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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Lonnie Taylor.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHERS: Charles Leavitt; Dwayne Buzzell; Jerilyn Ward, Budget Committee; Teresa Sadak, School Board; and Wendy Thoren.

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


MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes of March 22, 2007 as written. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Reynolds asked to make the following corrections: page 4 second paragraph, second line “the flycar was purchased from a commercial car dealer; page 7 item 5b second line: strike “free”.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins asked why the flycar was purchased before next year’s budget. Mr. Willard felt it was necessary and could be purchased with this year’s fire equipment budget, and he had obtained approval from Vice Chairman Mike Reynolds. The cost $7,960. Mr. Desjardins asked why they didn’t go to bid. Mr. Willard explained you would not do an RFP for a used vehicle; State surplus didn’t have anything we would want, and the Fire Department wanted to begin the program. Mr. Gendron felt this would help our lone nighttime paramedic for the time being until her alternate is working again. Mr. Desjardins felt it should have waited until the next budget year, and we had waited to consolidate with other towns first. More discussion should have been entertained prior to the purchase. Mr. Willard would like some forewarning about these questions so that he could have prepared information. Mr. Gendron believed that the Selectmen have to depend on department heads decisions from time to time. Mr. Reynolds thought this program would save Raymond money in the long run because we might not have to roll the ambulance for some calls. Mr. Bruno concurred. Mr. Desjardins questioned the cost savings because the flycar won’t have the rescue equipment an ambulance would have. Mr. Gendron noted that this vehicle would be for triage of the situation/patient before the ambulance was called out. Mr. Reynolds felt that the Selectmen had already approved the program because they had already approved the 2007-2008 Fire Department budget in which this was included.
AMENDED MOTION VOTE: 3 in favor (Reynolds, Gendron, Bruno) 1 abstention (Desjardins)

3) New business.

a) Consideration of temporary seasonal business permit for Pam Larracey, dba Anytime Subs & Wraps – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

DISCUSSION: Jack Cooper described the trailer the Larracey’s want beside their current store. He said the original ordinance for vendors didn’t have setbacks, but they now have to abide by a 60-foot setback. They would like to have it no closer to the road than the current building, and there will be no interference with parking. Mr. Desjardins thought that abutter’s notification was necessary, as well as the Fire Department inspection.

TABLE until next meeting.

b) Consideration of new road names – Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer

DISCUSSION: Jack Cooper reported that the requested road name was T-Mac Drive with a second choice of Dynamite Trail.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the name T-Mac Drive. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

c) Reinstating past practice of Selectmen recommendation on warrant articles for Raymond School Department budget – Mark Gendron, Chairman of Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gendron felt that since the residents questioned the Selectmen on all budget items - town and school, the Selectmen should put their recommendation on the School Department budget. They scheduled a Special Selectmen’s meeting for April 12 at 7:00 pm for recommendation and approval of the entire warrant. Mr. Desjardins complimented the Budget Committee for their work on this budget. Mr. Bruno felt it was important that the Selectmen have input on the School budget because the mil rate is influenced so strongly by that budget. Mr. Leavitt approved of the Budget Committee’s decision and the fact that they allowed the School Department to determine where the cuts might be. Mrs. Ward thanked the Selectmen and all departments for their willingness to answer questions and collaborate with the formulation of the budgets. She added that the Selectmen’s participation at the meeting was very helpful and supported their desire to have a recommendation on the school budget.

d) Consideration of warrant articles to change the date of Annual Town Meeting and allow referendum voting – Louise Lester, Town Clerk

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen agreed that two articles appear as Articles 3 & 4 in the warrant. Article 3 to change the date of town meeting and Article 4 to give the Selectmen authorization to hold a referendum vote.
d) Review and approval of regional disaster aid agreement for Cumberland County – Don Willard, Town Manager

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard presented the document from George Flaherty for the Cumberland County Regional EMA agreement update. He noted that Public Safety had already reviewed and approved it. Mr. Reynolds asked if it included anything pertaining to notification to the towns if the system fails.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to authorize Don Willard to sign the document for Raymond. Seconded by Dana Desjardins. VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

f) Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) resignation of Christina Keilt

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to accept Christina Keilt’s resignation. Seconded by Dana Desjardins. VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno questioned part of the ordinance to be decided at town meeting. He noted page 20 & 92 and questioned the ability for a town meeting vote to overrule a recommendation of the Planning Board. Mr. Reynolds replied that these changes are primarily “housekeeping” and couldn’t answer specifically. Mr. Bruno requested a summary sheet of changes to be available. Mr. Reynolds announced that there would be another special town meeting next fall for specific changes, and another next spring to finalize the ordinance to be in compliance with the 2001 Comprehensive Plan.

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

None


None

4) Old (unfinished) business.

   a) none

5) Town Manager Report and Communications.

   a. Public Safety banquet last Sunday

   Mr. Willard reported that the meeting was very well attended which included some active Explorer Boy Scout members as well as our neighboring fire chiefs.

   b. Tassel Top truck

   Mr. Willard reported that a used 2004 pickup truck had been purchased for Tassel Top Park and Public Works. Mr. Desjardins asked why didn’t Tassel Top Park pay for it all instead of sharing with the town. Mr. Willard said he would inquire.
past public works had provided a vehicle for Tassel Top’s use, and if public works will use it part time, then it’s logical that the town would pay for part of it.

c. Preparation for town meeting.
Mr. Willard said the Selectmen would meet tomorrow evening on the town budget.

d. Dispatch Service
Mr. Desjardins asked if there was a contract with Naples for dispatch service. Mr. Willard replied there would be a contract, and it would be administered by a board of directors who would be representatives from the member towns. He added that Chief Morse and Assistance Chief Tupper were participating in the discussions.


MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of $52,755.52. Seconded by Joe Bruno.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Warrant in the amount of $70,383.17. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

e. Adjournment.
MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Bruno.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Lester
Town Clerk

Louise H.