desjardins thought that the Boy Scouts might be enlisted for this work. He said he would contact the leaders. Mr. Acker felt they should appoint a committee with the charge of handling the maintenance and scheduling of the flag display. Tim Alexander asked if CMP might have a problem with our using their poles. Mr. Acker replied that other towns do it so it is assumed that they don't mind. Mr. Willard said he would call Tammy Knights and see if she wants to be included in this committee. Betty McDermott said that Founder's Day Committee would be meeting October 22<sup>nd</sup> and she would discuss it with them. Mr. Acker asked for reports at their next meeting.

6. Communications and other business.

- a. Cape Elizabeth letter re: County Budget

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that Cape Elizabeth was calling for Legislative change so that the County Budget Committee would have power to change the County Budget. Mr. Acker said he had received a letter from New Gloucester about the same subject. He said that Androscoggin County has this power through their County Budget Committee. Mr. Willard noted that Knox County did also. Mr. Acker said he would like to endorse their ideas. He said he had frustration with the spending being done especially at the County jail. Mrs. Brown said she was not in favor of giving back County surplus as Portland is suggesting. She felt the taxes would only go up the following year to cover it. Mr. Acker wanted to have a review committee which would have some budgetary power. Mr. Leavitt wanted this change to be studied because he felt if we did this at the County level then we should change our policy at the Town level with our own Budget/Finance Committee having some direct influence on the Town's budget. He thought that possibly the way to deal with this was to have more County Commissioners so that a larger representation of the County would be heard at their meetings. Mrs. Brown said that Cumberland County has had a County Manager for a short time and that possibly that change should be tried a while longer before any other changes are made. She felt that the weight of the budget was the jail and those costs couldn't be controlled because of the number of inmates it housed. Mr. Acker thought the rate of

increase was happening too fast and that the high rate would be maintained if someone didn't speak up. Mr. Leavitt wanted to send a message that the towns in Cumberland County expected fiscal restraint and possibly have a new candidate who would try to tighten up the budget.

There was discussion about Raymond's noted percentages of tax dollar distribution between the town and the school. He felt that not looking at any of the revenue coming into Town over a year would make the expenditure percentages more meaningful. He said using that scenario the school percentage would be 8% and the town's 6% increase.

Mr. Leavitt asked where we stand at this point with Cumberland County and dispatch. Mr. Willard replied that he had not heard anything recently and would go ahead with Raymond's building plans as soon as the DEP approval comes down. He thought they might be able to break ground this fall. He added that just today he had suggested to Mr. Crichton, County Manager, that they continue talking about having the PSAP dispatch center in the new Public Safety Building and talk about the other possible services at a later date. Mr. Desjardins felt they should go ahead with Raymond's building. Mr. Acker asked that this decision be made at the next meeting. Mrs. McDermott felt they should have more discussion with the County. Mr. Leavitt wanted to know what the cost of this addition would be. Mr. Willard replied that both Glen Builders and Sebago Technics said that construction costs would be much higher on the addition if it was done after the new Public Safety building was completed.

Mr. Willard announced that there would be a County Budget Forum on October 24<sup>th</sup> and said that he would attend. Mr. Acker said he would like to attend as well.

b. State Land Gift abutting Public Safety Building land on Route 302.

NOTE: Mr. Willard announced that the Governor's Deed had been received for this piece of land between Route 302 and the Mary Jane Karpoe gift property.

7. Review and authorize the October 2, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$1,071,889.36 noting that \$1 million of this was for investment. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

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

Adjourn.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk