

TOWN OF RAYMOND  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, April 8, 2008  
\* Amended 5/6/08

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager

OTHERS: Sharon Dodson, Chairman Beautification Committee; Elisa & Sam Gifford; and Fran Gagne

1. Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting dates March 25, 2008.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the Minutes of March 25, 2008. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3. New business.
  - a. Consideration of new members to the Beautification Committee – Fran Gagne and Elissa Gifford.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to appoint Elissa Gifford and Fran Gagne to the Beautification Committee. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- b. Set 2008 Annual Town Meeting, land use ordinance, and referendum dates – Chairman Board of Selectmen Mark Gendron.

DISCUSSION: Election and referendum voting June 10<sup>th</sup> with the Town Meeting beginning at 6:30 pm Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Consideration of using the Public Safety Building for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to have the Town Meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 beginning at 6:30 pm at the Jordan Small Middle School gymnasium. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- c. Consideration and appointment of Mid-Maine Waste Corporation (MMWAC) alternate to the Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION: Dana Desjardins is currently the representative to MMWAC but an alternate is needed.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to appoint Don Willard as the alternate representative to MMWAC. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

d. School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno reported that the consolidation was now down to only Raymond and Windham. The meeting was very productive. Susan Gendron, Commissioner of Education, attended and explained the funding method. She said that when two municipalities with different philosophies join there is a meeting of those philosophies and Raymond's share should reduce over time. Their next meeting will be Monday, April 28 at 5:00 pm in Windham. They have set a time line for meetings to end by the end of June. They intend to have a vote by September and elect a new school board in November to begin in January. There will probably be public hearings by the end of June. Raymond's big question will be one of high school choice. They discussed having a 5-year phase out for a choice of high school and a possible capping of tuition.

e. 2008-2009 Warrant Articles

DISCUSSION: There may be some changes to the Fire Department budget and the changes could be made at Town Meeting because closed articles can be lowered. It was felt that they could vote to approve the municipal budget articles, but Mr. Desjardins had concern for the Fire Department budget and discussed having more time to look at the articles. Mr. Desjardins was concerned that we would pay Naples Dispatch \$60,000 and then go to Cumberland County Dispatch. Mr. Bruno felt any move would be a year away. It was noted that all Fire Departments must require at least 40 hours of training a year for their firemen. Mr. Desjardins felt that our Fire Department's requirements are too demanding to keep volunteers. Mr. Gendron continued that affordable housing is a problem because we don't have younger residents to fill the positions. Mr. Bruno was afraid that the total budget would increase taxes because of our school budget and the county tax, but didn't feel that the municipal budget be cut to the point that it would be detrimental to the town services in order to keep the mil rate low. He felt the town budget was totally under control but had concern with the school budget increase. Mr. Willard said that even if the town budget were cut it would not affect the mil rate because the school budget is the biggest part of the total budget at almost 80%.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the 2008-2009 Municipal Warrant Articles. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Bruno, Taylor, Gendron, Reynolds) 1 opposed (Desjardins)

4. Old (unfinished) business.

a. Bus Turnaround Deep Cove Road.

Mr. Desjardins asked if this warrant article would be included this year. Mr. Willard said that it still was being discussed with the parties' attorneys and didn't think it could proceed. The abutters need to be asked if they have an opinion. Mr. Gendron didn't want to make a decision until more information is available. Mr. Desjardins wanted to go ahead to town meeting.

b. Town Meeting Referendum

Mr. Bruno wanted to know how the ballot question will be written and what information can be given the voters at the polls. He wanted the voters to understand for what they are voting. There was discussion as to what comments should appear in the warrant about the total town budget in that it's under LD1 at 3%.

5. Town Manager Report and Communications

a. None.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – April 8, 2008.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$38,975.07. \*The motioned was seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$61,438.72. Seconded by \*Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

7. Adjournment

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

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk