Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 21, 2002

Attendance: Ada Brown; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan (attended at 7:02 pm); Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Ada Brown opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: 4 in favor (absent McClellan)

2. Consideration of previous minutes dated May 7, 2002.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: 4 in favor (absent McClellan)

3. Election of a new chairman of the Board of Selectmen.


VOTE: 3 in favor (McDermott, Leavitt, Desjardins) 1 abstention (Brown) 1 absent (McClellan)

4. Dielectric Rezoning - to set a date for a Special Town Meeting: Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer.

DISCUSSION: Jack Cooper explained that the rezoning was necessary to allow Dielectric to have their entire facility within the Industrial Zone and it would also include a small plot which Dielectric would like to purchase from WGME TV to complete their lot. He added that this has been passed by the Planning Board and the Selectmen had discussed the proposal. Mrs. Brown asked if the residents on Tower would have any opposition. Mr. Cooper replied that Dielectric has arranged for security people to police Tower Road to control traffic when the employees are coming and going to work which was the residents' main concern.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to arrange for a Special Town Meeting on June 4, 2002 at 7:00 pm at the Town Office for a vote on the rezoning of the Dielectric land. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the warrant.

5. Request For Joint Board of Selectmen Meeting with the Town of Frye Island.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown said she was in favor of this meeting to discuss mutual issues of concern. Mr. Willard said that some of the items would be school, Cape Road, public safety. He felt that others to be invited might be the Superintendent of Raymond’s Schools, the School Committee, the Fire Chief and the Raymond Road Commissioner. Mr. Leavitt felt this should be a workshop meeting. Time set: Monday, June 3, 2002 at 5:00 pm at the Town Office with optional dates of June 4th, and June 13th. Mr. Willard said he would coordinate the meeting and notify the Selectmen.


MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to accept the resignation of Donald Alexander. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown thanked him for his time and effort in the name of the Town of Raymond. Mr. Willard said that the position will be offered to interested volunteers including Linda Alexander who has already expressed an interest.

7. Executive Session – Personnel Matter

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter including the Town Manager. Seconded by Chris McClellan.

RECESS: Ada Brown recessed the meeting at 7:16 pm.

8. MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Ada Brown re-opened the meeting at 8:09 pm.


DISCUSSION: Mrs. McDermott noted other appointments which were not included on the list: Cemetery Committee – Wayne Gelston, Dick Sanborn, Tim Williams, and Marjorie Scott, also Frank McDermott resigned from the Route 302 Committee.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the appointment list including the changes noted. Seconded by Chris McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Communications and other business.

a. Portland Water District Election June 11, 2002

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the holding of the Portland Water District election along with the Primary Election on June 11, 2002 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Jordan-Small School. Seconded by Chris McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. David Bois Reception.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. Willard announced that there will be a reception for retiring Superintendent of Schools David Bois on June 6, 2002 at 7:00 pm at the Raymond Elementary School.

c. Mr. D’s Restaurant Opening

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. Willard announced that there will be an open house at Mr. D’s Restaurant on May 23, 2002 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the restaurant.

d. Town Budget Update

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that the Town Budget is now 86% used and that the Town is at
101% on collected revenues.

e. Quit Claim Deed for Map 50, Lot 48 1338 Roosevelt Trail

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to sign the quit claim deed for Map 50, Lot 48. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the Quit Claim Deed.

f. Fire Department Forestry Truck

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse explained that a few months ago the Fire Department was given a grant for refurbishing of the 1976 Forestry truck. The rehab was estimated originally at $36,000. He said that they planned on using $16,000 from the Town’s CIP, getting the grant of $15,000, and the rest from the current Fire Department Budget. Because they have found that the grant will only be funded at $3,000 he has appealed to the State for the full amount. However, in the meantime a demonstrator foam compressor was found in the Midwest for $8,500. He has asked that this unit be held for Raymond. He felt that the CIP would pay for the tank and compartments, the current maintenance budget for the winch and paint. He also said that he considers this a regional truck to support our neighboring communities.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the expense of $5,500 out of the current budget. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.


MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Warrant in the amount of $96,381.90. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk