

Town of Raymond  
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Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 17, 2004

Attendance: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Charles Leavitt; Christine McClellan; Tom Noonan, Windham Rotary; Marcia Corradini, Town Office/Library Building Committee; 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 February 4, 2004.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to accept the minutes as written with the following correction that the start time was 6:00 pm. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Review of Building Committee Mission – Marcia Corradini.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Corradini asked if the Selectmen wanted the committee to continue, recess, or dissolve because of the economic climate in Raymond at this time. Mrs. Brown encouraged her to continue until we know what the economy is going to do and whether the new property tax proposition is going to be adopted whereupon many things will have to be cut. Mrs. McDermott concurred that the need is here but a new building isn't possible at this time. She felt that if the planning goes ahead then the town will be ready when the time is right. Mr. Willard acknowledged that in every town it seems the town office is the last building to be improved. He added that it will not be done this year. Mr. Leavitt commended the committee on its work on the inventory and what it has done so far on establishing the need. Mrs. Corradini reported that the committee was also circulating a video tape made by the Dunn Corp which illustrates the kind of improvements Raymond has been doing recently to the Route 302 corridor and what that can do for a town. Mr. Leavitt indicated that it was good to keep informed about what land was available for a town office/library and what money might be procured for the project. He felt it was a very productive group.

4. Discussion – Proposed activities for 2004 Windham Rotary Annual Fishing Derby – February 21 & 22, 2004 – Tom Noonan, Derby Coordinator.

DISCUSSION: Tom Noonan informed the Selectmen that the snowplowing at Raymond Beach and Tassel Top would be done by Raymond Public Works. If large equipment was needed they would pay for that. Mr. Willard said that they would compensate for fire/rescue services. Mr. Noonan reported that they would provide six regular and one handicapped portapotties and a six yard dumpster at the Beach. He added that the State Police and all dispatches who direct vehicles through the area were informed of their plans if Route 302 is detoured through Main Street. The Rotary have hired five deputies for traffic/crowd control. There will also be signage to direct people where to go for parking and any detours necessary. He felt that in the future they would arrange for shuttle buses from further parking areas if necessary and asked if the Raymond school buses might be available. Mr. Willard suggested that he contact the School Department for availability. He reported that they had 6,500 people last year. There will be 10 to 20 aircraft displayed on the ice. Model aircraft will be displayed and demonstrated beginning at 10:00 am on

Saturday. He explained that they have prepared a skating rink on the ice which will be for general use beginning later this week and throughout the weekend. There is presently 20" of ice. He felt that this might be maintained annually from now on for the public to use if the town agreed. There will be an ice sculpture of an aircraft which children can climb on. He felt that the only drawback might be that some of the aircraft are very noisy which might lead to some complaints. Mr. Willard suggested that they talk with other surrounding towns about renting their buses if Raymond can't or doesn't have enough for their purposes.

5. Discussion-Formation Route 302 Beautification Committee – Michael McClellan, Executive Director, Greater Bridgton Lake Region Chamber of Commerce.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that the Route 302 Improvement Committee is a group of people who are interested in keeping the corridor attractive. Mrs. McClellan said the original committee has developed into this aspect of the project and they were interested in developing some of the TIF money into a budget for its care. Mr. Willard noted that maintenance of the landscaping etc was necessary to keep it looking good. Mr. McClellan explained that his group was a visioning committee which will make plans to maintain and enhance the Route 302 corridor. Their next meeting is next Tuesday or Wednesday. He added that many of the local businesses are on the committee. He felt that in the future there would have a mission/vision statement which would be presented to the Selectmen. Mr. Leavitt asked if there are an optimum number of members for this committee. Mr. McClellan said he wasn't aware of one and that membership is open to anyone who would like to help. Mr. Leavitt said that he would like to see a statement of goals and the size of the steering committee. Mr. Willard asked for direction from the Selectmen to continue. Mr. McClellan felt they would be ready for town meeting. Mrs. McDermott suggested they contact the Hawthorne Garden Club, Glenda Wallace, President, for help.

6. Discussion of request to receive in-office U.S. Postal Service.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the town office's mail delivery was a concern because of the mail box's location on Webbs Mills Road which was a hazard on a hill and blocking visibility coming out of the parking lot. He reported that the mail is now being delivered inside the building. He thanked Mrs. McDermott for her research of delivery to other entities in town. Mrs. Brown thanked Mr. Willard for his fast work on this problem.

7. Communications and other business.

a. Ken Thompson vs. Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Willard reported that a letter from Chris Vaniotis, town attorney, suggested that the town consider a resolution to this case of allowing Mr. Thompson to construct his building within town ordinance with all permits plus \$250 damages and payment of all town legal fees which amount to \$5,063.55 in return for Raymond dropping their case against him. Mr. Thompson has not accepted these terms as yet.

b. Road Posting

Raymond's town roads will be closed to trucks over 23,000 pounds from February 27 to May 21, 2004 unless the roads are frozen.

c. Cardboard drop-off

Mr. Willard reported that the Lake Region Bulky Waste has offered to hold our cardboard dumpsters at \$.05 per pound. He felt this was too expensive and asked for reconsideration of which David Morton hasn't replied.

d. Bulky Waste

Mr. Willard noted that as indicated on the bulky waste historical spreadsheet the amount of bulky waste has risen dramatically in the last year. He felt that the increase was from Raymond's increased building boom.

e. 2004-2005 Budget

The next meeting on the budget will be next Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

f. Library minutes.

Mrs. McDermott announced that the Selectmen would be receiving the minutes from the Library meetings.

8. Review and authorize February 17, 2004 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$56,090.96. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk