

TOWN OF RAYMOND  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, March 10, 2009

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Mark Gendron; and Lonnie Taylor

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Nathan White, Director of Public Works; and Will Cook, Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHERS: Dennis & Kathleen Frye, Ann Hurd, David Brook, Frank & Betty McDermott, Diana Olmstead, Bruce Bullard, and Paul Barber.

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Minutes of previous meeting February 24, 2009.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to accept the Minutes of February 24, 2009 as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

3. New business:
  - a. Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee update – Chair Christine McClellan  
TABLED

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into executive session under MRSA§405(6)(H). Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 7:05 pm.

- b. Executive Session – Consultation with Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matters as authorized under 1MRSA§405(6)(H)

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 7:13 pm.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to allow Will Cook to represent the Selectmen in court under his ADK80K authorization and to allow the town manager to sign a letter authorizing him to do so. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

- c. Consideration of 2009 Dog Warrant – Town Clerk Louise Lester

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the 2009 Dog Warrant. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.  
VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the 2009 Dog Warrant.

- d. Town Report bid award – Town Clerk Louise Lester

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the 2009 Town Report bid from Xpress of Maine, Portland, Maine. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.  
VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

- e. Consideration of administrative abatements – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the 3 abatements submitted by Michael O'Donnell.  
Seconded by Dana Desjardins

Map 31, Lot 44 for \$3,359.88  
Map 18, Lot 18G for \$725.76  
Acct. No. L6010P for \$92.60

VOTE: Unanimous 3-0

f. 2009 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for approval of remaining articles – Town Clerk Louise Lester

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve Articles 3 through 10 into the town meeting warrant.  
Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

AMENDED MOTION: Joe Bruno amended his motion to include Articles 33 & 34. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Unanimous 3-0

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins noted that this is a 5-member board and he felt that there should be a full board to vote on a \$3.59 million budget warrant. He didn't feel that we should vote on it tonight. Mr. Bruno stated that they did have a quorum and that the vote was a formality to approve the complete warrant for town meeting. The budget part of the warrant was already approved. Mr. Reynolds indicated that the ordinance warrant articles would be coming to them at their meeting in April.

NOTE: Mr. Desjardins left at 8:24 pm leaving the Board without a quorum.

VOTE ON MOTION: not completed

4. Old (unfinished) business.
  - a. Discussion of road maintenance policy for limited use dead end town roads –  
Selectman Joe Bruno

Taken out of order.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno explained that this issue came up because someone asked for the town to plow their private road which led to a discussion about why Raymond is plowing some town roads which appear to be no more than driveways. Mr. White said that these roads were passed down to him historically for maintenance responsibility. Research would have to be done as to when they were initiated as town roads. Mr. Willard felt that each of these roads had unique circumstances, and it would take some time to determine how and when they were adopted. It is possible to discontinue roads through a vote of a town meeting. Mr. White noted Mailman, McDermott, Frye, and Adams Post Roads. Chapel Street was taken from the list because it had more than three residences on it.

Betty McDermott noted that their road was an old county road and had been a town road before she bought the property more than 50 years ago. Originally the road went by her house and crossed behind Gay Bog to get out to Spiller Hill Road. She said that her research said that the road was a county road 51 years ago when she bought the house.

Mr. Bruno felt that this endeavor was to try to save the town money in the road maintenance budget.

David Brook lives at Mailman Road and felt that the town should continue to maintain until it's ready to give up the ownership of the road. Mr. Desjardins noted that he has to maintain his roadway because it's a private road. Mr. Reynolds said that if Mr. Brook or his daughter Erica Sanchez were interested in proceeding with taking over Mailman Road, the town would be interested in working with them.

Brian Bullard, Adams Post Road, said that Adams Post Road was a part of Route 121, Meadow Road. He said that there are two houses on that road. Mr. White said it was 258 feet in length. Mr. Bullard wanted to keep Adams Post Road as a town road.

Diana Olmstead, Adams Post Road, said that she has a special needs child (wheelchair) who needs the road plowed and appreciated the maintenance as a town road.

Dennis Frye, Frye Road, noted that his mother lived on the road, but there will be two other residences in the near future. The road is used by people going in to hunt. He noted that it connected to Dyer Road in the past and thought it might be beneficial to have them connected again.

Frank McDermott said that people use McDermott Road for hunting. He said that his ability to build a second house on the lot was not possible because their zone went to 5 acres instead of 3 acres. He felt that the taking of the town road status was a second limitation to his property.

Mr. Reynolds thanked the people who came in to talk about this subject and said that this meeting was the beginning of their study about town road usage.

Mr. White noted that the maintenance costs he gave to the Selectmen were for summer maintenance. He didn't include plowing. To do Mailman and McDermott took about 8 minutes on their way by plowing the other town roads. Mr. Bruno asked if they would be currently accepted as town roads. Mr. White answered no.

Mr. Bullard argued that it didn't cost any more to plow his road than any other town road. It was noted that the cost was the same but the budget could be reduced by that amount of mileage maintained.

Mrs. McDermott felt that people who purchased on a private road did that knowingly, and they had purchased on a town road so that the town would maintain it.

Mrs. Frye asked about the land between Frye and Dyer. Mr. Willard said that it was an easement and the town would have to decide if it was worthy of improvement before anything was decided. Mr. Frye asked if and when the decision would be made. Mr. Willard said this was the beginning and possibly the end of the discussion. Mr. Reynolds continued that if the Selectmen decided it should go to town meeting it probably would not be this year because there wouldn't be enough time for preparation.

NOTE: Mr. Desjardins left at 8:24 pm leaving the Board without a quorum.

- b. Discussion of Scholarship funding levels – Town Clerk Louise Lester

TABLED because of a lack of quorum.

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.

- a. None

6. Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk