



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes**

September 2, 2014

Broadcast Studio

423 Webbs Mills Road

Selectmen in attendance: Mike Reynolds (chair), Joe Bruno, Teresa Sadak, Samuel Gifford, and Lawrence A Taylor

1) Called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Reynolds.

Motion to allow non-citizens to speak by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.
Unanimously approved.

2) Approval of minutes of previous meetings dated:

- August 12, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 12th Selectman's Meeting as presented by Selectman Taylor. Second by Selectman Gifford.

Corrections: on page 6 it should be "for the" not "fot he" in the statement concerning the National Guard, and the "145" patron visits, should be "3,538"

Unanimously approved.

3) New Business.

a) Consideration of Planning Board Bylaws Amendment- Danielle Loring, Executive Assistant Moved authority for some minor issues to staff rather than the board. Staff will still take the final decision to the Planning Board. Brought to the Selectmen for informational purposes only.

4) Unfinished Business

- a) Consideration of Raymond Village Library Memorandum of Understanding – Christine Frantz, RVL Trustee

Allows Select to help administratively as long as it does not cost the town anything. Formalizes/codifies the relationship the Library and Town have had for some time.

Alissa Gifford – The Library agrees with the agreement as it is written by the Town Attorneys.

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** Items taken out of order

At Town Meeting there was \$500 approved for maintenance.

Motion to approve the Raymond Village Library Memorandum of Understanding by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford. **Unanimously approved.**

b) RSU Withdrawal Ballot Question – Teresa Sadak, Selectman

At the RSU School Board meeting they discussed the cost sharing. Raymond needs more votes on the board. The RSU 14 School Board could have looked at the cost sharing after 2 years and did not. At the June 30th RSU 14 School Board meeting it was decided not to take action on the cost sharing. They will be discussing cost sharing at the next meeting. It seems that the petition has been the impetus to begin these discussions. We have been ignored. There have not been open communications. One of the options is to redistrict such that some of the Windham students attend the Jordan Small School. There have been no repairs done to Raymond's schools while there have been numerous repairs and improvements to the Windham's schools. It is a long process to change the cost sharing formula and it requires several town votes. Asking that the Select Board add the divorce question to the November ballot.

Currently there are 199 students at Jordan Small School and 200 at Raymond Elementary (both hold 350). We are paying more money and have fewer students.

Each step the Town will need to approve via votes.

Frank McDermott – Would urge the board to go forward with this. We have gone from January to September and there has not been any movement on the RSU's part to deal with the fact that there has been a petition circulated.

Diana Froisland – RSU 14 School Board member – there has been some mis-information. We legally need to review the cost sharing in the 5th year and it was voted to keep it as is until the next meeting. Any change will take months. There were many vacations and we only met once in August. The Town of Raymond has not been ignored. As a citizen, does the Board have a plan, a budget to run the schools. Are there any numbers? Will there be figures available before the vote in November? Will the citizens be informed?

Chairman Reynolds – At the August 12th Select Board meeting the board requested to have a joint meeting with the RSU 14 School Board and the only response was an email last Thursday at the end of day. This has left us feeling ignored and disrespected. We need to make this decision tonight if we are going to make the November ballot.

Selectman Sadak the first step is simply to approve the expenditure of funds to investigate withdrawal from the RSU. It is totally unfair for the town of Raymond to pay 45%.

Don Willard spoke to the Superintendent who was not aware of the request for a joint meeting.

Chairman Reynolds – When we joined the RSU there was no synergy, we are still Windham and Raymond each with their own mascots, etc. When Mexico and Jay merged they renamed to Mountain Valley and became one. The School Board is trying to do what is best for the students and the Select Board is trying to do what is best for the Town of Raymond.

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Selectman Bruno would like to wait the RSU School Board meets tomorrow night to see if they will agree to a joint meeting.

Motion to add the withdrawal from RSU 14 to the November ballot and set aside \$25,000 of the Selectman's Contingency monies to begin the process of withdrawing from RSU 14 by Chairman Reynolds. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

Vote: 4 in favor and 1 against. Motion passed.

c) Tax Acquired Property Update – Danielle Loring, Executive Assistant

The following have entered into payment arrangements: Cox, Lewis, Reed/Callow/Jaques, Thorne, and Vall Enterprises LLC.

Motion to have the Moore and the Square J properties go through the tax acquired property procedure to be sold by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Sadak. **Unanimously approved.**

Serve notice to Rudball with a date certain to make payment arrangements.

Consensus approved.

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

None

6) Selectmen Comment

Chairman Reynolds – Library update – book sale has finished, but there is still a capital improvement effort going on. John Ford Sr, Mark Nickerson, and Alice Oldford will be speaking on their books in the coming month. Adult ed classes are going on (Selectman Gifford is teaching one of the classes).

7) Town Manager Report and Communications.

a) Confirm date for next meetings:

- September 16, 2014 (Special)
- October 14, 2014 (Regular)

Consensus approved.

8) Fiscal Warrants – August 12, 2014

• Payroll Expense Summary Warrant

Motion to approve Payroll Warrant totaling \$89,638.57 for 9-2-2014 by Selectman Taylor.

Seconded by Selectman Gifford. **Unanimously approved.**

• Treasurer's Warrant

Motion to approve Treasurer's Warrant dated 9-2-2014 for \$177,316.49 by Selectman Taylor.

Seconded by Selectman Gifford. **Unanimously approved.**

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- County Tax Warrant
Approved County Tax Warrant dated 9-2-2014 for \$617,503.00 by consensus.

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:22pm by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Taylor.
Unanimously approved.

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