

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

Attendance: Betty McDermott, Chairman; Christine McClellan; Ada Brown; Mark Gendron; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Bret Doney, Lake Region Development Council; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Betty McDermott opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous minutes dated June 15, 2004.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2004 as written.
Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Lake Region Development Council (LRDC) – Strategic Plan Update – Bret Doney, President & CEO.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Doney introduced himself as the new director of the LRDC and the Oxford Hills Council. He informed the Board that the handout was a draft strategic plan, which will be discussed over the summer with a final plan to be adopted this fall. The plan will be revised every three years.

Business Development – The LRDC has formed the Lake Region Business network which meets monthly to discuss issues of interest and during the month will have further discussion via the internet. This is a coordinated approach so that they don't have to go to several types of organizations to get information and help. This will be a seamless delivery system. So far 60 businesses have taken advantage of this service and will be building on it in the future.

There will be a cluster approach to businesses which will plan and allow more development. 1) Tourism – work with small businesses to work together to get some year-round issues solved i.e. make seasonal employees into year-round. 2) Precision manufacturing – companies such as Sabre Yachts, Chipco, Howell Labs, and Dielectric will meet to keep the area's industry together and to find out how they can work together for common goals. 3) Community Development – Work for Route 302 development with the MDOT for a 20 year study which will include associated feeder roads in order to plan

for the future. July 20th the Commissioner of MDOT will be here to meet with people about transportation problems. This fall he will host a transportation summit where ideas can be discussed. 4) Downtown revitalization – The Council will be looking at the causeway in Naples because it is becoming a bottleneck and has lost some of its luster over the last 50 years. The Council’s best efforts will be to work with one or two communities at a time and work with them in a cluster approach for the betterment of all.

Community asset – The organization will bring state and federal resources to the area for community building i.e. attract volunteers, train community leaders etc. Lake Region Grants Network will be formed which will help small businesses apply for grants. Each month speakers will inform the group on how to write grants and field questions about development possibilities. This will be an information/resource sharing mechanism.

Mr. Doney said they would like feedback on their proposal by the end of August. This will lead into a more formal organizational process.

Mrs. McClellan said she was very interested in the summit with MDOT. She noted the traffic problem on Route 302 is getting worse and something needs to be done. She was also interested in the off-season development of business in this area. Mr. Doney suggested that the local traffic stream needs to be studied with the high rate of residential growth in the area along with the summer tourist influx.

Mr. Willard noted that the LRDC was still monitoring Embedtec and its development. He reported that the employment development has not been as fast as hoped but the equipment/tax status is on schedule. He added that the town is looking forward to their expansion. There was brief discussion about the “Pine Tree” zones and its program. Mr. Doney said that their work is toward the needs of the businesses and hoped that the area can keep the existing business’ expansion. He said the Council would be coming back quarterly to report to the Selectmen.

4. Consideration of Bid Award – fire apparatus with elevated boom and waterway – Fire Chief Denis Morse.

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse noted that they had been through the process with four companies for RFP. The demo from E1 was \$368,000 which was the sole bidder. Pierce had one but he didn’t think that it could meet the town’s needs. There was a question about the payment schedule until the bond money would be available. E1 will go with a partial payment until that time. The E1 truck has an elevated waterway system which will lessen the demand for manpower. It has a compressed air/water system which will allow more water coverage with fewer gallons. It is a 2002 truck and has been used as a demonstrator since then. Chief Morse recommended this truck and the finance package. In addition, the dealer, Greenwood Fire Apparatus, will be giving the town an additional set of new tires along with the two-year warranty. Mr. Willard explained that several companies were approached for a bid but they didn’t respond. Chief Morse said this truck originally came from New Mexico and if Raymond didn’t have this purchase opportunity we would

possibly have to look at new trucks which are \$100,000 more. He added that this truck should last Raymond for 30 years being diesel powered and stainless steel. He noted that the engine was designed to be overhauled instead of replaced. Mr. Willard said that E1 trucks are built to withstand crashes and haven't had a cab crush, which is a safety feature for the firefighters. Mr. Gendron felt that this was a good deal and felt that they should move on it.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to accept the bid from Greenwood Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$368,000 for the 2002 fire truck with elevated boom and waterway.

Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Public Safety Boat Update – Fire Chief Denis Morse.

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse said that Frye Island has agreed to let Raymond use a boat slip on the Cape side of the gut next to the ferry and that their two police officers can man the boat when traffic or safety issues demand which might be 30 to 40 hours a week on the water. He said it might be necessary to give them enforcement power on Raymond land. The Frye Island police might possibly be used on Cape Road when the officers are traveling to and from the island. The police officers would probably need to be covered by our Workmen's Comp. Mr. Willard said that the boat was in service during the Fourth of July holiday. Chief Morse said they used it as a training session and helped some boaters who had problems. Chief Morse added that he was very happy with the performance of the boat and its crew. Mr. Gendron suggested making the police officers constables of Raymond. Chief Morse suggested giving them authority for the area along the Cape. Mr. Willard suggested that they could be a deterrent to those people who can be a problem i.e. campfires on shore, speeding on Cape Road, etc. Mr. Gendron said that the Cape residents will see this as a move toward helping them with their needs. Chief Morse suggested looking at incorporating their Harbor Master into our Harbor Master office. They will also need to be blended into our fire/rescue services. Chief Morse continued that with the success of this program expansion onto the other ponds and lakes may become feasible. He felt that this was a good first start with two towns cooperating. Mr. Gendron asked to have more information about our own Harbor Master program. Chief Morse said they would be meeting this week to talk about that program. He added that this was a wonderful start to developing our program.

MOTION: Mark motioned to make the Frye Island police officers constables and make them joint Harbor Masters for the Town of Raymond. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Consideration of appointment to the Web and Technology Committee – Shaun Dudley, 12 Whitney Way.

DISCUSSION: Don forwarded to the Selectmen information from Laurie Forbes, Chairman of the Technology Committee, which indicated that Mr. Dudley has a great deal of expertise in this field.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to appointment Shaun Dudley to the Technology Committee. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Correspondence – Palesky Tax Initiative Response – City of Brewer.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that the goal of this request is to have all towns pledge to use the money coming back from the state as they suggest. He felt that this should be discussed at the One Raymond Committee meeting for their consideration.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to table until after the other town entities have had discussion. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that he would discuss this with the Budget Committee Chairman, Rolf Olsen, to see how he would like to handle this. He felt that everyone affected by this should have input and an opportunity to relate how they would like to handle this issue. Mr. Gendron agreed and said that he liked Brewer's concept of this issue and would like to verbally give support to the idea. Mrs. McClellan had some concerns about it concerning how our revaluation will influence it. She also had concerns about the needs of our town which includes improving roads and capital improvements such as a new town office/library building and how this will influence those goals. Mr. Willard suggested that he write a letter and say that the town will look into it as pertains to Raymond and give further comment later in the fall. Mr. Willard felt that a great part of the impact will be on the schools and they should have input. The Selectmen asked him to do so.

VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy committee – Consideration of nomination of Windham Town Manager Anthony Plante.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that Mr. Plante has served two terms and can do one more. He recommended him because he has done a very good job.

MOTION: Ada motioned to nominated Anthony Plante for one more term. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Approval of Quit Claim Deed for Map 41, Lot 50.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Map 41, Lot 50 Boulder Road owned by Joan Hamm. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Communications and other business.

a. Comprehensive Plan

Matthew Nazar of the State Planning Office has approved our Comprehensive Plan and found it now to be consistent with their standards. It now can go forward for town approval.

b. Planning & Appeals Boards

Mrs. McDermott said that she had visited these boards to see how they are doing and become more familiar with them.

c. Route 302 Beautification Committee

Mrs. McDermott reported that the committee is doing a remarkable job in weeding and improving the Route 302 landscaping. Mr. Willard said that there will be an article in the Roadrunner asking for more members and volunteers. Mr. Gendron suggested a letter of appreciation to thank them for the work they are doing. Mrs. McDermott thought that something should be done for them next fall in appreciation.

11. Review and authorize Treasurer's Warrants dated: a.) June 30, 2004; and
b.) July 6, 2004

Mr. Willard noted that there will be a payroll warrant which was suggested by the auditors. This will appear on a regular basis.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$79,941.53, the Treasurer's Warrant for July 6, 2004 in the amount of \$3,512.51, as well as the Treasurer's Warrant for June 30, 2004 in the amount of \$145,633.22. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Willard reported that through Bob Murray they have had an opportunity to purchase some used generator sets. A 50kw generator will be purchased by the School Department and a 70kw diesel unit is at Public works and will be purchased for \$7,800. The Windham Rotary Club has donated \$3,000 toward that purchase and in return want to use it for the Fishing Derby each February. This power plant will power District 2 and Public Works in the event of a power shortage but can also be towed to a site if needed.

Mrs. McDermott thanked Mr. Willard for his work in the upkeep of the town buildings etc but asked that the town office signboard be improved. Mr. Willard agreed and noted that he had some discussion with Kevin Woodbrey about the possibility of having a computerized sign there, which could be operated by computer from the town office. He noted that the Public Safety sign could be computerized to have a scrolling sign for information.

12. Adjourn.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk