



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes**

May 11, 2021

6:30pm – Regular Meeting

Via Zoom & on YouTube

Resolution: We, the Raymond Board of Selectmen, recognize our individual and collective responsibilities as leaders and representatives of our community. To this end, we pledge to conduct ourselves in a manner befitting these roles and duties. We pledge and encourage others to "Be the Influence" and to recognize that decisions matter.

Select Board members in attendance: Rolf Olsen, Marshall Bullock, Teresa Sadak, Samuel Gifford

Select Board members absent: Lawrence Taylor

Town Staff in attendance:

Don Willard – Town Manager
Nathan White – Public Works Director
Alex Sirois – Code Enforcement Officer
Wayne Jones – Fire Inspector
Cathy Gosselin – Health Officer
Alex Aponte – Finance Director
Sue Look – Town Clerk

1) **Called to order** at 6:30pm by Chair Olsen

2) **Minutes of previous meetings**

a) April 13, 2021

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Bullock.

Unanimously approved

b) April 28, 2021

Motion to approve as presented by Selectman Gifford. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

Unanimously

3) **New Business**

a) Presentation of Spirit of America Award – Rolf Olsen, Chair

Municipal Resolution

The 2021 Raymond, Maine Spirit of America Foundation Tribute honors

Gary Bibeau

for commendable community service.

Be it resolved that:

Whereas, the 2021 Spirit of America Foundation Award for the Town of Raymond, Maine is hereby awarded to Gary Bibeau. We bestow this honor to Mr. Bibeau for his continued and selfless service to the members of our community.

Whereas, Mr. Bibeau has been a steadfast member of Raymond for many years. In 2015, he became the Operations Manager for the Raymond Food Pantry which serves approximately 130 clients per month. During his tenure, his responsibilities have included pick-up and delivery from multiple sources, inventory management, and container preparation for distribution to needy families and seniors. A committed and dedicated volunteer, Mr. Bibeau always displays a positive approach and a sense of humor even when managing multiple tasks.

Whereas, Mr. Bibeau is a trusted and reliable neighbor deeply rooted in charitable values and a lifetime of helping others in need. It is these qualities of service, family, and community that makes The Town of Raymond proud to recommend Gary Bibeau as the 2021 Spirit of America award nominee from Raymond.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that The Town of Raymond, Maine, honors this deserving citizen, Gary Bibeau, with the Spirit of America award, presented May 11, 2021.

Rolf Olsen
Chair of Select Board
Town of Raymond, Maine

Motion to approve by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved

b) Consideration of a Liquor License Extension – Kyle Bancroft, Café Sebago

Mr Bancroft recently signed a long-term lease for 9,200 sf and would like to use it for additional parking and outdoor entertainment. To also sell beer, wine and liquor there (in a tent) his current State Liquor License would need to be modified to extend the area of the license by about 50'-80'). CEO Sirois and the Town Planner would need to approve the expansion and Mr Bancroft has not as yet submitted the applications. Also, the lot he has leased is currently zoned for residential use and this would be changing the use. There are items that would need to be in place to pass the Fire Inspection as well.

CEO Sirois has verbally approved, prior to application, the use of the grassy area for parking to avoid people parking across the street and then crossing Route 302. The beer tent, corn-hole games, and any other pieces may not be installed until after the applications have been approved.

The progression is that the CEO, Planner and Fire Inspector approve their aspects of the project, the Select Board approves the extension of the area covered by the liquor license, and then the State approves the extension.

The property used to have a softball field and was then approved for those uses.

Motion to approve the Liquor License Extension contingent upon approval by CEO, Planning, and Fire Inspector by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Bullock.

Unanimously approved

c) Consideration of a Liquor License Renewal – Rob & Pam Wing, The Beacon

Mr & Mrs Wing know the list of items that need to be completed to have the Fire Inspection.

Motion to approve contingent upon a favorable Fire Inspection by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved

d) Consideration of Recycler License for Raymond Service Center – Alex Sirois, CEO

The Recycler License from the State is a 5-year license which requires annual approval by the Select Board.

Motion to extend for the next year the Recycler License for Raymond Service Center by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

Unanimously approved

e) Shaker Woods Status Update – Alex Sirois, CEO, and Cathy Gosselin, Health Officer

April 2nd was the last inspection and the CEO, Health Officer and Fire Inspector will go back again in this month.

The bathroom has been remodeled. They have removed some of the HVAC equipment that was not functioning. He has submitted all the necessary applications for permits. He needs to insulate some of the exterior walls and cover with sheetrock.

The focus thus far has been on the house and next should be the junk outside, especially any fuel containers. The process has slowed down. This house is never going to be fully up to code, but that is how they choose to live. As long as the situation is safe it is ok, they are trying to make progress. The Fire Department is able to access the building. The illegal dwelling is empty and the front trailer is safe to be occupied and is occupied.

- f) Consideration of Reactivating the Recycling Committee to Study the Viability of Recycling – Kevin Oliver, Budget-Finance Committee Member and Manufacturer Rep for 12-15 companies (including waste management companies)

Mr Oliver works closely with waste management companies. There is no market for recycling. Gov Mills issued Executive Order #24 2.b states that recycled materials sent to an incinerator is still considered recycling. Only clean recycling can be recycled, no peanut butter in the jar, no grease on the pizza box, plastic shipping tape on Amazon boxes, etc. These contaminated items are sent to the land fill. Incinerating creates power for the grid, creates “fly ash” which is used by farmers, metals are separated and recycled, the boilers clean the air & vapor from the burn. The common misconception is that residents think they are doing environmental good by spending their time separating these materials into a separate stream, but there is a lot of question about where it goes, how it is used and how much raw material is offset by that. I think it makes sense to look into that chain of custody. Does the cost outweigh the benefit. We do not know right now, this should be studied. Are we spending money to recycle when it is being burned anyway. We could get the study done by the end of summer. Mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, glass, metal, tin containers and plastics # 1-7 are recycle-able. No Styrofoam, bags, or film.

Public Works Director White – I got a figure of \$60,000 in savings if we stop recycling. We are just negotiating a new 3 year contract which we may need to change.

Motion to reactivate the Recycling Committee by Selectman Bullock. Seconded by Selectman Gifford.

We will need to advertise for new members. The former committee advocated recycling and educated the public. There is more to this decision than to recycle or not. We need a committee to look at the focus of the committee and to consider public perception. Any change will be a new learning curve. With our contract our recycling has to go to them. When we did it ourselves, we marketed it. We used to get money for our recycling and now we are being charged. We need a comprehensive study including people from different perspectives to recycle or not, and then come up with a final recommendation for consideration of the Select Board and possibly the voters. The committee will come up with their mission and how they want to go about the research.

Unanimously approved

4) Public Comment

Charles Leavitt gave his opinions on the attendance of Select Board members, the Annual Town Meeting vote, Town Budget on the website, Animal Control, Tassel Top, Parks & Recreation.

5) **Selectman Comment** – none

6) **Town Manager's Report and Communications**

We received over \$400,000 in grant and will be looking into broadband and other efforts that may fall under the eligibility guidelines.

a) **Confirm Dates for Upcoming Regular Meetings**

- June 15, 2021
- July 13, 2021

b) **Reminder of Upcoming Holiday Schedule**

- Monday, May 31, 2021 – Memorial Day

c) **Reminder of Upcoming Election Schedule**

- June 3, 2021 – Deadline to request Absentee Ballots
- June 8, 2021 – Election Day
 - 1) Election of Municipal Officers, Town Meeting Warrant (voted via secret ballot), and RSU 14 Questions
 - 2) Polls open from 7:00am to 8:00pm at JSMS Gym

7) **Executive session**

a) Consideration and Award of Scholarship Applications and Student Recognition (Pursuant to MRSA 1 §405 (6)(F))

Motion to enter executive session at 7:54pm as listed above by Selectman Gifford. Seconded by Selectman Bullock.

Unanimously approved

Motion to leave executive session at 8:04pm by Selectman Gifford. Seconded by Selectman Sadak.

Unanimously approved

Motion to direct the Town Clerk to proceed with scholarships as recommended by Selectman . Seconded by Selectman .

Unanimously approved

8) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm by Selectman Sadak. Seconded by Selectman Bullock.

Unanimously approved

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L Look, Town Clerk