

Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, June 17, 2003

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan, Lonnie Taylor and Teresa Sadak from Raymond Baseball; 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 minutes dated: a.) June 3, 2003;

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the Minutes of June 3, 2003 as written. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

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

b.) June 4, 2003.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2003 as written. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

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

3. Consideration of contract assessing services extension with O'Donnell and Associates.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that O'Donnell Associates will not be working for the town after June 30, 2003. However they will aid us in establishing the commitment for the 2003-2004 tax year at an hourly rate. He asked to make a salary adjustment for Amanda Simpson in the fall when she takes over more responsibility for our assessing. At the present she should be considered our assessor's assistant working at 32 hours a week.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to hire Amanda Simpson as Raymond's assessor's assistance until such time as she is a certified assessor. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Presentation of administrative abatement – Beacon Lanes Corp. – Michael O'Donnell.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that this abatement was for a business which is now gone and bankrupt in the amount of \$5,620.71. It was decided that for the future the town find a way to deal with this kind of issue where the business owner holds no real estate but only has personal property.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to accept as recommended by Michael O'Donnell. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins asked that they hear from Mike O'Donnell why this was allowed to happen and what remedy the town can take to keep it from happening again.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Public Works vehicle damage/accident update – Nathan White, Public Works Director.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard told the meeting about the fact that two of Raymond's public works trucks collided without personal injury to the workers. He reported that with some of the repair work being done by Public Works the insurance claims should allow both trucks back in service without any additional funds from the town. He added that Nathan

White the Public Works Director will be working on a policy to keep this from happening again.

6. Raymond Baseball/Softball request to install scoreboard at Sheri Gagnon Park.

DISCUSSION: Lonnie Taylor told the Selectmen that he would like permission to pay for and erect a scoreboard at Sheri Gagnon Park. He would also like to have an advertising sign for his business Speedy Warehouses, Inc. under the scoreboard. Mrs. Sadak also said that they would like to approach other business(es) to put up another scoreboard on the larger field at Sheri Gagnon. The poles to hold up the signs were noted could come from FairPoint or another voluntary donation. Mr. Taylor said one of the father's of a player will donate his time to install the sign(s).

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to accept the scoreboard from Lonnie Taylor, Speedy Warehouses, Inc. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. Willard asked them to work with Jack Cooper the Code Enforcement Officer.

7. Formal acceptance of Planning Board resignation – Patrick Cayer.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to accept upon recommendation from the Planning Board the resignation of Patrick Cayer from that board. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: The Board wished to thank Mr. Cayer for his years of service on the Planning Board.

8. Discussion and clarification of Article 17 of the Raymond Personnel Policy: Health, Dental and Life Insurance.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard introduced the issue of a non-custodial parent being eligible for the increased retirement contribution if the child(ren) is/are covered under another insurance program. Mr. Leavitt said he thought our current policy allows that. Mrs. McClellan felt that if the non-custodial parent didn't have a legal responsibility to provide insurance coverage for the child(ren) that the town should not be paying the added retirement benefit if the children were insured elsewhere. Mr. Willard said he would be sure that this was the case.

9. Joint Proclamation Celebration and Founders Days - Towns of Gray and Raymond.

NOTE: Mrs. Brown read the proclamation. Mr. Willard announced that this proclamation would be carried Founders Day on a relay run between Gray and Raymond.

10. Communications and other business.

NOTE: Mr. Willard announced that the 2003 Bicentennial Founders Day Celebration would be this Saturday, June 21, 2003.

a. Dispatch Center moving to Public Safety Building - Thursday, June 19, 2003.

Mr. Willard reported that plans are made to move Dispatch to the Public Safety Building on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. He also said that the new plantings and general landscaping was

coming along nicely. The damage from the waterline break in the driveway has been repaired.

b. New Solid Waste and Recycling Company – Pine Tree Waste effective July 1, 2003; Mr. Willard announced that Pine Tree Waste would be starting their new contract on July 1<sup>st</sup>. They had held our contract prior to BBI for about 10 year’s duration.

c. Notice of Hearing – Small Claims Court – Abatement Professionals vs. Town of Raymond, Thursday, August 21, 2003 @ 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Willard announced that he and Charles Leavitt would be going to small claims court on August 21<sup>st</sup> over the Abatement Professionals claim. Mrs. McClellan said that she would like to attend as well.

d. Junkyard Ordinance.

Mr. Willard explained that the Planning Board has resumed discussion about the Junkyard Ordinance changes. Mr. Leavitt said that he thought the problem spot on Raymond Hill Road was being cleaned up.

e. MMA Nominating Petition

Mr. Willard explained that Dana Lee from Mechanic Falls who was a leader in the drive for MMA’s tax reform petition, would like to run for Vice President of the Board of Directors for MMA. He indicated that the nominating committee had picked another person but Mr. Lee would like to be a candidate. The request was for our Selectmen to sign his petition but it would not commit them to vote for him.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to sign Mr. Lee’s petition in order to allow him to run for the Vice President position on the MMA’s Board of Directors. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

11. Review and authorize June 17, 2003 Treasurer’s Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Warrant in the amount of \$105,462.70. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk