

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, February 16, 2010

SELECTMEN ATTENDANCE: Mike Reynolds, Chairman; Joe Bruno; Dana Desjardins; Lonnie Taylor; and Charles Leavitt.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Nathan White, Public Works Director; Chris Hanson, Code Enforcement Officer; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; Bruce Tupper, Assistant Fire Chief; Craig Messinger, Captain/Fire Inspector; and Hugh Coxe, Town Planner.

OTHERS: Emily Parkhurst, Independent newspaper; Joan and Joe Pappalardo; Bob Chapin; Jessica Fay; Christine McClellan, Chairman CPIC; Richard Dodson, CPIC; John McFarland; Peter Dunn; Donna and James Crosbie; John Rand, Chairman Conservation Commission; Brian Prescott; Russell and Elaine Keith; Connie Oliver; and Angela Keith.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mike Reynolds opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

1. MSW/Recycling program services discussion/enactment of possible changes/bid award.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Willard explained the process to gain a new contract for trash/recycling pickup service. A prime concern is the condition of many private roads, and the Selectmen would like to talk about how this will impact the waste pickup contract. They are proposing private road standards for pickup service. Mr. Reynolds noted that there isn't a clear definition of what a year round residence is. Mr. Hanson said that they have a database which identifies homes and being seasonal or year round homes. Mr. Willard said the rule has been 4 or more year round residences for year round service. Pine Tree felt it might be increased to 7 year round residences. Mr. Willard said they are thinking about keeping it at 4 because it seems there is only 1 road affected by that change to 7, so why change.

Connie Oliver, 62 Notched Pond Road, reported that Bernice Edwards owns the road but is not a resident of Notched Pond Road. She doesn't understand not having summer service because all other trucks seem to get down it. She said that at the head of the road, people from other places are leaving trash and bulky waste which is messy and embarrassing. Ms. Edwards has given written permission for a dumpster to be located on Notched Pond Road. Mrs. Oliver requested two dumpsters, one for trash and another for recycling.

Mr. Reynolds read an email from a Raymond Cape resident who said that because of health issues she couldn't put barrels out and she said that there were others at couldn't as well. She didn't feel that the new program would be equitable. She also asked who would pick up around the dumpsters when trash fell out. Mrs. Oliver noted that Notched Pond Road had the same problems. Mr. Bruno explained that a common place to drop recycling was tried years ago and people put trash into it which contaminated the recycling. He reiterated that having dumpsters would be easier for the elderly or handicapped because they could drop off a single bag at a time rather than wait weekly to get rid of a full barrel.

Mr. Willard informed them that the new contract would be single sort recycling. He added that the Selectmen want to hold any increase in the town budget for the fifth year which means that services are being stretched to the limit. If this budget passes the school share will be about 82% and municipal 18%.

Jessica Fay, 141 Spiller Hill Road, wanted to be sure that Wild Acres Road would be serviced. Mr. White said that their schedule wouldn't be changed. She wanted assurance that the dumpster sites would be clean and probably be locked up for residents only. Mr. White said they were trying to place them in hidden places off the main roads. Mr. Willard said that dumpsters on municipal rights of way would be town supported, but that the people who use the dumpsters would be expected to keep the area clean. The town would need to receive an easement for any locations on private land for a dumpster.

Mr. White reviewed the road surface criteria. Mr. Reynolds asked Chief Morse if these standards would handle the fire trucks. Chief Morse replied that that would be the minimum. The turnarounds need to be kept open. He said that the Fire Department has tried to keep smaller four-wheel drive trucks to be able to manage some private roads. He said that he would not like to lose a fire truck because of sliding off a private road.

Phil Hammett said that with single sort recycling we should be recycling 50% of our trash. The cans and jars won't have to be washed, and nothing sorted – everything into the same recycling bin. Public education will be offered.

Peter Dunn, Whittemore Cove Road, said recycling was new to him when he moved to Raymond. He asked about the length of town roads. Mr. White just under 50 miles. Mr. Dunn asked length of private roads. Mr. White replied over 200 miles. Mr. Dunn said he was very happy with the Pine Tree service. He said that we had to be cognizant of our residential renters. He asked about the liability waiver for private roads. Mr. Willard said that the town would provide one which the private roads could use if they wished. Mr. Dunn asked about the use of smaller trucks. Mr. White said that it isn't cost effective to use small trucks, they were messier with paper flying out of them, and they tended to travel the roads faster. Mr. Dunn felt that dumpsters would be an eyesore because people won't use them correctly and trash will be left outside them. He also felt that no one would want a dumpster on their property. He had concern that nonresidents would likely use them.

Chief Morse said that many of the developments have road easements of 50' width and these roads could use that easement for dumpsters and public parking. All parked cars should be 10' off the travel way.

Mr. Bruno said there is always a problem with a municipal service on a private road. He continued that possibly Raymond will go to a four day pickup which will mean that residents' day for pickup may be changed with this new contract.

Elaine Keith, Quarry Cove Road, asked why it would be cost effective to have a truck come back twice in one day. Mr. Willard said it was Pine Tree's decision.

Mr. Leavitt wanted everyone to remember that services like trash/recycling pickup isn't a right but a privilege and public safety should be the first concern. Each person should take some responsibility in reporting any problems which come up so they can be dealt with.

Bob Chapin, Pulpit Rock Road, asked about the service at the Naples Casco Transfer station. Mr. Willard noted that we have never used their household transfer station, and we can still use their bulky waste side by paying at the gate. There are other facilities to which we can also take bulky waste. A list is offered at the town office.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING: Mike Reynolds closed the public hearing at 8:19 pm.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Mike Reynolds opened the Public Hearing for the Fire Department Ordinance at 8:24 pm.

[Dana Desjardins left the meeting at 8:25 pm]

2. Review of proposed Fire Department Ordinance changes – Fire Inspector Craig Messinger.

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse said there were changes in a couple of items: sprinkling of all new homes, and lowering the fine for house numbering. Captain Messinger reviewed the ordinance. Page 2 Section 6 was the Addressing Ordinance with the numbering size being 4” and of a contrasting color which is visible in all seasons. The Department has looked at the fine section with addresses. Currently there is a 53% of non-compliance which makes it difficult to find residences where there is an emergency. We need to be able find people. Section G has an annual fine of \$50, and no occupancy permit will be issued without house numbering. He said he had talked with local newspapers about promoting the program. Aubuchon Hardware will donate numbers to those who can’t afford them and local volunteers will put them up.

They want to inspect all solid fuel burning appliances whether new, replaced, or repaired. The fee will be a one time \$25 per installation, and the permit records will be kept at the Fire Department and the Code Enforcement Office.

Page 9 Article 8 Section F is for sprinkling systems. We currently require sprinkling for subdivision homes. He said that the state is looking into requiring all dwellings to have sprinkling systems.

Any new or major upgraded electrical service shall have an emergency disconnect. This will make it safer for the emergency personnel.

Chief Morse said that the Planning Board, as a more definitive ordinance, requested the fire prevention water cistern definition. He felt that with the expensive homes in Raymond, there is no objection to adding it to the structure.

Mr. Leavitt liked the idea that the numbering fee would be used to number the house. He said that gas burning was not included as a solid fuel. Assistant Chief Tupper said gas and oil systems would have to be done by someone licensed. Mr. Leavitt didn’t agree with the fee of \$25. Chief Morse felt it was a filing fee for the inspection. He also felt that the department would be taking the liability of that appliance. Mr. Hanson said that this fee was for a permit to use the appliance. Mr. Leavitt had concern about requiring all homes to be sprinkled including affordable homes. Mr. Hanson said that the state code we need to approve by this December would include sprinkling of all residential homes. Mr. Leavitt didn’t have a problem with a subdivision being required to sprinkle the homes because it is being built for a profit. He had concern for the affordable homes. Chief Morse said that he understood but felt that \$5,000 for a sprinkling system wasn’t too much to save lives. Mr. Bruno felt it would be cost effective in the long run.

There was discussion about how to present the ordinance to town meeting. There was concern that one of the items might stop the others from being passed. Mr. Bruno felt it should be presented as a fire prevention ordinance. Mr. Reynolds also said if sprinkling is fair for subdivisions then it should be right for all housing. Mr. Taylor felt it was a good ordinance and should be accepted in its entirety.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING: Mr. Reynolds closed the public hearing at 9:12 pm.

Mr. Bruno said that if there is any change in the ordinance it should come back to the Selectmen for a vote. Chief Morse thought it could be changed through policy and the Selectmen agreed.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to include the complete ordinance in the town meeting warrant. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

SELECTMEN’S MEETING

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the Selectmen’s meeting to order at 9:14 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting February 9, 2010.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of February 9, 2010 as written. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

Pine Tree Trash/Recycling Contract.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno affirmed a 5-year Pine Tree Waste contract with a 2-year renewal option. Mr. Bruno wanted to be sure that the negotiation for the years 6 and 7 would be to the benefit of the town's program, and that Pine Tree Waste can't refuse the extensions. He would like to stay with 4 year round residences on private roads for pickup. He felt the changes would take some adjustment and have some trial and error. Mr. Taylor agreed and felt that having the dumpsters locked would help abuse of the service. Mr. Reynolds said that they had to decide on a definition of year round resident. It was decided to go with the assessing database to determine year round status. There was discussion about road associations and how they can get together to find a place for the dumpster location and road maintenance. A need for information on forming a road association was needed on the website. Mr. Bruno felt there should be a cut off point when private roads can be improved before they must keep the roadside service until the next contract. The Selectmen felt that there should be an annual deadline for upgrading the road to gain service i.e. April 30th to be accepted by July 1st. Mr. Willard felt we know how we're going but would like to come back with a definitive plan for the Selectmen to vote on.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the negotiation of a 5-year plus two-year extension contract with Pine Tree Waste. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3. New business:

- a. Final report – Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) – Chairman Christine McClellan

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McClellan said she had condensed the last 5 ½ years into 10 paragraphs for her last report. The CPIC was formed in 2004 and had 8 goals to meet. These goals were put into a matrix for the process. She reviewed their work and what was brought to town meeting and considered for the future of Raymond. Mrs. McClellan introduced Hugh Coxe, town planner, who has produced the matrix to show what has been done, what needs to be done etc. She asked that the CPIC be relieved of their responsibilities. Mrs. McClellan felt that the Selectmen should review the matrix annually to see that it is up to date. Mr. Coxe suggested that some of the items be worked on during the next comprehensive plan. Mr. Bruno questioned whether another comprehensive plan was necessary any time soon. Mr. Coxe felt that the state looked at land use as their highest priority. He added that GPCOG was looking at a regional comprehensive plan which Raymond might join. Mr. Bruno thanked Chris, Hugh and the committee members for their work.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to discharge the CPIC from their duties. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

- b. Quit claim deed for approval – Map 6, Lot 52, Meadow Road – Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve and sign the Quit Claim deed with covenant for Map 6, Lot 52. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

- c. Discussion of financial/organizational reporting requirements for local non-profit organizations receiving town appropriations – Board of Selectmen

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

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

- d. Appointment of Raymond representatives – Regional Public Safety Consultant Interview panel.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to appoint Mike Reynolds, Chief Denis Morse, EMS Captain Kathy Gosselin and exofficio member Don Willard. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

4. Old (unfinished) business.

- a. Further discussion on amendment of Tax Acquired Property Policy – Board of Selectmen.

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

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

5. Town Manager Report and Communications

- a. March 2, 2010, Tuesday, 7:00 pm., Broadcast Studio – Selectmen consider (vote) recommended municipal budget.
- b. March 8, 2010, Monday, 7:00 pm., Broadcast Studio – Budget/Finance Committee to consider/vote on recommended municipal budget.

6. Selectmen Communications. [This agenda item is for the general discussion of non-agenda items by the Board of Selectmen, and for the purpose of introducing future topics for discussion. No action will be taken.]

- a. Energy Efficiency Block Grant.

Mr. Willard reported that Raymond had won their grant in the amount of \$36,044 with a local match of \$6,361 which will come from this year's budget. He reminded them that this was for the weatherization of the Public Safety Building.

7. Adjournment.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 10:07 pm.