

TOWN OF RAYMOND  
Selectmen's Minutes  
Tuesday, February 5, 2002

Attendance: Ada Brown, Acting Chairman; Charles Leavitt; Betty McDermott; Dana Desjardins (late); Pat Smith, Raymond Rec; Pat Cayer, Chairman Planning Board; John Rand, Raymond Conservation Commission; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; Nathan White, Road Commissioner; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Ada Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes. January 15, 2002

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Minutes as written with two corrections on those in attendance: Nathan White and Jack Fitch. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous (Brown, Leavitt, McDermott)

3. Presentation by Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District – Jeff Brink.

Postponed because Mr. Brink could not attend.

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

DISCUSSION: Pat Smith explained that the swimming program has possibly lost its head instructor because of ongoing problems at the beach: trash left on beach, porta potties being dirty and vandalized; and non-program swimmers interfering and using the program float. She said that the Conservation Commission was willing to help with signage and education but someone to police the beach was necessary especially prior to the children arriving each morning. She felt that the float could be launched just prior to the program start and taken out immediately after it ends which would help with the vandalism to the float and also the liability to the Town. She asked if her policies which were distributed be considered. She said that Raymond Rec will be willing to pay up to \$630.00 for a designated supervisor for Crescent Beach. Mr. Desjardins asked if any summer employees have been discussed. Mr. Willard replied that it would be beginning soon. Mr. Leavitt expressed the desire to have this and other public/private cooperation for Raymond. Mr. White said that Public Works can help with some of the work at the beach such as dealing with the float but said that the policing of the beaches took too much time from their small department. Mr. Rand felt that possibly the milfoil personnel might be able to help with the beach monitoring. Mrs. Brown thought that it was up to the Boards and the Town to come up with a plan. Ms. Smith wondered if a user fee might help with the expense in that the use of the beach was a choice and not a usual service.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to gratefully accept the offer from the Raymond Rec organization in paying for the beach monitor position at Crescent Beach. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Junkyard Violation Enforcement Update.

DISCUSSION: Jack Cooper said that there were just two entities who have not appreciably demonstrated compliance with the ordinance Mr. Lindsay on Main Street, and Mrs. Hurd on Raymond Hill Road. Mr. Willard asked whether the Selectmen wished to continue onto Superior Court with these cases and that the others seem to be making progress on their cleanup. Mr. Desjardins asked if there was a financial barrier to these people complying. Mr. Cooper replied that he has not heard that from these residents. Mr. Willard noted that if it was a financial problem that the Town has a mechanism to help. Mrs. Brown said that she has seen some movement of things on the Main Street property but doesn't believe that it is being cleaned up.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to direct the Town Manager and the Town Attorney to proceed with the legal steps to go to Superior Court. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Planning Board request to appoint Scenic Vista Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cayer felt that through the Planning Board's work on the ordinances it is necessary to have a list of scenic vistas which Raymond would like to protect. The Planning Board in looking at a new ordinance for single lot development standards would like to preserve the rural character of Raymond and are looking into setting a 100 foot setback from a roadway with the first 50 feet being maintained as natural flora. They would also like to add scenic vistas to this idea. The Planning Board feels it would be best to have other people than their Board determine these areas. He questioned whether a mailed survey would be beneficial. Mr. Leavitt

indicated that the 1991 Comprehensive Plan denotes scenic vistas and felt that this list should be revised. He felt this was a good process to go through which will help the new Comp Plan Committee as well. Mr. Cayer indicated that this committee could be a Planning Board subcommittee chosen by the Selectmen.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to form a new committee to study the scenic vistas in Raymond. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rand thought that this could be included in the Comp Plan but felt that by having it a separate committee it would be finalized before the Comprehensive Plan would be finished.

7. Contract for use of Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that this has been an annual contract but felt since it was working for Raymond and there probably weren't any alternatives, he suggested having a 2 or 3 year contract.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to sign a 2 year contract. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Contract signed.

8. Public Safety Building Short Term Financing.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that the site work is going on but would stop soon because of the weather. He said he had sent out bids for a short term loan in the amount of \$1,595,351.00 and the lowest bid was from Peoples Heritage Bank at a rate of 2.09% and use the Maine Bond Bank for the long term loan in the future.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to accept the Town Manager's suggestion. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Administrative Abatements.

a. Map 26, Lot 11A in the amount of \$411.85.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Map 3, Lot 58 in the amount of \$991.20.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Communications and other business.

a. Department of Transportation request for projects.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that this questionnaire came in preparation by the State for their work in the years 2004 to 2009. He noted that he had sent the information to Chris McClellan of the Route 302 Improvement Committee, Al Morrison Raymond's RTAC representative, and Kathleen Brown of the LRDC.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to submit the application with the Cape Road as a project to be considered. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Olympic Ski Team Flag

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that the Town Office was now flying an Olympic ski team flag in honor of Kirsten Clark who will be competing at the 2002 Winter Games. He asked the Selectmen if they wished to sign a letter going to her.

MOTION: Dennis Desjardins motioned to pursue having a banner over Route 302 honoring Kirsten Clark's achievements. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

11. Review and authorize the February 5, 2002 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$82,406.95.  
Seconded by Dana Desjardins

VOTE: Unanimous.

Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk