

The meeting was called to order on May 17, 2004 at the Town Office Building at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Wood. Members present: Norman Weldy, Paul Brown, Dick Wood and Jack Barnes. Also present: Town Manager Bates.

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

Motion by Selectman Paul Brown to lower the flags to half-staff to honor the death of Bill Carney who had served the Town of Raymond in various capacities over the years. Seconded by Selectman Jack Barnes.

Chairman Wood stated there is a motion on the floor for lowering the Town flags in honor of Bill Carney from Tuesday through Thursday. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

Moni Sharma, Executive Director of Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission spoke to the Selectmen. Mr. Sharma will be retiring on July 31, 2004 after 30 years with the Commission. The Selectmen thanked Moni for all he has done to help the Town of Raymond over the years and stated that he will be missed.

Public Forum:

Chairman Wood opened the public forum and asked if there is anyone who would like to speak.

Don Helides stated he would like to speak. Mr. Helides requested a hearing on the restriction of camp fire permits no longer being issued as "seasonal" on less than an acre of land.

Chairman Wood stated he will be put on the Agenda for June 7th and asked Mr. Helides if he wished to submit a petition. Mr. Helides stated he could have a petition ready at that time. Mr. Helides stated he is not available for the June 7th meeting and after a discussion it was decided that he would be placed on the Agenda for the June 14th meeting.

Chairman Wood then asked if there is anyone else who would like to speak in the public forum. Seeing none they move on to new business.

New Business:

Edward and Arlene Jewett received a Granite Award for their contribution to the Boys Scouts of America, Daniel Webster Chapter and the Board wanted to take a minute to recognize Ed and his wife Arlene for their years of dedicated service to the community.

The Selectmen would also like to thank the following businesses who contributed toward the cupola on the Town Office Building: Bimini Development, Ocean National Bank,

Infinity Construction, Jewett Construction, Paul McCoy, Pine Acres, RSL Layout and Design, Raymond Shopping Plaza, Rolling Bar, Texaco, Aggregate Industries, Wal-Mart, Wayne F. Welch and Norman Weldy, Jr. with a plaque that will be placed in the front of the Town Office Building.

Public Forum:

Charles White would like to let the residents of Raymond know about the Iber Holmes Gove Middle School's grade 6 through 8 curriculum and their participation in some environmental projects. This is going to be part of their curriculum from now on. A little bit of out-door activity. Mr. White wanted it to be known that with the new curriculum the students were involved in the community with some students doing recycling projects, some students historical projects, some students walkways and the viewing areas and seating and marking of different trails and sites behind the school. He feels that the students and teachers should be recognized for their efforts in the community and environment.

Luke Papamichael, Chairman of the Recreation Advisory Board, stated the image of Raymond recently came up at the All-Boards Committee and the image of the old firehouse came up. Mr. Papamichael had discussed with Selectman Barnes trying to make the appearance of the old fire house better and maybe a mural could be painted on the garage doors and the side facing the library would perhaps make it more of a landmark, then just repainting it. But after thinking about it, perhaps it would be a difficult maintenance issue to keep it maintained and it may not work out to do this. Mr. Papamichael also noticed in the Union Leader on Saturday that there were some comments by some people who wanted it repainted and to make it more of a historical site, then anything else. Mr. Papamichael contacted Kevin Pratt and they think it could be repainted and made to be more of a historical site. Town Manager Bates stated that it was primed last fall and the paint has been purchased. It is slated to be painted by the Building and Grounds Maintenance crew sometime over the summer, probably after Town Fair is over with.

Chairman Wood stated the building will be painted. The mural idea will need to have donations of paint and an agreed on idea for the mural, along with someone to do it. If Mr. Papamichael wants to form a committee to come up with an idea and a funding mechanism for doing that, the Board would be happy to entertain a hearing. The Historic District Commission will be brought in at the time definite ideas and volunteers are made, for their input, as this is a historic building. Mr. Papamichael will form a committee and get ideas.

Wayne Welch received a Granite Award for his service to the Town of Raymond as a member of the Board of Selectmen and the Board would like to thank him.

Public Hearing on Tax Maps:

Town Manager Bates stated that a public hearing is not required under the Statutes. All that has to be done is that the tax maps be available and be adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Discussion followed about how often to map changes. Mr. Wheeler stated he feels that changes made semi-annual will be frequent enough. Cost wise it is the same, it is the administrative staff is the time consuming issue.

Mr. White had some questions about tax maps and when he is going to be taken care of. He has deeds to land and has not been taxed on it. Chairman Wood stated to Mr. White that he needs to provide a surveyor plat showing that property with the deeds that reflect that he owns them because right now the town feels that someone else owns it and they are being taxed on it. Selectman Brown stated that Mr. White needs to get the land surveyed and prove to the public that he is the owner of the land, not to the Board of Selectmen. Town Manager Bates interjects that the tax maps have nothing to do with ownership of the property. They only show for tax purposes. If that tax map had a section on there that was designated to Chuck White, Mr. White would be getting a tax bill from us. If Mr. White proves that he owns it and it goes on the tax card that he owns it, Mr. White will get a tax bill for it.

Public Hearing will continue until the end of the meeting and then a vote will be taken.

Public Hearing – Onway Lake Road

Chairman J. Wood recused himself from this Public Hearing because he lives very near to Onway Lake Road. Selectman Norm Weldy filled in.

Mrs. Wood, 11 Forrest Road. Mrs. Wood had a letter that she would like reflected as part of the record and will be attached to these minutes. In addition to the letter Mrs. Wood offered to be available to work with the Town.

Further discussion about the width of the road and the trees lining it.

Selectman Barnes suggested that we get a forester in to look at the trees and give an opinion and then make a decision one way or the other at the June 7th meeting.

Acting Chairman Weldy will leave the request on the table and will go on to the next item.

Request To Use Town Office Building

Acting Chairman Weldy stated for the record that Chairman J. Wood has come back in.

Marc Vadeboncoeur sent a letter requesting use of the front part of the Town Office Building for a film he is making with Back Lot Films. The letter is attached to the Minutes.

Mr. Vadeboncoeur is working with Back Lot Films out of New Boston, New Hampshire on a film titled "Dangerous Crosswinds." It is a murder mystery. Part of this film takes place in a fictional town in Maine and there are a couple of short scenes that require a town office building in a fictional town and Mr. Vadeboncoeur feels our office would be suitable for this. The Town of Raymond would be mentioned in the closing credits. In the script it is a fictional town called Oxford Falls, Maine. The film will be shot in such a way that the Towns seal will not be shown in the film. It would be filmed after closing, after 5:00. Sometime between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Motion to extend to Back Lot Films the use of the Town during non-business hours, either evenings or weekends by Selectman Barnes, seconded by Selectman Brown. Marc Vadeboncoeur is the point person, however, Mr. Vadeboncoeur will meet with Town Manager Bates to work on the details. Unanimously passed.

Tom Kearney – Scale versus Contractor at Transfer Station

Mr. Kearney wanted to be educated on Warranted Article Laws and understand the transfer scale matter. He has a concern with Warrant Article 18, having the town raise the money for the purchase and installation of the scale at the transfer facility.

Chairman J. Wood explained that \$55,000 was asked for in the Warrant to install a scale, the building that goes with it, the money acceptance, cash register, air conditioning, all those kinds of things, heat, to put in the particular scale building. That was our intent. What would then be done is that any construction debris, or anything that goes in the dumpsters would go over a scale and people would pay on a per pound basis. With that is an understanding that any of those fees would be used to offset the cost of additional personnel who might be required in order to run the scales and the electricity for the scale and keeping the place warm, etc. That was also to keep it in the same three days of operation, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, kind of an arrangement. On the other side of that is we had a company approach the town.

Mr. Kearney feels that the Selectmen do not have the right to put it out to bid for privatization. The vote was for a scale, not privatization. Is it legal for the Selectmen to do this.

Chairman Wood stated that the goal in going to bid for privatization was to reduce the overall budget \$100,000+. This is a mechanism that can be used to reduce taxes. What the Town has been offered by this particular company is a way to reduce that and bring in a slight amount of revenue on top of that, so that the reduction would also go to offset some other costs and it would also eliminate a number of town employed positions at the dump because they would then become part of the privatized dump.

Selectman D. Wood stated that if we don't spend the money on the scale it goes back into the general fund and would be used as part of the budget for another year. It is not something that we can spend. If the money is not spent on the scale, it can't be spent. If

a company comes in privately the transfer station would be operating six days a week. They would accept waste from anybody who wanted to bring in the cost of their scale, not our scale, they would come in and actually put in a larger set of scales than we were proposing because they may have tractor trailers hauling in there, we don't know. Anything that came in would be hauled back out by them. Anything that came in from a non-Raymond resident, we were told we could probably get a couple of dollars a ton for it. That would be built into the contract. We would actually realize some money in excess of what any cost that we would have that would offset our general fund. Bottom line, we would have no expenditure because we have someone else is operating the transfer facility six days a week.

