

Raymond Ethics Committee
February 8, 2005
FINAL (corrected as of April 26, 2005)

I. Call to Order

Co-chairman Sandra Ellis called to order a meeting of the Raymond Ethics Committee on February 8th, 2005, at 6:32pm, in Room 101 of the High School.

Committee members also present:

Marilyn Semple
Emery Landis
Gretchen Gott

Committee members not present, and excused:

Pat Larney

The meeting was televised by RCTV. The cameraman was Craig Fauth.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ellis 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.

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 25, 2004: The draft of these minutes was reviewed; no changes were made. Ms. Semple moved that they be approved as amended, Mr. Landis seconded; there was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

VI. Old Business

Warrant Articles: The warrant articles were reviewed at the town deliberative session. The only questions raised were on the one to do with the rewording of articles in the Ethics Manual. There was some confusion as to the purpose of the brackets vs. the parentheses. The gist of neither warrant was questioned. The Committee has not been requested to submit anything to the Voters' Guide, and the deadline is February 16th. Ms. Ellis will speak with Mr. Bates about this subject. Something should be prepared for On The Common also. Should the wording warrant pass, we should not simply take old manuals and black out the removed words - it may be frugal, but it's risky. Amendment pages will be printed and inserted.

Proof of Posting: The law specifies that proof needs to be posted in 'two appropriate places'. Ms. Semple confirmed that proof is being posted at the High School and at Town Hall.

March Elections: Two people, Pam Turcotte and Frank Bourque, have signed up to run for the 2 open 3-year slots on the Ethics Committee. The current Committee members would like to provide a "welcome wagon" packet for them.

Bidding: The Ethics Committee wishes it to be known that the concept of 'going out to bid' is a Town of Raymond policy, and not an Ethics Committee policy.

Publications: Mr. Larney wrote up an article on the Ethics Committee for inclusion in the On The Common and the

Carriagetown News, and Ms. Semple brought it to this meeting. She read it out loud. A SMALL change was made (due to the date it was to be printed) deleting the line about deliberative session.

VII. New Business

Review of our Budget-related Warrant Article: The warrant requests \$2875 rather than \$2780. This is a FICA tax adder for the secretarial service. The Warrant includes legal expenses, workshops, OTC inserts, VCR tapes, and a fire-safe lockable file cabinet, in addition to the secretary.

Yahoo Site: Mr. Landis cleaned up and organized the Yahoo mailbox. It has been re-registered it in Mr. Larney's name and the password will be changed. Anyone who would like a lesson on using and organizing the mailbox should see Mr. Landis.

VIII. Other Business

Future Meetings: The next Ethics Committee meetings of February 22nd, 2005 and March 8th, 2005, will be skipped. The final meeting of the current board will be March 22nd, 2005, to bid the current board farewell and welcome the new board.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Landis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm; Ms. Gott seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative; so moved.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra H. Doda