

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Selectmen's Minutes

Tuesday, January 15, 2002

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; Elizabeth Algeo and John Rand, Raymond Conservation Commission; Dennis Dory, School Computer Instructor; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

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

Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

January 3, 2002

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

Raymond Conservation Commission update of activities and request to establish land acquisition reserve fund.
Elizabeth Algeo

DISCUSSION: Elizabeth Algeo reported that the Theron Hamilton application (80 acres abutting Morgan Meadows) would be decided by January 24th. If this application is chosen by the Land For Maine's Future Board, the Town will be expected to supply matching funds. She continued that some abutting land might also be considered by September for which additional matching funds would be necessary. She said that there was substantial interest in Raymond to preserve open space and asked that the Selectmen consider starting a reserve fund to hold donations to be used in the future. She also felt that the Town should consider reserving funds which will be raised possibly annually through the Town Budget. The Town will be asked to support the purchase of a LFMF purchase by paying as much as 40% of the purchase price. The State would be building an access road and parking area off Valley Road if this is accepted in order to gain access to Morgan Meadows. Mr. Willard added that towns which show involvement are more interesting to the State than those that do not. Mr. Leavitt wondered if Town owned land could be used as a "trade off" for this land. Mrs. Algeo asked that this be considered for the budget year 2002-2003 as an Open Space Land Conservation Fund. Mr. Acker felt it could be included in the draft budget for consideration but said that it was not approved at this time.

Discussion of Crescent Beach issues involved with summer swim program. Pat Smith, Raymond Rec.

Tabled.

Discussion of amendment to fiscal year 2002-2003 Budget Development Schedule. Chairman Board of Selectmen Mark Acker.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Acker informed the Board that he would be absent from the next two regular Selectmen's meetings, February 5th and 19th. He has asked Ada Brown to chair those meetings. He would also like to change the date for the Selectmen's review of the budget from February 21st to February 14th so that he can attend. He also requested that the date of the Budget/Finance Committee be changed so that the Selectmen have a chance to review the Town Manager's draft budget prior to it being sent to the Budget/Finance Committee. He felt it was the Selectmen's budget, therefore the Selectmen should have the chance to make any changes they wish prior to anyone else seeing the draft budget. Mr. Leavitt said he didn't have any problem with anyone seeing the draft budget prior to any Selectmen's changes. He felt that input from the Budget/Finance Committee might be beneficial. There was further discussion about the protocol of the budget process.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned that the Selectmen review the draft budget prior to the Budget/Finance Committee's review. Seconded by Mark Acker.

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

NOTE: Next meeting for review of the Budget will be February 14, 2002 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.

Review 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Plan budget.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard introduced the CIP by saying that his plan is for a five year extension beyond 2002-2003 which is a change from last year's CIP schedule. There were questions of several items which were answered by the Department Heads present.

Community Gateways Grant: request to apply for assistance.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that this grant would be for \$10,000 from the Maine Department of Transportation to help finance the Route 302 improvements for landscaping etc..

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to apply for the grant. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Removal of the large spruce tree on the front lawn of the Town Office.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to have the tree removed at a cost not to exceed \$275.00. Seconded by Betty McDermott

VOTE: Unanimous.

Communications and other business.

a. Comprehensive Plan

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt mentioned that the Comprehensive Plan Committee would like a budget addition in the amount of \$12,000 to put toward their work in updating the 1991 Comprehensive Plan. This money to be used for professional help etc.

b. Raymond Beach lighting.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Acker asked about the new lights at Raymond Beach. Mr. Willard said that the poles have been installed and that Central Maine Power has said it was completed by work order which says that it should be done in the very near future.

Review and authorize the January 15, 2002 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$72,921.37. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Adjourn.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk