



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Minutes**

August 9, 2022

6:00pm – Special Town Meeting

6:30pm – Regular Meeting

At Broadcast Studio, 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.*

**1) 6:00pm – Special Town Meeting**

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Nomination** to elect Joseph Bruno for Moderator by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Mr Bruno was duly voted as Moderator by a majority of the room and then sworn in by Town Clerk Look.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance (surplus) the sum of **\$23,200** to help fund the moving and restoration of the historic Raymondtown Watkins Blacksmith Shop (circa 1820) to the Raymond-Casco Historical Society campus.

Select Board recommends Article 2

Budget-Finance Committee recommends Article 2

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

**Article 2 passed**

**Motion** to adjourn Town Meeting at 6:06pm by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

**Unanimously approved**

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\* Taken out of order

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

**Select Board members absent:** Lawrence Taylor

**Town Staff in attendance:**

Don Willard – Town Manager  
Bruce Tupper – Fire Chief  
Wayne Jones – Fire Inspector  
Alex Sirois – Code Enforcement Officer  
Sue Look – Town Clerk

2) **6:30pm – Called to order** by Chair Bruno

3) **Minutes of previous meetings**

a) July 12, 2022

**Motion** to approve as presented by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

**Unanimously approved**

4) **Public Hearing**

a) Café Sebago Liquor License Renewal

Public Hearing declared open at 6:31pm by Chair Bruno.

No public comments

Selectman Sadak read the following letter received after the ePacket was created from an abutter:

*To whom it may concern:*

*I am writing regarding the pending site plan for Map 55, Lot 004A for a patio and parking expansion. As a property abutter, it appears the expansion was begun long ago. The back of the property has already been extended onto residential property and is currently used for parking. Is there a NEW parking expansion plan or is part of the parking lot going to be used for patio extension? What are the storm water runoff ordinances? The current parking extension of residential property has been stripped of vegetation allowing water runoff onto my property. I would like these issues addressed.*

*I do hope when you are considering the liquor license renewal, that you take into consideration what the properties that abut this one must contend with. I can only speak for myself and my tenants, so here is a just a few things we deal with regularly. My back parking lot is gated so there is no access by vehicle at night. On the portion of that lot that is separated only by a cement barrier from the bar, it is common to arrive in the morning and have to clean up broken glass and drug needles that have been thrown/left on our property. If it is windy, we get the pleasure of picking up their trash that is blown all over the neighborhood. Disgusting is an understatement. Not to mention the horrible smell that comes from dumpsters that do not get dumped regularly.*

*In closing, I do support any extra parking that is within town ordinances. I do not support the patio extension or liquor license renewal.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jeffrey Cox*

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\* Taken out of order

Fire Inspector Jones went over the Fire Inspection results from yesterday. There is a good deal of grease still needing to be cleaned and disposed of, the cleaner is coming in again tomorrow morning. Emergency light was not working. Rear exit door is parting from the hinges. Annual fire alarm testing is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>. The State Fire Marshall also has to perform an inspection so the Town can approve the Special Amusement license.

The report from Cumberland County Sheriff's Office of the incidents was discussed.

CEO Sirois discussed the permits still outstanding – there has not been site plan approval for the parking lot out back and a building permit for the outside modifications (where an outside storage area was changed to seating). These have been outstanding for 1-2 years.

Mr Bancroft has taken care of or scheduled each item on the Fire Inspection Report. He said he had issued with the online permitting system and that is why the building permit has not been submitted. He has put 6" of gravel put on the parking extension, no other improvements thus far due to waiting on a survey. There was an issue with getting the dumpster emptied one month and this has been corrected. The dumpster is getting emptied weekly. Mr Bancroft has a video camera on the property line with Mr Cox and there have been no instances of needles, garbage, etc. He also pointed out that none of the recipients of the abutter letters have come forward to speak against him.

Selectman Sadak said she has seen cardboard and trash stacked behind the building.

Mr Bancroft stated that his responsibility is to be sure that people are not visibly intoxicated when they leave his bar. We do offer rides and water, but we can not stop them from leaving. There was 1 incident that started elsewhere and ended in Mr Bancroft's parking lot, no fights at the bar. I have a good rapport with the local law enforcement.

Public Hearing declared closed at 6:52pm by Chair Bruno.

## 5) New Business

### a) Consideration of Café Sebago Liquor License & Special Amusement License Renewals – Kyle Bancroft, owner

Discussion about violations that need to be cleared. It may take 6 months or more to get the survey done. The seating area could be permitted in the next couple of weeks. The existing max capacity for the septic is 48 seats as it is right now. The occupancy of the building is 112 inside and 109-125 outside (determined by the State Fire Marshall's Office without tables). The septic may need to be expanded.

Mr Bancroft has a shared agreement with the Tattoo shop for parking when they close and has put the now empty Tie-Dye property under least to increase his parking. He said he is not changing his seat capacity with any of these projects. The back will no longer be used for parking, but for access for the Fire Department. We never have more than 48 people in the building. We pump out the septic annually. For the OUIs, they may not be convictions, the list is simply stops. Fire Inspector Jones will go back once the items on the list are complete.

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Chair Bruno suggested to the Select Board that they give Mr Bancroft 30 days to correct the issues and cut him a break as a businessman. The only piece that will not be complete is the site plan which is dependent on a surveyor.

**Motion** to table until the Select Board meeting scheduled for September 20, 2022, by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

**Unanimously approved**

- b) Consideration of Fisherman's Catch Liquor License Extension – William Coppersmith, owner

**Motion** to approve by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

**Unanimously approved**

- c) Consideration of Business License Application – Gillies Brewing LLC, DBA Aroma Joes – David Gillies, owner

**Motion** to approve the Business License for Aroma Joes by Selectman Gifford. Seconded by Selectman Olsen.

**Unanimously approved**

- d) Consideration of Business License Application – Performance Motor Sports – Isaac Allen, owner

**Motion** to approve the Business License for Performance Motor Sports by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

**Unanimously approved**

- e) Update on State Tax Stabilization Program – Curt Lebel, Contract Assessor

Contract Assessor Lebel was unable to attend, and Town Clerk Look reviewed the current information from the State of Maine which has been posted to the Town of Raymond website. The Select Board voiced concerns with how long it will take to get reimbursed from the State.

- f) Quit Claim Deed – Sue Carr, Tax Collector

James E Floyd – Map 8 Lot 93-A – 53 Ai Road – sold the property and paid \$21,891.13 in taxes

**Motion** to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Mr Floyd – Map 8 Lot 93-A – by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

**Unanimously approved**

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\* Taken out of order

## 6) Town Manager's Report and Communications

### a) Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings

- September 20, 2022
- October 11, 2022

### b) Reminder of Upcoming Holiday Schedule

- Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day

### c) Reminder of September 9<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Shooting Event at Camp Hinds from 8am to 4pm

Main Street Sidewalk project will be finished in 2 weeks. Public Works Director White and his crew have done a great job. There will be no street lights added with this project.

## 7) \* Public Comment

Multiple citizens attended and spoke pertaining to the 500' of frontage on the West Shore of Sebago Lake that has had the vegetation removed and the shoreline changed. They presented a letter (*below reproduced*) signed by 273 people asking that the Town see to it that the properties are made to be restored to what they were prior to the development with no permits.

*"We, the undersigned would like to express our support for the Town of Raymond in its efforts to make sure that the waterfront land on Sebago Lake that was significantly altered without a permit is restored to its former state. We also support the Town of Raymond in its attempt to recover all costs of litigation associated with such efforts and to legally impose a fine to discourage future abuses. The land that was altered without permit is approximately 500 feet of the waterfront portion of 28 Whitetail Lane and 18 Fernwood Drive in Raymond, Maine. These two lots are also identified as Lots 20 and 22 of Raymond Assessor's Map 1."*

NOTE: 267 signatures were submitted, 50 – registered voters, 50 – property owners and not voters, 167 – summer visitors

## 8) Selectman Comment

Chair Bruno thanked Deputy Chief Cathy Gosselin and Raymond Rescue for allowing him to use epinephrine for a clinic. He had asked the Rescue Department in the town where the clinic was located, and they refused.

## 9) Executive Session

### a) Code Enforcement Violations Updates – pursuant to 1 MRSA §405 (6) (E)

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\* Taken out of order

**Motion** to enter executive session as noted above at 7:55pm by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

**Unanimously approved**

**Motion** to leave executive session at 8:30pm by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

**Unanimously approved**

#### **10) Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn at 8:30pm by Selectman Olsen. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

**Unanimously approved**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Susan L Look, Town Clerk*