

**RAYMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES 03-17-03 APPROVED 03-24-03**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Harold Wood. Members present: Norm Weldy, Wayne Welch, Paul Brown and Jonathan Wood. Also present: Richard C. Bates, Town Manager

**Police Sergeant Promotion**

David Spinney was sworn in as Sergeant of the Raymond Police Department by Town Clerk Doris Gagnon. Police Chief Salois congratulated Sergeant Spinney on his promotion. The Board of Selectmen and audience members congratulated Sergeant Spinney with a standing ovation and a hearty round of applause.

**Public Forum**

Lyman Hammond asked if the speed limit has been lowered on Scribner Road. Chairman Harold Wood answered that the Board of Selectmen has lowered the speed limit on Scribner Road to 25 mph.

Lyman Hammond stated his concerns about the dangerous corner at Scribner Road. He suggested that the road needs to come to a "T" . Chairman Harold Wood stated that Mr. Hammond's concerns would be brought to the Public Works Director.

Lyman Hammond asked about the status of the end of Scriber Road. Town Manager Bates stated that the property that has a gate has been sold and the current owner is in the process of selling the cottage, which, according to Town Counsel will make our case that the road goes to the railroad bed. Joyce Wood asked if Town Counsel is looking to make sure that the deeds are recorded? Town Manager Bates answered that the deeds have been recorded for years.

**New Business**

***Election of Officers***

MOTION: Selectman Welch made a motion to nominate Harold Wood as Chairman for the ensuing year. Selectman J. Wood seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Selectman Brown made a motion to nominate Norm Weldy as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Selectman Weldy declined the nomination.

MOTION: Selectman Brown made a motion to nominate Wayne Welch as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Selectman Weldy seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

There being no further nominations Chairman Harold Wood called for a vote on the election of Harold Wood as Chairman and Wayne Welch as Vice Chairman. The Board of Selectmen Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

**Committee Assignments**

The Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed to the following committee assignments:

Budget Committee	Wayne Welch	Harold Wood
Recreation Advisory Board	Wayne Welch	Harold Wood
Solid Waste/Recycling	Paul Brown	Wayne Welch
Cable Committee	Paul Brown	Harold Wood
Planning Board	Jonathan Wood	Paul Brown
Capital Improvements Committee	Harold Wood & Paul Brown	Jonathan Wood
Industrial/Community Development	Paul Brown & Norm Weldy	Wayne Welch
Postal Service Committee	Wayne Welch	
Police Union Negotiations	Norm Weldy & Wayne Welch	
Southern New Hampshire Planning	Harold Wood	
Highway Safety Committee	Norm Weldy	
Historic District Commission	Norm Weldy	

**Review of Town Meeting Action**

Town Manager Bates stated that after reviewing the vote it appears that voters said yes to the regular items (including the operating budget) and no to the new items such as restoration of the Soldier & Sailor’s Monument. Article 9, to increase the bonding capacity of the Water Department failed by 92 votes because it required a 3/5’s majority. This article had no tax impact because the water users are already paying for it through user fees. Town Manager Bates stated that he did not think that voters understood this article.

Selectman J. Wood stated that the Town should have put the tax impact on the ballot. Town Manager Bates stated that this was the first time using SB2 and he would check if we could place the tax impact on the ballot. Town Manager Bates stated that the majority of voters came in with the sample ballot all filled out. He stated that the voters were well informed and made thoughtful decisions.

Town Manager Bates also stated that the article for the feasibility study for waste water treatment failed.

Selectman Welch stated that there were two voter's guides. The longer one was better and we should consider putting that type of information in the newsletter.

Selectman Weldy suggested that there be a fund raiser for the restoration of the statue. Selectman Welch suggested that it would be beneficial to wait to discuss this until we set our goals.

Town Manager Bates stated that the article for the vacation and sick leave fund that was established, failed. The impact is fixed and the Town is required to pay it whether or not we have the money in a fund or not. The fund is strictly to protect us from unfounded liability in the future.

### ***Board & Committee Training***

Selectman J. Wood stated that this is an opportunity to bring all the Boards and Committees together so that everyone will be on the same page. The Board of Selectmen agreed to set a date of April 26<sup>th</sup> or May 17<sup>th</sup>. The training will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### ***Ethics Committee Appointment Process***

Town Manager Bates stated that the Board of Selectmen are required to appoint five members to the Ethics Committee.

Gretchen Gott, Chairman of the Ethics Drafting Committee, thanked the Board of Selectmen for their support in helping to get the Ethics document passed. She suggested that a news release be set out asking that any people interested in being appointed, apply to the Board of Selectmen in writing.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to request that any one interested in applying should submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen no later than April 11<sup>th</sup>. The Board will interview potential appointees on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

### ***Board of Selectmen Committee Reports***

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Selectman Weldy reported that two variances were granted.

Election Day – Chairman Harold Wood thanked the Board of Selectmen for being at the polls and assisting in the election.

Planning Board – Selectman J. Wood reported that Stephen Sloan resigned from being Chairman. Gretchen Gott is the interim Chairman. There was a work session on the population and housing portion of the Master Plan.

### **Town Manager Report**

The Town Clerk's Office is preparing to be online with the State of New Hampshire.

Recreation is offering several spring senior trips that are filling up fast.

Town Manager Bates will be attending a Manager's meeting Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Selectman Welch made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2003. Selectman Weldy seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

### **NON PUBLIC SESSION**

MOTION: Selectman Weldy made a motion to retire to non-public session under NH RSA 91-A: 3II(c). Selectman Brown seconded. The Board was polled as follows: Selectman Welch – YES Selectman Weldy – YES Selectman Brown – YES Selectman H. Wood – YES Selectman J. Wood- YES. The Board of Selectmen retired to non public session at 8:15 p.m.

Town Manager Bates and Selectmen's Secretary Patterson joined the Board.

MOTION: Selectman Brown made a motion to return to public session and to seal the non-public minutes. Selectman Weldy seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

### **Adjournment**

MOTION: Selectman Brown made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Welch seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Patterson  
Selectmen's Secretary