

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Rd
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING FOR TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MINUTES
Thursday April 12, 2007

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Lonnie Taylor.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Teresa Sadak, School Board; and Roger Ginn, School Board Chairman.

OTHERS: Charles Leavitt.

1) Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

2) 2007-2008 Town Meeting Warrant.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the warrant as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

DISCUSSION: The fact that the Selectmen had a goal of keeping a flat line mil rate of 10.2 meant that the budgets would have to be reduced further by \$54,344. Whether more reduction to the school budget on the warrant should be asked was decided to be impossible due to the necessity of printing the town report. There were congratulations by all the Selectmen to the Budget Finance Committee for their diligent work.

VOTE: in favor 4

DISCUSSION: Mr. Ginn criticized that there had been no communication between the School Board and the Board of Selectmen concerning the school budget. He had concern that the Selectmen would consider putting their recommendation on the school budget when it was the School Board's responsibility to present to the town. Mr. Gendron expressed the Selectmen's position that they are responsible for the whole budget not just the municipal side. Mrs. Sadak had concern that the Selectmen were making decisions on the school budget without enough information. Mr. Bruno noted that his study of the school budget provided by the superintendent and school business manager was information enough to make his decision.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve articles 5 – 24 and note in the town warrant the Selectmen's recommendations to be the same as the recommendations by the Budget/Finance Committee. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the actual mil rate wouldn't be known until the commitment is set in September 2007. At that time the town's property value will be known and the mil rate set against the elected budget total. He thought it might be possible to have the mil rate stay near 10.2 because of increased property value during this fiscal year.

AMENDMENT: Joe Bruno amended the motion to allow Lonnie Taylor 24 hours to notify the Town Clerk of his vote. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Unanimous 4-0

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: 4-0 with the addition of Mr. Taylor's vote when received.

3)Approval of financial warrants:

a. Payroll Warrant

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$20,989.05. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

b. Treasurer's Warrant

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$149,718.01. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

4)Adjourn.

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

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk