

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

SELECTMEN: Mike Reynolds, Chairman; Joe Bruno; Mark Gendron; and Dana Desjardins.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Lonnie Taylor

STAFF: Will Cook, Code Enforcement Officer

OTHERS: Shana Cook-Mueller, Esq., Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson; Debra and David Baker; and others.

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting dated September 16, 2008 and September 24, 2008.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes of September 15, 2008 as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Bruno, Desjardins, Reynolds); 1 abstention (Gendron)

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to approve the minutes of September 24, 2008 as written. Mark Gendron seconded with the correction that he made the motion for the 10.8 mil rate.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Bruno, Gendron, Desjardins); abstention 1 (Reynolds)

3. New business.

- a. Consideration of Quit Claim Deeds – Selectmen

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that he and the staff recommend release of these deeds as they have been fully paid. Map 15, Lot 88 and Map 15, Lot 88B

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to accept the recommendation of the town manger and sign the quitclaim deeds. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NOTE: Selectmen signed the Quitclaim Deeds.

- b. Consideration of signing county tax warrant – Selectmen

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to pay the County Tax of \$546,353 on the last possible day before interest begins accruing. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Bruno added that a letter go with the payment describing their displeasure with the large budget increase including the request for an increase in sheriff's patrols.

VOTE: 2 (Bruno, Gendron) to 2 (Reynolds, Desjardins) - defeated

Mr. Reynolds asked that this item be put on their October 21st agenda.

c. Department Head Quarterly Report – Code Enforcement Officer Will Cook.

DISCUSSION: Will Cook presented his office's work for the past 6 months. Residences are down almost by half from 2007. He reviewed violations which were found and processed. He also commented on the work of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. He noted that the Code Enforcement Office has collected about \$10,000 in revenue and there was about \$95,000 projected; so it shows that people are not building new homes. He said that the use of the GIS system will be operational again soon and the GPS will be used to locate septic systems etc for our records. Street signs and culverts, road surfaces and lengths will also be pinpointed and catalogued. He added that Jack Cooper will be leaving for the winter and will be missed. He has more than 30 years of information and history of Raymond. This information will be missed by Raymond's citizens. It was noted that all complaints are anonymous and are useful in protecting Raymond especially around the lakes.

d. School consolidation information update – Selectman Joe Bruno

Mr. Bruno said that he didn't have a report because the committee has not had any meetings. He encouraged people to vote on November 4th and noted that absentee ballots are now available.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into Executive Session with legal counsel pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(e). Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 7:04 pm.

e. Executive Session – Consolidation with legal counsel pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(e)

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 7:20 pm.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned that the Board of Selectmen approve the amended consent agreement with the land use violator and give our town manager the authority to sign off on the amended version as long as it's agreed by all parties. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to go into Executive Session under M.R.S.A. §(6)(c). Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 8:07 pm.

f. Executive Session – Acquisition of real property or economic development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §(6)(c)

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 8:42 pm.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned in relations to the foreclosed property Map 52, Lot 020J73000 we have settled with penalties and taxes on the \$5,000 settlement which if it's taken care of by November 30, 2008 we will release the property. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Gendron, Desjardins, Bruno) 1 opposed (Reynolds)

4. Old (unfinished) business.

a. None

5. Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. Ownership of outlet at Raymond Pond

Mr. Willard explained that Robert Fogg has asked for permission to cross the town's property of Map 22, Lot 4 in order to rebuild the Raymond Pond dam with permission from the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection. Mr. Willard didn't think that there was any objection for them to cross the land. He said that he would like plans for repairs to be submitted to the town for review before any work is done. It appears that the town owns the dam. Mr. Gendron felt that the state would have record of who owns the dam. Mr. Gendron requested that the Code Enforcement Officer review the plan and have the DEP sign off on the work. Mr. Bruno felt that all the Raymond Pond residents should have a voice in this discussion and that the town and state authorities be appraised and get their permission before work. Mr. Bruno continued that a public hearing be entertained at some point which would include all Raymond since Raymond Pond flows into Crescent, Panther, and Sebago Lakes.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to give permission to the Raymond Pond Association and other interested parties to access the property in order to begin the process for a permit for repairs. There shall be no work on the dam unless the town gives its permission. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Bruno, Reynolds, Gendron) 1 opposed (Desjardins)

DISCUSSION: Debra Baker, Valley Road, said that she has old records which show that the Valley Shore Association has done work on the dam since the 1960's. She said that they could show that the Valley Shore Association has owned and paid taxes on the dam land since that time.

b. November 4th Election absentee processing and request to be added to the next agenda for January 27, 2009 Consolidated School Board members.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester reported that the Legislature has given permission for towns to process absentee ballots the day before the General Election on November 4, 2008 in order to relieve their processing work during an expected very heavy voter turn out. She asked that the town process their absentee ballots on Monday, November 3rd as well. The Selectmen said that they would agree as long as the state standards were used for processing town ballots.

Mrs. Lester outlined the time line for nomination papers and eventual election of Raymond's consolidated school board if that election were to take place on January 27, 2009 in concert with Windham's schedule. The Selectmen felt that if consolidation passes on November 4th, then nomination papers could be available on November 5th. They asked that this issue appear on their agenda for October 21, 2008.

6. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – October 7, 2008.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$75,612.21. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$144,745.13. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-9

Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk