

TOWN OF RAYMOND
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
Tuesday, November 10, 2009

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

SELECTMEN ABSENT: None.

STAFF ATTENDANCE: Don Willard, Town Manager; Denis Morse, Fire Chief; and Chris Hanson, Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHERS: Leigh Walker and Sue Ellen Gendron, Raymond Village Library; John Rand, Chairman Conservation Commission; Kerry Walia, Loon Echo Land Trust Executive Director; and Jim Gooch, The Trust for Public Land.

1. Call to order. Mike Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm at the Broadcast Studio.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mike Reynolds opened the public hearing to review the proposed Fire Department Ordinance changes. Chief Denis Morse represented Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Tupper.

DISCUSSION: Chief Morse introduced the ordinance changes giving credit to Chris Hanson, Code Enforcement Officer, for his help in the writing of them. Items: 1. Fire water tank for a subdivision. The number of houses to instigate the ordinance for a cistern tank is 6. 2. Installation of wood and pellet stoves are included for proper installation which will require an inspection after installation. 3. Electrical quick disconnects for homes or businesses to protect fire fighters in the case of a fire. This would allow an external source for the power to be turned off. 4. House numbers are to be on a sign at the end of all driveways. 5. Commercial early detention alarms and Knox boxes which will allow access to the building in case of emergency. They are also very useful on private homes.

Mr. Desjardins asked how these would be enforced. Chief Morse replied through the Code Enforcement Office, and education and promotion to the public. Mr. Desjardins suggested that more research be done of whether the town can have an ordinance regarding the electrical disconnections. Chief Morse concurred.

Mr. Bruno asked if there was a fine connected to the solid heating stove ordinance. Chief Morse answered no. Mr. Bruno asked why the address fine was so high at \$100. Chief Morse informed them that the cost of getting a mired truck out of a driveway was very high and costly to the people waiting for fire/rescue. Mr. Bruno felt it would be best accomplished by education. There was discussion about the underground tank issue and how that would be required/enforced i.e. topography, and/or formation over time of the development. Chief Morse said it was necessary especially in the north part of Raymond where there is very little accessible water.

Mr. Desjardins asked if homes are being located by GIS. Chief Morse replied that they are working on that and have a grant to do more home location and informing the Fire Department of the length of driveways to the homes. John Rand asked to have the ordinances on the website for study.

Mike Reynolds hearing no other requests for comment closed the public hearing at 7:42 pm.

NOTE: Mike Reynolds introduced Charles Leavitt as the new Selectman who will fulfill the term of Mark Gendron.

2. Minutes of previous meeting October 6, 2009.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the minutes of October 6, 2009 as written. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: 4 in favor (Taylor, Bruno, Reynolds, Desjardins), 1 abstention (Leavitt)

3. New business:

- a. Presentation of the "Lake Region Greenprint" regional conservation project – Loon Echo Land Trust Executive Director Carrie Walia and Conservation Commission Co-chair John Rand.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Rand introduced the program and said that it would behoove Raymond to participate. He introduced Jim Gooch, The Trust for Public Land and Kerry Walia, Loon Echo Land Trust. The total cost of doing this type of process is \$220,000. They are asking a cost per capital per town. This region would be Raymond, Casco, Naples, Denmark, Bridgton, Sebago, and Harrison.

Mr. Bruno asked if the request was cash or in kind. Mr. Gooch said the request is for cash participation. He agreed that it was going to be hard in this difficult financial time but some of the towns have already decided to participate. Mr. Bruno felt that if the Conservation Commission was willing to use some of its funds he was in favor, however it couldn't come from the town budget. Mr. Rand asked about the participation of the Lake Region Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gooch replied that they are waiting to see what the towns will do first.

Ms. Kerry said that with this work done, Loon Echo will know what is expected and desired so that they can help in the different town's projects.

- b. Interview and appointment of Town Forest Warden – Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Tupper

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to appoint Bruce Tupper as the Forest Warden Seconded by Lonnie Taylor.

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

- c. Interview and appointment vacancy on Appeals Board – Sheila Philpot

Mr. Willard said that an interview was usual but she was not in attendance.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to table until the next meeting. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- d. Interview and appointment / Recycling Committee – Barbara Lovell

Mr. Willard explained that since the Recycling Committee and the Technology Committee members didn't have direct power to create policy or spend funds the individuals being considered didn't necessarily have to be present for appointment.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to appoint Barbara Lovell to the Recycling Committee. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

Vote: Unanimous 5-0

- e. Interview and appointment / Technology Committee – Tom Golebiewski

DISCUSSION: Mr. Golebiewski was in attendance. Mrs. Forbes recommended his appointment. There were no questions.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to appoint Tom Golebiewski to the Technology Committee. Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

f. Request for use of town property for community garden – Leigh Walker

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Walker said that there have been several requests for a community garden. She was asking to have it on the town property between the library and the Carl Plummer property. This would enjoy a shared workload and a means of education for people who want to learn about gardening. The food grown will be for the garden workers and the Raymond Food Pantry. Echo Lodge Organic Garden will help with the soil tilling, and there will be others who will help with the planning. She would like an agreement annually for the extent of the growing season.

Mr. Leavitt had concern about parking and access to the garden lot. There was also concern about children and the close proximity to Meadow Road. Mr. Hanson said he would be glad to look at the proposal with Mrs. Walker and make helpful suggestions. He didn't think that there were any permitting issues involved. Mrs. Walker said that since Carl Plummer would be using his machinery there wouldn't be people using gardening machinery as a liability issue.

Mr. Willard recommended going ahead with this as a lease agreement for \$1 per year. Mr. Leavitt felt there should be a short formal written lease. Mr. Bruno felt that an in-house lease would be preferable to paying an attorney.

MOTION: Joe Bruno motioned to approve a land lease to Raymond Library Corporation for a community garden; \$1 annually with proof of insurance and also a review by the Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Charles Leavitt.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

6. Old (unfinished) business.

a. Cleanup on tax acquired Daggett Drive property.

This was prompted by the Daggett Drive Association who had concern for the safety of their children. The former owner was mailed a notice by certified and regular mail of the violations without any response from him. The cost of cleanup was about \$2,300. Some personal property has been stored and secured in the basement, and the town will need legal advice as to what we should do with it. Mr. Willard recommended selling the lot which would cover the cost of the expenses. Mr. Bruno felt that before the lot is sold, the owner should be notified and there be an advertisement in the newspaper. Mr. Hanson was very happy with the speed of the town's response to this problem.

7. Town Manager Report and Communications.

a. There will be a solid waste update from the Recycling Committee on one (single) sort recycling for the December meeting.

b. Mr. Willard requested budgetary goal setting at the December meeting.

c. They are looking at a Custom Energy Efficiency grant aided by Sebago Technics which will only be paid if Raymond gets the grant. The town's matching funds will be 10% in capital or in kind work. The Public Safety building would be the focus for energy/heat savings. It was noted that this is from the federal stimulus money. Mr. Desjardins felt that the chimney at District 2 needs to be repaired. Mr. Willard asked Mr. Hanson to look at it with Mr. White.

- d. The Regional Public Safety study, with the orchestrator being GPCOG, is going forward with about 16 inquiries so far. The deadline is January 16, 2010.
- e. Proposed date for next Selectmen's Meeting – December 8, 2009

- 8. 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.]

DISCUSSION: Mr. Desjardins wanted to apologize for walking out of the last meeting and said that it would not happen again.

NOTE: Mr. Bruno welcomed Charles Leavitt to the Board.

Mr. Leavitt thanked the Board and the town staff with bringing him up to speed on town issues. He also thanked the voters for their participation, and thanked Sam Gifford for his participating and his effort.

- 9. Fiscal Warrants – Payroll and Appropriation Warrants – November 10, 2009

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$123,54.38.

Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$314,111,90.

Seconded by Joe Bruno.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

- 10. Adjournment.

MOTION: Lonnie Taylor motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Dana Desjardins.

VOTE: Unanimous 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: Mike Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk