

TOWN OF RAYMOND
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Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Attendance: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Dana Desjardins; Mike Reynolds, Joe Bruno, and Lonnie Taylor.

Selectmen absent: None

Staff attendance: Don Willard, Town Manager

Others: Deborah Adams, School Board Chairman; Suzie Brockelbank, One Raymond Committee Co-chair.

1. Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Town Office.
2. Minutes of previous meeting dated June 27, 2006.

Corrections: Page 2 Dana Desjardins made the motion for item 3b. Page 3 Mike Reynolds made the motion on item 3d; and Mr. Reynolds also seconded the motion on page 4 item 4b.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes of July 27, 2006 as corrected. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: four in favor (Reynolds, Desjardins, Gendron, Bruno) 1 abstention (Taylor)

3. New business.
 - a. Presentation of Greater Portland Council of Government (GPCOG) certificates for One Raymond Committee and Beautification Committee Walk & Weed – Mark Gendron, Chairman

Mr. Reynolds presented a certificate of recognition from GPCOG to the Raymond Beautification Committee represented by Sharon Dodson, Chairman, and Mike McClellan, Director of the Greater Bridgton Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Willard thanked the entire group of volunteers and their counterparts from the private sector of businesses who have adopted a garden along Route 302. Mrs. Dodson thanked GPCOG and said that the group has found it a very worthwhile endeavor to keep Raymond beautiful. Mr. McClellan acknowledged the number of volunteers who have worked over the last three years. He said that his interest was personal since he lives in Raymond, and he uses Raymond as an example to other towns what cooperation between the private and public sectors of a town can accomplish. He also noted the work by Raymond's Public Works in providing machinery when necessary, and they're help in keeping the flowerbeds watered. He added that the Adopt A Garden Program by business along Route 302 has been well received and productive. Mrs. Dodson noted the Walk N Weed meetings on Fridays at 8:00 am have kept the other gardens looking their best and the volunteers are proud of their work. She noted that they are always looking for additional volunteers whether they can work one day or more.

Mr. Reynolds presented a GPCOG certificate of recognition to the One Raymond Committee represented to Suzie Brockelbank, Budget/Finance Committee, Deborah Adams, Chairman of the School Committee, and Mark Gendron, Selectman. He said that this award was for the cooperation in Raymond to enhance Raymond's facilities and potential for cost savings. Mr. Gendron thanked Mrs. Caldwell, Superintendent, and Mr. Willard, Town Manager, for their help with their work. Mrs. Brockelbank felt that their work was moving ahead well but more input was needed from the public and that there were three seats on the committee which needed occupation.

b. Recycling and municipal solid waste (MSW) pick-up policy discussion – Phil Hammett, Recycling Committee Chairman
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4. Old (unfinished) business.
a) None

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.
i. State Liquor Store Applicants

Mr. Willard noted a memo from Louise Lester, Town Clerk, which listed the two Raymond stores which have applied to be an agency liquor store: Good Life Market, Route 302 and Route 85, and D&J's Pizza at the Raymond Shopping Center. He said that the State Liquor Agency is having public hearings for the applicants on July 20, 2006 at 9:30 am in Augusta.

ii. 2005-2006 Appropriation Report

Mr. Willard referenced the preliminary 2005-2006 appropriation report. He said that the town was in good shape with the final report to be ready in about two weeks and in preparation for the auditors next fall.

iii. Egypt Road Dump Road

Mr. Reynolds asked who owned the road in question. Mr. Willard replied both private party(s) and the town. Mr. Gendron didn't feel that the fact that the town purchased the lot where the old dump was changed the use of the land and didn't think that the town was responsible for upgrading the roadway at this time. Mr. Willard added that if the use was ever changed then the town might investigate work on the road. He added there has been no use of the road for years with the exception of going in to mow the old dump annually. Mr. Reynolds noted that the road entrance culvert was crushed by the heavy equipment entering for work on the back land which was being developed by private individuals. He thought the agreement was that they repair the damage after they were finished but with the advent of the development being stopped when the town purchased the lot, they never repaired the culvert. Mr. Bruno felt that this quantified the issue of government purchasing land which is accessed over a road which government doesn't feel it must maintain i.e. the IF&W boat access on Raymond Pond which was considered. He didn't feel that use of this land has changed since the town purchased the lot and the houses in question were built. Mr. Willard said that Public Works doesn't feel that the road surface is suitable for a quick fix because of the lack of sand to grade. It's a very "boney" road. Mr. Willard noted that the installation of a gate is under advisement with Mr. McCarthy.

iv. Lake Region Suburban News article re: Right to Know Law

Mr. Willard informed the Selectmen that the inference in the LRSN article last week about Raymond's tax collector not being forthcoming with information was derived from a misunderstanding by the Deputy Tax Collector Donna Lovely as to what the

inquiry was for. He said that the information was fully available in our town reports, our website, or the town office. He did not believe that any of our clerks would refuse to give information to the public.

v. Road Paving

Mr. Willard announced that work has begun on Raymond Hill Road and Public Works will be putting a skim coat on the beginning of Valley Road to the top of the hill because it is so bad. He added that this was not a true repair but at “band aid” for the present.

vi. J’s Hot Dog Cart

Mrs. Lester reported that J’s Hot Dog Cart has been seen operating from the Fisherman’s Net when it’s Peddler’s Permit has a location of the Car Wash on Route 302. Mr. Cooper will be investigating.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – July 11, 2006.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of \$54,467.68. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the treasurer’s warrant for 7/11/06 in the amount of \$101,548.45. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the treasurer’s warrant for 6/30/06 in the amount of \$58,855.93. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk