

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2002

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

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

2. Consideration of previous minutes:

a. August 6, 2002

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. August 13, 2002

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: 3 in favor (McClellan, McDermott, Brown) 2 abstentions (Desjardins, Leavitt).

3. Consideration of a liquor license renewal for Café Sebago: Michael Schmidt owner.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the renewal of this liquor license with the condition that they satisfactorily complete the requirements imposed by the Fire Department. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Consideration of a liquor license renewal for Beacon Lanes & Pizza Lounge: Linda Afthim, owner.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that this was a renewal liquor license even though it had expired on July 14, 2002.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the renewal of this liquor license with the condition that they satisfactorily complete the requirements imposed by the Fire Department. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Consideration of adoption of Bulky Waste Policy.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the Lake Regional Bulky Waste Facility policy has not been officially adopted by Raymond and therefore with a couple of small changes to the Casco version (i.e. definitions of commercial and residential refuse) it would be advantageous to adopt this. The need for a policy would enhance Raymond's ability to determine what is commercial and therefore charge that amount to the owner and not the town.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to adopt the Bulky Waste Policy as described. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Public Hearing Town of Raymond 2001 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Economic Development Infrastructure Program; Waterline Project; Project Status Report.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that there is need for a public hearing upon the completion of the project which would give notice of any outstanding issues of which he knows of none. He added this was a regulatory requirement.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to hold a public hearing for the 2001 Community Development Block Grant for the waterline on September 3, 2002 at 7:00 pm prior to the regular Selectmen's meeting. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Proposed Policy on Accepting Coinage.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester explained that even though Raymond has not had a problem with people paying in bulk amounts of loose coins other towns have and it might be helpful to have a policy in place.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the policy suggested. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Request for Speed Zoning Review Webbs Mills Road, Route 85 at Crescent Beach.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said there have been great concerns about the area around Crescent Beach and especially the speed on Webbs Mills Road (Route 85). The speed limit is now 45 mph. Mr. Willard felt the speed limit should be reduced to 35 mph or even 25 mph as it is in Gray in the Crystal Lake beach area. Mr. Randy Dutton of the Maine Department of Transportation has studied the area and given some recommendations. Mr. Leavitt asked if the State has control of speed limits on all roads. Mr. Willard replied yes. Mr. Desjardins asked what the expense will be to the town. Mr. Willard answered signage and possibly Public Works expense in sweeping the area and striping the parking area and possibly painting a cross walk. It might be possible to have some parking available especially for vehicles and trailers on Town owned land diagonally across the street from the beach.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to request the MDOT do a speed zoning review of Webbs Mills Road (Route 85) in the area of Crescent Beach and to request the speed limit be reduced to 25 mph as it is at Gray's Crystal Beach area. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Executive Session – Personnel Matter.

10. Communications and other business.

a. LRDC Tour and Dinner Meeting for Super Parks.

Mr. Willard said that this would be a day long meeting visiting super parks in Oakland, Gorham, Westbrook, and Scarborough with a dinner meeting afterward to discuss what has been seen. Mrs. Brown suggested that this would be a very long day and that possibly having the dinner on another

night for discussion might be better. However, she commented by having the dinner the same day would keep ideas fresh in your mind. Mr. Desjardins felt the conversation during the dinner would be most important. Four of the Selectmen felt they could attend this day tour and meeting with Mr. Leavitt believing he could attend the dinner meeting.

b. Belfast Suggested Tax Reform.

Mr. Willard said this idea was to have the State collect an additional \$.01 cent sales tax to offset the property tax. Mr. Willard wasn't sure that this would work for Raymond as well as some other service area towns like Windham, South Portland, and Bangor. Mrs. Brown understood that the next legislature would be looking at this and felt we should wait to see what they worked toward.

c. Portland Water District Tour on September 10, 2002

Mr. Willard announced that PWD was hosting tours of their facilities on September 10th at either 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm. Appointments can be phoned to PWD.

d. Lake Region Development Council will be hosting a celebration of our businesses in the area by having a gathering on the Songo River Queen September 12, 2002 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

e. Camp Agawam is now a named insured by the town's insurance company if they wish to allow Raymond recreational groups to use their facility.

f. Public Safety Building.

Mr. Willard updated saying that the building construction was now beyond the level of completion that it had been at the time of the fire in June. They are now working on the electrical and plumbing and will be putting up sheetrock soon. The siding is being finished. Mrs. Brown asked about an open house celebration. Mr. Willard replied it would probably be in November.

g. Mill Street Clear Cutting.

Mr. Desjardins asked what was being done about the clear cutting on Mill Street. Mr. Willard said that Jack Cooper was addressing it and that there was a violation because it is in the Shoreland Zone.

h. Maine Municipal Association Ratio Dividend.

Mr. Willard said that there would be about \$6,000 coming to Raymond from this program.

i. Volunteer Recognition.

Mrs. McDermott felt that there should be a gathering for the volunteers, board and committee members etc. who devote their time to Raymond activities. She suggested a pot luck dinner at some location. Mrs. Brown felt this might be done at the new Public Safety Building because it will

have a kitchen to use.

11. Review and authorize Treasurer's Warrant for August 20, 2002.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$250,884.68. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to go into Executive Session under agenda number 9 to discuss a personnel matter with the Town Manager and Town Attorney. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RECESS: Ada Brown recessed the meeting at 7:32 pm.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Ada Brown re-opened the Selectmen's Meeting at 8:10 pm.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to charge Mark Franko, Town Attorney, to resolve the personnel matter discussed in the Executive Session. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk