

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2002

Attendance: Mark Acker, Chairman; Ada Brown; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Betty McDermott; Janis Cummings and her 2/3 Multiaged Class; Patrick Cayer, Chairman of the Planning Board; Peter Leavitt, Appeals Board member; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Mark Acker opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous minutes dated March 19, 2002.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Request from Ms. Janis Cummings Third Grade Multiaged Class of Raymond Elementary School for Selectmen support to honor Patriots Day April 15, 2001.

DISCUSSION: Janis Cummings and her class performed a poem and credo before the meeting and then accepted a resolution and certificate from the Town Manager for their endeavor in empowering the people of the United States to celebrate Patriots Day.

4. Consideration of proposed 2002 Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Amendments from the Planning Board. Patrick Cayer, Planning Board Chairman and Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement.

a. Land Use

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that tomorrow evening April 3, 2002 at 7:00 pm there will be a public hearing on the proposed ordinances for this Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Cayer described some of the changes to the ordinance to be presented. Mrs. Brown said that she had issues with the ordinance concerning private road specifications. She felt that since the Town does not do anything for private roads that it shouldn't put limitations and specifications on them. Mr. Cayer said that the Planning Board dealt with private roads when looking at subdivision reviews. Mrs. Brown thought that this would be unconstitutional. Mr. Cayer said that the intent was to aid with erosion and drainage control. It also protects future use when more houses are using a roadway. Mr. Leavitt asked how this will affect grandfathered back lots. Mr. Cayer said he would have to ask Bob Faunce. Mr. Leavitt wondered whether these changes would be in line with the Comprehensive Plan. He wondered if some of the proposed changes should be indicative of what the new updated Comprehensive Plan will be. Mr. Cayer said that the Planning Board was aware that the new Comprehensive Plan was being worked on, and they didn't want to go too far before the update was finalized.

b. Shoreland

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cooper explained that there were two changes. First would be denying the closing in of existing decks within 100 feet of the water. This would define what "enclosing decks" is. If there is no legal roof over the deck, then it can not be enclosed. If there is a legal roof, then it can be enclosed. The second change will be to define the height of a building. The height will take the lowest mean grade to the highest mean grade and divide by two. Peter Leavitt said that the Appeals Board and the Planning Board's jobs are to be restrictive in order to protect our water sources.

5. Consideration of liquor license renewal for Mark and Terry Alexander d/b/a The Olde House Restaurant.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that there had been a fire inspection on March 15th which found

that an exit door should be added to the bar area plus there were a couple of other small changes. Dep. Chief Chris Champagne reinspected the restaurant and found that the Knox box had not been installed nor had Mr. Alexander provided a letter of intent regarding the exit door. Mr. Desjardins asked if all restaurants are required to have Knox boxes. Chief Denis Morse said that the Fire Department would like every business to have a Knox box which allows the Fire Department to enter the building by key. Mr. Acker asked about those restaurants which do not have liquor licenses? Chief Morse said that the liquor licenses trigger inspections and can be a force for request compliance but that every business is inspected and requested to be up to code. He added that the Fire Department needs a letter of action from Mr. Alexander as to when the corrections will be made. Mr. Acker said that standards for all businesses are necessary. Chief Morse said that Raymond has adopted Life Safety 101 requirements which are the criteria with which inspections are made. He added that the Department is proceeding slowly to give the community time to make changes. Chief Morse said he was not against allowing the Town Manager to accept the certification that requirements have been met between Selectmen's Meetings. Mr. Acker did not think that was necessary since the Selectmen meet twice a month.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to deny The Olde House Restaurant's liquor license because of their not being in compliance with the Fire Department inspection and to discuss this again when they are in compliance. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Junk Yard clean up update. Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer.

DISCUSSION: Jack Cooper said that the Main Street location is still within their 30 day extension and have made between 75 and 80 percent improvement. He asked for a recommendation as to whether he should continue this to court. He added that the Raymond Hill property was served with court papers today (April 2, 2002) and that there is a problem on Tower Hill Road which he is looking into. Mr. Desjardins asked about looking into our ordinance regarding the locating of storage trailers. Mr. Cooper indicated that Mr. Lindsay has said that the trailers in his yard will be moved off the property. Mr. Cooper recommended that Mr. Lindsay be allowed to continue. Mr. Willard wanted to encourage Mr. Lindsay to finish his cleanup; to let the 30 days run and if the cleanup is not complete then proceed with court. He felt this should be on the next agenda for an update. Mr. Leavitt asked that Jack Cooper make an inspection on April 5, 2002 and report to the Selectmen. He felt it will be up to Mr. Lindsay to request another extension if necessary or go to court. Mr. Acker felt that they had acted and if the yard is not cleaned up within the 30 day extension already given then the Town should proceed to court.

7. Municipal Warrant for Prosecuting Unlicensed Dog Owners/Keepers for Selectmen approval.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to accept and sign the Unlicensed Dog Warrant. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Consideration of applications for 2002 Town Scholarships in Executive Session.

TABLED until the next meeting.

9. Consideration of tax abatements.

NOTE: Mark Acker stepped down from the Board since he is familiar with both abatements.

a. Map 3, Lot 60

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the abatement in the amount of \$706.20. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Map 3, Lot 59

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the abatement in the amount of \$1,225.42. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Communications and other business.

a. Portland Water District Waterline.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that abutter letters had been sent to announce the public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at Jordan-Small School at 7:00 pm.

b. 2001 Solid Waste Report.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that Raymond in 2001 recycled 50.1% of its trash. The State goal for each town is 50% and this may be the first time that Raymond has reached that goal.

c. Waterline Preconstruction Conference.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that this meeting was attended by Elizabeth Cummings, Nathan White, and himself. This meeting gave their timeline and other information. They will begin putting up signage very soon and begin digging by April 15th with a completion date of June 15th. The Main Street section should be essentially finished in August with a total wrap-up date of September 30th. Mr. Leavitt asked that the bonding for the project be investigated to protect Raymond.

d. Gateways Grant

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that Raymond did not get picked for a grant. There were 88 applications but there was a notation on the reply that they thought the application was a good one and should be resubmitted for the next go-round. They wanted to see more volunteer participation. They did indicate that there may be some money in the Route 302 asphalt budget which could purchase some shade trees and shrubs for decoration. Mr. Leavitt interjected that the businesses along Route 302 would probably be doing some voluntary additions to the landscaping, plus the Route 302 Improvement Committee are all volunteers and would be seeing the project through.

e. Borrowing Proposals for Waterline Debt.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that they are investigating interest rates in order to handle the Town's share of the waterline debt between May 12, 2002 and November 12, 2002 when the long term bonds will be arranged for the waterline, Route 302 project, and the Public Safety Building.

f. Cumberland County Meeting on April 11, 2002

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced a meeting concerning our drought problems in Cumberland County which will be April 11, 2002 at Sebago Lake Lodge in Windham at 7:00 pm. The Lake Region Development Council will be helping to organize the meeting. The EMA number to report dry wells is 892-6785 which is the regional disaster committee. He also said that elected officials

are needed to participate on the committee.

g. Route 302 Project

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that the preliminary plan submitted by Gorrill-Palmer was still being studied by the State Planning Office. There also is no cost estimate as yet. There will be a meeting on April 5th at the Town Office at 4:00 pm with the business owners in and near the Raymond Shopping Center to discuss access to the area. This means that this item may not be ready for the Annual Town Meeting in May but will have to hold a Special Town Meeting when it is ready.

h. Paving Main Street after the Waterline Excavation.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard suggested leaving the trench patch for a couple of years before doing a full paving overcoat because it would allow time for residents to arrange for their waterline hookups. It would also possibly get that part of Route 121 repaved by the State which would have to be arranged through the State biennial budget.

i. Town Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that at the Budget/Finance Committee meeting on April 1, 2002, the Budget/Finance Committee voted to change two amounts in the warrant. The first was Article 4 where the Committee recommended having the percentage paid on abated taxes at 3%. And the second was Article 17: the Budget/Finance Committee recommended to reduce the amount from \$47,800 to \$27,800. The intent was to delete the \$20,000 for an Open Space Reserve Fund.

j. Clerk of the Works for the Public Safety Building

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse reviewed the scenario where the Building Committee had picked a Clerk of the Works last fall but because the project didn't go forward at that time, that person took another job. Presently there are two people submitting proposals for the job. He felt that someone would be picked by next week. He added that the footings are in and the walls are going up. Presently the job is being overlooked by Bob Murray, Nathan White, Jack Cooper, Don Willard, and himself.

11. Review and authorize April 2, 2002 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$316,533.85. Seconded by Charles Leavitt

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Acker adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk