

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Rd
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 16, 2007

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

Selectmen absent: None

Staff attendance: Don Willard, Town Manager

Others: Dick Ranaghan, Gorham Savings Bank; Karen McNaughton and Dave McNally, Pine Tree Waste; Phil Hammett, Dick Morris, and Tom Carter, Recycling Committee; Robert Gosselin, Budget/Finance Committee.

1) Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

2) Minutes of previous meeting dated January 2, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of January 2, 2007 as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

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

3) New business.

a) Public Finance discussion – Dick Ranaghan, Senior Vice President Public Finance, Gorham Savings Bank

There was discussion about the fiscal aspects of our budget i.e. fund balance and debt policies. Mr. Ranaghan noted that a loss of fund balance would reduce Raymond's credit rating adding that a fund balance of 8.3% – 10% of operating budget (post audit) was a guideline for one time expenses i.e. vehicle purchase. He suggested that debt service could be up to 15% of state valuation but the net debt service should not be more than 8-10% of total budget including school debt. He added that a CIP for 3 to 7 years is acceptable. Also that a tax anticipation loan has to be cleared annually, it can't revolve.

b) Special Amusement Application – William E. Hines Jr. and Kimberly Y. Hines, Whines Enterprises Inc., dba Cafe Sebago

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

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: Selectmen signed the application.

c)Personnel Policy Amendment, Section XXI, Employee References – Town Manager Don Willard

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to adopt Article 21 of the Town of Raymond, Maine Personnel Policy. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

AMENDMENT: That only the town manager or his designated employee can give this information.

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

VOTE ON AMENDMENT AND ORIGINAL MOTION: Unanimous 5-0

d)Review and approval of fiscal year 2006/2007 contract for Assessing Services – John E. O'Donnell & Associates

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the contract. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

Note that the contract is the same as last year.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

e)Consideration of Curbside MSW and Recycling bids – Town Clerk Louise Lester

Karen McNaughton affirmed that single stream recycling would probably be available by July 2007. It was decided to approve the 5-sort program with this vote but be able to renegotiate the contract if single-stream became available at a later date. Discussion about the increase in recycling being detrimental to the power production at MMWAC and hence the tipping fee to towns.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to accept the 5-sort bid from Pine Tree Waste, Inc. with negotiations on single-stream sort when available. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

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

Next meeting Thursday, January 18, 2007, 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio

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

Map 9, Lot 20	abatement	\$2,157.30
Map 52, Lot 50 122A	abatement	\$ 30.60
Map 18, Lot 12	abatement	\$ 109.74
Map 77, Lot 50	abatement	\$ 413.10

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the abatements as outlined by Michael O'Donnell. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

4)Old (unfinished) business.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RECESS: Mark Gendron recessed the meeting at 8:33 pm.

a) 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 come out of executive session. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mark Gendron reopened the meeting at 8:41 pm.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to proceed with the acquisition of property that the Selectmen were already working on. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

5)Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Municipal budget deliberations 2007-2008

Mr. Willard will be attempting to keep the budget in line with LD1 which is the Selectmen's directive. He would be increasing road allotment and reducing undesignated surplus as well as looking at core services. Discussion about no mil rate increase and the intention to keep the LD1 amount baring increases from school and county taxes.

b. LSRS summary – consolidation of schools.

Local schools with regional support will allow tax relief. Maine spends \$2,000 more per student than the national average but lowest teacher's salaries in New England, test scores are higher but are flat lining. www.maine.gov/edu has presentation online. Slightly over 50% go on to college. Financial shift from administration to classroom support. Two thousand scholarships for instate colleges. Changing from 152 to 26 administrative districts combined for efficiency rather than geography. High school courses will be intended to prepare all children for higher education. One superintendent and 1 school board per district. Each current school board would be an advisory board; 5 to 15 people leading into an advisory council. Combine administrative work, services, and benefits. Will not consolidate schools but centralize administration. Educational funding won't change appreciably. All schools would have a principal but intent will be to increase teachers' salaries. Savings must be put to tax relief. Implementation July 2008. Presently Raymond in Lake Region District but will change to Windham Westbrook. Goal will be to allow staff easy accessibility to schools geographically. Student transportation an issue as well as coordination of school calendar.

c. Public works truck

Discussion of truck to purchase replacing old truck. 2007 trucks won't have the emissions which will be very expensive in 2008. Will have quotes in the near future.

6)Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – January 16, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$40,301.58. Seconded by Mike Reynolds

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$216,250.53. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

7)Adjournment.

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

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 9:23 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk