

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Postponed from

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

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 dated January 21, 2003.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

AMENDMENT: Charles Leavitt requested the minutes be amended on Item #5 that Abatement Professionals had acknowledged their receiving Addendum #2 and a review of the job specifications.

MOTION AMENDMENT: Betty McDermott and Dana Desjardins amended their motion.

VOTE of Amendment and Motion: 4 in favor (McClellan, Brown, Desjardins, McDermott) 1 abstention (Leavitt)

3. Raymond Baseball/Softball Association - Request for funding assistance.

DISCUSSION: Teresa Sadak, President of Raymond Baseball/Softball Association, came before the Selectmen to request funding for the upcoming season. She said that presently they were in the red for about \$2,000 because of equipment stolen from the block house at Sheri Gagnon Park and for fees needed to pay for league membership. They also need some equipment for field maintenance especially a drag. Mr. Desjardins asked the value of the equipment stolen. Mrs. Sadak replied that the insurance company was dealing with the loss but they didn't know how much they would receive for the loss. She also mentioned that they were now with the league insurance carrier because they had lost their last company because of claims for the past two years because of stolen equipment in those years. She added that steel doors are needed on the block house to protect their equipment. The children also need new helmets because of those that are now too banged up to use or where stolen. The Association has decided to increase their rates for players and also to start sign-up earlier than in years past to have more upfront funds. They believe they will have more than 300 children involved this year. Their expenses include league fees, empire fees, insurance, etc. They also have both a baseball and a softball league. Mr. Willard informed them that the Town held a trust fund called the Luthur Gulick Fund which is for recreation expense in Raymond. At the present time there is over \$18,000 in the fund. Some of this money could be used immediately. Mr. Desjardins asked about the electrical damage done last fall. Mrs. Sadak said that Nathan White was taking care of this along with the company which pulled the wire down. Mr. Leavitt asked if the Association's structure was non-profit. Mrs. Sadak replied that they had a status which allowed them to accept donations and they paid the State \$20 a year. She didn't know what the title was.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to give Raymond Baseball/Softball Association \$3,000 from the Luthur Gulick Fund. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Route 302 Improvement Project Bid Award subject to Maine Department of Transportation final approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that the approval has come from the Maine Department of Transportation and that there were four bids received for the work. Pratt & Sons of Minot, Maine was the low bidder at \$1,810,188.25. Gorrill-Palmer Engineering reviewed and approved their bid. The Route 302 Committee will have a meeting Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 4:00 pm at the Town Office. Mr. Willard continued that the work will begin as soon as possible and the intention is to be greatly finished by July 1, 2003 before the summer rush.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to allow Don Willard to assign and award the contract to Pratt & Sons. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

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

5. Route 302 Speed Zoning Request – Maine Department of Transportation decision.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that the MDOT has approved a speed reduction in the area of Raymond Beach to 50 mph. This will be between Canal Road and Deep Cove Road. He felt that this reduction was not enough and if the Selectmen elected to they could request a meeting with an arbitrator which he advised against for political reasons. Mrs. Brown suggested that they wait and try again with a possible new MDOT administration under our new Governor Baldacci. Mr. Willard concurred and added that Rep. Joe Bruno might be of assistance. The supposition that Windham Rotary will be able to close off Rt 302 for their Fishing Derby was discussed. Mr. Willard said that the MDOT shifted the decision saying that it was a local issue and that they weren't against the idea but did not give outright permission. Mr. Leavitt wanted the Board to go on record as being emphatic about having a lower speed limit in that area because of the liability of cars coming and going from Raymond Beach. Mr. Desjardins said that having lived on Deep Cove Road for a number of years he can say that the Raymond Beach area is dangerous during the peak summer season. Mrs. McClellan felt that if they designated this area as a recreational district and the business district as another it might help our cause in the future. Mr. Desjardins asked if a warning light was planned for the new Public Safety Building. Mr. Willard replied that they were but the funding wouldn't be available until the next budget year at the earliest.

6. Property Tax Abatement Recommendation – Mike O'Donnell, Contract Assessor
O'Donnell & Associates.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement for Map 8, Lot 112 belonging to Norman Farrington in the amount of \$3,404.52 as recommended. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Approval of Quit Claim Deed for Map 16, Lot 21, 111 Spring Valley Road.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve release of the Quit Claim Deed for Map 16, Lot 21 for 111 Spring Valley Road owned by Steven and Julie Mercer. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to go into Executive Session for a personnel discussion. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RECESS: Ada Brown recessed the meeting at 7:36 pm.

8. Executive Session – Personnel discussion.

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 8:21 pm.

9. Communications and other business.

a. National Guard

Mr. Willard explained that he will be asking the Army National Guard if they would help Raymond build a pole barn for Public Works storage at the Plains Road facility. He said this would be for the next fiscal year. Mrs. Brown said that they are going to be building a municipal garage for the Town of Fryeburg this summer and she thought that they might do some work for Raymond. Mr. Willard said that Nathan White, Public Works Director, has an engineered drawing which Gray has used. This would be a three sided structure to store seasonal equipment. He added that Public Works would be using the old District 1 garage as well.

b. Public Safety Building Waterline Break.

Mr. Willard reported that there was a break at a connection site in the pipe from the waterline on Rt 302. He added that the joint was being tested and that this is a construction problem for Glen Builders the contractor. He had concern that there may be subterranean deterioration from the massive leak which would have to be corrected by Glen Builders because Raymond has a year warranty with that company. He noted that Glen Builders had been very responsive to the problem and that Portland Water District was also very helpful in finding the leak.

c. Town Office Asbestos Remediation

Mr. Willard reported that the paperwork on the remediation needed to be endorsed by the Department of Environmental Protection. The contractor was over time and that expense of the job may change to our advantage. The DEP has inspected and approve the job.

d. 2003-2004 Budget

Mr. Leavitt said that our Budget deliberations would begin soon for the Town and school departments. He asked that the public be involved in these talks so that they can hear their opinions. Mr. Willard said that the Town is doing very well with overall growth in population and their associated revenues for the Town. Mrs. Brown concurred encouraging public involvement.

10. Review and authorize February 11, 2003 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$133,964.15. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

11. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk