

Town of Raymond  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 6, 2007

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Bruce Tupper, Assistant Fire Chief; and Cathy Gosselin, EMS Director.

OTHERS: Robert Gosselin, Budget/Finance Committee; Greg Foster; and Christina Keilt.

1)Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the JSMS Broadcast studio.

2)Minutes of previous meeting dated February 20, 2007.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes as written. Dana Desjardins noted that on page 2 under #4 the name should be Daigle and Houghton.

VOTE ON MOTION AND AMENDMENT: 4 in favor (Bruno, Desjardins, Gendron, Taylor) 1 abstention (Reynolds)

3)New business.

a)Resignation of Allen Tait from Planning Board

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to accept Allen Tait's resignation with thanks.

Seconded by Lonnie Taylor

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

b)Interview two applicants for the open seat on the Planning Board – Board of Selectmen

Christina Keilt, resident of 29 years, felt this was an opportunity to give something back to Raymond. She had concern about the watershed and environment.

Greg Foster, resident since late 80's, member of the 1992 Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, and the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Committee. He is a professional forester. He believes in property owner rights.

NOMINATION: Dana Desjardins nominated Greg Foster as a member of the Planning Board. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Bruno, Taylor, Desjardins) 2 opposed (Reynolds, Gendron)

NOMINATION: Joe Bruno nominated Christina Keilt as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

c)Fire/Rescue Budget overview/update – Fire Chief Denis Morse

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse reported on the Fire Department's fixed assets with a comparison of their capital improvements from 2000 hoping that this would help with the formulation of their CIP amount because costs have increased dramatically. He estimated that the current \$900,000+ assets would have a replacement cost of about \$2 mil. He noted that their zero budget increase over the last three years has been accomplished with cooperation between fire and rescue because mutual aid is getting harder to rely on with of lack of personnel in neighboring towns. The cost of using personnel from outside of Raymond is expensive thereby causing Raymond to charge other towns that we service.

He recommended signing with Naples Dispatch for 1 year beginning October 2007.

Cathy Gosselin reported that there were about 30 people in the Department and 12 of them do 50 calls annually, other than the full timer employees, with an average of 11 calls each. She noted that part-time dispatchers don't make the same amount that the full time dispatchers do. Also that volunteers accomplish job other than direct fire/rescue work i.e. Public Safety Building maintenance and Fire Police duties.

Ms. Gosselin explained the paramedic fly car to use in coordination with neighboring towns. This would be a municipal vehicle which would be stocked with emergency meds and equipment for a paramedic to triage the case and then decide whether transportation is required. During the hours of 4 am to 8 am is very difficult because of lack of manpower, and a fly car could help solve this problem with participating towns providing funding and manpower. Currently paramedic intercept costs \$150 to \$300+ per call which is required by EMS directives. Required Raymond service to Frye Island continues to be under funded. Frye Island isn't EMS permitted to transport patients. Gray is also under funding our mutual aid service. She added that they would be looking at the charges for services.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve a one-year contract with Naples for dispatch services beginning in October 2007. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Bruno, Taylor, Gendron) 1 opposed (Desjardins) 1 abstention (Reynolds)

d)Discussion on possible warrant article to change the date of town meeting – Town Clerk Louise Lester [8:36]

NEXT MEETING: The March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be changed to March 22 at 7:00 pm at the broadcast studio. The agenda will include discussion for the moving of town meeting and the possibility of using referendum voting.

e)Capital planning and asset acquisition policy discussion – Selectman Joe Bruno [9:00 pm]

Mr. Bruno felt Raymond has a disjointed policy on capital purchases and debt. He felt the CIP should be for the all departments combined and that it should be raised through a percentage of the annual budget instead of a dollar amount for a specific purchase. An undesignated fund balance policy should be established and be set as a percentage; there should be a minimum base amount established. It was decided to investigate further with other towns.

f)New town office concept vote discussion – Selectman Joe Bruno [9:22 pm]

Mr. Bruno felt the Building Committee needs to establish a need for a new town office and whether the taxpayers are in agreement. He wanted to ask town meeting for funds to explore the idea and whether the town should progress toward a new town meeting. It was discussed whether it would be better for focus on just the town office and postpone the idea of the library and community center being included. All possibilities should be considered with this first study. It was felt that this funding should be from undesignated fund balance and not within the annual budget.

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

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the 8 abatements. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

Map 3, Lot 32C	\$ 638.52
Map 12, Lot 44A	\$ 462.06
Map 14, Lot 22	\$ 132.60
Map 31, Lot 22	\$ 232.56
Map 24, Lot 39	\$ 178.50
Map 12, Lot 42	\$1,718.70
Map 4, Lot 25A	\$ 132.60
C0012P Personal Property	\$ 71.40

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

h) One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs  
None

4)Old (unfinished) business.

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

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to accept the bid for a 177-page book from Maine Label and Printing in the amount of \$3,391.50. Seconded by Dana Desjardins  
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

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

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve funding for the following scholarships: Carleton E. Edwards \$500, Alva Clough none, Torstein Johannas Lund none, George E. Woods \$1,000, Collins-Day \$1,500 for a total of \$3,000. Seconded by Joe Bruno.  
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

5)Town Manager Report and Communications.  
None

6)Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – March 6, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$152,668.36. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.  
Note this includes payment for the dump truck to Daigle and Houghton for \$88,228.92. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.  
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motion to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$55,734.15. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.  
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: Mr. Desjardins announced that there was a new business in town Pride Cut Meat Market that is in the Country Shopping Plaza on Roosevelt Trail.

7)Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.  
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 9:44 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk