



## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

August 17, 2010

Minutes\*

**Attendance:** Chairman Joe Bruno, Charles Leavitt, Lonnie Taylor and Mike Reynolds

**Absent:** Dana Desjardins

**Town Staff:** Public Works Director, Nathan White; Fire Chief, Denis Morse; Town Manager, Don Willard; and, Recording Secretary, Danielle Loring.

**Others in attendance:** Greg Foster, Dave Scheffler, and Mark Gendron.

**1) Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Joe Bruno at 6:58 pm.

**2) Minutes of previous meeting July 13, 2010:**

**MOTION:** Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the minutes, dated July 13, 2010. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

**VOTE:** Unanimous 4/0

**DISCUSSION:** Charles Leavitt asked to make a correction about his correction of minutes from June 15, 2010. He wanted to clear up the confusion regarding his remark made about the primary elections. He was congratulating all the participants that took part in the election.

**3) New business.**

**a) Contract GIS Project update- Dave Sawyer, Windham Assessor**

Dave Sawyer, Assessor and GIS coordinator for Windham, called attention to his previous memo to Don Willard discussing the progress being made in the cooperative agreement between Raymond and Windham for the GIS Update Project. This involves Windham GIS technician, Elisa Trepanier, coming to Raymond and helping to update the Town's GIS database. He noted that the GIS infrastructure was coming along, this included updating the road list and much overdue street maps. He pointed out that the GIS, Geographical Information Study, is not just digitized mapping but it is the marriage of physical location and data. With this information we can take it a step further to create "What if..." modeling structures and overlay parcel and zoning maps.

Discussion continued and it was confirmed by Don Willard that this process is going to help with the Public Safety Consolidation Study through the consolidation of use of physical assets of the surrounding towns. Elisa Trepanier will be involved by mapping out response times and Public Safety structures.

Mr. Bruno proposed that they set the 90 day review of GIS Program for the October agenda and use this to

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set goals and determine budgeting for the following fiscal year. Mr. Sawyer suggested that a quarterly review be done though progress was being made.

**b.1) Discussion of issues related to management of Raymond Beach- Nathan White, Public Works Director**

Public Works Director, Nathan White, addressed the Selectmen regarding problems that arose this past summer in terms of waste management at Raymond Beach. He described this year's experience as the worst debris collection problems that the Town of Raymond has seen in years. Mr. Bruno asked Mr. White why it was that the town did not provide visitors with trash cans, to which Mr. White responded that Public Works could not keep up with the volume that was occurring within a short amount of time. He commented that this was the only area that they had this problem. The carry in/carry out policy seemed to work at both Crescent Beach, located off of Route 85, and the Veteran's Memorial Park, located at the end of Route 85 on Route 302. Mr. White also wanted to point out that since the beach had been closed, no more parking tickets were issued and that the only vehicles that were in the parking lot were those to use the boat launch or there for other recreational purposes, like kayaking.

Mr. White was hoping that he could get some direction from the Selectmen as to how they would recommend that Raymond Beach be managed in the future, presently he would recommend that it remain closed for the remainder of the season. Mr. Willard discussed that there were models available that could serve as a guide such as the Town Beach Ranger Model or the Private Sector Management Model. He mentioned that Sue LaMarre from Tassel Top, which currently uses the Ranger Model, had expressed interest in working with the Town as a cooperative effort. In his recommendation, the beach would have a stationed ranger during operation hours, who would lock up the beach when leaving.

Originally, the beach was envisioned to be managed by a full time ranger but in order to do this a use fee would have to be imposed. Tassel Top charges \$4, which Mr. Willard feels is an excessive amount for Raymond Beach, considering the difference in quality between the two areas. He is concerned that an appropriately scaled fee would not fund the minimum wages for rangers to manage the beach. He feels that people may go elsewhere, rather than pay, because there was no measurable increase at Tassel Top after Raymond Beach closed; meaning patrons would choose not to go rather than pay, and no revenue would be made.

Mr. Leavitt felt that, respectfully, Portland Water District, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Department of Transportation should step forward to accept their part in the responsibility and caring for Raymond Beach as part of a cooperative effort. Mr. Leavitt felt that closing was not the only option and that maybe offering incentives, like vending carts or a Ferris wheel, to help pay for a ranger. Mr. Reynolds also would like a solution that involved reopening the beach, but he feared for the public's safety. As it is, the Public Works staff's health and safety have been a risk from having to deal with the hazards left by visitors. He was concerned that visitors were not going to be looking for such hazards, like hypodermic needles in the sand. Mr. Bruno did not feel it was up to the tax payer to pay higher taxes to cover for management of Raymond Beach. This was a budget issue and the money was going to have to come from somewhere. It was decided to discuss this matter again in November when Mr. Willard would present research on management models and revenue generating entities.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to keep Raymond Beach closed until the first of the year. Lonnie Taylor seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous 4/0

**b.2) Update on paving bids**

Mr. White updated the Selectmen that the Public Works Department had accepted a bid from F.R. Carroll

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to pave and reclaim Carriage Hill and Spiller Hill roads. Work will also include new drains, culverts, shimming and overlay. He was hoping to pave in September which should last two weeks. Public Works will close portions of roads, but will give two week notice in advance to the public. Because the bid was at a reasonable price, the Town will be able to carry over money for next year's budget. The Town was also able to get salt at a much cheaper price than expected because of surpluses from the previous season.

**c) Review of draft agreement between Town of Raymond and IAFF Local 4095, AFL-CIO-CLC-- Fire Chief Denis Morse**

Fire Chief Denis Morse summarized the draft contract as being for two full years. He explained that he had made changes to the contract to make it more strict than the Town's Personnel Policy in an effort to protect the Town.

Mr. Willard wanted it to be clear before discussion took place that the purpose of bringing this contract forward was just to review it. No action was needed at this time and the Selectmen decided to revisit this issue in September.

**d) Minutes of Meetings: Policy Review**

It was agreed that the minutes should serve as a brief reference, but the verbatim and official record is the DVD recording. Mr. Willard commented that though the Broadcast Studio had an outstanding record of making successful recordings, that if something were to happen, the minutes would be the only record. He also mentioned that soon the recordings would be available on the website, but, for now, they were available at the Town Office and Library. Danielle Loring noted that she and the Town Clerk, Louise Lester, were hoping to index the minutes by subject to make referencing meetings easier.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to accept the "Minutes Policy". Lonnie Taylor Seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous 4/0

DISCUSSION: It will be noted on the "Minutes Policy" that it was reviewed and accepted on August 17, 2010.

**4) Public Comment:**

**a) Green Print Program**

DISCUSSION: Greg Foster approached the Selectmen regarding the "Green Print" plan, which he described as maintaining and increasing trails, as well as increasing public access to land of interest. Along with questions that he posed for the Selectmen, he was also concerned with a survey that had been conducted on behalf of the project because it did not clarify if the person taking the survey was a land owner.

Mr. Bruno wanted to remind the public that this section of the agenda was just to bring issues to the attention of the Selectmen and they would not be acted on, except for possible future agenda topics. He also wanted to remind Mr. Foster that this was just a plan and no action was being taken yet, but he hoped to get an update from Green Print developers in the future.

**b) Trash Pickup**

David Scheffler, 47 Vista Road, approached the Selectmen regarding the new trash pick up procedure. The truck was no longer coming down the road to pick up trash, but was requiring that trash be brought the

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end of Vista Road for pick up. Mr. Scheffler was concerned that this would cause a lot of traffic with the 19 seasonal properties making trips to drop off and pick up their trash receptacles. He felt that it made more sense for the trash truck to make the one trip. He thought in fairness that it was not much to ask for the months of June to August to have trash picked up outside their homes because they paid their taxes but were not burdening any of the other public services.

Chairman Bruno asked for and received unanimous consent for non-residents to be able to address the Selectmen and there were no objections.

Mark Gendron, 27 Spiller Hill Road, approached the Selectmen to add to this topic and confirmed that the road was up to standards, and it would be possible to send a truck down. However, he commented on Mr. Sheffler's discussion by adding that there was no loop on Vista Road, that what he was referring to was a right of way and the gentlemen who owned the property was not available for comment. Mr. Gendron said he had spoken to the owner and was told that he had not given access for the trucks to go through because he just had to put \$8000 into repair for damages caused by a logging truck. The owner was under the impression that it was the small trucks going through, which the Pine Tree no longer uses.

## **6) Town Manager Report and Communications.**

### **a) Town Hall Roof**

The new roof is being installed the Town Office. At this time there is no projected project end date. The Town crew is hoping to get the stained glass window out next week. Going to be removing it through the roof and will supervised by Nathan White.

### **b) Next meeting date**

Next proposed meeting date for Selectmen's meeting: September 14, 2010. Selectmen confirmed.

**7) 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.

Mr. Leavitt updated the Selectmen about the following community events:

### **a) Frye Island Parking**

There have been issues with cars parking along Quarry Cove Road and Cape Road because of ferry traffic. Frye Island is planning to build a parking lot possibly next year. It had been planned to be built this summer but was held up due to funding issues. It will now be funded by Frye Island alone without the assistance of grant money. The Town could always impose parking limits for the time being if deemed necessary.

### **b) Conditional Rezoning for Cell Tower on Farm Road Update**

Set to go before the Planning Board next month for their recommendations and, if approved by the Planning Board, will go before a special Town Meeting.

### **c) 2010 Town Report Dedication**

Because the Town Report schedule has been pushed forward nominations will need to be made now. Not

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going to be an agenda item but citizens can contact Don Willard or the Town Clerk, Louise Lester, to make nominations.

**d) Raymond Baseball**

Mr. Taylor took the opportunity to thank the Raymond Baseball team for their 2010 season and all those that supported them. A new score board was installed this year and the team was, again, considered one of the local favorites.

**8) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – August 17, 2010**

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor made a motion to approve the Payroll Expense Summary in the amount of \$45,632.62. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4/0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor made a motion to approve the 6/30/2010 Treasure's Warrant in the amount of \$25,731.25. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4/0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor mad a motion to approve the 8/17/2010 Treasure's Warrant in the amount of \$116,544.88. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 4/0

**9) Adjournment:**

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4/0

Joe Bruno adjourned at 8:28pm.

Danielle Loring  
Recording Secretary