

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

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

1. Call to order. Betty McDermott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous minutes.

a. July 2, 2002

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

3. Consideration of easement deed to the Raymond Library Club to permit installation of waterline.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to authorize the Town Manager to execute the easement deed.
Seconded by Christine McClellan.

4. Proposal from Northland Telephone and Utilities Inc. to establish telephone pole storage yard on Town owned property at Plains Road.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that the Maine Telephone Company pole yard in Casco was now near new housing and the residents don't like the smell. He felt that this would be low risk for not much gain but thought that the good will was evident in that Maine Telephone has been very helpful to Raymond in supporting Founders Day for years, putting in poles for the banner over Route 302, erecting the Tassel Top sign etc.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to agree to their proposal for a pole storage area on Plains Road. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt was aware of TCB clean up which is difficult and expensive. He felt that some research was warranted to better understand what and where the poles should be. He felt that there should be a bond which will hold the Town harmless. Mr. Willard said that there will be total indemnification. They also will be stored off the ground. Mr. Desjardins suggested covering them up to prevent runoff. Mr. Willard said that the Town will be able to terminate the agreement at will. Mr. Leavitt asked if the additional traffic in the yard would be a problem. Mr. Desjardins didn't think there would be over 15 to 20 poles. Mr. Willard said that there would be up to 30 poles. This would represent good will toward Casco helping them with their problem.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Mrs. McClellan amended her motion to include: poles off the ground and covered, hold harmless clause, agreement termination clause. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous for amendment and original motion.

5. Public Safety Building Update.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that there will be new replacement of the roof including the trusses. The sub floor will be cleaned and a new vapor barrier and floor will be installed. He added that these repairs will delay use of the building by 10 weeks. The cost of the building damage will be over \$120,000, extra expenses associated with the loss \$10,000, the cost of the 10 week delay, and the bond bank will not be influenced because no funds will be drawn on the account during that time.

6. Planning Board member resignation.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to regretfully accept the Planning Board resignation of Bruce Sanford. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Communications and other business.

a. Public Works.

Nathan White's memo noted that Pike Industries will begin reclaiming Cape Road from Lombard Road to Grayson Road. The rest of the planned work will be done when the catch basins are available.

b. Video Tape of Meetings.

Mr. Willard explained that Mike Leonard, Time Warner; Kevin Woodbrey, Website Chair; David Morton, Casco Town Manager; and himself have worked to improve reception of the Selectmen's meetings. The video tape deck will be replaced at a cost of \$995. which the two towns will share. The test of the system today was good everywhere but Ada Brown said she had to turn up the volume on her television in order to hear it clearly. Time Warner will look into it.

c. Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Mr. Leavitt reported that the Committee was now reviewing and compiling the information gathered at the neighborhood meetings. They will also have to decide how to proceed. Mr. Willard asked the Selectmen whether they had an opinion as to whether committee representatives to the Comprehensive Plan Committee should have a vote. The Selectmen felt that the Comp Plan Committee should make that determination.

d. Route 302 Project.

Mr. Willard said that they now had final approval and have approved the style of street lights to be erected. He thought they would be going to bid in early August with all construction done except paving during the fall. Paving would be done in the spring after the ground has had time to settle.

e. Ball Fields.

Dana Desjardins reported that the District 6 soft ball tournament had just finished in Raymond and that everyone involved had great appreciation of Raymond's volunteers and facilities. He felt that Raymond would see the tournament again in 2004. Mr. Willard mentioned that two new dugouts were being built by Eagle Scout candidate Bill Yates with help from his friends.

f. Public Works.

Mr. Willard announced that prisoners from the South Windham prison had painted the District 2 building. They have taken down the old gutters

which will be replaced. And there will be a new roof installed this fall. The prisoners will also be painting the buildings at Sheri Gagnon Park and repairing the playground equipment. Mrs. McDermott mentioned the cardboard dumpsters and asked if some fencing could be put around it to contain the dumpsters. Mr. Willard said that Nathan White already had it planned. Mrs. McDermott also mentioned the dumpster at the Town Office and the fact that it is always filled to overflowing by summer residents. She felt that the Town should probably provide that service rather than have those bags of trash scattered over the roadsides. Mrs. McClellan wondered if a larger dumpster would help. Mr. Leavitt asked what it would cost. Mrs. McClellan mentioned that their store recycling wasn't being picked up and that they had given up. She also had concern that the recycling was going into recycling or being burned up with the trash.

g. Personnel Hiring.

Mr. Willard said that they were moving forward but had not hired anyone as yet. He said that medical benefits were very important to people and that we had lost two good candidates because they couldn't get family benefits. Mrs. McDermott expressed the desire to have people stay with Raymond. Mr. Leavitt wanted to have a compensation study in regard to recruitment and retainage. He said there is a certain limit to where Raymond can economically go and the fact that Raymond might lose employees to business is a reality which we might have to live with.

h. Turkeys.

Mrs. McClellan noted that the areas on Webbs Mills Road have an over abundance of wild turkeys. She requested that "beware turkeys" signs be put up in high turkey density areas. The Selectmen agreed.

8. Review and authorize July 16, 2002 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for June 30, 2002 in the amount of \$65,370.38. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant for July 16, 2002 in the amount of \$146,047.30. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Adjourn.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk