

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 15, 2003

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer, 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 July 1, 2003.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Route 302 Improvement Project update and discussion of potential liquidated damages for street lighting – Tom Gorrill, Gorrill-Palmer Engineers.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that Gorrill-Palmer would not be attending tonight but that the final accounting of the project was being done and that there might be an overrun. A report from Pratt & Sons through Gorrill-Palmer was expected by August 5, 2003. The project is complete with the exception of illuminating the street lights and resolving the problem of weeds in the grass areas and in the planting beds. The landscaper said that it would re-seed the grass areas and keep the weeds from the beds for this year. He added that the stolen and dead plants/trees have been and will be replaced by the landscaping company without cost to the town. Maintenance for these areas will be included in next year's budget. An herbicide will be applied this summer for the weeds. He added that the sidewalks are being used by quite a few people. Mr. Desjardins asked if Central Maine Power will charge for hooking up the street lights. Mr. Willard replied that they will be functioning soon but hadn't heard whether there will be a charge from CMP. Mr. Leavitt asked Mr. Willard to relay to Gorrill-Palmer that he expects a very detailed report on August 5th. Mr. Willard reported that the liquidated damages from the delay in completion of the project is \$12,500. The lighting company did install flag brackets on the street light poles but didn't know if that would be included in the price or deducted from the liquidated damages amount.

4. Junkyard Update: Jack Cooper CEO.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cooper reported that the decision of the court in the matter of Map 15, Lot 92 Beth-Ann Hurd and George E. Chevarie was in Raymond's favor and the damages to Raymond were found to be \$76,300 plus penalties of \$2,460.96. Mr. Cooper suggested that the Selectmen enact a lien on that property of ±3 acres in that amount to insure that it will be paid. Mr. Cooper noted that it appears that the area is beginning to be cleaned up. Mr. Leavitt asked what the time line was on a lien? Mr. Cooper replied that he would find out. Mr. Willard recommended a lien be put on that property.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to exercise a lien on the property Map 15, Lot 92 in the amount necessary. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cooper explained that the Planning Board is working on revising the Junkyard Ordinance. At this time they are trying to find a way to allow temporary or commercial dumpsters to remain because they now are considered a storage container by the ordinance. Mrs. Brown asked when it will be ready for a town meeting. Mr. Cooper felt it would be ready for the next special town meeting available.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to take item #6 out of order so that it can be heard before they go into executive session. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

Betty McDermott excused herself from this executive session because of conflict of interest.

RECESS: Ada Brown recessed the meeting at 7:25 pm.

5. Executive session: land use legal issue.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Ada Brown re-opened the meeting at 7:44 pm.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to have the Town Manager solicit bids from a request for proposal as discussed including appropriate changes made in the Executive Session for hydrogeological testing at the old Egypt Road landfill site. Fifty percent of the cost will be borne by the Town and 50% by Trudilynn Files, the developer. This money to be taken from the unexpected needs account. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. Willard said this expense will probably be about \$15,000 for the first phase.

6. Communications and other business.

a. Regional Dispatch Office.

Mr. Willard said that he had received a letter from Esther Clenott, Chairman of the Cumberland County Commissioners, expressing an interest in re-opening talks about having the regional dispatch office in Raymond's new Public Safety Building. He wanted affirmation from the Selectmen to respond saying that Raymond was still interested. Chief Morse and he had already begun collecting correspondence and other materials from the past two years of discussion about this subject. Chief Morse has prepared a lengthy memo to the commissioners. Mrs. Brown directed Mr. Willard to proceed with an affirmative answer. Mr. Leavitt asked that the tone should be of Raymond's extensive exercise in the recent past of trying to do everything it can to welcome Cumberland County's dispatch in Raymond. Mr. Willard replied that he would prepare a complete report and attach pertinent documentation for the Selectmen and County Commissioners.

b. Raymond Baseball.

Mr. Desjardins complained that the two school baseball fields were filled with weeds which should be taken care of before the fields are lost to them. Mr. Willard said that he had talked with Superintendent Sandra Caldwell about the ball field problem. She said that the dead spots on the fields were due to the Founders Day traffic and tent set ups. Mr. Desjardins felt that some of the damage was from the fields being mowed too close and not getting enough water. He wanted to know if they would be taking care of the fields or whether he should try to get volunteers to do it. Mrs. Brown asked Mr. Willard to send a letter of request. Mr. Desjardins said that the mowing contractor didn't use a bagger which re-seeds the fields with weeds. Mr. Desjardins also asked if something could be done about keeping dog excrement off the fields at Sheri Gagnon Park. He found the sign requesting dogs being kept off the fields taken down and asked that it be bolted to the fence. Mr. Willard said that he would take care of that.

7. Review and authorize Treasurer's Warrants dated: a.) June 30, 2003; and
b.) July 15, 2003.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant dated June 30, 2003 in the amount of \$86,149.47. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant dated July 3, 2003 (warrant was drawn prior to Treasurer leaving for vacation) in the amount of \$23,036.27. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Adjourn.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk