



SELECT BOARD Minutes

November 14, 2023

5:30pm – Regular Meeting

At Broadcast Studio &
Via Zoom & on YouTube

Resolution: We, the Raymond Select Board, 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: Joe Bruno – Chair, Rolf Olsen – Vice Chair, Teresa Sadak, Samuel Gifford, Derek Ray

Town Staff in attendance:

Nathan White – Public Works Director

Richard Dowe - Librarian

Sue Look – Interim Town Manager & Town Clerk

1) **Call regular meeting to order** at 5:30pm by Chair Bruno

2) **Minutes of previous meeting**

a) October 10, 2023

Motion to approve as presented by Select Sadak. Seconded by Select Olsen.

Unanimously approved

3) **New Business**

a) Update of British Memorial Added to Veterans Memorial Park – David McIntire, Veterans Committee Chair

Mr McIntire was contacted by the British Commonwealth Remembrance USA who manage 200 gravesites in New England of British Veterans. In WWII there was a plane that crashed in Sebago Lake on May 16, 1944, piloted and crewed by British airmen. They have requested a memorial for these men. Mr McIntire researched the incident and has come up with a memorial that the British approved and will pay for. It will be a granite memorial separate from the US memorial currently there. The British want to have a dedication ceremony next Spring, and Governor Janet Mills has been included.

b) Consideration of 2024 Ice Derby – Ingo Hartig, Lakes Region Rotary Club

February 17 & 18, 2024 – One small change, will try to get more Northern Pike out of the lake and the polar dip will be on Sunday.

Motion to approve by Select Olsen. Seconded by Select Gifford.

Unanimously approved

- c) Consideration of Business License for Nicole Richman LCSW – Nicole Richman, owner

Ms Richman is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, has been working out of Gorham for 20 years.

Motion to approve condition upon completing items in Fire Inspection in the next 10 business days by Select Olsen. Seconded by Select Gifford.

Unanimously approved

- d) Consideration of Changing Raymond Village Library Hours – Richard Dowe, Librarian
Chair Bruno complimented Librarian on the statistics being collected. The changes are to allow staff to have 2 consecutive days off. It will be sent out in the Library newsletter, the website, the Facebook page.

Motion to approve by Select Sadak. Seconded by Select Olsen.

Unanimously approved

- e) Consideration of Extending Contract Assessor Curt Lebel's Contract Until June, 30, 2024 – Curt Lebel, Contract Assessor

Contract Assessor Lebel is proposing to extend his current contract until June 30, 2024, and then propose a new contract for the next 3 years that will encompass the revaluation process.

Motion to approve by Select Gifford. Seconded by Select Olsen.

Unanimously approved

- f) Consideration of Abatement Request(s) – Curt Lebel, Contract Assessor

The abatement request was not ready for this meeting and will be brought forward at the December meeting.

Motion to table by Select Olsen. Seconded by Select Sadak.

Unanimously approved

- g) Consideration of New Street Name – Tanglewood Circle – Bruce Tupper, E911 Addressing Officer

Tanglewood Circle was assigned sometime around when the house was built in 2006 and was not added to the E911, nor any other, address list. This is an administrative update to correct this omission.

Motion to approve by Select Olsen. Seconded by Select Sadak.

Unanimously approved

- h) Consideration of Town Office Emergency Action Plan – Sue Look, Interim Town Manager & Cathy Gosselin, HR Administrator

Mention IT involvement. No need for Select Board approval.

- i) Discussion of Proposed Plans for New Public Works Garage and Upcoming Budget Process – Nathan White, Public Works Director

Looking for direction moving forward. Current plans are for 13,000 sq ft building at \$5.8 million estimated cost. Talked about possibly cutting the building size by a bay or 2. It doesn't save enough to make it worth it. A building is needed to protect public works equipment. Approval to move forward for the planning process as is.

Parks and Rec Director, Crocker also went over the building plans for Tassel Top Park and the new bath house and snack shack building. If all goes as planned construction should be completed by opening day in late Spring 2024

4) Public Comment – none

5) Selectman Comment – none

6) Town Manager's Report and Communications

Interim Town Manager Look thanked the Election Workers, especially Marie Connolly, Louise Lester, Jennie Silverblade, Cynthia Davenport, and Nathan White for stepping in and running the election efficiently and smoothly. Everyone who was asked to help was willing and eager. The Town of Raymond certainly has wonderful people!

a) Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings

- December 12, 2023
- January 9, 2024

7) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:26pm by Select Olsen. Seconded by Select Sadak.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan L Look
& Melissa McConkey*