



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES\*

### SELECTMEN'S MEETING

**Present:** Chairman Joe Bruno, Charly Leavitt, Sam Gifford, and Mike Reynolds.

**Absent:** Vice-chair Lonnie Taylor

**Staff:** Town Clerk Louise Lester; Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell; Public Works Director Nathan White; and Recording Secretary Danielle Loring.

**Other:** Pine Tree Waste Operations Manager Dave McNally, Theresa Sadak, Robert & Penny Thomas, Elizabeth Haas, Sheriff Kevin Joyce, Captain Donald Goulet, Peter Dunn, Dana Desjardins and Curt Lebel.

**1) Call to order:** Chairman Joe Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and a quorum was declared.

**2) Minutes of previous meeting dated:**

- August 2, 2011

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motion to accept the minutes for the August 2, 2011 meeting as presented; seconded by Charly Leavitt.

CORRECTIONS:

- Page 1, first sentence: Should read "cost of..."
- Page 3, third motion down: Extra "o"

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (4/0)

**3) New business.**

**a) Consideration of Sex Offender Ordinance- Theresa Sadak and CCSO Captain Donald Goulet**

Teresa Sadak, Webbs Mills Road, wanted the Selectmen to consider adopting an ordinance that prohibited registered sex offenders from living within 750' of daycares and preschools, as allowed by State law. The major issues with enforcing such an ordinance were discussed, such as enforcement and the infringement of an offenders constitutional rights. Mrs. Sadak felt that it was an important issue and that Raymond should be a leader in creating such standards.

Sheriff Kevin Joyce said that his department would uphold State laws but local ordinances were the responsibility of the local constable or law enforcement. He said that they were looking to strengthening ordinances but unfortunately they still had the problem of people coming from out of state and not being able to track their movements. He also discussed the mechanics of how the Sheriff's Department chose to notify the public about sex offender, because based on the individual's

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risk factor would determine how broad the notification was.

It was decided that the Board would revisit this matter once they had time to look over the State law.

**b) Discussion of MSW/Recycling Collection Container Concerns at Deep Cove- Penny Thomas, Sheehan Island Road**

Robert Thomas, Sheehan Island, explained that he was one of ten (10) houses that uses the Town-owned dumpster on Deep Cove. He explained that he was upset by the appearance of the dumpster and the level of trash that it was being used for. He was requesting a solution.

Public Works Director and Pine Tree Waste Operations Manager Dave McNally spoke of the difficulties or rearranging the dumpsters and the potential problems that a screen would. They explained that out of the eleven (11) dumpsters that the Town had in use, this one was the only one that they had had problems with, with the exception of the one at the Town Office.

Elizabeth Haas and Penny Thomas both spoke in favor of installing a screen and felt that something should be done to improve the appearance while still providing trash pick up. It was decided that Mr. White would price out a sliding fence that may be installed, at the property owner's expense, but that no official resolution would be made until they had fully investigated the issue.

**\*\*d) Town Report Dedication- Louise Lester, Town Clerk**

Town Clerk Louise Lester presented a list of individuals to dedicate the 2011 Town Report to and they reviewed each of their histories and contributions to the Town. The Board agreed that they felt that a dedication should go in honor of those who had passed but that it was also important to mention the others that had also contributed throughout the year. It was decided that they would do a dedication to Claude "Mack" Mains, Deuce Lester and Bill Bell as well having a special thank you to the others that we listed.

**\*\*e) Abatements as Submitted by Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell**

Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell explained that he was presenting some administrative abatements (attached) as a house cleaning measure. Many of them were personal property accounts that they were not able to track down in order to collect and a couple others were assessing errors from the 2005 revaluation, as well a couple of denials.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motion to accept the abatements as present by the assessor, one (1) through eighteen (18), subject to corrections in the name; seconded by Sam Gifford.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Leavitt wanted to know if the motion had to reflect the ones that were denied and Mr. O'Donnell explained that they way that they were written handles each case in approving the list a whole. He also explained the nature of those that covered more than one year.

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**\*\*f) Discussion of 2011-12 Property Tax Commitment- Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell**

Mr. O'Donnell presented the possible mil rate for the 2011-12 tax year. He explained the amount of overlay that it would produce and how he came about that number. He attributed the substantial decrease, despite the increase in Cumberland County taxes, to be caused by the increase in overall valuation. There was discussion about the dangers of reducing the tax rate by such a significant amount and, though Mr. Leavitt felt that they should give the greatest extent back to the tax payers, it was felt to be prudent considering it may reduce the quality of available services offered to the residence.

Mr. O'Donnell explained the unforeseen factors that had to be considered when balancing the budget and how they could use the LD-1 constraints to work for them. He did not feel that it was beneficial to get rid of the Undesignated Fund Balance but it was beneficial to relieve some of the Town's dependence on it.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to set this year's (2011-12) tax rate at \$10.40; seconded by Sam Gifford.

DISCUSSION: Peter Dunn, Whittemore Cove, explained that he was concerned with the tax rate because of the number of individuals on fixed income and felt that the Town should give as much back because of the recent savings with the school budget. Mr. Bruno explained that that school savings were passed because they were 28 cents and the 12 cents from the municipal side, for the total of 40 cents.

Mr. Leavitt said that he trusted the people of Raymond to run an override. If the town needs things, then they would vote on it and override LD-1 and Mr. Bruno responded that he had confidence in the officials that the residence had voted to represent them to make sound decisions.

VOTE: APPROVED (3/1 [CL])

**\*\*g) Consideration of Appointment New Contract Assessor: Curt Lebel**

Mr. Willard explained the process used in order to select Curt Lebel as the appropriate candidate as the new contract assessor. There was discussion as to how the process could be improved on in the future and Mr. Lebel answered some questions about his qualifications and schedule.

MOTION: Sam Gifford motioned to accept the committee and town managers' recommendation to appointment Mr. Lebel, Mike Reynolds added "with wording to be vetted"; seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (4/0)

**c) Discussion of Town's Investment Portfolio- Bradley McCurtain, Maine Securities Corporation**

Brad McCurtain spoke to the Selectmen about the Town's investment portfolios. They discussed how the portfolios were being managed and concerns that they had about their rate of return. Mr. McCurtain

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explained that the Town was actually doing better than the average and would be happy to change the direction of how it was being managed but that the Selectmen would have to take responsibility for switching to an unconventional management style. He explained that the funds were currently in conservative funds and that there was only so many options that the Town was allowed to choose from by law. The Selectmen expressed interest in having a workshop in the future to go over investments.

**4) Old (unfinished) business.**

- a) Recall Ordinance: Tabled**
- b) Appointment Ordinance: Tabled**
- c) Tax Acquired Properties: Tabled**

**5) Public Comment** This agenda item is for the public to bring attention to any issues and concerns for future Board of Selectmen meetings.

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

**a) Tropical Storm Irene Update**

Mr. Willard thanked everyone who helped with Tropical Storm Irene including Bruce Tupper for his diligence in preplanning for the storm and Cathy Gosselin, as well as Chris Hanson for his post-storm inspection the buildings damaged.

**b) Reward for Information Regarding Vandalized Tree**

Mr. Willard explained that the Town was offering a reward for any information that led to the prosecution of the individual who cut down one of the ornamental maple trees in front of Key Bank. Someone has since also come along and taken the tree.

**d) Confirmed date for next regular meeting: October 11, 2011**

**7) Selectmen Communications.**

**a) Vandalized Tree- Charly Leavitt**

Mr. Leavitt pointed out that there was correspondence between Town officials regarding the tree which contained language referring to the person who cut down the tree as a “tree-hater” and he did not think that they should create harsh language such as this. He recommended that someone donate a tree.

**b) End of Summer Message- Charly Leavitt**

Mr. Leavitt said that he hoped everyone had a good summer and it was now time to clean up leaves. He wanted to say “Thank you” to everyone who helped with the community garden.

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**c) Cumberland County Civic Center Renovation Project- Charly Leavitt**

Mr. Leavitt explained that Mr. Bruno had voted against the \$33 million renovation project total, favoring a lower number, and would like to see it on an upcoming agenda for discussion. He also would like to thank commissioner County Representative Susan Witonis for voting against it as well.

**d) Reminder: Town Officer Hours Change- Mike Reynolds**

Mr. Reynolds wanted to remind everyone that the Town Office hours have changed. It would now be open all day on Tuesday and not open on Saturdays until spring.

**8) Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – September 15, 2011**

**a) Cumberland County Tax Assessor's Return**

The Board of Selectmen signed the \$589,325 Cumberland county tax return.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to accept the Payroll Expense Warrant for \$44,830.53 dated September 6, 2011 and September 13, 2011; seconded by Sam Gifford.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (4/0)

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to accept the Treasure's Warrant dated September 13, 2011 for \$109,801.61; seconded by Charly Leavitt.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (4/0)

**9) Adjournment:**

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to adjourn; seconded by Charly Leavitt.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL (4/0)

Chairman Joe Bruno adjourned the meeting at 9:37pm.

Danielle Loring  
Recording Secretary

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The following 18 abatements have been decided by the Raymond Board of Assessors.

Ab #	Acct#	Map	Lot	Sub	Owner	Reason	Year	Taxed Value	Abated Value	Abated Tax
1	B7201P	PP			Bernier, Steve	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2010			\$12.18
2	C0019P	PP			Christy, Donna & Art	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2008			\$44.30
3	G0005P	PP			Gerossi, John	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2007			\$286.40
4	G6003P	PP			Gerossi, William	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2007			\$381.66
5	G8104P	PP			Gilberti, John & Jess	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2008			\$375.45
6	L0012P	PP			Leyland, Ed & Lisa	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2007			\$230.90
7	M0007P	PP			Marmen, Michael	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2007			\$48.45
8	M0009P	PP			Martin, Sharon & Shawn	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2009			\$42.86
9	M9402P	PP			Mason, Ed & Dot	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2010			\$138.89
10	M6002P	PP			Matthew, Matt & Barb	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2008			\$45.60
11	M9404P	PP			Mueller, Matt & Barb	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2009			\$76.20
12	P7203P	PP			Pasquali, Vincent	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2009			\$353.56
13	S0013P	PP			Smith, Carol & Steve	Travel Trailer moved out of town	2007			\$24.22
14	C0786R	030	011		Chadbourne, Theodore	Property listed for 15K, no water access	2010	54500	36,400	\$393.12
15	C1390R	022	003		Colburn, Gary & Sandra	unbuildable, shallow frontage	2010	201,200	164,600	\$1,777.68
16	C5024R	015	001	B	Colburn, Gary & Sandra	Lot does not exist	08-10	45,300	45,300	\$1,481.76
17	D7013R	073	002		Dyke, Jeffrey	DENIED failure to prove discrimination	2010	6,433,200	0	\$0.00
18	C1730R	034	001		Cooper, Joel & Claudia	DENIED failure to prove discrimination	2010	416,600	0	\$0.00
Total to Date										\$5713.23

Voted by the Raymond Assessors on: September 13, 2011

*Don Willard*  
 Town Manager

9-13-11