

Town of Raymond
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SELECTMEN MEETING
Tuesday, April 19, 2005
MINUTES

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

Selectmen absent: None

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager and Amanda Simpson, Assessors' Assistant.

Others present: Linda Alexander, Chairman Cemetery Committee.

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

2) Minutes of the previous meeting.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the Minutes of April 5, 2005. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

3) Meeting with Cumberland County Commissioners to discuss areas of possible collaboration.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that the meeting participants were going to be the County Commissioners, County Manager, and the Cumberland County Sheriff. Unfortunately they were not able to come but suggested having it possibly with the Town Manager and Selectmen of Naples. Mr. Willard had hoped that the decision would be based on financial basis rather than between towns. He said that Raymond had no intention of taking anything away from Naples; in fact the discussion originally was brought up by the Sheriff's Department and not Raymond.

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4) New business.

a. Consideration of increase in cemetery services and lot fees – Linda Alexander, Cemetery Committee Chairman.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Alexander reported that the Committee had inquired the pricing in the neighboring towns and found that Raymond is low by comparison. She asked that the new pricing be approved. Mrs. McDermott added that with the new pricing Raymond will still be below some towns. Mr. Reynolds felt that these increases would help the cemetery funding. Mr. Willard agreed saying that this money would be for upkeep and expansion cost.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the pricing recommendation of the Cemetery Committee. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

b. Consideration of Abatement 2004-03 - Amanda Simpson, Assessors' Agent.

A04-18 Account C0002P, Kevin & Dawn Christy – camper moved prior to 4/1/04 \$308.55

A04-19 Account A0090P, Amaize-ing Energy – business closed prior to 4/1/05 \$37.40

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the abatements numbered A04-18 and A04-19. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the scholarships. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

RECESS: Betty McDermott recessed the meeting.

c. Town scholarship awards – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.

MOTION: motioned to go into Executive Session. Seconded by

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VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

REOPEN MEETING: Betty McDermott reopened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Scholarship awards: Mr. Reynolds announced the recipients of the 2005 scholarships.

Benjamin James Wardwell \$1,250 (\$1,000 from the Carleton E. Edwards Scholarship and \$250 from the Collins-Day Scholarship).

Kathryn J. Delaney \$1,250 (Collins-Day Scholarship)

Randi-Lynn Varney \$1,000 (\$500 from George Wood Scholarship and \$500 Alva Clough Scholarship)

- d. Consideration of proposed zoning amendments for warrant article – Christine McLellan, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee Chairman.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Simpson reported that there was a public hearing on the ordinances to be included in the annual meeting warrant on April 6, 2005 which had the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee in attendance. She recommended the Selectmen approve for the warrant articles 55 through 61.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the recommendation of Ms. Simpson for articles 55 through 61 to be included in the annual meeting warrant. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

DISCUSSION: Ms. Simpson continued that she will have some further ordinances for their consideration at their May 3, 2005 meeting. These ordinances if approved will be an addition to the annual meeting warrant. The public hearing for these articles will be May 4th so that if there are any significant changes proposed by the public hearing, the specific articles with changes will be recommended to be tabled.

- e. Approval of Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve and sign the 2005 Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the warrant.

- 5) Old (unfinished) business. None.
- 6) Town Manager Report and Communications.

- a. 2004 Recycling Report

Mr. Willard announced that the 2004 State Recycling Report has been received and this year we've improved by 5.72% with a score of 54.02%. Last year we were at 48.3%. Since the state wants towns to recycling over 50%, we're doing very well.

- b. Vision Appraisal

Mr. Willard reported that Vision is still on track and believes that the process will be finished by September 1, 2005.

- c. Map 15, Lot 92

Mr. Willard announced that Bernstein, Shur, Nelson and Small have posted a letter to Ms. Hurd saying that the property must be cleaned up with a beginning date of April 12, 2005 and ending 5/12/2005.

- d. Implementation Grant

Mr. Willard explained that since Raymond had received an implementation grant sometime in 1993, we were turned down for this application.

e. Lake Region Bulky Waste

Mr. Willard reported that he had mailed a letter to Bruce Peters, Chairman of the Board for the LRBWF explaining that the reimbursement for 2004 of \$72,611.58 should be returned to Raymond. The LRBWF Board's decision to keep fifty percent of that amount to cover unexpected expenses. He explained that those funds will be put in an enterprise account to cover any cost of our program. He said that he assured Mr. Peters that Raymond was a solvent town and could pay its bills.

f. Maine Turnpike Authority Dinner

Mr. Willard announced that the Selectmen were invited to attend a dinner on May 28, 2005 hosted by the Maine Turnpike Authority.

7) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants dated April 19, 2005.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the treasurer's warrant in the amount of \$768,052.26 she noted that \$93,780 was for a bond payment and \$550,000 was invested. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$39,339.87. Seconded by Christine McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous. 4-0

8) Adjournment.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Louise H. Lester

Town Clerk