

Town of Raymond
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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Members present: Betty McDermott, Chairman; Mike Reynolds; Christine McClellan; and Mark Gendron.

Members absent: Ada Brown

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager; and Amanda Simpson, Assessors' Agent

Others present: Randy Tome & Cary Parsons, Woodward & Curran Consulting Engineers; Paul Lawrence; John Balentine, Lake Region Suburban News.

1. Call to order. Betty McDermott called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous minutes dated:
 - a. September 16, 2004; and
 - b. September 21, 2004.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes of September 16, 2004 as written. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes of September 21, 2004 as written. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Reynolds, McClellan, Gendron) 1 abstention (McDermott)

3. Phase 1 Ground water investigation former landfill Egypt Road – Randy Tome and Cary Parsons – Woodard & Curran Consulting Engineers.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Tome explained that the study began last November, 2003 with the fieldwork being done in the spring of 2004. Mr. Tome said that he was the Senior Project Engineer & Cary Parsons was the hydro geologist. Mr. Parsons explained that Phase 1 was a study of the bedrock and groundwater for contaminants. He added that there was no detailed or in depth analysis done. Phase 2 would be for further study of the findings from Phase 1. He reported that at the beginning there was not much known about the condition of the landfill. Phase 1 was to gain understanding of what was there. Aerial photographs were shown with the wells and plumes indicated with color. There was a map of the topography down toward Farwell Bog and onto Little Sebago Lake. He noted that in the years before it was a landfill, it was a gravel pit. They found that in the southeast corner of the site was an orange leechie, which proved to be an oxidized iron residue. They put in monitoring wells for observation

of water chemistry and movement of water. They studied the terrain conductivity for electrical conductance which would show the amount of contaminants in the water. The dirtier the water the more conductive. There is a brook to the east of the landfill. They used a geophysical grid for observation. They found that groundwater flowed to the south and east where much of the study was done. There was an up gradient well for comparison and a well in the heart of the landfill where they found from 22 to 23 feet of trash, which was sitting directly on bedrock. They created a color-coded map for comparison for the study. The south and east side was found to be more contaminated. In addition, water is moving through the landfill even with the clay covering. There were some high anomalies in conductivity, which are from large pieces of metal such as car bodies. The landfill showed 5's and 10's which in other landfills might be as much as 50's. The southwest corner has bedrock to the surface. In five cases they had to drill through bedrock to be sure that they were not just boulders. Iron manganese was primary as the contaminant which is rather benign. More tests were done for 74 other more volatile contaminants which weren't found. The groundwater contour map shows from 40 to 70 feet above sea level. There was a mounding of groundwater across the landfill. This tends to drive the contaminants from the landfill and can move from 4 to 14 feet a day. This contamination is affecting the groundwater, however, not at a very serious level. They felt that this site was not exceedingly harmful on the land surface but suggested that it is less of a source of contamination in comparison to other landfills or as it appeared at the beginning. Mr. Parsons noted a caveat in that this was from one set of readings only. Further study might find a different result for a different time of year. Mr. Gendron asked what his recommendation was for building around the site. Mr. Parsons indicated that since the water is running on the bedrock fractures, if a house drew it's water from that fracture it might get water from that area. With the present study he wasn't ready to make any further prediction. Mr. Parsons continued that only further study would give more information but it didn't appear to be a "Super Site" area. Mr. Tome said that it appeared that much of the contaminants have already flushed out of the landfill. Mr. Parsons indicated that it would be difficult to know at this juncture. Mr. Reynolds asked if 20 plus years of capped landfill allowed the trash to rot. Mr. Parsons replied that he didn't get any odors which can come from sites where refuse is rotting. It may indicate that the landfill is in an advanced stage of decay or that it has not been touched by surface water or is being protected from further leaching. Possibly a detailed record of the dumping history could tell more. Mr. Tome said that most of the landfills were closed in the early 1990's and this was done before that. He thought that most of the degradable trash had decayed. However, some materials like newspaper and metals would take longer and without a study of the cap and knowing its composition, they couldn't say.

Paul Lawrence, project manager for a proposed development asked what range the iron and manganese was and what health concerns are involved here. Mr. Parsons noted that iron and manganese are esthetic attributes where they are more visually detrimental than dangerous. He reviewed the amounts in well points on the map. Mr. Lawrence asked if these amounts are within treatable levels for human consumption. Mr. Parsons felt that though he wasn't a treatment expert he thought

that they were. However, he wasn't sure about the cost of doing so. He cautioned that this was only the first testing season. Mr. Tome no mercury was detected. Mr. Lawrence said that two DOC's found were barely above problem limits but were there any others. Mr. Parsons replied diethelther at 3 ppm and chloromethane at 3 ppm. There are no standards on those.

Mr. Willard said that no decisions would be made tonight and further study of the results was necessary by the Selectmen.

Mr. Lawrence noted that because this was a Phase 1 test were there any indications that would lead them to believe that the plume was anything but in the south-southeast direction of watercourse. Mr. Parsons replied no. However, no one is pulling water from the area and when that happens with the season changing with water flow through the area; it is conceivable that water could flow in any direction. Paul asked that if the flow through the fractures was in one direction could other homes redirect that water. Mr. Tome said that thousands of dollars could be spent to find that interconnectiveness. Mrs. McClellan felt that the good news was that it seems to be a relatively harmless site except for the unknown. She wanted to read the report and then meet with the Planning Board. She felt that they needed more time but were encouraged. Mr. Reynolds asked a point of order to know what the process is and what our role is in this. Mr. Willard said that after study of the report then it would go to the Planning Board with a possible recommendation or not. Mrs. McClellan said that the Selectmen have never faced this type of issue. Mr. Lawrence asked what the rough time frame would be. Mrs. McClellan felt that 30 days would be reasonable. Mr. Lawrence thanked the Board for inviting them to this meeting.

Amanda Simpson clarified that there are two issues. 1) How to process this report and what action the town will take. 2) The Planning Board will have to decide if this is a safe water supply for the development of this land. Robert Faunce will work with this with the Planning Board. The report was just delivered and can be available for public inspection, and it will be given to the Planning Board as well.

4. Selectmen Bylaws and Policies for consideration and possible adoption.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that a workshop was held and that one more decision needs to be made which wasn't considered before. Mrs. McClellan was comfortable with the document but asked for more time. Mr. Gendron thought that a full board was necessary for further decision.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to take no action at this time. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: It was decided to continue this until the second meeting in November on the 16th.

5. Consideration of new election clerks – Louise Lester Town Clerk.
Ginny Parker

Nancy Proctor
Deborah Gideon
Robert Jones
Faith Towle

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to appointment the five individuals as election clerks. Seconded by Mark.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Panther Run Rest Area – Offer of conveyance, Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT).

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that Nathan White heard from the MDOT's Mark Guimont, engineer from Scarborough, who related that this would be a gift from state of about 1 acre with 800 feet of water frontage. It must stay in public use and cannot be sold. He felt it would cost about \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year for maintenance, mowing and portapotties. He thought that the state was transferring these areas all over the state. It will have to be accepted by a town meeting vote. Mrs. McClellan felt that this gift was an asset for the town. Mr. Willard said they are looking only for a voice of approval. Mr. Reynolds felt it is a little "open space" for the town. Mrs. Lester thought that it had been considered as a site for a veterans' memorial at one time. Mrs. McDermott agreed and said that this might possibly activate the Veterans Memorial Committee.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to send a letter to say that we are interested. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Town Manager and Selectmen communications and other business.

a. ICMA Meeting.

Mr. Willard said that his attendance at the ICMA meeting would conflict with the next Selectmen's meeting. He suggested that the October 19th meeting be moved to October 26, 2004 and to cancel the November 2, 2004 meeting because of the election and go to the November 16th as the only meeting for November. Mr. Reynolds wanted to be sure that warrants were signed. Mr. Gendron said that the Landfill Study would have to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Willard said that he would send anyone involved in that study a letter saying that discussion would be a week later.

b. Oct 17, 2004 dedication of Windham High School.

Mr. Gendron said that he would attend.

c. Special Town Meeting

Mr. Willard announced that it would be Thursday, October 14, 2004 at Jordan-Small Middle School beginning at 7:00 pm.

8. Review and authorize Payroll and Treasurer's Warrants dated October 5, 2004.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$48,723.19. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$84,124.65. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mrs. McDermott said that the town office looks wonderful with the new exterior paint job. Mr. Willard said that the inmates from the Windham Correctional Center did the work in trade for a rock rake, which the town is retiring. He added that the parking lot was resurfaced with a 1.5" of asphalt for \$5,500. He mentioned the large windows in the town office are rotted out, and they will have to look at window replacement in the future.

9. Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk