TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 1, 2006

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

Selectmen absent: None

Staff attendance: Don Willard, Town Manager; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

Others: John Brenan, Norman Fortin, and Sam Gifford.

1)Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Town Office.

2)Minutes of previous meeting dated July 11, 2006.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3)New business.
   a) Appointments of Norman Fortin, John Brenan, Jean Carter and School Department representative Roger Ginn to the One Raymond Committee – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.
   MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the above indicated appointees. Seconded by Joe Bruno.
   VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

   b) Sam Gifford appointment to CPIC – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.
   MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the appointment of Sam Gifford to the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.
   VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

   DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins asked whether the CPIC will come before the Selectmen to explain their plan and what they expect to do this year. Mr. Reynolds replied that they would be coming sometime this fall because they plan to have a lot of housekeeping ordinance changes for the next Annual Meeting. He added that the present ordinance needs to be updated and made analogous throughout. Mr. Bruno asked how often the Comprehensive Plan will be updated. Mr. Reynolds said that it should be looked at every ten years, and was an ongoing process. Mr. Reynolds said they were trying to work with the high priority issues which the 2004 Comp Plan designated.
c) Peddler's License location change for Jay Scangarella's (Jay's Hot Dog Cart) business from the Car Wash on Rt. 302 to The Fisherman's Net – Louise Lester, Town Clerk.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the original site was the Car Wash and he moved without notice to the Town Office to the Fisherman’s Net on Roosevelt Trail (Route 302). The Selectmen felt that this move was without review and notice and they wanted Mr. Scangarella to appear at the next meeting to discuss the move and the site at the Fisherman’s Net. They also wanted information about who was employed at the cart because it appeared that Mr. Scangarella was not always there which he originally stated he would be.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to send a letter to Jay Scangarella and ask him to appear at the next Selectmen’s meeting to explain why he moved, the logistics of his new site, and his employees. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard asked about his continuing his business. Mr. Bruno said to allow him to keep open until the next Selectmen’s meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

d) Reactivation of the Building Committee and addition of One Raymond Committee representatives – Mark Gendron, Chair of Selectmen.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gendron said that this would be the second installment to study the needs of the town office. Mr. Desjardins said the first report was completed last winter which stated that a new or expanded town office was needed and now the One Raymond Committee would like to continue the work. This should be a high priority in the next five years because the town office is becoming outgrown with the service needs for the increasing population in Raymond. Mr. Gendron said that Public Works also has needs and the Committee will be working on that as well. Mr. Gendron added that this group will be looking at town owned land including the schools. Mr. Gendron said that this will be a subcommittee of the One Raymond Committee. Mr. Willard noted there are seven people who are interested. Mr. Desjardins indicated that these meetings are open to the public, and anyone is welcomed to attend and have input. Mr. Willard noted that Louise Lester is on the list from the last committee and will be there as a citizen and not as a town employee.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the formulation of the subcommittee called the Building Committee with the members listed. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

e) Discussion of a lien release for Beth Ann Hurd, Raymond Hill Road – Jack Cooper, CEO.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Cooper reviewed the history of this action saying that their year would expire except that a month ago a junk truck appeared and has not been moved. Therefore, they are not in compliance at this time. Mr. Willard said that they cannot release the bond and wait another three to six months to see that it’s compliant. Mr. Gendron wanted to wait until the first Selectmen’s meeting in May 2007. Mr. Bruno asked what would happen then. Mr. Willard said that the town can foreclose at that time. Mr. Willard continued that the lien came from
penalties and didn’t know if Raymond can “start the clock again”. Mr. Willard suggested requiring clean up in a number of days and then if not foreclose. He suggested 30 days and then hold the lien for another year. 
MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to send a 30 day notice for compliance and then hold the lien for a year beyond the date of compliance. Seconded by Joe Bruno. 
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

f) Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee (LPC) Election Ballot.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to vote for Gordon Billington and Joe Bruno. Seconded by Dana Desjardins. 
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

g) Annual Election MMA Executive Committee Officers and Directors. 
DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard said that he didn’t have any recommendations because he didn’t know many of those nominated but did comment on those he did know. Mr. Reynolds said that he like the candidates who petitioned for the positions and felt that many of them had more experience than those nominated. 
MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to vote for Nick Mavodones and Janet White and the three people nominated for director with three year terms. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor. 
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

4) Old (unfinished) business.

a) Recycling and municipal solid waste pick-up policy discussion – Phil Hammett, Recycling Committee Chairman. 
DISCUSSION: Mr. Hammett discussed the conversations with Pine Tree Waste about going to a one-barrel program. The need now is to discover how to make one-barrel feasible. Pay per bag in Windham and Portland is about 35% and Raymond is 11%. Part is trash reduction and part is encouraging recycling. He felt that trash’s negative aspect costs Raymond money. Pine Tree’s contract is a two-barrel program currently. Pine Tree believes that going to one-barrel will cost Raymond more than the contract states. The Recycling Committee wants to work into it with first enforcing the two-barrel system and becoming more strict than in the past which will begin in September 2006. Currently the recycling trucks are at capacity and adding more recycling would become an added cost to Pine Tree. They are looking at Regional Waste System (RWS) for recycling with single-stream which should be available in March 2007. This will allow Pine Tree to carry more recycling by not having to separate the product. The sorting will be done at RWS. In January Pine Tree was willing to try the single-barrel program because our total usage is historically less in the winter. Mr. Reynolds asked if Pine Tree would deliver to RWS. Mr. Hammett replied yes. Mr. Reynolds asked if Pine Tree would have time to figure their costs so that we can consider it for our next budget. Mr. Willard didn’t think so. Mr. Reynolds had concern about what the contact with Pine Tree will cost if we begin this after their bid comes in for the next contract. Mr. Bruno believed that recycling was more than 11% relative to the spread sheets provided in their reports from Mrs. Lester. Mr. Hammett explained that he was figuring 11% with the municipal solid waste
Mr. Bruno asked how Raymond would enforce one-barrel curbside pickup. Mr. Hammett said that each barrel would have to be identifiable to the trash truck. Mr. Bruno had concern that people who are summer residents or those who don’t use other town services like the schools would be required to pay more for their trash removal. Mr. Hammett said that they might go to a sticker system so that everyone would have the same advantage of getting as many stickers as the year round residents. Mr. Bruno didn’t like the fact that right after the recent revaluation where many residents had their taxes go higher we were considering added fees besides is not right. He didn’t see how this new program would save money. Mr. Hammett felt that this was the right thing to do for the environment. Mr. Gendron felt that they are trying to be responsible to the environment as well as the cost. He also said that much has to be discussed in this program. Mr. Bruno said that he needed to see cost. Mr. Hammett agreed more research is necessary but something does have to be done to increase our percentage. Mr. Gendron wanted to entertain a public meeting and have an educational program at the same time on the one-barrel program and recycling in general. Mr. Desjardins said that Poland which is about the size of Raymond has almost twice the tonnage of MSW as Raymond. Mr. Bruno didn’t feel it was right to enforce the two-barrel program and make our residents angry. He felt that education was more important than enforcement at this point. Mr. Willard said that a new MSW and recycling contract was coming up in 2007. Mr. Reynolds felt that before budget talks begin for the new year some of these questions need to be answered about the program and the new contact for the service. Mr. Desjardins reiterated that if Raymond’s tonnage of MSW drops, MMWAC will need to make that tonnage up to keep their same level of power production i.e. bring trash in from outside of Maine. There was discussion regarding of the beginning of the program and they felt that September 1st was not enough time for notice and education.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to have substantial notification in the ROADRUNNER, publicize the change date on our town signs, host meetings for education and discussion, and provide stickers to Pine Tree to be put on the third trash barrels curbside saying that the program will change beginning November 1, 2006. Seconded by Joe Bruno.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

5) Town Manager Report and Communications.
   • State Revenue Sharing
     Mr. Willard announced that Raymond will be getting $38,000 less this year.
   • Casco Raymond border questions.
     Mr. Reynolds asked what the situation was with the town line in question. Mr. Willard said that a private survey discovered a possible discrepancy in the town lines and O’Donnell Associates is looking into it and what properties are involved. There will be a meeting of Raymond and Casco officials to discuss this issue. Mr. Bruno said that if there is a change it will have to go through the state legislature which should not be a problem.
   • Cumberland County Communications
     Mr. Desjardins said that he had toured their new facility this week and was very impressed. Mr. Willard said that Raymond will be approaching Gray to combine their dispatches. Mr. Gendron reported that the One Raymond Committee has discussed emergency radio dead spots in Raymond which might be fixed by putting an antenna on
the WGME tower which WGME is willing to do. He added that this would be investigated further.

- Offers to surrounding towns for dispatch service.

One Raymond has looked at combining with another towns to service dispatching and particularly with Gray at the present time. Mr. Willard said they have the high tech equipment and Raymond has the Public Safety building. Mr. Willard preferred a multi town arrangement unless or until Raymond goes with Cumberland County. He noted that Gray has a very competent person running their dispatch, and we right now are lacking one dispatcher. Mr. Desjardins asked if we can provide the service for $5.01 per capita like Cumberland County. Mr. Willard replied no, but they would not be servicing our School and Public Works Departments at that price. Mr. Gendron felt a letter should go to WGME to say we’re interested in their offer. Mr. Willard said an answer to Gray must be accomplished very soon because they will be making a decision to go with Cumberland County next week. He said it is important to reach out to other towns.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to write to WGME regarding Raymond putting an antenna on their tower in Raymond. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to have Don Willard, Town Manager, and Denis Morse, Fire Chief, send a letter of proposal to Gray regarding dispatch. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- Town insurance provider.

Mr. Gendron said that the town office would be investigating private insurance along with the School Department for liability insurance and other aspects of insurance needed by the town.


MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the payroll warrant in the amount of $67,799.98. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the #1 treasurer’s warrant in the amount of $23,622.62. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the #2 treasurer’s warrant in the amount of $306,532.62. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

7) Adjournment.

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

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned at 9:16 pm.