

Selectmen's Meeting Agenda

Raymond Elementary School

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

MINUTES

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

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 Raymond Elementary School, in said Town of Raymond on Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

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 for nominations to cease.

VOTE: Carried.

SWORN IN: Joseph Bruno was sworn in. He explained that if Article 2 passed then Article 3 would be passed over because that portion of the waterline would already have been approved.

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town (1) approve a public capital improvement project consisting of the extension of the installation of a public water line in Route 302 from the end of the project approved at the June 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting to the new public safety building, (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed \$466,772 to fund the additional costs of this project and, (3) to fund said appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Raymond, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$466,772 and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Raymond, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The purpose of this Article is to approve the construction and financing of a further extension of a public waterline in Route 302 from EmbedTech to the new public safety building. The construction and funding of the waterline from the Windham town line to EmbedTech was approved at the June 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen recommend approval of this Article and the Budget Finance Committee recommend approval of this Article.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Indebtedness:

Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$8,958,558
Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$2,014,042
Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved	\$ 466,772

Costs:

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.74% for a (15) year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$	466,772
Interest:	\$	190,542
Total Debt Service:	\$	657,314

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Elizabeth R. Cummings

Town Treasurer

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 2.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town (1) approve a public capital improvement project consisting of the extension of the installation of a public water line in Route 302 from the end of the project approved at the June 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting to the intersection of Route 121, (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed \$44,109 to fund the additional costs of this project and, (3) to fund said appropriation, authorize the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to issue general obligation securities of the Town of Raymond, Maine (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$44,109 and the discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), interest rate(s), call(s) for redemption, place(s) of payment, form, and other details of said securities, including execution and delivery of said securities on behalf of the Town of Raymond, and to provide for the sale thereof, is hereby delegated to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

EXPLANATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The purpose of this Article is to approve the construction and financing of a further extension of a public waterline in Route 302 from EmbedTech to Route 121. The construction and funding of the waterline from the Windham town line to EmbedTech was approved at the June 5, 2001 Special Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen recommend approval of this Article and the Budget Finance Committee recommend approval of this Article.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Indebtedness:

Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$8,958,558
Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$2,014,042
Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved	\$ 44,109

Costs:

At an estimated maximum interest rate of 4.74% for a (15) year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

	Principal:	\$44,109
	Interest:	\$18,006
Total	Debt	Service:
		\$62,115

3. Validity:

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Elizabeth R. Cummings

Town Treasurer

MOTION: There was a motion and second to withdraw Article 3.

VOTE: Carried.

Given under our hands this eighth day of March AD 2002.

_____ Mark Acker

_____ Ada Brown

_____ Betty McDermott

_____ Dana Desjardins

_____ Charles Leavitt

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

VOTE: Carried.

ADJOURNED: Joseph Bruno adjourned the Special Town Meeting at 7:28 pm.

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Mark Acker opened the meeting at 7:28 pm at the Raymond Elementary School.

2. Consideration of previous minutes dated March 5, 2002.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Consideration of request for rezoning a portion of Map 6, Lots 23 & 28 Dielectric Communications.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that Dielectric would like to solve some land area problems by rezoning their entire 34 acres Industrial. The Planning Board has recommended that this be done. Mr. Whittle from Dielectric submitted a letter of request that this be done.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to place this issue on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 18, 2002. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Acker felt that the Selectmen should approve this change in zoning.

4. Central Corridors Coalition request for Raymond participation in seven town transportation study.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard felt that this \$600 to help make a study of the area's transportation needs would be advantageous. This seed money will help get a \$40,000 grant for the study.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to go with the Town Manager's recommendation and spend the \$600. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Discussion of new entrance sign on Route 302 for Tassel Top Park.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard felt that the present sign though attractive was only one sided and didn't get the advertising out for the Park as well as this proposed two sided sign. The new sign would be built like the State park signs. He felt that the park could hold more people and thereby get more receipts for its maintenance. He felt that the present sign could be used at another location, possible at the road into the park.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the erection of a new sign. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown asked where the new sign would be located. Mr. Willard said that the MDOT would designate that but it would be more visible because it would be two sided.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Discussion of expected growth in Town valuation and property tax implications of proposed Town, school and county budget.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that the assessor's agent Mike O'Donnell estimated Raymond's value to go to \$428,300,000 next year. The estimated mill rate using the present budget for Town, school and county would be in the area of 17.31/1000.

7. Discussion of possible amendment and approval of Raymond 2002-2003 Municipal Budget including use of undesignated fund balance (surplus).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard requested that the Selectmen vote on the use of Surplus for the next

budget and also vote on the recommendation of the budget 2002-2003. Mrs. Brown felt that because a revaluation would be hitting many taxpayers in tax increases and she would like to spare them some if at all possible. Mr. Leavitt said he would like to keep the mill rate under 17/1000 and that he felt safe that the level of surplus would increase in the next year to maintain an appropriate level for the future.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to put \$300,000 from Surplus toward the entire tax burden and approve and recommend the 2002-2003 Town Budget. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Application for utility location permit for waterline installation on Main Street
(depending on outcome of the Special Town Meeting March 19, 2002)

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned for them to sign the Portland Water District's application for the water main to go down Main Street. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Decision on bid acceptance for printing of town report.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to accept the lowest bid from Minuteman Press. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Communications and other business.

a. Comprehensive Plan

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that Raymond has received a \$10,000 grant from the State's Community Planning and Investment Grant program. He said this along with last year's \$12,000 and this year's \$12,000 Town contributions would give the Comprehensive Plan Committee the funding they need to complete an updated plan.

11. Review and authorize the March 19, 2002 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$86,071.56. Seconded by Charles Leavitt

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk