

**Town of Raymond
Ethics Committee Meeting
October 9th, 2007
High School Media Center
Approved Minutes**

I. 6:30pm Call to Order

Chairman Pam Turcotte called to order a meeting of the Raymond Ethics Committee on Tuesday, October 9th, 2007, at 6:30pm, in the High School Media Center.

Committee members also present:

Frank Bourque
Sandra Ellis
Karen Fullerton

Committee members absent:

Pat Larney

The meeting was filmed by RCTV. The cameraman was Chester Goguen.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Turcotte led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Proof of Posting

The Proof of Posting for tonight's meeting was confirmed at both the Town Hall and the Fire Station by Chairman Turcotte. Mrs. Ellis would like to see it posted at the High School, also, as that is where the meeting takes place.

IV. Approval of Minutes

August 14, 2007: Mr. Bourque moved to accept the minutes; Mrs. Ellis seconded the motion for discussion purposes. There were some minor changes made. Mr. Bourque moved to accept the minutes as amended; Mrs. Ellis seconded the motion. The vote was four in favor with Vice-Chairman Larney absent; so moved.

V. Old Business

A. Complaint

Chairman Turcotte had received a request from the attorney for Selectman Frank Bishop for a continuance of the hearing until the November meeting. Mr. Bourque recused himself from the Committee at this time and seated himself in the audience. The complainant, Richard Flibotte, was

in the audience and was asked if he was amendable to this change. He agreed in order to be fair to Selectman Bishop. Witnesses will be notified of the date change.

Chairman Turcotte also received correspondence from Town Counsel Douglas Mansfield stating that he would not be representing Selectman Bishop. Selectman Bishop has retained his own counsel, Attorney Difruscia. This letter was copied to the complainant's counsel, Attorney Bostock.

The discussion of this subject over, Mr. Bourque returned to the Committee.

VI. New Business

A. Budget

Correspondence was received from Grace Collette, the Town's Fiscal Agent, about the upcoming Budget. The Ethics Committee would like to submit the same budget they submitted last year, which is as follows:

Office Supplies	50.00
Legal	1000.00
Education	300.00
Public Relations	200.00
Contracted Services	500.00
TOTAL	\$2050.00

This is the same budget that was submitted last year, but not the same budget that was approved by the Board of Selectmen, who took out the legal line of \$1000. The Ethics Committee has added this back in.

Mrs. Ellis moved to present the above 2008 budget to the Board of Selectmen, specifically mentioning that the previously deleted \$1000 for legal services has been re-inserted. Ms. Fullerton seconded the motion; the vote was three in favour with Mr. Bourque abstaining and Vice-Chairman Larney absent; so moved.

Mr. Bourque stated that the Selectmen would be holding budget meetings on Saturday, October 20th, and Monday, October 22nd, 2007. A member of the Ethics Committee should be present at one of these meetings. Chairman Turcotte will speak with April to be put on the agenda.

B. Vice-Chairman Larney

There was a brief discussion of Vice-Chairman Larney's letter of resignation due to health reasons. There are still 2 years left on Vice-Chairman Larney's term. Mr. Bourque stated that there was nothing in the Code of Ethics that addressed replacing a member temporarily. This subject will be tabled until next meeting in order to allow the Committee to discuss it with Vice-Chairman Larney.

C. Town Survey

Mr. Bourque made a statement that the deadline for Town Survey will be October 15th, 2007. The surveys were attached to an issue of On The Common or can be picked up at Town Hall.

VII. Training Presentation

Mr. Bourque ran through the latest version of the Ethics Training presentation. He had made some changes and additions and reviewed them with the committee.

Training sessions still need to be scheduled - two evening sessions for Boards, two daytime sessions for Town Employees, and one session for the Police. The originally first evening session schedule for September 25th had been cancelled and will instead take place on October 23rd, in the Media Center at 6:30pm. Chairman Turcotte will talk with April about noticing the Boards and Committees about this date.

Chairman Turcotte will talk to the Town Manager about the daytime sessions; Chairman Turcotte and Mr. Bourque volunteered to cover those, depending on what time and what day they could take place.

Chairman Turcotte will talk to Police Chief David Salois about the Police session.

Two members of the Committee should be present at each training session; if there are three, the session will need to be posted. In order to avoid any problems, all the training sessions will be posted.

VIII. Other Business

A. Future Meeting Dates

The next meetings will be a training session on October 23rd, 2007, and the complaint hearing on November 6th, 2007.

B. Correspondence

No other correspondence or calls have been received.

Adjournment

Mr. Bourque moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Fullerton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra H. Doda