



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes**

February 8, 2022

6:30pm – Regular Meeting

Via Zoom & on YouTube

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.

Select Board members in attendance: Rolf Olsen, Joe Bruno, Teresa Sadak, Samuel Gifford, Lawrence Taylor

Select Board members absent: none

Town Staff in attendance:

Don Willard – Town Manager
Charisse Keach – Finance Director
Rita Theriault – HR
Curt Lebel – Contract Assessor
Bruce Tupper – Fire Chief
Cathy Gosselin – Health Officer
Alex Sirois – CEO
Sandy Fredricks – ZBA Admin
Sue Look – Town Clerk

1) **Called to order** at 6:30pm by Chair Sadak

2) **Minutes of previous meetings**

a) January 11, 2022

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.

Unanimously approved

3) **New Business**

a) Consideration of Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce’s Regional Marketing Campaign Proposal – Robin Mullins, Executive Director

Ms Mullins discussed wanting to create a more robust website with the AAPA funds from the 8 towns they support, a total of \$56,000.

Motion to approve giving 1% (\$4,777 total) of the Raymond AAPA funds over the next 2 years to Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce’s Regional Marketing Campaign by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

Unanimously approved

b) Consideration of Possible Referendum Question for the June Election Related to Marijuana Options – Sue Look, Town Clerk; Alex Sirois, CEO

There was discussion pertaining to “marijuana establishments” growing, testing, manufacturing, recreational sales, adult use establishments (like a bar that instead serves marijuana instead of alcohol for onsite consumption), etc.

There is currently a medical store in Raymond, however this establishment was begun before there were State statutes and is a grand-fathered, non-conforming use. If this business was sold the new owners would not be allowed to have a medical marijuana business and no other medical marijuana business may be opened in Raymond as the ordinances stand right now.

Some of the discussion pertained to what could possibly be included in a Marijuana Ordinance.

Selectman Taylor expressed the opinion that we should embrace this and accept the revenue it would supply. It is inevitable and we would be better off to allow this and regulate it. I want to do it the right way. We need to move forward.

Questions and phrases that the Select Board suggested for the proposed referendum question:

Do you want a retail marijuana shop in Raymond?

Do the citizens of Raymond want to allow retail recreational marijuana for sale in Raymond?

Not for consumption on premises

Only retail sales

Do you, as a citizen of Raymond, want a retail marijuana store in Town?

Recreational sales

Excerpt of email from Town Attorney, Philip Saucier:

It appears this should likely be phrased in the form of a non-binding referendum question to avoid any confusion over whether the Town has actually “opted-in” at the time of the vote – and to also avoid any confusion over what would occur if a subsequent vote on the ordinance does not pass. A non-binding referendum is an approach some municipalities have used in these instances prior to moving forward with the work it takes to draft an ordinance. If that approach sounds like it would work for Raymond, it would be phrased like this:

Article ____. *Non-binding referendum. Do you support allowing adult use and medical marijuana establishments to operate in in the Town of Raymond and the development of an ordinance to regulate the location and operation of those uses?”*

Explanation: This is a non-binding question from the Board of Selectmen seeking your opinion only. If supported, the Board will organize a committee to draft an ordinance that will regulate adult use and medical marijuana establishments in the Town to be voted on at a future town meeting.

Motion to the language provided by Attorney Saucier for the referendum question by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved

c) Consideration of Tax Abatements – Curt Lebel, Contract Assessor

Tax Year	#	M/L	ACCT#	OWNER OF RECORD	OLD ASSESSMENT	NEW ASSESSMENT	VALUATION ABATED	TAX AMOUNT	TAX RATE	MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
2021- 1		008-018	404	Joseph Letourneau 85 Gore Rd Raymond, ME 04071			\$ 23,000.00	\$ 324.30	0.0141	Homestead Exemption omitted in error.
2021- 2		009-047	692	Kimberly Rice 2 Cottage Ln Raymond, ME 04071			\$ 23,000.00	\$ 324.30	0.0141	Homestead Exemption omitted in error.
2021- 3		012-042-C	1004	Beverly J Carey 15 Myron Hall Rd Raymond, ME 04071	\$ 125,700.00	\$ 45,900.00	\$ 79,800.00	\$ 1,125.18	0.0141	New building permitted and assessed to incorrect parcel. This parcel of land is vacant. Supplemental assessment for building to be issued to correct parcel 012-042.
2021- 4		054-069	3082	Diane T Blanchard Trustee Ashley M Blanchard Trustee 3 Ridge Rd Realty Trust 3 Ridge Rd Raymond, ME 04071	\$ 335,900.00	\$ 326,900.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 126.90	0.0141	Deeded water access and dock construction easement benefitting the property at 3 Ridge Rd and located and burdening the property located at at 8 Beach Rd was extinguished prior to the October 2020 sale of 8 Beach Rd. Documents were not received from the registry. Adjustment for water access rights should be removed from 3 Ridge Rd.
TOTALS							\$134,800.00	\$1,900.68		

Motion to approve above tax abatement for Joseph Letourneau for \$324.30 for 2021 Map 008-Lot 018, for Kimberly Rice for \$324.30 for 2021 Map 009-Lot 047, abatement for Beverly J Carey for \$1,125.18 for 2021 Map 012-Lot 042-C, for Diane T & Ashley M Blanchard Trustees for \$126.90 for 2021 Map 054-Lot 069 by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approve

d) Consideration of Supplemental Tax Bills – Curt Lebel, Contract Assessor

M/L	OWNER OF RECORD	ADDRESS	SUPPLEMENTAL VALUATION	ACCT #	TAX DOLLARS	MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION
012-042	Patrick M Carey	737 Webbs Mills Rd Raymond, ME 04071	\$79,800.00	1001	\$1,125.18	Assessment of Building omitted from assessment in error. Assessment was made to another parcel in error (012-042-C), which has been abated.
					\$1,125.18	

Motion to approve a supplemental tax bill for Patrick M Carey for \$1,125.18 for Map 012-Lot 042 by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

Unanimously approved

e) Consideration of Appointment to ZBA – Sandy Fredericks, ZBA Admin

Motion to appoint Frederick Miller to the ZBA by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Taylor.

Unanimously approved

f) Consideration of Biennial Appointment of Registrar – Sue Look, Town Clerk

Motion to appoint Susan L Look as Registrar for the next 2 years by Selectman Sadak.
Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved

4) **Public Comment** – none

5) **Selectman Comment** – none

Chair Sadak thanked the Public Works crew for their work on the roads in the bad storms we have had.

Selectman Taylor thanked Chair Sadak for how she is leading this year.

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

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

- March 8, 2022
- April 12, 2022

b) **Reminder of Upcoming Budget Schedule**

- February 23, 2022 – Town Manager submits budget to Select Board & Budget-Finance Committee
- March 1, 2022 – 1st Department Head Review – 6:30pm
- March 15, 2022 – 2nd Department Head Review – 6:30pm
- March 31, 2022 – Budget Workshop – 6:30pm
- April 4, 2022 – Select Board Warrant Review & Approval – 6:30pm
- April 12, 2022 – Budget-Finance Committee Budget Article Recommendations – 6:30pm
- April 19, 2022 – Select Board final Warrant approval – 6:30pm
- Town Meeting at the Jordan Small Middle School Gym
 - 1) June 7, 2022 – if we have Open Town Meeting – 6:00pm

OR

- 2) June 14, 2022 – if we vote the Town Warrant via secret ballot – 7:00am to 8:00pm

c) **Reminder of Upcoming Holiday Schedule**

- Monday, February 21st – Presidents Day

7) Executive Session

- a) Consideration of Poverty Abatement Request – pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6) (F) and 36 MRSA §841 (2) (E)

Motion to enter executive session as noted above at 7:23pm by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved

Motion to leave executive session at 8:10pm by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Bruno.

Unanimously approved

Motion to grant a poverty abatement in the amount of \$457.72 by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

Unanimously approved

- b) Discussion of Labor Contracts and Proposals – pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6) (D)

Motion to enter executive session as noted above at 8:11pm by Selectman Bruno. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved

Motion to leave executive session at 8:52pm by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Taylor.

Unanimously approved

8) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:52pm by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Taylor.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look, Town Clerk