

Town of Raymond
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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 18, 2005

Selectmen present: Betty McDermott, Chairman; Ada Brown; Mike Reynolds, and Christine McClellan.

Selectmen absent: Mark Gendron

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

Others present: Tom Noonan, Windham Rotary; Susan Hirsch; Charlie Leavitt; John Balentine, Lake Region Suburban News; Dana Desjardins

1. Call to order. Betty McDermott opened the meeting at 7:03 pm at the Town Office.

2. Consideration of previous minutes dated January 4, 2005.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the minutes of January 4, 2005.

Seconded by Mike Reynolds

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3. Raymond International Support Effort (R.I.S.E.) – Susan Hirsch.

DISCUSSION: Susan Hirsch, Spring Valley Rd, reported that they met last Sunday with about 12 people. She gave the Selectmen a letter which R.I.S.E. created asking for endorsements for them to do something as a community for the tsunami disaster. She noted that this work would help with a multi-year recovery. However, she did not want to limit to just this disaster but possibly for other disaster relief in the future. The focus will now be for tsunami relief to possibly fund a clinic or school. They are looking for a beneficiary organization that can tell R.I.S.E. exactly where our money will be used. She felt there was a possibility to adopt a village specifically. She added that they were not asking for taxpayer money but would like to use the *Roadrunner* and the Raymond website to let people know what they're doing and where they're looking. She asked if the town would hold the funds donated. She felt that a letter from the Selectmen in the *Roadrunner* would be helpful. The group had discussed putting banners over a roadway such as Route 302 or to erect a "fund thermometer" on town property possibly next to the town office. Mr. Reynolds asked what they considered "long-term". Mrs. Hirsch said they didn't have a length of time at this point because they didn't know how long it would take to collect their goal of \$15,000. She said they would like to make this available to the summer residents. Their next meeting will be January 27 at the Elementary School. Mr. Reynolds had concern about the money being held by the town because it would have to be disbursed through a town meeting. Mr. Willard said that Richard Flewelling, MMA attorney, said this could be a problem since the disbursement of this money would have to go through a town meeting and if the town meeting decided not to use the money for the original purpose, some people might be disappointed. Mr. Reynolds inquired if R.I.S.E. had talked with a bank in allowing the money to go directly

into an account. Mr. Reynolds asked Mr. Willard if the town would be able to write a receipt for these donations if taken at the town office. Mr. Willard replied yes. Mr. Willard suggested that the donations go directly to a non-profit in the name of the RISE group. Mrs. Hirsch didn't feel that they were interested in pursuing a 501c3 non-profit organization at this time. Mr. Willard added that if they wanted a banner over a road, it would be considered if it were a professionally manufactured product because the town would be liable if it should come down unexpectedly. Mr. Desjardins, River Road, suggested using the Raymond Rec organization as a 501c3 vehicle. Mr. Willard asked that the town office be provided a copy of what they would like in the *Roadrunner*. Sandy Severen, Emery Lane, had a question why the people would want to give to this entity instead of an already established organization. She felt that a mission statement was necessary explaining the direction of this organization and where the donated funds will be going. She suggested more information as to their budget, officers, etc.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to allow the newly formed group R.I.S.E. to use the website and *Roadrunner* to help get their organization started but at this point not have the town expend any money until we know more. Seconded by Ada Brown.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt questioned whether this group would need to have their *Roadrunner*/website copy reviewed ahead of publication because there is an absence of an editorial policy for the *Roadrunner* and website. He didn't feel they needed to have an endorsement from the Selectmen in order to put something in the *Roadrunner*. Mr. Willard said that everything that goes in the *Roadrunner* is read and is determined to be pertinent to the town. Mr. Reynolds felt that their request was a polite gesture in asking for the Selectmen's permission to use the *Roadrunner* and website. Mr. Leavitt felt that this request needed more legal opinion than other requests. He was looking for consistency in every town endeavor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

4. Consideration of member qualifications and rules of procedure for Board of Assessment Review – Assessors' Agent Amanda Simpson.

DISCUSSION: Amanda Simpson gave a follow up from their last meeting. She had prepared a memo with a draft of an advertisement for the *Roadrunner* and draft regulations for the board to use. The Board of Assessment Review would adopt these regulations if they agreed. Mr. Willard suggested the 30th of March as a deadline for applicants. Volunteer applications could be accessed on the Raymond website.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to accept with the suggested changes. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

5. Annual Windham Rotary Ice Fishing Derby – February 25th through 27th. Event planning discussion – Tom Noonan.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Noonan, Bayview Drive, said his appearance was to inform the Selectmen of what they will be doing. The core event is the fishing derby February 26 & 27. Last year they netted \$100,000 for charity. Fifty-two businesses helped last year. All the funds from fisherman go to charity. They are a 501c3 organization. Raymond's largest interference will be from the air show on Saturday with a snow date of Sunday. Governor Baldacci will be the grant marshal. There will be impact on traffic from 9:00 am to 9:30 am to about 1:30 pm. The Sheriff's Department is

contracted to help with traffic control etc. Traffic will go through Main Street. There will be alternative parking using shuttle buses to move people to the show. Route 302 from Main St and Deep Cove will be shut off to Rt 302 and Main Street at the south end. There will be one lane kept open for emergency use. A contract Sheriff will be on Main Street to keep vehicles slow. Parking will be at the schools and the Rotary will pay for the use of the shuttle buses. Tassel Top Park will be used for parking as well along with some private sites. A Clydesdale pulled wagon will also be used to move people along Route 302. The Polar Ice Dip will be 2:00 pm Saturday, which is after the air show, and there will be water safety people there. Ice skating will be on the prepared rink and available to the town for the rest of the winter. There will be some vendors showing their products. There will be kids snowshoe races sponsored by Kittery Trading Post with lots of prizes. There will also be an ice slide for the kids. A Friday night event of car racing under the lights in Casco will be at Point Sebago. *Field and Stream* called it one of the top five events on ice in the nation in their December issue. Mr. Willard suggested having a meeting with all people involved before the event as we did last year. Mr. Willard said that the generator, which was donated to Raymond by the Rotary last year, would be available for them this year. Mr. Willard added that Raymond's insurance is in place as is that of the Rotary. Mr. Reynolds asked that they might consider Raymond Waterways as one of their beneficiaries. Mr. Noonan asked that the group contact him about this possibility.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to authorize Don Willard to go forward.
Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

6. Establishment of 2005 Raymond scholarship funding – Town Clerk Louise Lester.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Mc Dermott felt they could offer the same amounts as last year: \$1,000 Carleton E. Edwards, \$500 Collins-Day, \$500 Alva E. Clough, and \$500 George E. Wood.

MOTION: Mike Christine McClellan motioned to approve the stated scholarships.
Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

7. Request for capital reserve utilization – Nathan White, Public Works Director.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that Mr. White was not present having plowed roads all night.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to table until their next meeting. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

8. Amendment to Board of Selectmen Bylaws and Policies, Section 8, Meetings/Public Participation Policy.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that Mr. Gendron was away with a family concern.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to table until the whole board is present.
Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

9. Town Manager and Selectmen communications and other business.

- a. Speed zoning request on Cape Road.
Mr. Willard reported that the Maine Department of Transportation responded to their request from last spring asking about the speed limit on the Cape Road from Camp Wawenock to Hawthorne Road. He said that the MDOT set the speed limits from 25 mph at beginning and 40 mph for the middle, and 35 mph to the end of Cape Road.
- b. Reclassification of Egypt Road and North Raymond Road as minor collector roads by the Town of Gray.
Mr. Willard said that this issue would be coming up in the future. Mr. Willard explained that this request has been denied in the past when Raymond asked.
- c. Mr. Willard informed them that Mr. Gendron's father is not well and our thoughts are with him.

10. Review and authorize Payroll and Treasurer's Warrants dated January 18, 2005.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the Payroll warrant in the amount of \$43,681.46. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous. 4-0

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the Treasurer's warrant in the amount of \$270,496.74. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

11. Adjourn.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous. 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk