

Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

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

1. Call to order. Ada Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous minutes dated March 18, 2003.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to accept the minutes with the correction on page 4 #11 letter f which should indicate that both she and Mr. Leavitt had concern that the Budget Finance Committee quorum at the School Budget Meeting was not present and that the ratio between the school and town budget's was too large. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: 4 in favor (McClellan, Leavitt, Brown, Desjardins) 1 abstention (McDermott)

3. Review and discussion of revised Committee Appointment Protocol.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Brown felt that this draft covers everything. Mrs. McClellan wanted all boards and committees to receive a copy of this document for their approval. Mr. Leavitt felt this should be followed by all boards and committees in town. He wanted to clarify that if the public has a concern and the board/committee doesn't agree with the citizens view then there is recourse to the Selectmen. Mr. Willard said he would add that an appeal can be brought to the Selectmen whether the committee or board agrees or not with the applicant.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to approve the Appointment Protocol. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Amendments to this protocol can be made at any time.

4. Discussion and recommendation on Portland Water District legislation to opt out of PUC Regulation.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reviewed that the Portland Water District is a quasi-municipal organization which is looking to operate without the Public Utilities Commission oversight. PWD feels that it can make decisions faster if they don't have to go through the PUC organization. Mrs. Brown said that historically they have been self-governing and in her knowledge of what has happened in Gorham they do things as they want and not what the consumer might like. She felt they also wanted special privileges over other water districts. Mr. Willard said they were a regimented organization with or without the PUC with an elected board and non-profit status. Mr. Desjardins felt that he would like the PUC overseeing what they do in that he is not familiar with what the PWD has done or will do.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to not approve Portland Water District's removal from the governing of the Public Utilities Commission. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Establishment of Cumberland County Charter Commission and public notice of candidate elections.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester reported that Cumberland County is placing on the ballot in November the question of whether the County wants to form a charter and also to elect a Charter Commission of six members (two from each district) who will create the charter for Cumberland County government. This charter would be the ordinance which would organize the county government. Nomination papers are available for anyone from Raymond who would like to be on this charter commission.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to support this charter formation. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Consideration to allow nomination papers prepared for the School Committee two-year term vacated by Tammy Acker.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve that nomination papers be made available for a 2-year position on the School Committee beginning April 2, 2003 with the deadline being April 15, 2003. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Consideration of the awarding of the 2003 Raymond Town College Scholarships – Town Clerk Louise Lester.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester asked that the Selectmen choose what scholarships are to be given this year at their next meeting in executive session. The Selectmen agreed.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to go into executive session for a land use legal issue and a legal review. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous

NOTE: Mrs. McDermott recused herself from the land use issue.

RECESS: Mrs. Brown recessed the meeting at 7:24 pm.

8. Executive Session – Land use legal issue.

9. Executive Session – Legal review.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Mrs. Brown re-opened the meeting at 8:07 pm.

10. Communications and other business.

a.) Adoption of Community Development Week Proclamation.

Mr. Willard reported that he had received a proclamation from Terry Stevens of the State Planning Office concerning Community Development Week April 21 to 27. Since we have been very fortunate in receiving money for our Route 302 project he felt that this would be a good thing to do.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to sign the proclamation. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b.) 2003 CDBG grant

Mr. Willard announced that the 2003 grant has been denied because they said that it lacks criteria for low income people. He said that Caroline Allum of GPCOG helping us to re-apply and rewrite the grant so that it better represents what we're trying to do.

c.) Casco Fire Department mutual aid agreement

Mr. Willard asked the Selectmen to sign the mutual aid agreement with Casco for fire protection. He added that rescue is being dealt with separately.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to sign the agreement. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the agreement.

d.) Frye Island

Mr. Desjardins asked when they would know what the deal will be with Frye Island. Mr. Willard said that Fire Chief Denis Morse is talking with them about that. He added that he had heard from Wayne Fournier, FI Town Manager that they had decided against purchasing the land on the Cape because of usage limitations. They are still looking for a solution to their winter office problem and would entertain sharing office space with the Town of Raymond if it ever becomes available.

e.) Town Report

Mr. Willard asked the Selectmen to whom they would like to dedicate the 2002 Town Report. He said that Elisa Trepanier suggested Reginald Brown (past fire chief and original owner of the donated land where the new Public Safety Building is), Lloyd Thompson (past fire chief and long time volunteer in Raymond), or possibly the American troops now in Iraq. Mrs. Lester noted that in the past there had been some source of dispute with dedicating the Town Report to one person. Mrs. Brown felt that the American troops were deserving. Mr. Desjardins wanted to include Raymond volunteers.

f.) Mr. Willard asked the Selectmen if they had any opposition to allowing the Raymond-Casco Historical Society to use the modular classroom for their museum display at Founders Day. No one objected.

g.) New ordinances.

Mr. Willard reported that the Planning Board public hearing last evening on the ordinances finalized their preparation for the Annual Town Meeting. Mrs. Lester asked if they wished them to be included in the Town Report or appear as a separate document. The Selectmen wished them to be included in the Town Report.

h.) Final Budget vote.

Mr. Willard suggested that on April 7, 2003 when the Selectmen meet with the Budget/Finance Committee that they vote the whole budget. He was aware that they had already voted on the first items but felt for clarity they might wish to vote from the beginning. The Selectmen decided that they

would look at and vote the entire budget.

i.) Technology position.

Mr. Willard noted that there is no conflict with having Kevin Woodbrey apply for the Technology position if it passes Town Meeting.

j.) Yellow ribbons.

Mr. Willard extended the request of Elisa Trepanier that the Town Office display some yellow ribbons in honor of the American troops. She would also like to display American flags on the telephone poles. The Public Works Department will install the flags. The Selectmen agreed.

k.) Thompson vs. the Town of Raymond (boat house issue)

Mr. Leavitt said that he would prefer to go to court on this issue rather than negotiate. Mr. Willard said that it had been remanded to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their recommendation.

l.) 2003-2004 Budget

Mr. Leavitt felt there was a real problem with this year's budget and the financial situation in the State. He referenced the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee's resolution to the Maine State Legislature. He read the resolution concerning among other items the learning results program system which is a non-funded mandate. He also mentioned the Federal unfunded mandates which towns can't afford. He considered these things to be "taxation without representation" because they are requirements for which towns must pay and have no direct say in whether they want them. Mr. Leavitt recommended that the Selectmen vote on giving their recommendation on the School Budget. He indicated that the \$1 million increase this year was greatly incurred because of mandates which take up 30% of that increase.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to add to the agenda for April 15, 2003 to review the School Budget and give the Selectmen's recommendation. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

11. Review and authorize April 1, 2003 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$46,099.29. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

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

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk