

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Rd
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 15, 2007

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Lonnie Taylor.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Nathan White, Public Works Director.

OTHERS: Howard Stiles, Veterans' Memorial Committee Chairman.

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 May 1, 2007.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes from May 1, 2007.

Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

Joe Bruno had a correction under number 5c that the town elections will be from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm and not 8:30 pm.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3) New business.

a) Veteran's Committee update – Howard Stiles, Veteran's Committee Chair

DISCUSSION: Howard Stiles announced that the date of the dedication would be May 28th. Public Works and volunteers are doing the site work. The walkway is an Eagle Scout project by Steve Lentine. The landscaping is being done along with the electrical conduit. The ceremony will be at 2:00 pm with Major General John W. Libby the keynote speaker. Representative John Robinson will speak and Bill Diamond has been asked. All the Selectmen are invited. Dana Stetson – Reid will attend as Chaplin. Patty Gordon will conduct some school children with songs. A Boy Scout and Girl Scout will raise the flag. There will be light refreshment after the ceremony. He felt that parking would be a concern and Chipco will allow parking there. He said he would consider having a Cumberland County Sheriff in attendance. Mr. Desjardins asked if he had considered Raymond's fire police. It was felt that if people crossed at the intersection, there shouldn't be a problem. There was discussion of having someone play taps.

Mr. Stiles said the committee would like the park named Raymond Veterans' Memorial Park. Mr. Willard said that he is looking into having a sign made in the same style as the Tassel Top Park sign.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to have a new sign made. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

Mr. Stiles said that donations would always be accepted. He noted that they need to raise money for street flags and flags for veterans' graves. He would like to establish a town fund. Mr. Willard noted that they have a Capital Reserve Fund which will be held by the town for this work and available for maintenance of the memorial. There was discussion about the paving stones being an ongoing program so that everyone will have a chance to purchase one for their loved one. This would also provide funding for the park as well.

- b) Consideration of air conditioning unit bids for Jordan Small Middle School Broadcast Studio – Public Works Director Nathan White.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard announced that the low bid for the air conditioning required some electrical work which was not included in the bid and will increase the cost. Mr. White will get at least three bids for the electrical for which consideration will be on their next agenda.

MOTION Joe Bruno motioned to table until the next meeting. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

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

TABLE and reschedule for lack of a quorum.

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

None.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss scholarships. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

- e) Executive Session – Discussion of confidential records pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F) Annual Town Scholarship Awards – Town Clerk Louise Lester

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

7:48 pm

The results of the scholarship awards are:

- Justin Robinson – George Wood Scholarship for \$1,000
- Alyse Bartholomew – Carleton E. Edwards Scholarship for \$500
- Kayleigh Flynn – Collins Day Scholarship for \$500
- Keegan Brown – Collins Day Scholarship for \$500
- Kathryn Eastman – Collins Day Scholarship for \$500

4)Old (unfinished) business.

- a) None.

5)Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Town Meeting and Elections

Town Elections at Jordan Small Middle School Friday, May 18, 2007 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Town Meeting at Jordan Small Middle School Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 10:00 am.

b. FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency

Mr. Willard announced there was a good possibility that there would be reimbursement to the town for damage to public property from the Patriots Day storm. He added there was also a possibility that there would be some funding for private sector damage. If anyone has damage, they should report to Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Tupper for his records.

c. Scholarships

Mr. Gendron noted that the scholarship fund has been low and he thanked the Lions Club for their donated funds from their bottle drive sheds on Route 302 and the town office.

d. Animal Control Ordinance

Mr. Reynolds apologized to ACO Don Alexander because he had taken his dog to baseball games which was against the dog ordinance. He said that he would not be taking his dog to the parks again.

Mr. Reynolds added that he had helped Lonnie Taylor and others clean the fields at Mill Street, and there were no reports of dog excrement on the fields. Thanks to everyone who is working with Raymond to keep the fields clean for the children.

e. Town Report

Mr. Desjardins announced that the town report preparation needed to be improved next year so that the public would have them at least a couple of weeks before town meeting. He felt the committees needed to finish their work by the end of March so that the publishing of the book would have enough time for completion before town meeting.

f. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – May 1, 2007.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$43,589.05. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$2,086,770.76. Note: \$2,000,000 will be put into a money market account for a month or two. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

g. Adjournment.

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

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk