

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 20, 2007

ATTENDANCE: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Joe Bruno; Lonnie Taylor; and Dana Desjardins.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Mike Reynolds

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Kevin Woodbrey and John Hanley, Technology Committee; Nathan White, Public Works Director; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Kathy Gosselin, EMS Director; and Bruce Tupper, Deputy Fire Chief.

OTHERS: Robert Gosselin, Budget/Finance Committee; Betty McDermott; and Ada Brown.

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

2)Minutes of previous meeting dated February 6, 2007.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3)New business.

a)Broadcast studio update/presentation of certificates of appreciation – Chairman Board of Selectmen Mark Gendron

Mr. Gendron awarded certificates of appreciation to Ada Brown, Betty McDermott, Kevin Woodbrey, Mike Reynolds, and Don Willard for their work in the creation of the broadcast studio.

b) Data services discussion – Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey [8:50]

DISCUSSION: It was noted that legal obligations for record keeping was mandated by statute and described vital statistics, accounting records, assessing records, tax commitment records, fire/rescue records, tax maps which are contained in five different data bases. The problem is the overlapping of databases, which have to be kept in alignment, some by hand and others electronically. Question is to how these updates will be accomplished with the present budget. A possibility is to hire a company to do the work as needed with the most critical records being first. An approach was to ask Cumberland County for their help with this endeavor for all towns because this work is needed everywhere. Discussion on “open source” programs in that these are free to use

but have large company resources and licensing behind it. Support is available but must be paid for if used.

b)Regional dispatch center technical review – Network Administrator Kevin Woodbrey. [8:17]

DISCUSSION: Update on a regional dispatch center with either Naples (\$45,000) or Windham (\$18,000) by Kevin Woodbrey. Note that Cumberland County Dispatch has also been studied. Mr. Woodbrey recommended that Raymond merge with Naples because it can be tailored for the towns of Naples, Casco and Raymond and any other towns who might be included in the future. Windham is already setup and Raymond would have to fit their program and not have some aspects of service which we would like. Naples dispatch would be run by a board from member towns. Regionalization of fire/rescue has been discussed since 1999. Communication towers need improvement in Raymond. Looking at one-year contact with Naples as a trial period. Discussion about the cost savings being a means to be able to afford a contract Cumberland County Sheriff Deputy. Another improvement would be a “flycar” for paramedics which would be shared regionally to answer calls as a first responder instead of rolling an ambulance for every call. This vehicle could be purchased with the savings in the budget from the dispatch change.

c)Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates

None

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

None, next meeting Thursday, March 1, 2007

e)Discussion on printing costs for this year's town report – Town Clerk Louise Lester

Wait for bids to decide whether to include the proposed ordinances in the Town Report.

4)Old (unfinished) business.

a)Discussion of possible replacement of heavy duty plow truck – Public Works Director Nathan White

DISCUSSION: Other considerations for town plowing would be to bid out roads currently plowed by the town, purchase new heavier truck, or fix and use the old truck. Daigle & Holden International truck ready to go with all equipment taking the complete old town truck in trade [\$20,000], other new trucks would only be cab and chassis and use our current plow and sander body. This International truck is 18,000# front axel and has a built in sander which would not have to be

removed for summer use; should last the town 20 years. Cash purchase to save on interest of 5.42% or do lease purchase with an early payoff.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to purchase the International truck.

Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

b) Determination of 2007 town scholarship award levels – Town Clerk Louise Lester

The Board would like to know how much interest has accrued over the last year. Tabled until the next meeting.

5)Town Manager Report and Communications.

A. Road posting will begin March 5, 2007

B. Maine Short form Quitclaim deed for Waterman.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to sign the quitclaim deed but not release it until the tax/expenses check clears our bank. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

6)Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – February 20, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurers Warrant in the amount of \$96,023.59 which includes \$12,041.25 from Undesignated Surplus for payment to O'Donnell Associates for their 2005 abatement work. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$40,540.53. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

7)Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk