

**TOWN OF RAYMOND  
Special Town Meeting and  
Selectmen's Minutes**

**Thursday, January 3, 2002**

**Warrant for a Special Town Meeting**

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TO: Louise H. Lester, a resident of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Office, in said Town of Raymond on Thursday, January 3, 2002, at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

**OPENING:** Louise Lester, Town Clerk opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**NOMINATION:** There was a nomination and second for Joseph Bruno.

**MOTION:** There was a motion and second to cease nominations.

**VOTE:** Carried.

**NOMINATION VOTE:** Carried

**SWORN:** Joseph Bruno was sworn in as moderator.

**ARTICLE 2:** Shall the Town of Raymond, Maine vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application(s) as a co-applicant with the Town of Bridgton, Maine for the following program(s):

Business Assistance Program for \$220,000 for Dielectric Communications to support job creation.

and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs.

**MOTION:** There was a motion and second to approve.

**VOTE:** Carried.

**MOTION:** There was a motion and second to adjourn Town Meeting.

**VOTE:** Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call to order. Mark Acker opened the Selectmen's meeting at 7:03 pm.

2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

December 18, 2001

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

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

3. Consideration of abatements – Michael O'Donnell, Assessor's Assistant

a. Map 7, Lot 32E NO330R

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to deny. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

b. B0025P

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement in the amounts of for 1999 \$42.70 and for 2001 \$44.95. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

c. Map 54, Lot 65 M1315R

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement in the amount of \$552.25 for 2001 but no other years prior to that. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

4. Consideration to remove hemlock tree from in front of Town Office.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that during a building maintenance check it was noted that the hemlock tree in front of the Town Office was now overgrown and blocking light and creating a moisture barrier to the building. He recommended cutting it down and replacing it with a shrub. He also said that he would like to replace the Plexiglas covering a discontinued window with a bulletin board.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the removal of the hemlock tree. Seconded by Ada Brown.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about the removal of another tree on the south side of the Town Office which is now crowding another tree and represents a danger to the wires running through it which are part of the dispatch communications system. It was decided to get more information about removal of this tree with the entities involved for the dispatch wires etc.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

5. Consideration of 2002 Scholarship amounts.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt felt that this year a representative from Raymond should be present at the school's awards ceremony when the recipient gets his/her scholarship. He asked that a letter go to the various high schools letting them know that we wish to be notified of their times and dates for their awards programs. It was also felt that those recipients should be announced at Town Meeting and through the papers.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to offer the scholarship levels:

Collins-Day 2 scholarships \$1,000 each

Carleton Edwards 1 scholarship \$1,000

George Wood 1 scholarship \$1,000

Alva Clough 1 scholarship \$ 500

Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

6. Communications and other business.

a. Animal Refuge League contract.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to have Don Willard sign the contract for the Selectmen. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

b. Planning Board vacancy.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that Steve Harvey would like to be appointed to the Planning Board. He has been a past member. He indicated that the Planning Board approved of the appointment.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to appoint Steve Harvey to the Planning Board. Seconded by Charles

Leavitt.

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

c. Sheri Gagnon Park

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins said that ATV's had been tearing up the turf in and round the park. He asked that the public stay off the fields and only use them for ball playing fields. He also asked that the Town better secure the area. Mr. Willard replied that he would do so.

7. Review and authorize the December 18, 2001 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$202,535.17.  
Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

8. Adjourn.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk