

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 12, 2010

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None.

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

OTHERS: The Press.

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting December 8, 2009.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of December 8, 2009 as written. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Taylor, Bruno, Reynolds, Leavitt) 1 abstention (Desjardins)

3. New business:

a. Executive Session – Discussion of Personnel Matter as pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405-(6)(A)
Cancelled, not needed.

b. Executive Session – Discussion of Legal Contractual issue as pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)
(E)

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 7:03 pm.

NOTE: Nathan White and Louise Lester were asked to join the Executive Session.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RE-OPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds re-opened the meeting at 8:01 pm.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to award the bid to the apparent low bidder Pine Tree Waste upon successful negotiations by the Town Manager with Pine Tree Waste. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

c. Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Michael O'Donnell

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to accept and approve the abatements as recommended by Michael O'Donnell including one denial. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

Map 6, Lot 17 for 2009	\$52,700	\$ 569.16
Map 6, Lot 52 for 2009	\$15,300	\$ 165.24
Map 40, Lot 25 for 2009	\$94,500	\$1,049.90
Map 66, Lot 5 for 2009	\$71,900	\$ 798.81
Map 11, Lot 42-13 for 2009	\$61,300	\$ 681.04
Map 31, Lot 31 for 2009	denied	

d. Discussion of 2010 Scholarship funding levels – Town Clerk Louise Lester

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester presented the total interest available from the various scholarships as prepared by Nancy Yates, Finance Director. It was decided to wait until the applications were received to decide on the amounts of scholarships to be awarded not to exceed the interest amounts noted.

e. Quit claim deeds for approval – 52 Raymond Hill Road; 132 North Raymond Road – Board of Selectmen

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to accept the recommendation of the Deputy Tax Collector to award and sign the Quit Claim deeds. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the Quit Claim Deeds.

f. Policies for Tax Acquired Property.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno asked to review the policy and change it as needed to bring it up to date. Mr. Leavitt felt it would be helpful to review all our policies and make sure that they are beneficial and prudent. Mr. Willard suggested that as they are reviewed they are posted on the website.

4. Old (unfinished) business.

a. None

5. Town Manager Report and Communications

a. Confirm date for next meeting – Proposed Tuesday, February 9, 2010.
Agreed.

b. Budget Meeting discussion will be February 23, 2010.

c. Federal Energy and Conservation Efficiency Block Grant. [Federal Stimulus Money]

Mr. Willard reported that there was one person reviewing the applications for the state and 96 applications were received. He was told that none have been awarded as yet.

6. Selectmen Communications. [This agenda item is for the general discussion of non-agenda items by the Board of Selectmen, and for the purpose of introducing future topics for discussion. No action will be taken.]

a. New dentist in Raymond.

Dana Desjardins wanted to welcome a new business: Dr. Brian LeClerc a dentist, with his office on Main Street. He is taking new patients.

b. Recent newspaper article.

Mr. Bruno wanted to comment that because of the recent newspaper articles he wanted to assure the public that no decisions or votes have been conducted by email. The Board does use email, but it's only for giving and receiving information. He keeps all his email for retrieval for the people's right to know if needed. Email is used widely in state government as well as other towns. There is nothing illegal being conducted. Mr. Desjardins said that he concurred and that he never accused his colleagues of doing anything illegal. It was his decision not to use computer correspondence which had nothing to do with what the other members chose to do. He said that anything he might have conducted on line was not done on purpose to cause harm. Mr. Leavitt said that transparency was their goal, and he felt that will be the goal in the future.

c. Budget Meeting

Mr. Leavitt apologized for not attending the Budget meeting on January 14th and thanked Mr. Bruno and Willard for being there. He wanted to see what the impact of bonding would be because of the budget being formulated especially with the school budget which is currently around \$36,000,000. He asked that the Budget Finance Committee be helpful with that endeavor.

He thanked Skelton, Taintor & Abbott for their offer to help with our bonding issues. However, our current work with the Maine Bond Bank is sufficient.

d. RSU Meeting televised

There was discussion about having both monthly meetings of the RSU Board meeting televised. The Raymond meeting is live on that meeting night, but the swap of DVD's to be shown on the access channel hasn't happened. It would be beneficial to have the Windham location meetings on the access channel as well. Mr. Reynolds asked Mr. Willard to look into this.

e. RSU Budget meeting and referendum

Mr. Bruno reported that the RSU has set their date of the referendum for May 18th. He felt it would be more expedient and cost effective to have that vote on the same day as the state and town referendum June 8th.

7. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – January 12, 2010

MOTION Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$115,814.84.

Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$150,410.60.

Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

8. Adjournment.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNED: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk