

**Motion by Jack Barnes to enter into public session under 91-A:3, II(d). Motion seconded by Selectman Brown. Motion unanimously passed.**

The meeting was called to order at May 10, 2004, at 7:19 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Wood. Members present: Norman Weldy, Paul Brown, Harold Wood and Jack Barnes. Also present: Town Manager Rick Bates, Toby Henry, Reporter from the Union Leader and Melanie Asmar, Reporter from The Rockingham News. The meeting was held in Rooms 203 and 204 at the Raymond High School.

Chairman Jonathan Wood led a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for departed citizens.

The following is a list of Board and Committee members in attendance:

School Board – Stephen Sloan

Historic District Commission – Diane White

Planning Board – Diane White

Zoning Board of Adjustment – Paul McCoy, Frank Bourque, Joyce Wood, John Page

Conservation Committee – Charles White, Cheryl Killam

Cable Committee – Michelle Drew

Public – Tracy Swanbon, Bob Gonser

### **Opening Remarks**

Chairman J. Wood reviewed that there was a site-walk at 6:00 over at Onway Lake Road. A lot of information and input was received from the residents who live along the road and no decision was made at that site-walk. There will be another hearing held on May 17<sup>th</sup> for Onway Lake Road reconstruction.

### **Board and Committee Appointments**

**Cable Committee members -**

**Motion by Selectman D. Wood to nominate Bruce Flower for reappointment to the Cable Committee. The Motion is seconded by Paul Brown. Unanimously passed.**

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to nominate Kevin Woods for reappointment to the Cable Committee. The Motion is seconded by Selectman Brown. Unanimously passed.**

**Motion by Selectman Brown to nominate Marc Vadeboncoeur for reappointment to the Cable Committee. The Motion is seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Unanimously passed.**

**Recreation Advisory Board -**

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to nominate Loukas Papamichael for reappointment to the Recreation Advisory Board. The Motion is seconded by Selectman Brown. Unanimously passed.**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment –**

**Motion by Selectman Brown to nominate Norm Weldy for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Motion is seconded by Selectman Barnes. Vote 4-1 with Selectman Weldy abstaining.**

**Motion by Selectman Weldy to nominate Paul McCoy for reappointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Motion is seconded by Selectman Brown.**

**Chairman J. Wood discussed his concerns regarding Mr. McCoy's reappointment. His concerns were with Mr. McCoy's having a website, where in the past, it has now been cleaned up, but in the past Mr. McCoy has advertised the fact that he is the Chairman of the ZBA and that for some curious reason that you are a resident of Exeter and Chairman Wood believes that Mr. McCoy has to recuse himself on a fairly frequent basis which is contrary to what Mr. McCoy told the Board of Selectmen. Mr. McCoy stated he only had to recuse himself once or twice in a year. Chairman J. Wood had some grave concerns because of that. Chairman J. Wood asked if there is any further discussion. No further discussion. Motion voted 4-1 in favor with Chairman J. Wood opposed. Motion passes.**

**Motion by Selectman Weldy to appoint Nick Moccia as an alternate of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion seconded by Selectman Brown.**

**Chairman J. Wood would like Mr. Moccia, if he is to actually sit on a regular basis, that he get training within the next three to six months or as soon as possible and also anyone on the ZBA also receive training in how the Zoning Board operates. Chairman J. Wood believes there is a problem, in that this past weekend the Office of Energy Management and Planning, which is where the Office of State Planning merged to, they have already had their major ZBA/Planning Board training this past Saturday and we missed it. Not only did we miss it, we didn't even know about it. So we have to be more aggressive in finding out that information and attending training sessions.**

**Motion passed unanimously to appoint Nick Moccia as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.**

**Mr. McCoy would like to clarify that he stated he recused himself once or twice every second meeting, not for a year.**

Chairman J. Wood then moved on to the issue of why everyone is here tonight.

There were many issues identified in the 2003 Town of Raymond Survey and with the Town of Raymond and the SAU both in Default Budgets, the Selectmen are requesting that a subcommittee of the Selectmen, Budget Committee, and School Board be formed to explore opportunities synergy of operations. The bottom line being that this group be tasked to find ways of reducing costs to the taxpayers through elimination of duplicate activities and common uses of resources. One example of duplicate efforts is that each entity separately purchases health insurance for its employees. We have a committee today that is looking into health insurance. That is one specific area where we can look at maybe some commonality between the SAU and the Town. But there are many others and that is what Chairman J. Wood would like this committee to look into and at the next meeting of the Selectmen, there will be a discussion and we will choose two members to be on that committee. If someone from the Budget Committee could bring that back to the Budget Committee, Tim, and someone from the School Board, Steve, could bring it back to the School Board, so that we could have a couple of people from each committee and start to look at those particular issues, where we can do some common work and share some common resources.

The All Boards subcommittee is comprised of Jack Barnes, Jr., Peter Buckingham, Dick Callaghan, Jim Kent, Paul McCoy, Steve Sloan, Tracy Swanbon, Charles White and Jonathan Wood and met to discuss the issues of the 2003 Town Survey. The issues identified were Town infrastructure improvement as they relate to wastewater, drinking water, roads, solid waste, schools, etc. Business development, looking towards attracting and locating greener and cleaner commercial and industrial enterprises. The emphasis will be based on bringing good jobs to Raymond. Preserving open space and rural character and that means articulating the nature of Raymond's rural character and finding ways to protect and enhance scenic views, green space, wildlife habitat and passive recreation within the Town. Another group I want to work on promoting Raymond. Improving our Town's reputation and instilling pride in our community and projecting Raymond as the place to do business. The last being schools. There is only so much that we can do in terms of resources and tools, which is why the other committee is being formed. We are looking at ways that we can aggressively find commonalities. But this is improving the community support and involvement in our schools. If we are more intimately involved in our schools, we will know how and why are taxes are being spent and help improve the delivery of the education. The purpose of this meeting is to take those issues identified and craft actions and goals to begin the process of change. The underlying theme is tax relief.

We are going to go into breakout sessions and work on some of the issues that were identified by the subcommittee of the All-Boards and they came up with five particular issues and we will make five different groups and looking into specific actionable items in each group.

The breakout groups are as follows:

**Business Development:**

Jack Barnes, Jr.; Paul Brown; Diane White; Paul McCoy; Recorder Rick Bates.

Goals:

1. Work with the State to find out what businesses are looking to come to New Hampshire.
2. Obtain a general consensus among town boards that improving the Town's image is important to enticing business development and recognizing that there are differences in opinion.
3. Limit subjective decision-making and eliminate the "I" from the planning process.
4. Have the planning process be perceived to be fair and easy to deal with.
5. Business retention.

**Preserving Open Space and Rural Character**

Bob Gonser, Charles White, and Cheryl Killam

Goals:

1. We need to get more information out to educate landowners through Channel 22, On The Common, the Town website and local newspapers.
2. Learn more about conservation easements, current use definitions and land and water conservation grants.
3. We need to recruit more volunteers for the conservation commission in Town.
4. Designate specific green space areas to minimize over-development of both residential and commercial land.

**Promoting Raymond**

Tracy Swanbon, Steve Sloan, Michelle Drew, Luke Papamichael.

Goals:

1. Improving the website.
2. Business "Welcome Wagon" (Like Meredith).
3. Promote public events and amenities such as Recreation Dept., Town Fair, Riverside Park, Road Race (Those open to all, not just Raymond residents).
4. Get school success stories out.
5. "Raymond Pride Week". Clean up and take responsibility for your immediate environment in some small way, no matter how small. Include contest for school kids for best way to show "Raymond Pride".

## **Schools**

Frank Bourque, Tim Auclair, and Norm Weldy.

### Goals:

1. Communication through newspapers, website and Channel 22.
2. Joint Meetings with Board of Selectmen and School Board at least quarterly.
3. Capital Improvement agreements between the boards.
4. Parent Groups. Meet with the parent groups and hear their concerns.
5. Publish successes of the school system.

## **Town infrastructure**

Dick Wood, Joyce Wood, Richard Mailhot, and John Page.

### Goals:

1. Water/wastewater infrastructure expansion.
2. Roadway systems/standards.
3. Reduce cost of solid waste disposal/curbside recycling.
4. Greater integration school/town/community organizations for more efficient use of “hard facilities”.
5. Lobbying for telecom, gas, etc. infrastructure.
6. Expand inventory of available commercial/industrial land.

Chairman J. Wood stated the next All Boards Meeting is in July.

**Motion to adjourn by Selectman Norm Weldy. Motion seconded by Selectman Jack Barnes. Unanimously passed.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.