

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

With the Selectmen of the Town of Frye Island

Tuesday, August 15, 2002

Attendance from Raymond: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Christine McClellan; Dana Desjardins; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Louise Lester, Town Clerk; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

Attendance from Frye Island: James Kuiken, Chairman Selectmen & Executive Committee; Bob Roberts, Selectman & Executive Committee; John Crosby, Selectman & Executive Committee; Grace Morin, Executive Committee; Dick Giggey, Executive Committee; Pat Karpacz, Executive Committee; Carl Hommel, Town Treasurer; Diane Babineau, FII Board of Directors; Joe Potts, Frye Island Interim Town Manager.

1. Call to order. James Kuiken called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm at the Community Center on Frye Island.

2. Raymond and Frye Island Cooperative Management.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Kuiken opened by saying that the Town of Frye Island was advertising for a town manager candidate but that they regard this as a back up measure if Raymond and Frye Island doesn't come to an understanding. He also noted that they have erected "no parking" and "tow away zone" signs around the ferry landings in order to allow rescue/fire equipment room for passage.

Mr. Roberts provided a list of his ideas of what Frye Island might cooperate with Raymond on for services. He said the most immediate was the town manager position. It was discussed that the major need was the summer when Frye Island was inhabited. It was also noted that the FI Selectmen meet every other month throughout the rest of the year. The added work and responsibility for keeping two towns running would mean that everything having to do with the Town of Raymond would have to be duplicated for Frye Island. The possibility of having a seasonal division of the responsibility was mentioned with an on island full time town manager or managers for the summer and having Mr. Willard act as town manager for the winter months. The idea of using college interns was discussed but it was felt that the unique facets of Frye Island would be better served by someone who already knows Frye Island. Mr. Willard said that the level of services expected by Frye Island would make a big difference in the cost of any contract arrangement. He didn't see this solution as being a large cost saving as much as Raymond providing services to Frye Island and maintaining continuity. Chief Morse felt that the cooperation of services which has been a fact in fire/rescue could be expanded to other types of services.

Presently Frye Island is undergoing a revaluation using a contract vendor and their CEO duties are provided through contract services. Frye Island would also need the services of such people as a Health Officer. An estimate of services required for the different services would be a necessary component for discussion of contract services for assessing, Code Enforcement, town clerk, bookkeeping etc. Frye Island Public Works is five people one of which is full time year round and the others seasonal. The Island is open from the last week in April to the first week in November. Mr. Willard felt that it might be possible for Raymond to keep Frye Island's Public Works crew working for the winter by picking up more of the Raymond plowing routes. Mr. Roberts said that they had one small plow truck which might be cooperatively used. Chief Morse suggested there be an exchange of equipment lists. Mr. Kuiken also noted that Frye Island would need winter office space and vault space for record preservation.

It was noted that Frye Island has its own trash pickup service on Saturdays and Sundays during the season. They presently use MERC for disposal. It was also mentioned that possibly Frye Island could offer discounts to Raymond citizens for the ferry service, have a designated beach, tennis, golf, or baseball for Raymond's children, or the use of their Community Center. Mr. Desjardins suggested that they join Raymond for a full time recreation department and administrator. Mr. Kuiken also suggested that Frye Island might add a \$1 charge to the ferry ticket to be used toward the upkeep of the Cape Road. The fact that Frye Island now has a core group of trained first responders means that they may be of use to the Raymond Cape area. Mr. Kuiken asked what

Raymond would be expecting for payment. Mrs. Brown replied that the expense would have to be studied. Mr. Willard added that Raymond would have to know how much on island time each of the services would require i.e. assessors' time. It was noted that Frye Island now has about 420 residences and could go to 750. This year the new construction was about \$800,000 in valuation.

Chief Morse said that one area which would have to be addressed by Frye Island is the parking on the mainland. He had talked with a man who would be willing to lease or sell (\$30,000) Frye Island a 3 acre lot near the landing. He felt that this might also house a building which could house a rescue unit as a substation. Chief Morse thought that at Raymond's next rescue unit rotation, the older unit might be housed on the Cape. He added that any danger to the residents was a worry but that his greatest fear for the Cape was forest fire and in that regard asked for a map of Frye Island or the Department's use. He felt that during the summer months a per diem fire fighter would be needed in the future. He also felt that Raymond offering training for Frye Island personnel was an advantage. Mr. Willard noted that the Raymond Selectmen would soon be studying wage and benefits in order to keep Raymond competitive in the area. He continued that there would be more talks with Cumberland County about dispatch services. Chief Morse understood that Cumberland County was adding five new cruisers to their fleet. Mr. Potts asked if Raymond would tax Frye Island for any new added land owned on the mainland. Mr. Willard replied that he thought so but that through cooperation of services it might be considered a joint venture. He also said that the State is encouraging regionalization and might be favorable to these endeavors by enhancing the venture with some funding.

There was brief discussion of town office services i.e. elections. Frye Island uses a calendar year budget with their municipal elections in July and possibly one other meeting during the year. The idea of whether Frye Island residents would have town office services on the island or having to travel to the Raymond Town Office was discussed. It was mentioned that possibly a town clerk could have specific hours on Frye Island in order to i.e. register boats. It was felt that much of this type of business could be done through the mail i.e. absentee voting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Raymond Town Clerk