



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes

February 9, 2016
7:00pm

Broadcast Studio
423 Webbs Mills Road

Resolution: We, the Raymond Board of Selectmen, recognize our individual and collective responsibilities as leaders and representatives of our community. To this end, we pledge to conduct ourselves in a manner befitting these roles and duties. We pledge and encourage others to "Be the Influence" and to recognize that decisions matter.

Selectmen in attendance: Mike Reynolds, Joe Bruno, Teresa Sadak, and Samuel Gifford

Selectmen absent: Lawrence Taylor

Town Staff in attendance:

Don Willard – Town Manager
Sue Look – Town Clerk

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

2) **Minutes of previous meeting**

a) January 12, 2016

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.
Unanimously approved.

3) **New Business**

a) **CMP New Transmission Line from New Gloucester to Raymond** – Peggy Dwyer for Central Maine Power Real Estate Services

Central Maine Power Company (CMP) is planning the development of a new transmission line extending from New Gloucester to Raymond. It is proposed to be built in a new 100' wide corridor purchased from abutting landowners. This new proposal was first received on February 1, 2016. CMP would like to buy an option to acquire a strip of land from the Town, along the former sludge site (located off Patricia Avenue) parcel's northeasterly line (Map 5, Lot 19), extending from the Raymond-Gray town line to land of Phyllis D. Burnham (Map 5, Lot 17). Town Staff recommend that the Selectmen do not accept this proposal until an investigation is completed that assesses property impacts and evaluates the purchase offer comparable to other such right of way acquisitions.

Motion to table by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.
Unanimously approved.

b) **Request Permission to hold Annual Sebago Lake Rotary Ice Fishing Derby** – Ingo Hartig, Sebago Lake Rotary Club

The Sebago Lake Rotary Club is requesting permission to hold an ice fishing derby on

February 27/28. This is a new date suggested by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (Warden Service).

Mr Hartig – We appologize that our application was late and we respectfully request that the Selectmen consider our application. We would fish the ponds and smaller lakes if Sebago is not frozen.

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Gifford. Seconded by Selectman Taylor.

George Bartlett - The Polar Dip can be held no matter what the ice conditions are. This benefits Maine Children's Cancer. Last year they raised over \$50,000. We were told by the Wardens that it is not illegal to fish from a boat this time of year.

Selectman Taylor – did you have prior year issues that have been solved?

Mr Hartig – the only issue would be if we were serving alcohol and we are not.

Town Manager Willard – The only issue we have is to know who calls the event if there is little ice.

Deb McPhail – Last year we closed on Sunday due to blizzard conditions.

Town Manager Willard – the town's authority is to close the site if there are unsafe conditions.

Approved 4 yea, 1 nay

Chairman Reynolds – in good conscience I can not vote for this simply on procedure. The application should have been received by the town early the fall previous to the event.

c) Raymond Community Forest Update and Funding Request – John Rand, Chair of Raymond Conservation Commission

- Project update – LMF (Lands for Maine's Future) funds have been released, Trail Grant application has been sent in, and there are over 200 private donors to-date.
- Budget – The \$50,000 already approved by voters at the 2014 Town Meeting (\$30,000 from Open Space Fund and \$20,000 from Timber Harvest Funds) is needed. The RCC would also like to request the Selectmen consider approving \$10,000 from the Selectmen's Contingency Fund that was previously discussed as being possibly needed a year ago. With these funds the gap to close the project is ~\$25,000 which they are on track to complete by 6/30/16 (with one more fund raising push).
- The RCC also wants to talk about the final ownership of the property – LELT (Loon Echo Land Trust) or Town of Raymond. They believe a non-binding vote at Town Meeting would be the best way to inform the final ownership decision. Key aspects of each ownership model will be presented at this BOS meeting.

Mr Rand – Sheila Bourque is here and will go through a presentation. We have come a long way from our first visit with you in 2012. Last year there was a warrant article at Town Meeting and we had positive support from the community survey. We marched in the July 4th parade on Main St. We had a jazz event on the farm property that raised \$4,500. We have had private fund raising that has

been successful. We have had walks around the property.

Ms Bourque – I have been involved since 2013 and am now holding a position on the Loon Echo board. There is still \$32,183 left to be raised. We have received an extension to the deadline to purchase the property, it is now June 30, 2016. I have been working with Chris Hanson to determine how to best deal with wet areas (streams, etc) in relation to trails.

Mr Rand – I would like to discuss with the Board the Town of Raymond taking ownership. If the Town owned the property we would need to put together an easement specifying what can and can not be done on the property. Loon Echo would hold the easement. It will take 2-3 years to put this together. Loon Echo would close on the property initially and then the Town would take ownership after creating a conservation easement and Loon Echo would gift it back to the Town. We have discussed having some sort of a straw vote at the Town Meeting which would include details for each ownership model.

Selectman Taylor – I am on the fence about the Town owning the property. I love the area. The expenses put forth are about half of what the expenses really would be. I am not sure that the Town should have the liability of owning. I am not comfortable with the additional \$10,000.

Selectman Bruno – the property is in my backyard. If we are going to own it what is the benefit to the town? How much money has Loon Echo put in? I am not comfortable with the additional \$10,000.

Ms Bourque – Loon Echo does not add money, they apply for grants and have brought in the lion's share.

Mr Rand – If we owned it we would get the timber revenue. We would have a better ability to agree on a conservation easement that was a bit broader than Loon Echo may choose. For example possibility of rec fields, horse trails, etc. We would want to maintain the historical use of hunting. I recall that we had a discussion about possibly needing \$10,000 to bridge the gap. We saw the \$10,000 for the Town to close the gap as we get to the finish line. How would we request an additional \$10,000?

Chairman Reynolds –It would need to go to the Selectmen and the Budget-Finance Committee to go to Town Meeting.

Mr Rand – I have not checked with Finance Director Nancy Yates to see what monies have come in for Tree Growth. The property is currently in Tree Growth and Loon Echo would have it remain in Tree Growth.

Ms Bourque – I feel that we are going to make it happen. The ownership issues mentioned aside, Loon Echo is fine with owning the property. There is still a definite plan to make this a destination point and bring people into the Rt 302 corridor. Raymond will have something to brag about. The \$32,000 outstanding only gets us to ownership – legal fees, surveys, etc. We will need to continue to fund raise to get signage, trails, etc. Thank you for your time. All of the ideas discussed tonight should remain on the table for discussion.

Chairman Reynolds – If the town owned it could there be a management contract at no cost to the town? A committee who would continue to fund raise for the costs. The town has no interest in managing this.

Mr Rand – I am still looking for a way to get the public to weigh in on it.

Selectman Bruno – We are elected officials of the Town and the financial, risk, benefit, etc questions are decided here.

Chairman Reynolds – We could call a public hearing if there was a more defined plan.

- d) **Raymond Village Library Presentation of Certificates to Supporters/Donors** – Emily Allen, Chair of the Raymond Village Library Board of Trustees – Sam Gifford, Selectman Sponsor

The Raymond Village Library will present certificates of appreciation to donors.

Ms Allen – I would like to thank the Selectmen for the opportunity to use this forum to thank our donors. We would like to honor 3 individuals:

Lonnie Taylor of IDS
Kim Donnelley from Gorham Savings Bank
Tim Davison of Engineered Construction Services.

Elisa Gifford – We have had some amazing donors who have come forward this year. 1 first time donor from Florida has given enough to heat the building as well as provide electricity for the year.

Jessica Fay – The appeal is still going on.

Selectman Taylor – The Raymond Village Library is fantastic. It has great support for the Town and it has a great vibe when you enter the building.

4) **Public Comment**

Jessica Fay – Today is the last Selectboard meeting before the caucus – Rep on March 5th and Dem on March 6th.

Greg Mayer – I am here to find out about the recreational park as discussed at the last meeting.

Town Manager Willard – the opportunity discussed at the last meeting is not now going to go forward. We are continuing the search.

5) **Selectman Comment**

6) **Town Manager's Report and Communications**

a) **Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings**

- March 8, 2016
- April 12, 2016
- May 10, 2016

b) Reminder of Upcoming Budget Meetings, Annual Town Meeting, & Elections

- Monday, February 29, 2016 – Budget Meeting with department heads
- Saturday, March 5, 2016 – Republican Caucus – time & place TBD
- Sunday, March 6, 2016 – Democratic Caucus – 2pm – Raymond Elementary School
- Monday, March 7, 2016 – Budget Meeting with department heads
- Monday, March 21, 2016 – Nomination Papers Available
- Tuesday, March 29, 2016 – Budget Meeting final joint meeting
- Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – Selectmen's Budget Vote
- Monday, April 11, 2016 – Budget Finance Committee's Budget Vote
- Monday, May 2, 2016 – Nomination Papers due back to Town Clerk
- Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – Annual Town Meeting
- Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – State Primary & Municipal Elections

c) Upcoming Holiday Schedule

- Monday, February 15, 2016 – Presidents' Day

7) Treasurer's Warrant – February 9, 2016

Motion to approve as presented for a total of \$162,188.24 by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

Unanimously approved.

8) Executive Session(s)

- a) Pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6)(A) – discuss Town Manager's annual review

Motion to enter Executive Session listed above at 8pm by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Taylor.

Unanimously approved.

Motion to leave Executive Session at 8:45pm by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Taylor.

Unanimously approved.

9) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:46pm by Selectman Taylor. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.

Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look
Town Clerk