

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, March 9, 2010

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Lonnie Taylor.

TOWN STAFF: Don Willard, Town Manager; and Denis Morse, Fire Chief.

OTHERS: Neil Allen, GPCOG Executive Director; Rebecca Schaffner, GPCOG staff planner; Greg Foster, Planning Board.

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Minutes of previous meeting March 2, 2010.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the minutes of March 2, 2010 as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

3. New business:
 - a. Regional Planning Proposal – GPCOG Executive Director Neil Allen

DISCUSSION: Mr. Allen presented their idea for the region's planning beginning with explaining how GPCOG is organized. Several area towns have been interested in working with GPCOG in this endeavor. He described the work being done by GPCOG within the state i.e. transportation, community and economic development planning. He explained the reason for proposing a Lakes Region Comprehensive Plan Initiative. There will be 3 phases: Design Team, Planning Team, and Plan Adoption. The funding would not be asked of the local towns. He felt that it might be possible for this regional plan to replace updates on the individual town's comprehensive plans. He added that the State Planning Office sees this idea as a way to expand the view of an area rather than fit several towns' comprehensive plans together for the common good.

Mr. Reynolds asked why the State Planning Office was involved. Mr. Allen replied that they would be important because the plan was for a region, they could give information about the area rather than just one town, and they would help with funding. Mr. Reynolds asked, if this plan went longer than the renewal date of the individual town's comprehensive plans, would the state give some deadline leeway on those reports. Mr. Allen said he didn't know but felt that if there was direct and effective work on the area plan, then the state would probably look at that work positively. Mr. Leavitt felt that because Raymond has already done a lot of this type of work he asked that if there is funding required from the regional towns could Raymond have some of its credit as in kind work. Mr. Desjardins felt that the Comprehensive Plan work was a vicious circle every 10 years as a mandate from the state. He felt that Raymond hasn't changed much in the last few years and didn't need Comprehensive Plans that close together. He asked whether this regional plan would keep the state from requiring a more frequent Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Allen felt that a regional plan would be easier for the state to use as well.

Mr. Willard said that Raymond was trying to cooperate with neighboring towns in many ways and felt that this regional planning was an extension of that effort. Mr. Reynolds asked when GPCOG would like a representative chosen from Raymond to this committee. Mr. Allen replied probably within a month.

[7:52 pm]

b. Consideration of abatement requests – contract Assessor Michael O’Donnell

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds noted that there were 6 abatements listed for a total of \$1,063.11 which were recommend by Michael O’Donnell and the assessors. All are personal property accounts.

Account S0006P	\$132.88	Account H0004P	\$166.98
Account D6024P	\$145.50	Account S9403P	\$100.27
Account C0003P	\$ 27.59	Account M0325P	\$489.89

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the submitted abatements. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to table the Ginty abatement discussion until their next meeting. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

c. Discuss the Planning Board’s proposed ordinance amendments and request that the Selectmen place the proposed amendments on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant – Contract Planner Hugh Coxe

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to TABLE this until their next meeting. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

d. Discussion of Public Safety services provided to Town of Gray – Board of Selectmen and Fire Chief Denis Morse

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse reviewed the work to date. The Town of Gray currently has lost their Fire Chief, however, there is an agreement that Gray will help with the cost of updating District II in the amount of \$4,800. Mechanical services have been discussed i.e. truck maintenance as a point of barter for service. Gray would rather barter than send funds. Chief Morse reviewed the geography of Gray to explain why Raymond services the west side of Gray. He explained the difference between mutual aid and full service aid: mutual aid is backing up service of another town; full service is taking the full responsibility of that service. He hoped that the next Gray Fire Chief would go ahead with this cooperative plan. He suggested as an option the Raymond Fire Department could send people down as first responders and then let Gray take the responsibility of service and transportation. Chief Morse noted that Raymond can reach these Gray areas in a third of the time Gray can and it would be counter productive to have both towns respond to these calls.

Mr. Willard said that he agrees that they have been given ample notice of our intention. This should be settled in this budget season. Mr. Willard suggested that the cleanest way to deal with this situation is to write a contract. Mr. Bruno wanted to have a deadline of June 30, 2010. He felt that something has to be settled; it’s gone on long enough. Chief Morse said that he submitted a copy of the contract with Frye Island but didn’t get an opinion from them. Mr. Leavitt didn’t feel that barter payment worked. He did caution that if other towns come to Raymond and break equipment, we have to be careful that we’re not replacing old equipment with new. Chief Morse felt that \$30,000 was a reasonable cost from the amount of work provided Gray. He considered sending Gray those bills for Gray service not paid for by the patient/homeowner. Mr. Leavitt wanted to send a bill for a reasonable annual charge. Mr. Willard asked to send a price certain with a definite deadline. Chief Morse suggested that Gray be allowed to create their own amount which might begin

at \$15,000 and have increases in the future. Mr. Reynolds asked Chief Morse and Mr. Willard to come up with a number and a deadline. Chief Morse would like to charge Gray \$20,000 plus the credit of \$5,000 for the District II work this year. This will begin July 1, 2010.

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MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to direct the town manager to write a letter to the Gray Town Council proposing this plan for future Raymond Fire Department service to Gray. This letter to be signed by the Chairman of the Selectmen Mike Reynolds. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

e. Review of Selectmen By-Laws and Policies – Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds said this policy was created 1/18/2005. Several changes were suggested but after understanding that there were going to be several changes Mr. Bruno felt the Selectmen should send Mrs. Lester their proposed changes for a draft and the Selectmen would look at the draft at a later meeting. Mr. Desjardins suggested noting the recent “Right To Know” law. Mr. Reynolds tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

f. Discussion of Dog Licensing concerns – Town Clerk Louise Lester

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Lester explained the amount of money and number of dogs which aren’t being licensed in Raymond. The Selectmen felt that these owners should be dealt with due process and be summonsed to court according to Title 7§3921. They felt that one annual reminder card was sufficient.

g. RSU #14 Short-Term Facilities Use Advisory Committee – Board of Selectmen

DISCUSSION: Mr. Reynolds reported that Joe Bruno, Don Willard and he met with the RSU School Board members, the Superintendent and Vice Superintendent. They outlined that they would like a committee to review facilities in the school system. Mr. Bruno said that he would represent Raymond. Dana Desjardins said that he would be interested in being the alternate member when Mr. Bruno can’t attend. Mr. Willard said that no doubt both members could attend the meetings as they are open to the public. Mr. Reynolds appointed Joe Bruno, Representative and Dana Desjardins, Alternate Representative.

h. Recommend remaining Annual Town Meeting articles, and sign the Warrant for Election of Officers – Board of Selectmen

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve Warrant Articles 8-15 as written. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve Warrant Articles 8-36 and send them to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

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

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve Warrant Articles 37 & 38 and send them to the Budget Committee. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned approve the Warrant for the Election of Officers. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to go into Executive Session under 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F). Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

RECESS: Mike Reynolds recessed the meeting at 8:32 pm.

- i. Executive Session – Discussion of confidential records as pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(F)

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 9:07 pm.

4. Old (unfinished) business.

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

DISCUSSION: Mike Reynolds noted that the document has been updated from their last meeting.

MOTION: Charles Leavitt motioned to adopt the revised Tax Acquired Property Policy as of 3/9/10.

Seconded by Dana Desjardins

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

NOTE: Signed by Selectmen

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

DISCUSSION: Mr. Bruno asked for minutes of the annual meeting, list of officers, the annual audit or accounts, and the non-profit registration with the Secretary of State annually for any group receiving funding from the Town. Mr. Leavitt would like large amounts of funding to be paid out other than a single payment. Mr. Willard said any group must submit an invoice to be paid.

5. Town Manager Report and Communications

- a. Confirm date for April Selectmen's Meeting – Proposed Tuesday, April 13, 2010
The next Selectmen's meeting will be Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

- b. Energy block grant for the Public Safety Building.
Mr. Willard said that they are still waiting of this.

- c. Raymond Road bond
Mr. Willard said that the information regarding a road bond was being studied.

- d. Pine Tree Waste Contract
Mr. Willard reported that the solid waste contract was send to the town attorney for review. There was a question about commercial recycling in the new contract. Mr. Willard explained that there is no provision for any commercial waste or recycling.

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.]

Mr. Desjardins sent condolences from the Selectmen to Mel D'Archangelo's family. He also apologized for wearing a hat during the last meeting.

7. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – March 9, 2010

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$74,565.81. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$45,144.27. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Dana Desjardins motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:57 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk