

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, September 4, 2007

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer; and Nathan White, Public Works Director.

OTHERS: John Rand, Chairman of the Conservation Commission; Ben Severn, Conservation Commission; Beth-Ann Hurd; and Charles Leavitt.

1. Call to order. Mark Gendron opened the meeting at 7:08 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into executive session with Jack Cooper, Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RECESS: Mark Gendron recessed the meeting at 7:08 pm.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to come out of executive session. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mark Gendron reopened the meeting at 7:24 pm.

2. Minutes of previous meeting dated August 7, 2007.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to table the minutes of August 7, 2007 until the next meeting. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

3. New business.

a. Conservation Commission presentation on Open Space – Raymond Conservation Commission Co-Chair John Rand

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rand reported that this presentation is derived from two years of work by the Conservation Commission as directed by the 2001 Comprehensive Plan. Directives: 1) Inventory special natural resources. 2) Map all chosen places with GIS technology. 3) Overlay the maps to see what places are overlapped. There was a video presentation. After showing this on our access channel the Conservation Commission would like to have an open forum for public input. The next step will be to formulate an open space plan which will eventually be presented and hopefully passed by a town meeting. Funding for this work will come from state, federal, and local sources i.e. grants. Conservation Commission meetings are the last Tuesday of every month with the exception of July and August at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio. Trail preservation and development is necessary for future recreational use.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to support the work of the Conservation Commission and the development of an open space plan. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- b. Executive Session – Discussion of confidential records pursuant to:
 - 1. 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) Acquisition of real property – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper
See above.
 - 2. 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(H) Consultation with Code Enforcement Officer on pending enforcement matter – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper
See above.
- c. School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno reported that there was a meeting last week and the next meeting will be September 10, 2007 at 5:00 pm at the Windham High School library. He said they had a letter of intent for the schools in Windham, Westbrook, and Poland. They are currently looking at the financing of this endeavor but have to look further to what is best for our students. The next question is whether Raymond will want to maintain “choice” of high school in the equation. Mr. Leavitt noted that Chapter 240 speaks to “choice” and he questioned whether it was possible to ask for a legal opinion of what Raymond can do. Mr. Bruno felt that Raymond was unique in that traditionally students can choose their school. He added that the School Board would be the body to make that decision. Mr. Leavitt felt that the changes in Chapter 219 could make a difference. Mr. Bruno thought that the School Board would probably put the question of “choice” to a referendum vote. He continued that Raymond’s land value was almost the same as Windham’s which makes us pay more per pupil because we don’t have as many students as the other towns. Mr. Bruno didn’t believe there would be a monetary savings to Raymond immediately, but it would broaden the educational opportunities for our students.

Mr. Bruno noted that tomorrow there will be a Maine Municipal Association Legislative Committee meeting about revenue sharing. Most of the communities on this committee are small and get a fair amount of revenue sharing. Raymond does not, and this meeting will be interesting.

d. Building Committee update – Committee Chair Mark Gendron

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gendron reported that space for the departments was discussed which included not having to have school department offices because of consolidation. A broadcast studio, library space and areas for wireless access to the Internet were discussed.

4. Old (unfinished) business.

None.

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Pontoon rescue boat

Mr. Willard reported that he had received a letter from Mariaville, Maine thanking Raymond for the fire/rescue boat.

b. Warrant Signatures

Mr. Reynolds was not sure whether the warrants could be signed by fax copy. Mr. Willard said he would investigate.

c. Road Construction

Mr. Bruno asked about the increased road maintenance budget and where is it being spent currently. Mr. Willard will provide a memo tomorrow. He thought the prep work was being done and the paving will come this fall. Deep Cove Road has been done.

d. Fiscal Policy Draft

Mr. Bruno asked about the fiscal policy draft. Mr. Willard replied that the insurance study was in the works, and he would work on the fiscal policy soon.

e. Raymond's Rescue Boat

It was reported that the Cumberland County Sheriff's would be looking for volunteers to help them with the rescue boat and working on their patrols. The volunteers would be used for the running of the boat and not law enforcement. Mr. Willard said that the boat is not working currently because the training is ongoing and not complete at this time.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – September 4, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$54,519.57. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$129,046.00. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk