

Town of Raymond  
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Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 4, 2004

ATTENDANCE: Ada Brown, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Christine McClellan; Dana Desjardins; Charles Leavitt; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; 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:

a. April 20, 2004

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the minutes with two corrections: 1) Charles Leavitt was not in attendance and 2) on page 3 relative to Egypt Road, the name Tridilynn should be spelled Trudylynn. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

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

3. Consideration of new street names – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper.

a. Alton Drive located off Mountain Road.

b. Fire Lane 26 – Mars in Sol Road – change the name to Mystic Cove Road.

DISCUSSION: Jack introduced the road name changes as Alton Drive being a new road and Mystic Cove Road as requested by the new owners.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the names of Alton Drive and Mystic Cove Road. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Consideration of the awarding of the 2004 Raymond Town College Scholarships – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to go into executive session to discuss the town scholarships. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RECESS: Ada Brown recessed the meeting at 7:04 pm.

VOTE: Unanimous

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Christine McClellan

RE-OPENED MEETING: Ada Brown re-opened the meeting at 7:14 pm.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McDermott noted that there were seven excellent applicants. The following students will receive \$500.00 scholarships.

Alva Clough Scholarship: Jody Bagley

Carleton E. Edwards Scholarship: Clinton Randall and Jolie Frye

Collins Day Scholarship: Edward Greeley, William Yates and William Kosaelny

George Woods Scholarship: Amanda Niles

Mr. Desjardins wished to congratulate the applicants for their great applications and to wish them the best of luck in college. Mrs. Brown remarked that they presented excellent resumes and complete applications.

5. Communications and other business.

- a. Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Willard announced that the State Planning Office informed the Committee that there are some inconsistencies and additions to be made to the Plan in order to have their approval. He felt it was unlikely that the town can approve the Comprehensive Plan at town meeting May 15th. The SPO found that the Plan was exemplary in some aspects. Mr. Willard asked if the Selectmen felt it should be introduced at a later town meeting. Mr. Desjardins asked if this would need a special town meeting or wait until the next annual town meeting. Mr. Willard replied that it could be done either way. Mrs. McClellan said that she was very surprised that this has happened. Mr. Willard concurred that Rich Rothe was also very surprised and felt that some requirements for the plan had been changed in the SOP's office since his last information from them. Mr. Desjardins asked if Mr. Willard and the town office staff could help them out. Mr. Willard said that he was willing to do whatever was necessary but felt that Mr. Rothe was a very good consultant and that his expertise was adequate to finish the Plan. Mr. Leavitt noted that one of the criticisms was that some of the maps were not clear or complete enough. He thought that maybe the Plan should have been approved by town staff before submission. Mr. Willard said that there was some discussion about the maps which were from our GIS office in that the map illustration was too intense for reproduction in black and white from color. The staff didn't feel that the map copies were good enough for the Plan. Mr. Willard announced that there would be an article in the special Roadrunner edition about this problem. Mrs. McClellan felt that they could table this at town meeting. Mr. Willard said that the Comprehensive Plan Committee would meet before town meeting and decide what they want to do. Mr. Willard noted that either it's approved and then amendments made or tabled until another town meeting.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to table and remand it back to the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Candidates Night

Mrs. McDermott announced that the video of Candidates Night would be run at different times every day until the election. She thanked Kevin Woodbrey and Don Alexander for their quick response to video the meeting.

c. Town Meeting lunch

Mrs. McDermott asked the Selectmen if they wanted the Lions Club to serve lunch for town meeting. Mrs. McClellan said that she would donate hotdogs to the Lions Club to sell at town meeting. Mr. Willard informed them that Ellen Van Haasteren has asked if their fundraising for Odyssey of the Mind could provide food at the meeting. Mrs. McDermott felt that their need was more immediate than the Lions Clubs.

d. Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Leavitt announced that Town Meeting would start at 10:00 am at Jordan-Small Middle School. The special edition of the Roadrunner will be 16 pages which is the largest regular edition in Raymond's history. He added that it's on the website ([raymondmaine.org](http://raymondmaine.org)) if for some reason you don't see it in print.

e. Town Elections.

Mr. Leavitt announced that May 14<sup>th</sup> would be elections from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm at Jordan-Small Middle School. He thanked the town staff for their work for the three years of his tenure. He also noted that the special Roadrunner edition is privately funded and not paid for by the town. He added that the Lake Region Suburban News would also be publishing lots of information about the town election and meeting. He encouraged people to talk to town employees and officials to get what information they need to make their decisions at town meeting. Mr. Leavitt asked if there have been any decisions about public information for the town. Mr. Willard inquired if he meant press releases. Mr. Leavitt felt that the town could use the press largely in informing residents about town work. Mr. Willard mentioned that meeting packages are made available to the press. Mr. Leavitt asked if the town could use "canned" news press releases. Mr. Willard asked John Balantine of the Lake Region paper if they get any "canned" press releases from other towns. Mr. Balantine didn't think so but said the Westbrook paper does offer a less expensive advertising page to a town, which the town could use for notices and general information. Mr. Leavitt wanted to get information to the papers, which they might use, or not. Mr. Balantine said the paper would accept any information the town would like to send because that is their intent and purpose. Mr. Leavitt wanted to

improve communications to the residents as a last request from his present seat as Selectman. Mr. Willard said that would be something that the town office can do on a weekly basis.

Ada Brown thanked people for the cards and plant sent her while she was absent.

6. Review and authorize Treasurer's Warrant dated May 4, 2004.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to authorize the treasurer's warrant in the amount of \$2,028,797.14. (\$1,950,000 is investment checks from paid taxes). Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Ada Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk