

Town of Raymond
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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 3, 2004
Postponed to Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Dana Desjardins; Christine McClellan; Bruce Sawyer, Windham Rotary; Karen McNaughton and Dave McNally from Pine Tree Waste; Phil Hammett, Chairman Recycling Committee; John Rand, Raymond Waterways; 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 January 20, 2004.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to accept the minutes as written with the following correction under #3 that the record show the vote was 3 in favor and 2 opposed. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous. (Desjardin was not present)

3. Windham Rotary Annual Fishing Derby – Event discussion – Tom Noonan, Derby Coordinator.

DISCUSSION: Bruce Sawyer represented Windham Rotary reporting that the fish weigh station would be at Raymond Beach. There would also be cold water divers there, 5 police officers in the area, 12 wardens on the ice, hospitality booths in the parking lot, and a hospitality tent where a band would be playing for background music. There will be a Fisherman of the Year contest on Saturday at 3:00 pm. The polar ice dip will be at the beach at 1:00 pm on Saturday. There will be snow sculpture in the area. The air show will be on Saturday from 11 to 1 with a bad weather date of Sunday from 11 to 1. He asked that they be allowed to use Tassel Top Park for overflow parking. He indicated that the Rotary would provide proof of insurance, and would pay for snow removal. Mr. Willard asked if they would need the town for snow removal or use a private contractor. He said that Mr. Noonan would have to answer that question. He noted that they would be paying for the police security. Mr. Willard asked that there be a meeting with the Fire Department and police so that everyone is coordinated. He continued by asking if they were prepared with porta-potties and dumpsters. Mr. Sawyer replied yes. Mr. Willard asked if the Rotary would be reimbursing the town for rescue/fire coverage and any other town expenses incurred because of the Derby. He said that the town was reimbursed by funding or exchange for services i.e. fireworks. He also noted that the Rotary was willing to work with the town on other issues and items. Mr. Leavitt asked that there be a final report at the next Selectmen's meeting on February 17th.

4. Recycling Issues and Proposals – Phil Hammett, Chairman Recycling committee.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Hammett had two issues to discuss: 1) looking into limiting the weekly trash limit to one container in order to encourage recycling, 2) finding a way to recycling cardboard other than our current drop off site which is very problematic. He said that the one barrel limit would take a lot of study but wanted to increase our curbside recycling up from our current 9%. He indicated that Portland with their pay per bag program has 38% rate and Windham's program is at

35%. He felt that if we did a 35% rate the town would save hauling about 650,000 pounds of trash. The saving on tipping fees at \$48/ton would be about \$50,000. He said education programs were needed for the public as well as creative composting ideas. He felt that a better collection system might keep costs down as well. The cardboard drop off is generating much more cardboard than a town our size should which means that people from other towns are using our facility. Mr. McNally said that at 4 am one morning while he was taking the cardboard there was a Windham company there dumping. Mr. Willard said the site needs to be regulated or moved to a secure location. He said he is talking with the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility to see if they would house our cardboard collection dumpsters. At this point they are considering it. It was felt that curbside cardboard recycling would be problematic especially for Pine Tree Waste. Mr. McNally said it would probably require a third truck for eight hours. Mr. Leavitt felt that using the Plains Road site would be difficult with the traffic already there. He asked about the parking lot at the Public Safety Building where there would be someone watching the dumpsters and possibly video surveillance. Mr. Willard noted that space and enforcement was a problem. Ms. McNaughton added that contamination of the cardboard especially for the pick up during and after storms was difficult. This made it very time consuming for Pine Tree Waste as well as expensive to maintain. Mr. McNally said that Raymond was a victim of Windham's and other town's programs. Ms. McNaughton reported that the curbside recycling trucks were full now and that adding cardboard would not be a part of the current contract. Mr. McNally said they were now using two trucks where the contract only calls for one which they are willing to do. He felt that with their experience in hauling recycling, taking cardboard would require another truck and probably a 50-70% increase in cost. Ms. McNaughton explained that Pine Tree Waste wanted to work with Raymond and would gladly remove cardboard from the LRBWF if that was the chosen alternative where she was sure contaminants would not be a problem. Mr. McNally said Pine Tree Waste would continue to service Raymond no matter what was decided. They said Pine Tree would be happy to contribute to any discussions about these problems. Mr. Leavitt asked about joining with LRBWF for cardboard. Mr. Hammett replied that their cardboard goes to RWS and our recycling is contracted to Lewiston. Mr. Willard said a study would be done and a plan formulated. Mr. Hammett agreed that monitoring was necessary. Mr. Leavitt asked for cost implications and considerations. Mrs. Brown felt that the Recycling Committee should become active again and work on this. Mr. Hammett said that Tom Carter had done the research on Windham. Mr. Leavitt recommended that as soon as a move is planned, signs should be posted so that the residents know what to expect.

5. Request for use of space at Modular Office Building – John Rand, Raymond Waterways Protective Association.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rand explained that Noralee Raymond was a part-time employee who is a water shed specialist. She works 2 to 4 days a week (seasonal) for Raymond Waterways in the water shed and milfoil program. He indicated that the RWPA will become a more formal organization applying for its 501C3 status as a non-profit corporation. In this way it can apply for grants without having to use the town for a backup. At this time he asked for part-time office space for Ms. Raymond where she would have access to a telephone and a hook up for her computer. Mr. Rand said that the RWPA has a budget for her expenses i.e. phone etc. Mrs. Brown approved. Mr. Willard informed them that the RWPA is a privately funded organization which is using the town to collect donations and pay salaries and expenses from their funds. He added that they would be applying for another grant using the town's 501C3 status. Mr. Rand noted that this year they would be a stand alone organization as soon as they can become a 501C3 corporation. Mr. Willard felt that the town's insurance would also cover Ms. Raymond when in the modular. Mr. Leavitt had concern about whether this would be fair to other groups. He felt that a contractual agreement might be needed with parameters stated. Mr. Willard noted that maybe a more formal relationship could be expressed. Mrs. McClellan asked if they should become a town committee. Mr. Willard

said he would work on an agreement which would protect both entities in this relationship. He noted that he would begin with Maine Municipal Association legal but if other legal assistance was necessary the cost would be incurred by the RWPA. Mr. Rand indicated that the Bridgton group was looking to regionalize and that the RWPA was already involved with Casco to some extent because of our mutual water bodies. Mr. Leavitt asked that this be on the next Selectmen's agenda.

6. Communications and other business.

a. Technology Committee

Mrs. McClellan reported that the Technology Committee met on January 30, 2004 and finished a report which the Selectmen now have regarding the items which have been accomplished to date as well as a list of 31 items which they are working on. She said it was a very productive committee which has saved the town a great deal of money by their efficient work and their prudent purchases with the help of the town manager through state surplus and other means. Mr. Leavitt felt that user fees should be utilized. Mrs. McClellan said they were working on that and had already seen some return. Mr. Willard said that they had already sold some maps from the GIS system.

7. Review and authorize February 3, 2004 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$55,094.36. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk