

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Rd
Raymond, Maine 04071

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

Selectmen Attendance: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Mike Reynolds; Lonnie Taylor; and Joe Bruno.

Selectmen absent: Dana Desjardins

Staff present: Don Willard, Town Manager; and Mike O'Donnell, assessor.

CALL TO ORDER: Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Town Office.

1. Assessing workshop with the town's contract assessor Mike O'Donnel.
There was negotiation for the assessor's hours for the rest of 2006-2007 and the upcoming new contract for 2007-2008.
2. Recess: Mark Gendron recessed the meeting about 6:30 pm.

REOPEN MEETING:

SELECTMAN ATTENDANCE: Mark Gendron, Chairman; Mike Reynolds; Lonnie Taylor; Joe Bruno; and Dana Desjardins.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Nathan White, Public Works Director; Dennis Cole, Budget/Finance Committee; John Rand, Chairman Conservation Commission.

OTHERS: Heather True, Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District; and Charles Leavitt.

1)Call to order. Mark Gendron reopened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

2)Minutes of previous meeting dated January 16, 2007.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes of January 16, 2007 as written.

Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3)New business.

a)Informational presentation on DEP grant awarded to the Town of Casco to address erosion issues in the Thomas Pond watershed – Heather True, Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District

DISCUSSION: Ms. True explained the two-phased program at Thomas Pond designed to protect that water resource in conjunction with the municipalities of Raymond and Casco and the landowners. This program is supported by federal funds from the Clean Water Act.

b)Discussion of fiscal year 2007/2008 Assessing Services Contract and billing for revaluation abatements – Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell
DISCUSSION: It was felt that the new budget increase of \$5,000 was understandable.
No action taken.

c)Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell, O'Donnell & Associates
TABLE until next meeting.

d)Discussion of possible replacement of heavy duty plow truck – Public Works Director Nathan White
MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to authorize Nathan White to RFP for bids on a new dump truck to replace the 1995 plow truck; further action to be decided at a later meeting. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

e)Raymond Conservation Commission, Natural Resource Inventory/GIS funding request to support development of Open Space Plan – John Rand Co-Chair Raymond Conservation Commission [7:52 pm]

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to authorize the Conservation Commission to use \$3,000 from the Open Space Account to fund their planning work. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Four in favor (Reynolds, Bruno, Desjardins, Taylor) 1 abstention (Gendron)

f)Appointment of Voter Registrar Louise Murray for two year term – Town Clerk Louise Lester

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to appoint Louise Murray for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2007 as Voter Registrar. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

g)Determination of 2007 town scholarship award levels – Town Clerk Louise Lester
TABLED until the next meeting.

h)One Raymond Committee Update – Mark Gendron & Dana Desjardins, Co-Chairs
1. Emergency Dispatch – Information was given about discussion with both Naples and Windham to join their dispatch service.
2. New town office location – Discussion about the town owned land behind the District II/Public Works garage. Funding for expert advice should be included in the next budget. Discussion about usage of the Public Safety Building should go forward. [9:19 pm]

4)Old (unfinished) business.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into executive session regarding the acquisition of real property as authorized under M.R.S.A. 1§405(6)(c) Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0 [9:24 pm]

a)Executive Session: Discussion of acquisition of real property as authorized under Maine Statutes Title 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(C).

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0 [9:29 pm]

NOTE: It was stated that action should go forward with the land acquisition unless there is payment by the landowner before the court date.

5)Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. New Part-time employee – Mr. Willard announced that Susanne Carr has been hired as a Deputy Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector working at the front desk in the Clerk’s Office.

b. Petition relating to Emergency Dispatch – Mr. Willard announced that there was an unofficial petition submitted which appeared to state that the signers wished to maintain an emergency dispatch in Raymond. He added that there were only 172 registered voter signatures out of a needed 211 signatures.

6)Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – February 6, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$76,223.46.
Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Warrant in the amount of \$111,393.25. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

7)Adjournment.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk