

**Town of Raymond
Ethics Committee Meeting
May 13th, 2008
High School Media Center
Draft Minutes**

I. 6:30pm Call to Order

Chairman Pam Turcotte called to order a meeting of the Raymond Ethics Committee on Tuesday, May 13th, 2008, at 6:37pm, in the High School Media Center.

Committee members also present:

Richard Flibotte
Denise O'Grady

Committee members absent:

Pat Larney

Alternate members present:

Jerry Zimmel

The meeting was filmed by RCTV. The cameraman was Kevin Woods.

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 by Chairman Turcotte for the High School.

IV. Approval of Minutes

April 8, 2008: Mr. Flibotte moved to accept the minutes as drafted; Ms. O'Grady seconded the motion. The vote was three in favor with Vice-Chairman Larney and Mrs. Ellis absent; so moved.

V. Public Comment

Mr. Kevin Woods approached the Committee with an ethics-related question. If the trustees were asked to attend a luncheon with bankers, should they plan to pay for their own lunches? Chairman Turcotte stated that it wouldn't be a problem in general as long as the lunches didn't cost more than \$30, but also quoted a section from the Code of Ethics manual which reads:

"The prohibition against gifts and favors shall not apply to attendance at a host meal when it is

provided in conjunction with a meeting directly related to the conduct of town business, or where official attendance by the public servant is sufficiently integral to the public servant's official duties."

Mr. Wood confirmed that business would be discussed at the potential luncheon, and was satisfied with the answer received.

VI. Old Business

A. Alternate Members

Mr. Zimmel has been appointed an alternate member to the Ethics Committee, and will go to Town Hall in the near future to be sworn in. At that time he will receive a copy of the Code of Ethics manual. The Committee has yet to formalize in writing any rules or regulations dealing with the responsibilities of an alternate member. Alternate members will have access to the yahoo mailbox.

B. Training

Mrs. Ellis has trained the Budget and Recreation Committees. Chairman Turcotte will contact the Selectmen, Planning, and Zoning Boards to get on their agendas. She reiterated for Mr. Zimmel that the training will be brought to the Boards and Committees, as having the members come to an Ethics Committee meeting did not work in the past. Mr. Flibotte suggested that the training presentation be put onto a CD which can be used with any laptop, whether it belonged to the trainer or to the Town. This will be done after Mrs. Ellis is finished with any changes. Ms. O'Grady will check into the possibility of using a town-owned laptop and projector.

C. Telephone System

Ms. O'Grady stated that the Telephone Technician would be at Town Hall tomorrow and she would work with him to get the Ethics Committee telephone and voice mailbox working.

VI. New Business

No new business was brought up.

VIII. Other Business

A. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10th, 2008, at 6:30pm.

B. Correspondence

No correspondence or calls have been received.

Adjournment

Ms. O'Grady moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Flibotte seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra H. Doda