

*Town of Raymond
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 7, 2006
7:00 p.m.

JSMS Broadcast Studio
423 Webbs Mills Road

* Amended November 21, 2006

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

Selectmen absent: All present.

Staff attendance: Don Willard, Town Manager; Donna Lovely, Tax Collector; Kevin Woodbury, Technology Director; Sean Carr; Donald Alexander

Others: Lisa Bartell, Thomas Bartell, Grant Lee all of Peoples Regional Opportunity Program (PROP); Keith Butterfield

1) Call to order.

Mark Gendron welcomed all to the first live broadcast of the selectmen's meeting at 7:00 PM.

2) Minutes of previous meeting dated October 17, 2006.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approved the minutes of the October 17, 2006 Selectmen's Meeting, with Lonnie Taylor seconding the motion with the following changes to Page 2 – the spelling of "wood" should be changed to "would".

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3) New business.

- a) Peoples Regional Opportunity Program (PROP) plaque presentation – Thomas Bartell & Grant Lee, Community Building Committee.

Thomas Bartell spoke of Raymond's 40-year collaboration with PROP. Mr. Bartell continued by saying with the changing nature of town politics and finances with service organizations, Raymond has continued its strong relationship to work together with PROP.

Grant Lee spoke of his 19 years with PROP and that PROP has been blessed to help struggling people to get by on a monthly and yearly basis without interruption with the assistance of the Town of Raymond. Raymond has maintained a genuine concern for the work of PROP and for people who have struggled to get by. With that Mr. Lee read from the plaque and presented it to Mark Gendron. The selectmen thanked Mr. Lee and Mr. Bartell.

a) Concerns with personal watercraft on Crescent Lake – Keith Butterfield, 17 Haskell Avenue Raymond.

Mr. Butterfield gave each selectmen a packet of information titled “Thrill Craft Ban on Crescent Lake and Tenney River” A copy of this report is included in the file with the minutes. Mr. Butterfield read from the summary of the report.

Mark Gendron opened discussion by speaking of the Town of Liberty being sued by a non-resident over its ban of Personal Water Craft on Lake St. George. He explained to Mr. Butterfield that Don Willard, town manager, had contacted the Maine Municipal Association lawyers for a sense of direction. The town would have to wait to see what happens with the results of this lawsuit to move forward. Joe Bruno said that Mr. Butterfield should contact the town’s state representative to remedy the situation through legislation and to contact the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to gain their support for a bill for a ban of PWC. Dana Desjardins said that letters and signatures of support from landowners around the lake, especially the owners of the day camps on the lake should be obtained. Mark Gendron and Lonnie Taylor asked Mr. Butterfield to keep in touch with them. Mark Gendron gave Mr. Butterfield a copy of the MMA findings of fact.

b) Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates

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Mike O'Donnell was not available to attend.

c) One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs

Mark Gendron said that there was a site walk of the land behind the District II fire station (abutting Route 85 & Egypt Road), and it was decided to check with an engineer for a site analysis. Don Willard, town manager, contacted Sebago Technics, and a meeting has been set for Wednesday, November 15, 2006 to walk the site with himself and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer Will Cook. They will also review the site near the school ball field. The engineers have been asked for a site analysis, which includes a soil test, wetlands delineation, permits needed and possible engineering of the site; and a proposed budget to develop the sites if found suitable for development. There is no budget with the first visit being free to the town. Joe Bruno commented that there have been no plans to build a town hall or library on either site. *Mr. Gendron stated that they needed to know whether the land is appropriate to build on before they investigate further.

4) Old (unfinished) business.

a) None

5) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Code Enforcement Office.

Don Willard announced to the selectmen that Will Cook had been hired as of November 3, 2006 to work as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer for 24 hours per week at \$16.00 per hour. Mr. Cook has experience working with the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Curbside Trash/Recycling RFP.

Louise Lester, Town Clerk, has given to each selectman a draft RFP for Municipal Waste and Curbside Recycling and Mr. Willard asked the

selectmen to review it and get back to him fairly rapidly with questions, suggestions and concerns to be addressed. This will be for a three-year period and is fairly specific to the needs of the town.

Mike Reynolds asked if the town will know before it signs a contract with a trash provider if we will have single source recycling. Don Willard answered that the town will probably not know at that time. It may be written in as an alternative proposal. Pine Tree Waste is perfecting the details of this method of recycling.

Don Willard said that he would mail bid invitations to the two large and the handful of small waste operators and will run an advertisement in the newspapers asking for bids. Mark Gendron asked selectmen to contact the town manager with their proposed changes to the bid contract by November 15, 2006 by the time of the meeting with the Department of Education.

c. Dispatch Services.

Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tupper and Don Willard will be meeting with the Town of Naples Fire Department to discuss joint dispatch and shared resources Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Naples Public Safety Building. The Town of Raymond will either need to join Cumberland County Dispatch or work with neighboring communities (Windham, Casco, Naples). Don Willard asked the Deputy Chief to start a dialog with the Town of Windham to share resources. It makes sense for us to work together to provide services and equipment.

- ii) Executive Session: Discussion of acquisition of real property as authorized under Maine Statutes Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C).

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go to executive session to discuss the acquisition of real property for tax non-payment as authorized under Maine Statutes Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C). Lonnie Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

Mark Gendron closed the meeting at 7:55 PM for an executive session. Donna Lovely, Tax Collector, joined the selectmen for the executive session.

REOPEN MEETING: The meeting reopened at 8:06 PM.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to come out of executive session. Lonnie Taylor seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to authorize the town attorney to start the acquisition of real property, as authorized under Maine Statutes Title 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C). Lonnie Taylor seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Joe Bruno said that the statute reference was the citation for executive session. Donald Willard said what we need to do is authorize the town attorney to proceed in the matter of affecting the foreclosure of this property to satisfy the seven years of delinquent taxes payable to the town.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to authorize the town attorney to proceed in the matter of affecting the foreclosure of this property to satisfy the seven years of delinquent taxes payable to the town. Lonnie Taylor seconded. Mark Gendron asked for further discussion.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Taylor said that this situation has been going on since 1999 with numerous contacts with the owner. This was not considered without an incredible amount of previous contact.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0.

6) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – November 7, 2006.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to accept payroll expense summaries for pay dates 10/18, 10/24, 10/31 & 11/7, 2006 for the amount of \$74,959.40. Mike Reynolds seconded the motion. No discussion.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to accept the treasurer's warrant dated 11/7/06 in the amount of \$172,385.40. Joe Bruno seconded the motion. No discussion.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

DISCUSSION: Mike Reynolds asked if there were comments, questions, and concerns of townspeople with the tax bills mailed late and the November 27, 2006 as the last day before interest is charged. Don Willard said there were a handful of people that were concerned through email, telephone calls and personal visits to the town office.

7) Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM, which was seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

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Acting Secretary