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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Mark Gendron

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Craig Messenger, Fire Captain for Inspections; Will Cook, Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHERS: None

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm at the Broadcast Studio.


MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3. New business:

   DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds advised the Selectmen that Cumberland County is considering ideas for their federal economic stimulus package submittal. Raymond will be submitting: 1) a wind generator; 2) road reconstruction; and 3) new town office, community center, and library. Mr. Willard said that the submission was for their consideration and there is no guarantee that one will be picked. Mr. Desjardins felt that these projects while commendable would help to add a huge debt for future generations to payoff, and he had great concern contributing the this debt. Mr. Bruno liked the projects but had concern as well about the added debt and didn’t think that this stimulus package was necessarily the way to go to help the national economy. Mr. Taylor concurred.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into Executive Session with the Code Enforcement Officer under M.R.S.A §405(6)(H) Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 7:18 pm.

   b. Executive Session – Consultation with Code Enforcement on pending enforcement matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(H)

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

First Issue

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve Code Enforcement Office Will Cook to settle the first Land Use Ordinance issue with the subject according to Mr. Cook’s recommendation. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0
MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to allow Town Manager Don Willard to sign a consent agreement to this end in representing the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

Second Issue

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to allow the Town Manager to call the subject to appear at their next meeting but if the request is refused they give Code Enforcement Office Will Cook the authority to represent the Board of Selection in district court.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter under 1 M.R.S.A.§405(6)(D) Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 7:52 pm.

  c. Executive Session – Labor negotiations as pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A.§405(6)(D)

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 8:23 pm.

4. Old (unfinished) business.


DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds reviewed that the Selectmen approved the application for a liquor license on January 20, 2009 and at that time Mr. Desjardins questioned exit lights being out. Chief Morse said that those were battery operated extra exit signs and could have been kept as auxiliary or could be taken out. Chief Morse said that the Fire Department is using Life Safety 101 and all inspections are to go through one person, Captain Messinger, and the Department has been certified for the last 6 years. Café Sebago has all the signs necessary for code. He added that the Department inspects all businesses annually and make any recommendations at that time. They are now working with the Raymond Shopping Center for adding sprinklers over the next 5 years. Captain Messinger said that Café Sebago was according to code on December 28, 2008 when he did his inspection for their liquor license. Chief Morse said that the Fire Department is also working with the Code Enforcement Office on their inspections. Mr. Desjardins noted that the exit sign on the back door onto the deck isn’t illuminated. Captain Messinger said that it was not necessary as an exit because they have the two other required exits. Mr. Desjardins felt that a desk in front of the electrical panel in the kitchen was against code. Captain Messinger replied that the panel was accessible, but that they were working with them to possibly removing it from that area.

  b. Discussion of scholarship funding levels – Town Clerk Louise Lester

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno asked that they receive the balance at beginning and end of the year and how much was gained with contributions and interest. They would like to have the criteria for the scholarships as well. Tabled until their next meeting.

5. Town Manager Report and Communications

  a. 2009-2010 Municipal Budget
The Municipal budget was passed out tonight to the Selectmen. The Budget Review will be Tuesday, February 10, 2009 for the Selectmen and the Budget/Finance Committee. It is compliant with LD1 for the municipal part of the total budget. Mr. Desjardins asked how the town would budget for private school tuition if necessary. Mr. Bruno felt that legislation would be passed to hold all tuition at an equal level for all schools. Mr. Desjardins asked about the extra turnover school buses. Mr. Bruno said they would become a part of the RSU.

b. Sheri Gagnon and other town graffiti

Mr. Willard said he had not heard from Cumberland County Sheriff’s.


MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of $54,955.40.
Seconded by Joe Bruno.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Warrant in the amount of $94,228.31.
Seconded by Joe Bruno.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NEXT MEETING: Joint meeting February 10, 2009 at 7:00 pm with the Selectmen and the Budget/Finance Committee.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING: March 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm which will be the only March meeting.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk