

Raymond Ethics Committee
January 25, 2005
Final Minutes

I. Call to Order

Co-chairman Pat Larney called to order a meeting of the Raymond Ethics Committee on January 25th, 2005, at 6:30pm, in Room 101 of the High School.

Committee members also present:

Sandra Ellis, Co-Chairman
Marilyn Semple
Emery Landis
Gretchen Gott

The meeting was televised by RCTV. The cameraman was Ron Edgar.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Larney led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Proof of Posting

The Proof of Posting was confirmed by Ms. Semple for today's meeting. Ms. Ellis pointed out that the strict letter of the law requires that the meeting details be posted not only at Town Hall, but also at the exact location of the meeting - to wit, the High School - so in the future Ms. Semple will be faxing the Proof of Posting over to the High School and Mr. Larney will arrange for it to be posted at the main doors.

IV. Public Forum

As there were no members of the Public present, the Committee moved on to *Agenda Item V, Approval of Minutes*.

V. Approval of Minutes

January 4, 2004: The draft of these minutes was reviewed; one change was made. Under *Agenda Item IX, Adjournment*, Mr. Landis's name was mistyped as Landry. This has been corrected.

Ms. Semple moved that they be approved as amended, Ms. Gott seconded; there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

VI. Old Business

Warrant Articles: It's possible that the wording of the Ethics Committee warrant article may need to be changed slightly at Deliberative Session - it refers to the "town budget", but until the budget is formally voted in by the Town, it's actually the "budget committee's budget". This is merely semantics and won't require a re-submission of the article or the re-gathering of signatures. Ms. Semple, Ms. Gott, and Ms. Ellis will be present at Deliberative Session on January 31st, 2005, should the article need defending or explaining.

VII. New Business

March Elections: The timeframe for putting oneself forward for consideration by the town voters for election to the Ethics Committee began on January 19th and runs through 5:00pm on January 28th, 2005. There are two three-year slots open, and members of the public are encouraged to run. Today's Carriagetown News had a small article on all open positions. Signups are at the Town Hall.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The Ethics Committee is making every effort to be certain that all previous meeting minutes are on file at town hall before the current term expires. Incidentally, not all previous Ethics Committee minutes are on the town website. Ms. Doda (the Recording Secretary) has indicated a willingness to help with this

procedure in any way that would be useful to The Town.

VIII. Other Business

Publications: Mr. Larney will write up an article on the Ethics Committee for inclusion in the Carriagetown News, and will bring it to the next meeting.

Future Meetings: The next Ethics Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8th, 2005. The meeting of February 22nd, 2005 may be skipped, depending on need. Candidates Night is scheduled for the week of February 21st through 25th, 2005.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Landis moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm; Ms. Ellis seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra H. Doda