

**TOWN OF RAYMOND**  
**Selectmen's Minutes**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2001**

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; Elizabeth Algeo, Conservation Commission; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Mark Acker called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office opening the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2. Adoption of the annual General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-C.

There was no public comment.

Mark Acker declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:03 pm.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A-C. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

October 2, 2001

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the minutes with the correction that she voted in favor of the Treasurer's Warrant of October 2, 2001. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

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

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that EmbedTech has submitted the full \$50,000 for their escrow account, and that he has asked Portland Water District to proceed with their engineering study for all three phases of the waterline into Raymond.

5. Update on Raymond Beach lighting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that apparently there is no conduit in the most southerly island so that there will only be two lights wired for the parking lot. Mr. Acker said that because of the expense of decorative lights, he would like to go ahead with the Central Maine Power lighting option. Mr. Willard said that CMP's quote for three lights was \$108.24 per month year round. Mrs. Brown said that she would like to leave the lighting as it is with no change.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to have 2 of the Central Maine Power lights installed and to have Don Willard coordinate the installation and selection of wattage. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

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

6. Establishment of Route 302 American Flag Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that Tammy Knights would like to be on a committee for this purpose. He also suggested that an account for donations be created by the Town. Mr. Desjardins said that the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts would like to help with the maintenance of the flags. They would also be interested in helping with the installation.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to establish a Flag Committee and create a Town account to hold contributions to its maintenance. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Sandy Winde, Scout Master, said that the troops were ready to work and felt that this might be a good Eagle Scout project. Mr. Willard asked if a member from their group would like to work on the Flag Committee.

7. Appoint Suzanne Bruno as Warden for November 6, 2001 Referendum Election.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to appoint Suzanne Bruno as the Warden for the November 6, 2001 Referendum Election. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Consideration of advertised hours for Voter Registration prior to November 5<sup>th</sup> Referendum voting.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to have Voter Registration hours from October 30, 2001 to November 2, 2001 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, November 3, 2001 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Louise Lester informed the Board that Louise Murray has appointed Elisa Trepanier as her Deputy Voter Registrar.

9. Public Safety Building contract consideration and preliminary work schedule.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that the contract pricing was \$1,795,351.00 with a 5% contingency added. Chief Morse said that ground work would begin immediately and will proceed until snow. If snow comes prior to building construction, then it will wait until spring. Mr. Leavitt felt that the performance bonds mentioned under 8.3 should show 100% value and payment. He also felt that the retainage should be 10% instead of 5% (page 11 - 7.1.7 and 7.1.8) Chief Morse also said that Mark Jordan has agreed to help find a clerk of the works and if no one is found then they will advertise again.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to allow Mark Acker to sign the contract for the Board of Selectmen after a resolution to Charles Leavitt's comments is found. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Request for Homestead Exemption filing waiver – Cliff and Jane DeRoche.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained the situation but felt that the deadline should not be extended because of the unknown number of new residents who have not filed.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve this exception for the DeRoche's. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

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

11. Update on progress on Morgan Meadows addition by Land For Maine's Future Board by Elizabeth Algeo.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Algeo said that this was an update on the Committee's work to acquire land to add to Morgan Meadows. They are going to reapply to the Land For Maine's Future Board and possibly other entities for grant money. She indicated that one reason their grant wasn't accepted last year was the cramped time line for submission and the seemingly lack of Town support. She said there would be a preliminary site walk on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. The deadline for this grant application is September 2002 which will allow them enough time to write a really good grant application. She also said that there would have to be an Annual Town Meeting warrant article for matching funds.

12. Executive Session.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RECESS: Mark Acker recessed the meeting at 8:05 pm.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to come out of Executive Session.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Mark Acker re-opened the meeting at 8:30 pm saying that no action was taken but more information was requested.

13. Communications and other business.

a. Selectmen and School Committee joint meeting to be held October 23, 2001 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

b. Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting to be held October 17, 2001 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

c. Cumberland County Commissioners Forum on their budget will be October 24, 2001. Mr. Willard and Mark Acker are planning to attend.

d. Gray Regional Meeting will be November 13, 2001 at 6:30 pm which will be hosted by GPCOG to discuss issues which are of concern for all communities i.e. budget, transportation, and education.

e. Town of Gray Comprehensive Plan Committee meeting on October 18, 2001. Mr. Leavitt asked that they be thanked for including Raymond.

f. Submission of the 2002-2003 Budget Formulation Schedule.

g. Kathleen Brown, Lake Region Development Council, notice that Referendum question #3 is important to this area because some of the money to be raised with the passage of this question will come to this area for our area development and road repair.

h. Suburban News article. Mr. Acker commented that the article in the Suburban News regarding the Raymond Selectmen's position on the County Budget assessment for Raymond was incorrect in saying that all the Raymond Selectmen were against the budget. He said that his opinion was the main opposition to this assessment.

14. Review and authorize the October 16, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$724,930.75 and to sign the warrant to pay the County Tax. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Adjourn.

MOTION: Mark Acker motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:41 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk