

Town of Raymond  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2007

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; and Will Cook, Assistant Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHERS: Many children and several mothers interested in the possible skateboard park and Barbara Loux, Jordan Small Middle School teacher; and Laurie Salamone.

1. Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting dated October 2, 2007.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

CORRECTION: Mike Reynolds asked that on page 2 at the bottom under One Raymond that the wording be improved to show that the One Raymond Committee recommended that the department heads report to the Selectmen and Budget Finance Committee on a regular basis.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3. New business:
  - a. Conversation regarding the land offered for the skateboard park effort – Raymond Skateboard Committee.

DISCUSSION: Barbara Loux explained that they had an offer from Tim Davison to lease a piece of his land off the North Raymond Road to Raymond for 5 years at no charge. She asked for the Selectmen's permission to proceed with the work. She noted that Pete Marcinuk said the land was suitable for the park and also security because it's close to the road. She asked about Cumberland County prisoners set up the half pipe. Mr. Marcinuk felt the half pipe might have to be cut down a bit for the children's skill level. Mr. Gendron suggested that their strategic obstacles could possibly be overcome with help on information and tips from a man from Windham who helped build Windham's park. This man said for security it should be in a

populated area, not a rural one.. Raymond's insurance carrier said they couldn't cover it if it was on private property. There is some town owned land which might be available. Mr. Willard said that having a landowner held harmless is almost impossible and would be very expensive. The park would need to be approved by the Raymond Zoning Board of Appeals and opposition to the plan by neighbors would be very detrimental to their approval. Mr. Gendron added that fund raising would have to be active before plans can be advanced. Mr. Willard said that land use would have to be approved by the Planning Board. Mr. Taylor added that the park would be built in phases, and the original site should be the final location. Mr. Willard suggested a reserve account with the school or town for the donations to be tax deductible and overseen by the finance office. Mr. Bruno asked if they had talked with the school committee. Mrs. Loux replied yes and they weren't interested. Mr. Marcinuk identified a piece on school property near the soccer field which he felt was his first choice. Mrs. Loux said that she would be talking with them again. Laurie Salamone asked for a list of what they needed to do. Mr. Reynolds handed her the suggested "to do" list from last year. Mr. Willard added that he would begin by helping them set a time line and set goals. Mr. Gendron charged the interested kids with getting their parents, grandparents, and friends involved in order to get this built. Mr. Gendron thanked Mr. Cook for his memo concerning this issue. Mr. Cook felt that no matter where the location is, the abutters would probably be the biggest roadblock.

b. Change to Raymond's fire Alarm System Ordinance – Chairman Mark Gendron.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gendron explained that there needs to be an ordinance change for the dispatch relocation. This may require a special town meeting to approve this change so that it is in force prior to our total shift to the Naples Dispatch. This could be done prior to a regular Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Willard felt that temporarily it could be a Selectmen policy change until a town meeting could be arranged. Mr. Reynolds said it had been discussed and ratified through the budget passed at the last annual town meeting and could be a policy change now and prepare it for the annual town meeting warrant.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the change in the Alarm System Ordinance, and then have it ratified at the next annual town meeting. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

c. Discussion on setting the date for the next municipal election and Annual Town Meeting – Town Clerk Louise H. Lester.

DISCUSSION: There was discussion about whether to have the public town meeting prior to or after the election.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to have the ballot election Tuesday, June 10, 2008. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: Mr. Reynolds said his preference was Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for the open town meeting. The other Selectmen concurred.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. Gendron announced that the Selectmen have been invited to the November 7, 2008 School Board meeting beginning at 6:30 pm to discuss their quarterly finance report. They will also be discussion about the air quality project at JSMS which will have implications in this year's budget and possibly their need for undesignated surplus funds.

- d. Discussion of bulky waste program's coupon booklets – Town Clerk Louise H. Lester

DISCUSSION: The Selectmen felt that they would maintain the budget as it stands and would not print further coupon booklets. Mr. Bruno felt that if the LRBWF couldn't run with the revenues coming in, maybe they should not keep the facility. Mr. Willard said that there was going to be a meeting tomorrow at the Public Safety Building to talk about the facility's financial planning for the future given what the coupon system has shown in savings to Raymond.

- e. School consolidation information update – Selectmen Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno said it was crunch time and people are wary in which way the school consolidation choice will go. Westbrook and Windham have combined \$17 to \$18 million in debt, and he didn't want Raymond to pick up any of this debt because our voters didn't ratify it. He said the Legislature has to deal with the problems in the current law before we can go forward.

- 4. Old (unfinished) business.
  - a. None.
- 5. Town Manager Report and Communications.
  - a. ICMA Convention  
Mr. Willard reported it was a very productive use of time.
  - b. Western Maine Town Manager meeting.  
Mr. Willard attended the WMTM meeting today with Commissioner of Education Susan Gendron as speaker. He said that she related among other facts that a town would not have to pick up debt incurred by the other towns prior to consolidation.
  - c. MMA Legislative Policy Committee.  
Mr. Bruno said his presentation to this group was not well received. He felt that it was planned that he not be given time for his whole presentation. There was discussion about the Selectmen's negative view of the MMA Legislative Policy Committee.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – October 16, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to accept the Treasurers Warrant in the amount of \$1,183,273.54. He noted this included bond payments and the County Tax. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

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

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$39,517.36. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gendron reported that they had notice from County about their dispatch services. Mr. Reynolds related that County had given a presentation to GPCOG for their bond issues being voted on November 6<sup>th</sup>. He said that they explained that the communication funding was for the Sheriff's Department to cover current dead zones with towers and a microwave system. They also said that it would allow better communications from and to member towns for emergency situations. County's current budget includes the payments for the debt to be voted on with a split of 40% to the Sheriff's Department and 60% to the dispatch. Mr. Desjardins said that the microwave system will be a redundant system in case the original system fails.

Mr. Gendron noted a vote to increase the number of Cumberland County Commissioners. He felt that there had been very little publicity to date about this election item.

He continued that the bond issue on the County Jail infirmary was mentioned because the current facility is too small. He also noted that Mercy Hospital would not be charging by Medicaid rate but full rate for the jail. Mr. Bruno felt it was a safety issue as well.

Mr. Reynolds asked to have an agenda item the second meeting of the month for the GPCOG update.

7. Adjournment.

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

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk