

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 7, 1998**

**ATTENDANCE:** Stephanie Bubier, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Timothy Pomerleau; Ada Brown; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephanie Bubier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.
  - a. March 12, 1998
  - b. March 17, 1998

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** 3 in favor (McDermott, Brown, Bubier) 1 abstention (Pomerleau)

3. Consideration to elect a chairperson for the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

**NOMINATION:** Betty McDermott nominated Stephanie Bubier as chairman. Seconded by Ada Brown. There were no other nominations.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

4. Review Board of Selectmen rules of procedure.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to adopt the rule of procedure submitted. Seconded by Timothy Pomerleau.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

5. Consideration to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate an agreement to acquire an option to purchase a pumper tanker fire truck with a deposit not to exceed \$1,500.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to authorize the Town Manager to negotiate an agreement for a pumper tanker fire truck not to exceed the amount authorized at Town Meeting. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

6. Consideration to pick up private property brush curbside and/or opening a temporary brush transfer site at the salt shed property.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Poore said he recommended doing this because FEMA will reimburse the Town 90% of the total cost. FEMA ensured him that they would pay for private property pickup as well as public. He said they would pick up only storm damage refuse and take it to the salt shed property for shredding. He wanted to begin this May 4<sup>th</sup> and advertise this in a taxpayer mailing. He said that the State might ask towns to do State roads and reimburse the towns 100% including administrative costs. Mr. Pomerleau requested that sub-contracting is done if necessary.

**MOTION:** Tim Pomerleau motioned to approve curbside pickup of storm refuse both public and private roads following the guidelines of the trash truck pickup

route. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

7. Report from the Assessor's Agent on the implementation of CAMA and general assessing issues.

**DISCUSSION:** Michael O'Donnell explained how the CAMA program will help Raymond maintain its quality rating with the State. He said this would allow easier adjustment for values in the future. He also said that a notice of value would go to each taxpayer prior to commitment so that they can discuss their value prior to the tax bills being printed. He continued that that if and when the Town decides to go to a GIS system for digital maps that this data from the CAMA will be able to be transferred to the GIS program directly. In the future O'Donnell's intends to have sketching capability integrated into their program as well as digital photo capabilities in the future.

**MOTION:** Ada Brown motioned to enter into an agreement with O'Donnell's for the CAMA program. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

8. Consideration of several property tax abatements.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement for Map 52, Lot 21. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement for Map 52, Lot 43. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. O'Donnell said that he didn't expect a decision on this abatement and possibly not for the entire 60 days allowed for a reply. He indicated that Ganderbrook has had a partial abatement in the last few years. He discussed the accompanying information which the Selectmen had to study.

9. Consideration to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a contract for the construction of an automated pump station at the septic facility.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to enter into a contract with C.W.Harmon the cost not to exceed \$34,000. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

10. Communications and other business.

- a. Employee evaluations are almost finished.

- b. A grant to FEMA is being submitted to procure a generator for Jordan Small School.

- c. The CRDA grant for rebuilding Webbs Mills Road did not get in the final entries for this year but an application will be submitted next year and hopefully will be

accepted.

d. Dispatch Contract with Poland is still being negotiated in the amount of \$50,000 for Poland's share.

e. The ballot inspection of March 30<sup>th</sup> went well and no application for a recount was received before the deadline.

f. The Trust Account investing will be reviewed soon.

g. Grant money for Morgan Meadows is almost a certainty for trail development plan this year with implementation next year through the help of our Conservation Commission.

h. The Cable TV franchise negotiations will resume after a meeting of our Cable Committee soon.

i. The Lake Region Economic Development group is proceeding with their bylaws etc. They will initially have six communities as members (unless other towns join prior to formal incorporation) and 9 private sector members as invited by the group.

j. The Windham Correctional Center inmates have finished painting the fire department buildings and will be helping with the clean up at Tassel Top Park including repainting the inside of the cabins.

k. Town appointments will be presented next meeting.

l. Selectmen goals will be on the next agenda.

m. MMA Workmen's Compensation refund will be shared by the Town Office (1/3) and Jordan Small School (2/3).

n. There is a letter asking if the Town would like a quote on limited liability associated with a natural gas service line. It was decided that this would not be necessary in that the Town would not have a natural gas line liability in the near future.

o. There was a thank you letter from Channel 6 in response to our appreciation certificate sent them for their help during the Ice Storm of 1998.

p. A copy of the Town's purchasing policy was attached for the Selectmen's information.

q. There will be a meeting of the Bulky Waste Facility, Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Naples Town Office. After this meeting two representatives will be needed from Raymond: 1 Selectmen and 1 citizen.

r. Our percentage of recycling for this year has been reported as 50.2%. Mr.

Pomerleau asked if the subject of curbside pickup of recycling might be revisited this year.

s. The Planning Board will meet on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the agenda includes a plan for an elderly housing project.

t. The Legislature has passed a Homestead Exemption Law which upon acceptance of an application will give up to a \$7000 exemption on one's property tax. Mr. Poore said he planned to do a bulk mailing informing the residents of this change because all applications for the next year must be submitted by this May 15<sup>th</sup>.

u. The dump truck is in Vermont having the new plow installed. It should be back by next week.

v. Susan Saunders has resigned from the Lake Region Economic Development group, however Ingo Hartig is still representing Raymond.

w. Quit Claim Deeds.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to sign three quit claim deeds. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

11. Review and authorize the April 7, 1998 Treasurer's Warrant.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$75,987.99. Seconded by Timothy Pomerleau.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

**MOTION:** Ada Brown motioned to adjourn as soon as the Warrant was signed. Seconded by Timothy Pomerleau.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Stephanie Bubier adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,