

Town of Raymond
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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 6, 2004

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan; Nathan White, Public Works Director; 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 December 16, 2003.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Leavitt, McClellan, Brown) 2 abstentions (McDermott, Desjardins)

3. Route 302 Improvement Project – Drainage concern - Anthony Accuosti, Raymond Plaza Shopping Center.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard introduced a letter from Anthony Accuosti which is a written notice of hazard concerning especially the north end of his parking lot access to Route 302. Elizabeth Avenue is also a concern for flooding. Mr. Willard noted that the Route 302 Project was not a drainage solving endeavor but an overlayment with other enhancements like lighting and sidewalks. He said that Gorrill Palmer felt that the problems in the area have been improved to some degree. Mr. White felt that they are the same or worse in places with no drainage possibility within the plaza area. He said that if the town decides to work on Elizabeth Avenue the town does own some property where a catch basin could be located. The other entrances would have to be engineered to MDOT standards. He added that Owens McCullough of Sebago Technics has been looking at the problems but has not completed his appraisal. Mr. Willard announced that there will be expenses for engineering and any changes to be made. He suggested going into a cost apportionment agreement with Mr. Accuosti but said there is no money in the 2003-2004 budget for it. He suggested considering it for another budget year. Mrs. McClellan felt that the north end of the parking area was the worse part but felt that the new pavement shims had improved it to some degree. Mr. White estimated Viola Street improvement would be from \$5,000 to \$8,000 which could be taken from the present CIP with the work being done next spring. Mrs. Brown felt that part of the cost should be paid by Mr. Accuosti because he put in the original parking lot for the shopping center. Mrs. McDermott concurred. Mr. White added that this fall there was flooding many places in Raymond and the plaza was not alone with this problem. Mr. Leavitt noted that Mr. McCullough suggested they look at the “as built” survey from Gorrill Palmer which was a part of the Route 302 Project. He asked that this be tabled until they have studied that survey. Mr. White felt that the best solution is to put in catch basins which will be linked to the existing MDOT system. Mr. Desjardins asked

that Mr. Accuosti be informed of the time frame for this work. Mr. Leavitt also had concern for the snow storage issues in the parking lot which should be dealt with.
MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to table until the “as built” survey has been studied.
Seconded by Betty McDermott.
VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Executive Session – Selectmen Personnel Concern.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to go into executive session. Seconded by Betty McDermott. Charles Leavitt recused himself from the session.
VOTE: 4 in favor (Desjardins, McDermott, McClellan, Brown) 1 abstention (Leavitt)

RECESS: Ada Brown recessed the meeting at 7:20 pm.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Betty McDermott.
VOTE: 4 in favor (Desjardins, McDermott, McClellan, Brown) 1 abstention (Leavitt)

RE-OPEN MEETING: Ada Brown re-opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

NOTE: Mrs. McClellan announced that the matter is unresolved at this time.

5. Communications and other business.

a. Shorefront owners’ rights.

Diane Shively came before the Board asking what rights the shorefront owners’, especially on Sebago Lake, have with keeping ice fishermen and snowmobiles away from their shore. She complained that these sportsmen were relieving themselves at the shoreline and wondered whether the town would take responsibility for portapotties for their use especially at the boat haul out on Route 302. She felt that this area was particularly used because of access to the lake and the introduction of the location to the general public by the Ice Fishing Derby. Mr. Willard assured her that during the Ice Fishing Derby there were facilities provided by the Rotary Club, sponsors of the event, but felt that the rest of the winter would be the responsibility of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. He felt that she should talk with them as to what their position is on it for all lakes around the state. Dr. Shively noted that her family feels like they live on a snowmobile highway. She wanted to know the distance from the shoreline IF&W designates for snowmobilers and fishermen. It was felt that the high water mark was the boundary of her land toward the water. Dr. Shively asked that the town place some signage at the boat haul out asking the public to respect privately owned shorefront. Mr. Willard encouraged Mrs. Shively to speak with Tom Noonan the organizer of the Ice Fishing Derby about her concerns.

b. General Assistance Certification

Mr. Willard announced that Donna Lovely has earned her State certification for General Assistance administration. Mr. Leavitt asked that a letter of congratulations be sent her.

c. MDOT Safety Division

Mr. Willard reported that the MDOT will be doing a safety assessment of Route 121 (Meadow Road).

d. CIP Draft Published

Mr. Willard announced that the 2004-2005 CIP draft was available.

e. MDOT Transportation Improvement Plan

Mr. Willard distributed prepared brochures from the MDOT concerning the Transportation Improvement Plan and how towns can apply for improvements.

f. Abatement Professionals

Mr. Willard related that a letter from Abatement Professionals had been received which changes the amount owed them from \$1,000 to \$4,000. He added that the court case will be January 15, 2004 where Charles Leavitt and he will represent the town unless the Selectmen believe they should take legal counsel with them. The Board felt that they could handle it.

6. Review and authorize January 6, 2004 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$359,773.39. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk