

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Lonnie Taylor

STAFF: Don Willard, Town Manager; and Nathan White, Director of Public Works

OTHERS: None

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting dated October 7, 2008.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3. New business.
 - a. Discussion of carrying over CIP Town Office maintenance funds originally budgeted for window replacement for use in heating system replacement/upgrade – Public Works Director Nathan White.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds reported that there were funds left over from last year's maintenance and upgrade to the Town Office. Mr. Desjardins asked if this money could be used for anything other than the heating system in the Town Office. Mr. White said that the roofing of the broadcast studio was now being done. He wasn't sure where the funds were coming from. Mr. Reynolds asked who owned the building and the ground under it. Mr. Willard said the building belonged to the town and the ground the school. Mr. Bruno felt that an agreement would be made to keep the building on school property with the new consolidation if it passes. Mr. Desjardins felt that the broadcast studio should be repaired to protect the technology under it. Mr. Willard noted that consideration should be also given to the inefficient heating system at the Town Office but felt the roof should have priority. Mr. White said that two cupola vents would be installed, one at each end of the broadcast studio.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to carry the money forward in the amount of \$11,704.00. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

- b. Consideration of signing county tax warrant – Selectmen

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to pay the Cumberland County tax in the amount of \$522,666 which is a 3.04 increase and their LD1 limit. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: 1 favor (Reynolds) 3 opposed (Bruno, Gendron, Desjardins)

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to pay \$546,353 to Cumberland County and to have Don Willard send a letter to Oxford County to start the process of joining their county through whatever avenues are required. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to ask our town manager to contact our legislators to get a change to LD1 that will not allow for banking of savings year to year, and that we need to control spending at whatever the determined rate is by LD1 on a year-to-year basis. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

- c. Discussion and adoption of General Assistance Ordinance appendices – Town Manager Don Willard.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to accept the Maine Municipal Association Appendices for General Assistance to be in force from Oct 1, 2008 to Oct 1, 2009. Seconded Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

- d. School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno reported that the RPC was not doing anything until the election, and afterward if it's accepted by Raymond and Windham, the committee will be dissolved.

- e. Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) update – Selectman Mike Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds reported that their meeting isn't until next week because it was postponed for the MMA convention. November 14th will be their next GPCOG Sustainability Forum speaker. (GPCOG told me that this date has been changed to 11/10.) Mr. Willard said that Rosemary Kulow, previous Town Manager of New Gloucester, would be covering the regional meetings for GPCOG. Mr. Bruno asked where they get their funding. Mr. Willard replied that GPCOG gets their funding from memberships, grants, special projects, and other sources.

4. Old (unfinished) business.
 - a. Special Town Meeting Warrant for Election of RSU School Board members.

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the Warrant which was voted on at their last meeting October 7, 2008.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is election day so they are postponing it to November 18, 2008.

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.
 - a. None.
6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – October 21, 2008.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$45,915.98.

Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$688,623.83 which includes the Rt. 302 Waterline, paving of roads, and Fire Department bond payments. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NOTE: Mr. Desjardins reported that last Saturday's fundraiser for Harvest Hills Pet Shelter raised over \$1,200.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk