

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, January 20, 2009

SELECTMEN: Mike Reynolds, Chairman; Joe Bruno; Lonnie Taylor; Dana Desjardins; and Mark Gendron (late)

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None

STAFF: Don Willard, Town Manager; Don Alexander, Animal Control Officer.

OTHERS: John Rand, Conservation Commission along with Ben Severn, and Jim Ross; Elizabeth Wilson, Rick Gordan; Linda Alexander; Sue Fielder; and Sean Carr

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting dated November 18, 2008, December 2, 2008.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes of November 18, 2008. Seconded by Dana Desjardins

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

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes of December 2, 2008. Seconded by Dana Desjardins

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

3. New business.

- a. Liquor License Renewal (Class XI Restaurant/Lounge) – William & Kimberly Hines, Whines Ent. Inc. d/b/a Café Sebago, 1248 Roosevelt Trail

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that he had signed the license conditionally because of there not being a Selectmen's meeting in early January and their license needed to be submitted before their deadline. He asked for approval because there was no negative information.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to renew the liquor license for Café Sebago Seconded by Joe Bruno.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins asked that before they sign the liquor license they look for outstanding taxes which must be paid before approval along with a proper inspection i.e. he said there were unlit exit signs which should be corrected. Mr. Willard said that he would inquire whether the exit lights were operational at the time of the inspection.

AMENDMENT: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the liquor license after the exit lights are operable. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno felt that the question as to whether the lights were operational when the inspection was done can be answered, but they should go by the Fire Department's report rather than hearsay to refuse a permit.

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN: Lonnie Taylor and Joe Bruno withdrew the amendment motion and second.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Taylor asked for a revaluation of the condition of the restaurant. Mr. Willard said he would look into including back taxes as part of all license renewals.

VOTE: 3 favor (Bruno, Taylor, Reynolds) 1 opposition (Desjardins)

b. Deputy Animal Control Officer appointment – Sue Fielder

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that Ms. Fielder's training was complete and she is certified with the Animal Welfare Department. She will be a backup for Don Alexander. Mr. Reynolds asked about the cost to the town. Mr. Willard felt it was not a problem at this time. Mrs. Lester added that the new license fees were coming in and collections from the ACO tickets for animals at large, impoundment etc were being paid to add to the ACO designated account.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to appoint Susan Fielder as a Deputy Animal Control Officer. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: 3 in favor (Bruno, Taylor, Reynolds) 1 opposition (Desjardins)

c. Discussion of 2009 Scholarship funding levels – Town Clerk Louise Lester

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to table until the next meeting to have more information. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

d. Regional Public Safety Department study RFQ funding discussion.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that they are being asked to consider participating in this study with our neighboring towns of Gray, Naples and Casco for regionalization. He said this could come from the Undesignated Fund Balance which has not had any deductions from the original \$75,000 appropriated. He recommends this study with added grant money which Casco and Naples are applying for. Mr. Reynolds recommended going forward with this study.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to approve entering into the RFQ if the other three towns agree to participate. There is the issue of how unions will affect the cooperation of the town. Mr. Bruno doesn't think that this will be a worthwhile endeavor because of how GPCOG is charging for this work, however he agrees with the concept. Mr. Willard felt regionalization was a good solution to our problem of having a reliable, cost effective public safety department. Mr. Taylor felt it would be beneficial but wanted to know if there has been any negotiation of the cost with GPCOG.

VOTE: 2 favor (Reynolds, Gendron) 3 opposed (Bruno, Taylor, Desjardins)

DISCUSSION: Mr. Gendron asked how they think the union aspect would work in a joint venture. It was felt that this was an executive session item because it was a personnel issue.

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

None.

- f. Discussion of appointment of Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Tupper as Raymond representative to the Cumberland County Regional Communications Center (CCRCC) Board of Directors.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to appoint Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Tupper as our representative to the CCRCC board. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins asked why a Selectmen couldn't be a volunteer on this board of directors. Mr. Willard said that this board was made up of public safety officials. Mr. Desjardins had concern that he hadn't received a response to this question before this meeting. Mr. Reynolds said that Chief Morse's recommendation was Bruce Tupper being a professional fire fighter. Mr. Desjardins felt that having an elected official in this position would be of benefit. Mr. Gendron felt that having someone other than a professional might bring a different view of what was important to this board. Mr. Bruno offered that the County Budget Advisory Board would be a better place for a public official. Mr. Desjardins felt that having a public official on this committee would help keep the cost down.

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

4. Old (unfinished) business.

- a. Execution of Quit Claim Deed for property located at Map 52, Lot 020J03000

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that all taxes are paid in full.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the quitclaim deed. Seconded by Mark Gendron.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

NOTE: Quit Claim deed for Map 52, Lot 020J03000 signed by Selectmen

- b. Discussion of Draft Open Space Plan – John Rand

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rand reviewed their work and its benefits to Raymond. This was a directive from the 2004 Comprehensive Plan. The last 2 1/2 years have been spent mapping our natural resources with a finished product of an overlay map for planning in the future. The Conservation Commission will have one more public hearing and would like to have an article included in the next town meeting warrant for adoption of the plan. Mr. Rand reviewed the plan which has six categories of potential resources. He allowed that this will give us a prioritized list of usage which will be shown by map and lead to a plan for action with 3 methods for land protection.

- c. Cumberland County Regional Communication Center (CCRCC) amended contract for final approval.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard noted that the original contract was for 5 years and the contract presented for signature now states that if we fail to go by policies or procedures Raymond can be terminated with a 90-day notice. Naples and Harrison have signed the revised contract, however Casco was not asked to. The town attorney advises that the contract is all right to sign.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned that they sign the amended 5-year contract. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

d. Consideration of abatements – Contract Assessor Mike O’Donnell

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained that the total abated value was \$66,200 for administrative changes. The total abatement value is \$7,369.99.

C0031P/\$32.38	L0640R/\$136.19	A8016R/\$396.36
I7209P/\$1,305.55	A0200R/\$618.84	A8015R/\$396.36
L0007P/\$35.78	T0005R/\$158.76	A8021R/\$520.56
W8106P/\$14.62	A8019R/\$232.20	A8020R/\$399.60
P0017P/\$63.76	A8018R/\$400.68	D0060R/\$349.92
F0004P/\$244.55	A8022R/\$396.36	H2155R/\$714.96
R8015R/\$556.20	A8017R/\$396.36	

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to approve the submitted abatements. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

e. Naples Dispatch Center Employee Severance Participation Request

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds requested a return to this previous agenda item because the Town of Casco voted not to participate. He felt it should be shared with Naples. \$4,575.27 is our original share with Naples. Mr. Reynolds felt that the savings from going to CCRCC would cover this expense.

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to donate our original share of \$4,575.27. Seconded by Mike Reynolds.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds would like to send a letter to Casco to ask that they reconsider. Mr. Gendron felt that Casco was not showing a favorable outlook for regionalization. Mr. Bruno didn’t feel that we should be telling Casco what they should do. Mr. Desjardins noted that he didn’t think that the dispatch employees’ contract mentioned severance, and that when we closed Raymond’s dispatch severance wasn’t offered. Mr. Gendron didn’t feel that small companies had a stated severance with their employees. Mr. Willard said that our dissolution had some of the employees going to Naples Dispatch or onto other positions. Mr. Bruno basically agreed with Mr. Desjardins but felt that this is a different situation, and they deserved this benefit after their many years of service.

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

MOTION: Mark Gendron motioned to go into executive session for a discussion of acquisition of real property – 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(C) Seconded by Joe Bruno

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 9:01 pm.

f. Executive Session – Acquisition of real property – 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

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 9:41 pm.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to instruct the town manager to relay their wishes for land acquisition. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into executive session according to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F).
Seconded by Lonnie Taylor
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 9:41 pm.

g. Executive Session – Discussion of confidential records – 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F)

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

REOPEN MEETING: Mike Reynolds reopened the meeting at 9:41 pm.

f. Town Manager Report and Communications

None

NEXT MEETING: The next Selectmen's meeting will be February 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the broadcast studio and the second meeting will be February 24, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the broadcast studio with the only agenda items being the vote on the municipal budget and any necessary payroll or treasurer's warrants.

g. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – January 20, 2009

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$39,343.82.
Seconded by Dana Desjardins.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$97,116.00. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

h. Adjourn.

MOTION: Mike Reynolds motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Bruno.
VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk