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Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
\* as corrected 11/30/05  
Tuesday, November 1, 2005

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

Members absent: None

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager; Josh Stevens, Deputy Fire Chief; and Denis Morse, Fire Chief.

Others present: Kim Manoush, Sebago Water Safety Watch; Jean Carter, Budget Finance Committee; and others.

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 October 18, 2005.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes with the following corrections: 1) page 4 (d) cardboard third line Mr. Reynolds asked that it be changed to reflect that he felt the Public Works hold up was because of several things especially the recent rains; 2) page 1 under #2 minutes Dana Desjardins said it should indicate that these votes were with 4 members because Mr. Reynolds was late and the minutes should show that he was absent at the point of voting for the two meetings minutes. Seconded Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3. New business.

a. Presentation by Sebago Water Safety Watch – John Manoush.

DISCUSSION: Kim Manoush represented her husband and said that they have lived on Sebago for 15 years and felt that Raymond is being threatened by unsafe boating and increasing boating noise. She didn't want to see the problems of other large lakes like Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. She noted that there were eight other concerned people present. She continued that they have been working with Don Willard and Denis Morse in this endeavor by Raymond obtaining the water safety boat and the alliance with Frye Island. Frye Island provided manpower with the service of their police force and some funding. Raymond supports the boat and the Sebago Water Safety Watch donated \$3,000 this year for the patrol on Sebago. She noted that the patrol didn't give citations but appeared as a presence on the lake, and it was felt it did slow the boats. The SWSW would like to continue

the patrol and address the laws which aren't being enforced presently i.e. the 200 foot no wake zone and the noise decibel law. She acknowledged that the IF&W is responsible but understands that they are understaffed and felt that we need to put pressure on the IF&W for help. She noted that Naples had kept a dialogue with the IF&W, has had a Harbor Master Program for Long Lake and Brandy Pond for many years, and are getting some help. We need Raymond's support and ask that the Town put a line item in the budget to help fund this service. She added that they would like to answer any questions about the program. \*deleted sentence Mr. Gendron asked what their action plan was about the 200' wake limit. He felt they needed to know the plan and how it's to be activated before backup by the town is discussed. Mrs. Manoush replied that markers probably aren't necessarily the answer because the public has to be informed about the law first. They would like to have fliers and/or posters printed for information to the public. Mr. Gendron said this was the kind of information they needed to know what funding would be expected. Mr. Willard felt it could be discussed and a plan formed with Chief Denis Morse and anyone else with interest. Mr. Desjardins asked about boat decibel levels and wanted to know if this was just for Sebago or for all lakes. Mr. Willard said at this time just big Sebago because of funding which isn't enough to cover all our lakes/ponds. Mr. Desjardins asked if cigarette boats are the biggest factor and asked if they would be outlawed. Mrs. Manoush said it would be an easy fix to just make them vent exhaust under the water instead of in the air. Mr. Willard said this would be part of the discussion and possibly a part of the plan. Mrs. Manoush said that they understand the town's interest is in water safety and that SWSW would be responsible for the rest of the program. Mr. Gendron said that getting a decibel level was almost impossible because of outside factors in measuring that criteria. It might be dealt with through an ordinance. Mr. Taylor asked if vandalism has been curtailed and the boat protected. Chief Morse said that the boat was in the water all summer and didn't have a problem. Mr. Desjardins asked about keeping it at Tassel Top. Chief Morse said that they had looked at that, but it was felt it should be kept close to where it was used. Also the subject of parking of the patrolmen's transportation to the boat was a problem in other locations i.e. Jordan Bay Marina. IF&W said they would help on the high volume day, Saturday. Chief Morse also said that keeping it at the FI ferry was the best location. He noted that the SWSW had given \$3,375 and in the last eight months \$4,537 has been spent for upkeep and police type gear i.e. assorted sizes of life jackets, lights etc. Raymond paid for training. The boat was relettered as Frye Island and Raymond. There was some hull damage from last summer which is usual for a boat on the big lake moored near rocks which may cost as much as \$800 to fix.

b. Lake Region Development Council Strategic Plan and activity overview – John Shattuck.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Shattuck said that the Lake Region Development Council has been working on a strategic plan and information for this area. He added

that the LRDC has been in hiatus for the last year or two which will be changing for the new year. Community development is different for every community and they are trying to plan accordingly. Their work is to enhance the quality of life in each community. This summer they formed a strategic plan 1) enhance the corridor (Route 302) 2) target high yield job opportunities or providing information to businesses who will, 3) providing consulting services to small business which is 80% of the area's job market. They also provide funding information and business plan formulation to local businesses. He noted the following areas:

Lakes Region Transportation Coalition which meets monthly. He said the area is not getting the service it needs from services like Regional Transportation. Public mobility has a large influence on our area and public transportation needs to be upgraded.

High yield opportunities i.e. the Bridgton area has a 40,000 sf vacant building which needs to be developed and nurtured.

Looking for larger hotel or resort business. More lodging is needed in this area in order to keep tourist and associated retail business here.

The LRDC will work with the Small Business Administration including SCORE and Enterprise Maine at either no cost or low cost. Their function will be to offer banking or financing support to business.

Mr. Shattuck explained that they would like to have someone from Raymond on their board. Mrs. McDermott said that there has been little or no communication since Kathleen Brown left the LRDC. She said that she was very unhappy that Raymond lost the only grocery store in Raymond and Cabin Candlerly which was an important employer. Mr. Shattuck said that he was aware of their lack of action recently but wanted to go forward with more work and hopefully involvement from Raymond. They wanted to work on grants and other interaction with state agencies for the area towns. Mrs. McDermott mentioned a park & ride area which hasn't been discussed for along time. Mr. Desjardins asked about the lodging issue and whether it will be a franchise or small owner motels. Mr. Shattuck replied it might be either. He added that marketing was imperative to bolster any business. Mr. Willard said that Kathleen Brown was a local resident and was very active in visiting the area towns. He asked about the South Casco office. Mr. Shattuck replied it isn't open or manned on a regular basis as this point. Mr. Willard didn't feel that there was a connection between the Oxford Hills organization with the lake region. Mr. Shattuck said that their connection with Enterprise Maine gave them outreach that they wouldn't otherwise have. He said he would be based in South Casco when it is prepared, but his office will continue to be staffed in Norway.

c. Liquor License Renewal – Class XI Restaurant/Lounge) – Vincenzo Raggiani EJR Properties d/b/a.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McDermott noted that Mr. Raggiani was not present but he didn't need to be for a renewal. Mr. Willard said that there have been no complaints and he recommended renewal.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the liquor license for the Montebello Restaurante. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester noted that last year Mr. Raggiani had requested a Special Amusement permission to have entertainment and asked if they wanted to grant a renewal at this time. Mr. Reynolds asked that Mr. Raggiani submit a new application if he wants a Special Amusement permission.

d. Bulky Waste Program update – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester reported that the 1,050 coupon booklets had been given out and asked permission to have another 947 printed to cover the \$100,000 in the 2005-2006 budget. She added that the system seems to be going well without too many complaints. The level of use remains through September at 30% of last year. At this time it isn't known if the curbside trash and recycling numbers have increased from last year. Mr. Willard noted that Public Works doesn't seem to think that roadside trash has increased appreciably from previous years. Mrs. Lester said that when people have criticized the program she has informed them that public meeting(s) would be held in the spring to formulate the program for the 2006/2007 year.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to print 500 more coupon books and revisit further coupon book printing in the spring if needed. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester reported that some people who live on the west side of town would like to revisit the issue of having a cardboard dumpster at the Old District 1 garage in the Village. The Selectmen decided not to make that change because it would be one more area to keep clean.

4. Old (unfinished) business. None

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Friedlander letter.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RECESS: Betty McDermott recessed the meeting at 7:53 pm.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McDermott reported that their Executive Session discussed a letter from Lisa Friedlander. Mrs. McDermott read the letter dated November 1, 2005. In the letter Mrs. Friedlander asked for information about the Selectmen's meeting on Norman Dickenson. Mr. Willard said he did received a call Friday from the County Manager to meet with the Sheriff's Office and Department of Corrections. Mr. Willard noted that Raymond's problem was that we don't have local law enforcement and there is a child care facility near 11 Gore Road where he was to be placed which belongs to Mrs. Friedlander and her husband Thomas Cloutier. Mr. Willard notified Ms. Friedlander that he would be taking this action. Mr. Reynolds said there was no meeting of the Selectmen, that Mr. Willard informed each of the members independently of the action he intended to take. Because of no opposition to his plan of action, Mr. Willard went ahead with his talk to the County offices. Mr. Willard had input with and from John Robinson, our legislative representative; Bill Diamond, our State Senator; and the Cumberland County Sheriff; the County manager; and the County Commissioners and they all agreed that Raymond was not the place for Mr. Dickenson.

b. MMWAC

NOTE: Mr. Desjardins announced that Raymond received a rebate check from MMWAC as expected in the amount of \$33,715.

d. Army National Guard

Mr. Willard reported that Kathy Gosselin of the Boy Scouts and he had submitted joint applications for the Boy Scouts and the Town of Raymond with the Maine National Guard: 1) raise the level of the Sheri Gagnon Park ball fields and playground with fill and appropriate drainage so that the fields won't be wet. The town will move the fencing and structures. The Guard will provide all labor and the town the materials and permits. 2) the Guard will construct a pole barn at the Plains Road Public Works sand/salt site. The town will provide materials and the Guard the labor. This will be similar to the Town of Gray's building which the Guard built for them. 3) The Guard will build a soccer field at Camp Hinds with Camp Hinds funding the materials and which Raymond will be able to use. The National Guard will also live at Camp Hinds during their time here. This will be subject to changes in the Guard's responsibilities. Mr. Willard thanked past Selectman Ada Brown for her suggestion to try this avenue for the town. This endeavor's expense will have to be approved at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Desjardins felt there was some money in the Public Works budget now. Mr. Willard said there was but more will be needed. This work will cost about half of what it would cost without the Guard's help.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – November 1, 2005.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$49,179.64 Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the treasurer's warrant in the amount of \$699,206.01. He noted that \$550,000 was transferred to investment. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor

VOTE: Unanimous. 5-0

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Betty McDermott adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk