Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 3, 2003  

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan; Ralph Norwood, Gorrill-Palmer Engineering; 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 minutes dated: a.) May 20, 2003; b.) May 27, 2003

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2003 and May 27, 2003 as written. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.


Mr. Willard announced the bids for trash/recycling pick up.

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Mr. Willard said that he had a conversation with Karen McNaughton of Pine Tree Waste and felt that they would work with Raymond on its issues.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to accept the bid from Pine Tree Waste. Seconded by Charles Leavitt. VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about the cardboard dumpster problem and Mr. Willard said that Pine Tree Waste had just purchased Goodman Recycling and thought that they might be able to handle cardboard curbside if all of Raymond’s recycling went there instead of Lewiston. They would provide Raymond with all the documentation necessary for our year end totals. Mr. Leavitt thanked Phil Hammett and his Recycling Committee for all their hard work concerning this bid process.

4. Revaluation Status Report – Amanda Simpson, Assessor’s Assistant. DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that Jay Terranto (sp?) of Vision, the low bidder for our revaluation, will hold the price for one year because the rest of the budget will have to be approved at the Annual Town Meeting in May 2004. Our bond counsel said that Raymond could use some of the CIP money to begin the revaluation if wanted. He continued that if Vision finishes our revaluation in one year, Raymond will still have it available for commitment for the tax year 2004-2005 as originally planned.

5. Route 302 Improvement Project Update – Ralph Norwood, Gorrill Palmer Engineers. DISCUSSION: Mr. Norwood reported that 90% of the Route 302 Project is complete with the asphalt overlay finished by the end of the week by MDOT. He noted that there were some complaints about traffic delays and felt that the conditions had been improved during the last of the paving. The only thing left to pave other than the end of the travel way is some sidewalks and driveway aprons. He said that the striping will be finished next week. Seventy five percent of the landscaping is done and 95% of the curbing. He explained that some of the curbing is asphalt and that some is in the areas where the MDOT replaced damaged curbing. Most of the town curbs are granite. Mr. Willard said that the price of the granite is about 10 times that of asphalt, and he hoped in time all the curbing can be granite. Mr. Norwood added that some of the sidewalk areas have asphalt curbs. Mr. Desjardins asked if all of the sidewalks are ADA conforming particularly the area in front of 1329 Roosevelt Trail. Mr. Norwood explained that because of the 24” oil pipeline parallel to the road in that area, they had to protect the oil pipe and had to construct the sidewalk to conform. Mr. Norwood announced that the project would be complete by June 15th except for some light poles which are not available for installation until July 15th. He said that liquidated damages for being late would be $500 per calendar day over the deadline which is about $17,500. The contractor said that he would supply and install flag holders on all the light poles to appease the town if the town would agree not to charge for damages. Mr. Willard asked if the problem was with the contractor or his supplier. Mr. Norwood didn’t know when the contractor ordered the light poles but said that he should have know what he would need back in February. Mr. Desjardins asked if they had put
weed barriers in the planting areas. Mr. Norwood replied that he didn’t think they did but that the planting areas have eight inches of loam and bark mulch. Mr. Willard said there was a year’s warrantee on the plantings but said they would need to look into what will be necessary to maintain the landscaping. He said the town would have to depend on volunteers to keep the plantings looking good. Mr. Desjardins asked if the salt from the road would be a problem. Mr. Norwood replied that the plants were picked for their hardiness and thought that only those plants which could withstand the conditions of their location would have been chosen. He continued that the project budget for both the MDOT and the Route 302 Project were on target. The Route 302 Project has used the contingency money but said that it would come in around the projected amount. Mr. Willard noted that the paving was almost done and he apologized for the traffic delays during this process. He felt that the long term benefit from this work will be worth our current inconvenience. Mr. Norwood presented a check from Gorrill-Palmer Engineers in the amount of $220 to donate to Raymond’s flag project. The Selectmen thanked him.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to appoint Matthew Schafer as the alternate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Communications and other business.
   a. Intersection Route 302 and Canal Road.
      Mr. Willard reported that there apparently had been a petition circulated concerning this intersection years ago but didn’t know exactly when it was submitted. He announced that there will be a meeting on June 16th at the Town Office at 7:00 pm with the Route 302 Project Committee and anyone who would like to attend where this issue will be discussed. Mr. Desjardins felt that the MDOT should be pressed to make this change. Mrs. McClellan said that the intersection had been mentioned in several of their Route 302 meetings but that nothing had been realized from it. The Route 302 Committee had introduced this several times but money was always a stopgap. Mr. Willard thought this was a state responsibility whether they use different lights or change the intersection and that the town should pursue it.

   b. Abatement Professionals
Mr. Willard reported that the town has received notice that Abatement Professionals is taking Raymond to small claims court. He felt that since Abatement Professionals didn’t complete the job before the deadline, the town was justified in not paying the whole bill.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to have Don Willard and Charles Leavitt appear in court to represent the Board of Selectmen and the Town in this matter. Seconded by Christine McClellan.
VOTE: 3 in favor (McClellan, Brown, Desjardins) 1 abstention (Leavitt)

c. Grass mowing of Sheri Gagnon Park.
Mr. Desjardins asked that the grass be mowed soon in the front field of Sheri Gagnon Park and also the field at the school. Mr. Willard said that he would look into Sheri Gagnon Park but that the school field was the responsibility of the school.

d. Catering License
Mrs. Lester asked that the Selectmen sign a temporary catering license for Personal Touch Catering to serve a wedding at Kingsley Pines on June 14, 2003.
MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the catering license for Personal Touch for June 14, 2003. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.
VOTE: Unanimous.

e. Video meeting June 4, 2003
It was decided to have the meeting tomorrow videoed since it was the continuation of this meeting.

f. Route 302 Project.
It was discussed that Raymond has experienced an education in the construction of this Route 302 Project. Mrs. McClellan felt there were some responsibility gaps in the process where Raymond expected the MDOT to help i.e. traffic signs when they were not willing to do so. Mr. Willard said he was disappointed in the MDOT’s willingness to help and felt that Raymond should not have to pay for the rental of the portable traffic signs since the MDOT was working on the road as well. Mr. Leavitt wanted everyone to know that Mr. Willard accepted this responsibility even though he was not instrumental in starting the project. The original work was done prior to his taking office in Raymond. He wanted Mr. Willard to know that the Selectmen appreciate his work on this and all other projects that he has been handed.

g. Special Town Meeting June 14, 2003
Mr. Willard announced that the Special Town Meeting will be June 14, 2003 at Jordan-Small Middle School at 10:00 am. He added that tomorrow evening June 4th will be a combined Selectmen’s, Budget/Finance Committee, and School Committee meeting on the budget to go to the Special Town Meeting.
MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Warrant in the amount of $570,553.03. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Adjourn (to continue meeting with School Committee and Budget Finance Committee on June 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Raymond Elementary School).
MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to continue this meeting until June 4, 2003 at Raymond Elementary School at 7:00 pm.
VOTE: Unanimous.

CONTINUED: Ada Brown continued the meeting at 7:50 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk