

TOWN OF RAYMOND
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Selectmen present: Betty McDermott, Chairman; Mike Reynolds; Lonnie Taylor; Dana Desjardins; and Mark Gendron.

Selectmen absent: None

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager.

Others present: John Hanley and Kevin Woodbrey, Technical Committee; Jean Berg-Keys, Lake Region Suburban News, and Charles Leavitt.

- 1) Call to order. Betty McDermott called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
- 2) Minutes of the previous meeting dated September 20, 2005.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes of September 20, 2005 as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Reynolds, Desjardins, Taylor, Gendron) 1 abstention (McDermott)

- 3) New business.

- a. *Lake Region Suburban News* – Raymond Road Runner publishing proposal – Jean Berg-Keys, Advertising Manger.

DISCUSSION: Ms. Berg-Keys spoke about the pricing of including the *Road Runner* for the town with the *Lake Region Suburban News*. The paper will remain the same as it has been. The distribution and cost will be changing to have the RR included in the LRSN. One of the concerns was whether the RR would be lost in the paper. Ms. Berg-Keys said she would put a “teaser bar” on the front page and add a color picture. This will bring the RR and the LRSN to the people of Raymond which is a symbiotic relationship. She asked to try this arrangement for 3 months and then make a decision whether to continue. Nothing will change with RR deadlines which Raymond has set. The digital copy for the RR would come to the LRSN instead of the current publisher. She said the current circulation needed is 2,450. This issue would come to everyone in Raymond RFD and PO Boxes. Mrs. McDermott asked if they would still carry Raymond items in the LRSN. Ms. Berg-Keys replied yes. Mr. Woodbrey felt that having that Raymond news in the LRSN on the day that the RR would be included would be good. Ms. Berg-Keys said that it would be good for her advertisers to know that Raymond would have a better circulation. Current news

would also be included during the rest of the issues. Mr. Taylor asked about duplication of articles. Ms. Berg-Keys felt that it might happen but it is now anyway. She continued that it would be easier to track with this arrangement. She added that she didn't have anything to do with the editorial part of the paper but acknowledged that the paper wants to have as much coverage as possible. Mrs. McDermott asked about Raymond's current circulation for the LRSN. Ms. Berg-Keys reported 750. She talked about including more sports which they wanted to expand especially for the high school kids. They cover three high schools presently. Mr. Taylor asked the average number of pages in the RR. Mr. Woodbrey said 8 to 12 with a high of 20. Ms. Berg-Keys said that most of the LRSN issues were picked up at stores. Mrs. McDermott had concern that the RR would be tossed out with the inserts. Ms. Berg-Keys said they could announce the RR inclusion ahead of time. Mr. Reynolds asked how the inserts were arranged inside the paper. Ms. Berg-Keys replied they put them in without one being inside the other. She could ask if the RR could be the first insert in the paper. Mr. Desjardins felt that if the people know when the RR is included they will look for it. Mr. Willard said the savings would be \$263 per month. The LRSN would distribute them free. Ms. Berg-Keys said it would be ongoing. Mr. Willard said the paper including the paper quality would stay the same. Mrs. Berg-Keys said they are the biggest customer of the TIMES RECORD and can get the best price for printing.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the LAKE REGION SUBURBAN NEWS proposal to print and deliver the ROAD RUNNER on a schedule to be determined by the Technology Committee. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

b. Approval 2005-2006 municipal agreement with Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the 2005-2006 agreement as a matter of formality. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

c. Approval of 2005 Maine Municipal Association model General Assistance Ordinance and reviewed appendices for use in Raymond.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that this was an annual requirement to update the General Assistance Ordinance. He recommended approval.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the 2005 MMA model General Assistance Ordinance for use in Raymond. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

d. 2005 Cumberland County Tax Assessor's Return.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that this needs to be signed so that our money can be disbursed to Cumberland County. Mr. Gendron said the increase was 5.82%.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the 2005 Cumberland County Tax Assessor's Return. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Taylor, Gendron, McDermott, Desjardins) 1 in opposition (Reynolds)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard felt that a decision will have to be made as to whether Raymond joins the Cumberland County Dispatch Service. In the past it seemed that Raymond residents wanted to keep the Fire/Rescue Dispatch in Raymond.

- 4) Old (unfinished) business. None.
- 5) Town Manager Report and communications.
 - a. Portland Natural Gas liaison dinner meeting at Montebello Restaurante in Raymond on Wednesday, November 9th at 5:30 pm. If any of the Selectmen are interested in attending, please let him know.
 - b. Members of the Planning Board Will Haskell and Ericka Frank have resigned from the Board and will be receiving certificates of thanks from the Selectmen.
 - c. MMA Convention Wednesday through Friday, October 5-7th in Augusta.
 - d. State Surplus sale on Friday. Mr. Willard noted that he would be attending this sale along with Nathan White, Public Works Director.
 - e. Mr. Desjardins noted the ROAD RUNNER article about tax collection and wondered how long the town has been setting up payment plans. Mr. Willard answered that it has always been an option for our residents.
- 6) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – October 4, 2005.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$52,309.55. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$574,265.39. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: There will be a change of the November 15th meeting night. Mr. Willard will put this on the next agenda to establish a replacement a date.

7) Adjournment.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk