

Town of Raymond
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Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 15, 2005

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

Selectmen absent: None

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager; Bruce Tupper, Deputy Fire Chief; and Kathy Gosselin, Deputy Rescue Chief.

Others present: Ken Walker; and Jean Carter

1. Call to order. Betty McDermott opened the meeting at 6:00 pm at the Town Office.

2. Consideration of previous minutes dated February 1, 2005.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to table the Minutes until after the next item when the camera will be working. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Minutes of February 1, 2005. Christine McClellan seconded.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Reynolds, McClellan, Brown, McDermott) 1 abstention (Gendron)

3. Executive Session – Discussion of acquisition of real property and consultation with legal council as outlined under Maine Revised Statutes (M.R.S.A.) Title 1, §405(6)C&E.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NOTE: Betty McDermott recused herself from this discussion because of a possible conflict of interest.

RECESS: Betty McDermott recessed the meeting at 6:03 pm.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Christine McClellan

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RE-OPEN MEETING: Betty McDermott reopened the meeting at 7:28 pm.

4. New Business.

- a. Tax year 2004 abatements, Tax year 2003 supplements and 2004 supplements – Assessors’ Agent Amanda Simpson.

DISCUSSION: Amanda Simpson spoke regarding abatements and supplements for the year 2003 and 2004. She said there were several because of a decision to bring the changes as a whole instead of piecemeal. She recommended a supplemental tax commitment to cover items found in tax year 2003 which were not originally included. There was discussion of how the original owner may be forced to pay the supplemental taxes, which are now in someone else’s name. Ms. Simpson felt that the original owner should have realized that the house was not included in the 2003 tax bill.

Supplemental Assessment 2003

03-09 24/6B Sebago Lake Developers Inc. 80% complete as of April 1, 2004. \$1,160.85.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve 03-09 for \$1,160.85. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: Selectmen signed the papers.

DISCUSSION: 2004 Supplements. Ms. Simpson explained that some are attached to corresponding abatements.

04-01 Supplement 24/6B Wilson 100% complete as of April 2004 \$1432.98

04-02 Supplement 20/1 Campbell land on Notched Pond abutting a piece of land in New Gloucester. Showed two lots of record instead of three. \$122.30

04-01 Abatement 20/1 and 20/2A Alcorn \$68.82

04-02 Abatement 20/2 Chamberlain \$393.45

04-03 Supplement 8/55 Linscott \$90.51

04-04 Supplement 50/41 Lester part of Saddlebag subdivision. Omission in original commitment \$245.53.

0405 Supplement 60/6 Deep Cove thought it was Garton but was deeded to Gagnon Development years ago. \$599.99.

04-06 Supplement 73/3 Spaulding 2 single family homes on Sunset Chimney’s lot which should be separate. He had an Board of Zoning Appeals waiver to be able to have two houses on merged lots. \$1,694.87.

04-07 Supplement 72/5A Fricker Trust assessed value of addition acres \$301.63

04-08 Supplement 73/2 Saunders contiguous lots \$974.83.

Total Supplements \$5,462.64

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve supplements in the amount of \$5,462.64. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the supplements.

04-01 Abatement 20/2A Alcorn \$68.82.

04-02 Abatement 20/2 Chamberlain \$393.45.

04-03 Abatement Personal property which were already taxed under another name in the amount of \$93.41.

04-04 Abatement 24/67 Fogg Veteran's Exemption \$72.39.

04-05 Abatement 24/38 Savolt lots merged \$814.57.

04-06 Abatement 50/27 Young lot deleted but was double billed \$448.80 .

04-07 Abatement 8/14 Tyler Homestead Exemption not applied \$72.93.

04-08 Abatement 8/56 Lamson \$78.35.

04-09 Abatement 13/67 Downs adjusting pricing \$170.17.

04-10 Abatement 17/11 Sanborn \$72.85.

04-11 Abatement 21/24 Oliver Homestead Exemption not applied \$72.39.

04-12 Abatement 42/58 Hamilton Homestead not applied \$72.39.

04-13 Abatement 50/31 Phinney \$218.04.

04-14 Abatement 60/6 Garton \$599.99.

04-15 Abatement 73/4 Spaulding \$6,327.33.

04-16 Abatement 3/67 Saunders \$1,154.73.

Total value \$10,730.61

Net abatements about \$5,300 for this year. The deadline for applications is in March 25.

MOTION: Christine McClellan motioned to approve abatements 04-01 through 04-16 in the amount of \$10,730.61. Seconded by Ada Brown

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

Ms. Simpson gave a status report on Vision Appraisal saying that they are on schedule with September as the expected finalization. She added that the first round of assessing is complete and call backs are beginning shortly with approximately 970 letters mailed asking for appointments with the landowners.

5. Old (unfinished) business.

a. Raymond International Support Effort – R.I.S.E. – Request for Selectmen letter of support.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that Mrs. Hirsch couldn't be here but said that she has asked for a letter of support to be publicized in the March Roadrunner to encourage the people of Raymond to donate. They have

selected a project which will pay for the replacement of houses in disaster areas.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to not write a letter of endorsement for this cause. Seconded by Ada Brown.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds said that he thought this would be a slippery slope as a board. He said that he might have a different personal opinion on this endeavor but felt that allowing the signs to be erected and helping in that way would be prudent. He didn't think that this fund raising drive directly benefits the people of Raymond and therefore should not be endorsed by a municipal body like the Selectmen. Mr. Gendron thought it was a good idea personally. Mrs. McClellan agreed that it should be a work on its own without the endorsement of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Willard said that their space on the reader board would be to inform the dates of their meetings and not a plea for donations.

VOTE: 4 in favor (McClellan, Brown, McDermott, Reynolds) 1 abstention (Gendron)

b. Bid Award – Replacement Ambulance for Rescue 2 – Fire Chief Denis Morse.

DISCUSSION: Deputy Chief Tupper reviewed the process over the past six months. E1, Pierce, Autotronics, PL Customs were the four companies looked at. He wanted to have a demo, which would meet our budget. This unit is a heavier model than what we've had in the past but is very comfortable and the turning radius is better than our other ambulance. He noted that it had an automatic 8 inch dropdown in rear to help load a patient. The price of \$140,000 includes two stretchers and some other options such as instant chains on tires, and an automatic drop down for the oxygen bottle which is very heavy. He noted that it has about 4,000 miles on it. He believed that this will work for many years to come along with a 36,000 mile warranty as well as an extension of the warranty to six years at a cost of \$2,800 which they thought was prudent to purchase. Mr. Willard explained that it had an Allison transmission and a Duramax diesel engine. Mr. Gendron said that this should be a good solution because it should last more than ten years. The old unit will stay on as a substitute unit. He estimated that the drop down lift airbags might have to be replaced eventually because of road salt. A future ambulance might be able to be an even heavier truck which would last longer because of future changes to be made to make a heavier truck more useable in our area.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to purchase the 2004 Autotronics demo ambulance unit with 4000 miles on it. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

6. Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Revaluation update.

Mr. Willard noted that Ms. Simpson had accomplished this earlier in the meeting.

b. Annual notification of posted roads.

Mr. Willard announced that the annual closing of the town roads would be Friday, February 28 until May 15 for trucks over 23,000 pounds.

c. Storm response in Raymond

Mrs. McDermott thanked the Public Works and Fire/Rescue Department for their work during the storm last Friday. She asked that Mr. Willard write a letter of commendation.

7. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated February 15, 2005.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$1,058,073.76. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$43,022.12. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

Mr. Gendron thanked the Selectmen for their understanding during his time of family illness and bereavement.

Mrs. McDermott noted that the Town Office with the painting of the meeting room is now completely painted inside and out.

Mr. Willard said that the library security light couldn't be put on our pole but only a Central Maine Power pole, which is nonexistent in the area which they need.

8. Adjournment.

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

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk