

TOWN OF RAYMOND  
401 Webbs Mills Road  
Raymond, Maine 04071

MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 18, 2007

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager

OTHERS: None.

1. Call to order. Mark Gendron called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting dates December 4, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2007 as written.  
Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Gendron, Reynolds, Taylor, Bruno) 1 abstention (Desjardins)

3. New business.

- a. Consideration of appointment to the Recycling Committee: Eileen Stiles, 94 Deep Cove, Rd., - Town Clerk Louise Lester

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the appointment of Eileen Stiles to the Recycling Committee. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- b. Consideration of new road name (White Tail Lane) – Code Enforcement Officer Jack Cooper.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the new road name White Tail Lane.

Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- c. Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Mike O'Donnell

Abatements and supplements for approval:

Abatements:

Map 74, Lot 14	2005	\$1,301.07	Map 32, Lot 3	2007	\$132.60
Map 4, Lot 80	2007	\$1,208.70	Map 4, Lot 75	2007	\$183.60
Map 4, Lot 80	2006	\$1,208.70	Map 18, Lot 34	2007	\$118.32
Map 18, Lot 27B	2007	\$578.34	T0015P	2007	\$38.25
Map 18, Lot 27B	2006	\$578.34	I0500P	2007	\$73.83
Map 4, Lot 68B	2007	\$1,050.60	A0030P		\$93.50
Map 41, Lot 26	2007	\$893.52	F0115P		\$187.00
Map 54, Lot 44	2007	\$548.76	A0090R		\$37.40

A0008P	\$58.59	L0065P	\$280.50
A1001P	\$97.65	M0005P	\$130.90
C0300P	\$647.38	M3001P	\$232.39
C0230P	\$71.06	M0020P	\$74.40
C0002P	\$460.41	P0009P	\$57.66
E2000P	\$68.90	F0140P	\$935.00
F0001P	\$163.25	R0008P	\$17.19
H0001P	\$9.28	S0340P	\$331.70
H1122P	\$158.95	T0003P	\$3.84
K3001P	\$539.46	W0145P	\$185.13
K0001P	\$140.25	W3276P	\$30.77
K0010P	\$9.28		

Supplemental Taxes:

Map 78, Lot 5	2007	\$626.28
Map 3, Lot 17	2007	\$9,300.36
Map 11, Lot 41E	2007	\$1,649.34

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve the 39 abatements and 3 supplemental taxes as submitted. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

d. School consolidation information update – Selectmen Joe Bruno

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno reported that the Consolidation Committee met December 17<sup>th</sup> and frustration was showing. He felt the consolidation discussion would be just Windham and Raymond for now and in a couple of years possibly Westbrook. They need more information from the State. Mr. Bruno noted that the debt responsibility is still a big question.

e. Greater Portland Council of Governments (GPCOG) update – Selectman Mike Reynolds.

No meeting in December.

f. General Assistance (GA)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard reported that there are more GA applications coming into the town office with most of them being a request for heating oil. He asked if the Selectmen would approve a dedicated fund for this which would be donated funds by the townspeople to add to our small GA fund of \$2,000. These charitable donations would be tax deductible because our municipality is considered 501(c)3. He felt that the situation would increase because federal and state funds have run out and the promise of more from the Federal Government is not here yet. Mr. Reynolds wanted to be sure the funds would stay in the designated account from year to year.

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the formation of a continuing designated fund for General Assistance known as the Raymond Community Assistance Fund. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

4. Old (unfinished) business.

a. None.

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Public Safety

Mr. Willard announced that the Fire Department would be applying for a 100% grant to gain an off road vehicle. The vehicle would be helpful in carrying equipment for fire/rescue service.

b. Mutual Aid

Mr. Desjardins said that he was disturbed by an article in last week's Lake Region Suburban News about Gray's unwillingness to pay for public safety service by Raymond. Mr. Gendron noted that discussion has been going on for three years and Raymond would like to continue discussion to relieve the situation because of the cost of this service. Mr. Willard noted that they have a new town manager and fire chief who have been approached since they took office but nothing has been forthcoming to date. He added that the Raymond Fire Chief wanted to continue discussion with them on this subject.

c. County Budget Meeting

Mr. Gendron reported that he had attended the last meeting a week ago, and he encouraged them to look at their budget more closely to help the towns.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – December 18, 2007.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurers Warrant in the amount of \$618,918.30. (\$500,000 is to be invested in a 3 month CD) Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$53,242.09. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mark Gendron adjourned the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Louise H. Lester  
Town Clerk