

**Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 2, 1999**

ATTENDANCE: Stephanie Bubier, Chairman; Ada Brown; Michael McClellan; Tim Pomerleau; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Chris Champagne, Deputy Fire Chief; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

CALL TO ORDER: Stephanie Bubier called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm at the Town Hall.

Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

a. January 19, 1999

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to accept the Minutes with the correction on page 3 Item 5 for the nomination of Don Ferry for the Planning Board that the second was offered by Ada Brown and the vote was unanimous. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Consideration to make a recommendation on how to proceed with septic related issues. Paul Lawrence will be present to answer any questions.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore informed the meeting that Paul Lawrence's study was to give information on whether it would be more expedient to take Raymond's sludge out of town versus upgrading and increasing our septic site and increasing the fees and property taxes to cover the expense of the upgrading. Mr. Lawrence said an estimated cost of \$180 to \$210 per thousand against our current cost of permits at \$45.00 per thousand gallons. Mr. Pomerleau said that the cost would be about the same whether it stays in Raymond or is sent outside. Mr. Lawrence said that Portland Water District has a lower cost per gallon to a member town which has paid a membership fee and the Auburn Water Treatment Facility has a higher price but no membership fee. The present plan is to recondition the present site and enlarge it by 4 acres. This would probably last many years possibly as many as 20. There was discussion about the DEP regulations changing and becoming more stringent. Mr. Lawrence said that the DEP was assisting at this point. He had a letter dated December 12, 1998 describing the options. He continued that he felt the current DEP regulations will last a while because they have just finished a 20 year revision. Mr. Poore noted that there will be ongoing costs with the upkeep of the equipment as well as the initial expense of construction. Mr. McClellan asked if this was safe. Mr. Lawrence replied that testing will be done to keep within safe levels of additives. Mr. Pomerleau said he would like to have a public hearing to know what the public wants. There was discussion about the user fee. Mr. Poore noted that the actual cost of disposal will be more than \$45/1000 gallons. He said Raymond would have to also find a place to deliver the sludge. Charles Murray said the Town would need to know the options and what they will cost so that a decision can be made.

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to close the septic site in Raymond and take the septage elsewhere. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Lawrence said that to finish the study would be \$3500 to \$3800.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Pomerleau, McClellan, Bubier) 1 opposed (Brown)

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to increase the septic permit fee to fifteen cents (\$0.15) per gallon. Seconded by Tim Pomerleau.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Consideration to amended TIF budget that will include \$10,000 to the Lake Region Development Council (LRDC). Maynard Hincks, LRDC President, will be present to answer any questions the Board may have.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to approve. Seconded by Stephanie Bubier.

DISCUSSION: Maynard Hincks, President of the LRDC, said that they now have their directors but need an executive director to be the pivot person to promote the area and develop new business and industry. They would like to have their office running by July 1, 1999 and have a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to use to survey their needs. They would like to be self-sufficient within a couple of years. Mr. Poore felt that this money could be taken from the TIF budget. Charles Murray asked why the residents of the Town would spend this money when they turned down the proposal for increasing the Commercial Zone last year. Mrs. Bubier felt this study would help fill the empty businesses we now have. Mrs. Brown felt that this group would be one of the only ways that Raymond could develop its commercial base.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Bubier, Brown, McClellan) 1 opposed (Pomerleau)

5. Consideration to amend the Board's recommendation of the Fire Department Budget to include funding for training wages and stand by pay for fire fighters.

DISCUSSION: 1) \$10,000 to pay for mandatory training.

2) \$14,790.00 to pay for stand-by pay for fire fighters like to Rescue program Denis Morse, Fire Chief, explained that this would help resolve the problems of having enough manpower in Town during the hours when David Shepard is not working. This will help cover Raymond's liability. Mr. McClellan asked about the training schedule. Mr. Morse replied that they want to tape each training session where the fire fighters present will be paid for attendance and use the tapes for the fire fighters who have not been to the original training. He added that they are working on expanding the billing of services now not being charged for which should bring in more revenue through Fire/Rescue. Chris Champagne, Dep. Fire Chief, described the "2 in 2 out" scenario now required by the State. That is if anyone has to go into a building, two must go with two people outside for backup or no one goes into the building. Mrs. Brown thanked the Department for their work and said that the Town should support their efforts. Mr. Morse added that the Public Works Department would like to attend some of the training. Mr. McClellan added that the school teachers might be interested in some of the classes as well. Mr. Poore said that this will increase the Fire Department budget to \$241,726.00 from \$216,936.00.

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to approve the \$24,790.00 increase in the Fire Department Budget. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore noted that fire training will begin in March 1999 and would like another \$5,000 approved for this expense.

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to approve the overdraft on the 1998 Fire Department budget by \$5,000 to be covered by fire/rescue revenue increases. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Consideration to make a recommendation on a budget request to purchase a

generator to be located at the Jordan Small School.

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7. Consideration to make a recommendation on several standard Town Meeting Warrant Articles and several articles already discussed.

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to recommend Articles 2 through 10. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to have a public hearing on February 16, 1999 for Article 18 Cemetery article. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to recommend Article 26. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: It was discussed that if the budget passes the expected mil rate for 1999-2000 will be in the mid 14's.

8. Consideration to select a quote to replace the waste oil furnace located in the Public Works garage.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to purchase the Cleanburn furnace for the public works garage at a price not to exceed \$4000.00. Seconded by Ada Brown

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Consideration to schedule a public hearing for proposed changes to the TIF.

Sent to Public Hearing on February 16, 1999.

10. Communications and other business.

a. Budget/Finance Committee position.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to establish a 1 year Budget/Finance Committee position to install someone to fulfill the position relinquished by Royce Moore to be included in the March 19, 1999 election. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Cell Tower on the Town's land Patricia Avenue.

NOTE: Mr. Poore said that negotiations are still being worked on and that the lease is more valuable than it was.

c. Fire Department.

NOTE: Mr. Poore announced that Byron Rogers has resigned as a Deputy Fire Chief but will stay on as a fire fighter.

d. GPCOG Survey about truck traffic on Route 302.

NOTE: Mr. Poore said that there doesn't appear to be any problem with trucks but traffic in general.

e. Veteran's Memorial.

NOTE: Mrs. McDermott will be proposing that Raymond have a Veteran's memorial.

f. Recreation Committee Report from the early '90's.

NOTE: Mr. McClellan handed out the first report submitted by the original Recreation Committee

g. Land Purchase by Charles Leavitt.

Tabled until February 16th.

h. Watershed Study Contract.

MOTION: Stephanie Bubier motioned to authorize Nathan Poore to sign for the Selectmen when the indemnification clause is ready. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

11. Review and authorize the February 2, 1999 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$39,891.06. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Adjourn.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Tim Pomerleau.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Stephanie Bubier adjourned the meeting at 9:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise H. Lester
Secretary