Town Manager Bates stated that the warrant article is to raise and appropriate a sum of money. It is raising and appropriating a sum of money \$55,000, the Selectmen have the power to do all of those other things. They don't have the power to raise and appropriate that sum of money. What the warrant article does is give them the money to do what they want to do. These things came in on parallel tracks so to speak. We started the discussion about a scale quite some time ago and near the end of the warrant article process this other idea came in. It seemed like a good one. It isn't something that is cast in stone at this point. We will have the article go forward and see if the scale is something the voters want, which it is, and then if they decided to go to another option, they would be meeting the needs of the voters, which was to change the way that the transfer facility operated and maybe also save the voters some money in the long run.

Selectman Brown stated that the Selectmen can do what they feel is the best thing, even though a certain amount has been appropriated in the warrant.

Chairman J. Wood stated that before anything would be finalized with privatization a number of public hearings to understand that. All that has been done so far is that we have asked people to for proposals. We are exploring it. At the same time, we are getting ready to go out and put out bids for putting up the scale and the building, just the way we had originally planned, but we are trying, as Selectmen, trying to balance between what is the best "bang for our buck" and if we can reduce overhead through manpower and we can get some revenue back from a company that is going to be doing essentially what we were going to do at a reasonable rate, then we will have the best of both worlds and that \$55,000 would not be spent, it would go back to the voters.

Town Owned Vehicle Use Policy

Selectman Barnes made a motion to table this until June 7th because of the big agenda tonight and he has questions on this. Selectman Weldy has seconded the Motion to table until June 7th. Unanimously passed.

Town School Use Agreement

Town Manager Bates stated that the Agreement is still in Draft for the Board to look at and discuss. It has not been reviewed by the School Board. The superintendent has

reviewed this draft agreement. This outlines the various handshake agreements that we have had for a period of years. The only thing new is the part where the town and the school district agree to explore ways that they can work cooperatively.

Chairman J. Wood is going to be attending the School Board meeting Wednesday night and if the Board so nods, he will bring the draft agreement with him and give them a copy so that the School Board can review it before we have any further discussion on it.

Chairman J. Wood, with no further comments being made on the Public Hearing on the Tax Maps, closes the Public Hearing on the tax maps and will entertain a motion.

Motion by Selectman D. Wood to formally accept the tax maps as presented. Selectman Weldy seconded. Unanimously passed. Motion to amend the acceptance of the tax maps effective June 1st by D. Wood. Selectman Weldy seconded. Unanimously passed.

Public Hearing on Onway Lake Road – Chairman J. Wood recuses himself and Acting Chairman Weldy will take comments.

Motion by Selectman D. Wood per the agreement made earlier that we have Dennis contact a State Forester to come in and look at the trees to determine the extent of the damage, should we proceed with this project and secondly, are the trees of such nature that they are even worth preserving and report back to us prior to June 21st and at the same time explore further traffic calming techniques that might be used on that roadway. Seconded by Selectman Barnes. Unanimously passed.

Acting Chairman Weldy stated for the record that Chairman J. Wood is back.

Committee Updates

Selectman Barnes stated that the Postal Committee met, but no one showed up. He also stated that he attended a Rec N Roll Recreation Meeting. Selectman Barnes was asked to read a note here on TV that the Recreation needs donations for this Drug Free Graduation get together. Anyone wishes to make a donation should get in contact with the Raymond Parks and Recreation Department at 4 Epping Street, Raymond, NH 03077; 895-4735.

Selectman Brown stated that the Solid Waste Committee almost voted itself out of existence. Three members, Kathleen McDonald, Marilyn Elliott and Caroline Thorsell do not wish to be reappointed for three year terms, they have agreed to stay on for one year terms. At the June 7th meeting, Selectman Brown would like to have that as part of the discussion and appointments for one year.

Selectman Brown stated that the insurance surveys are not yet back for the Insurance Committee.

Selectman Weldy stated that the Zoning Board had a meeting on Wednesday. There were three cases. Two were approved and the third one, the applicant withdrew his application.

Chairman J. Wood stated that he attended the School Board Meeting, except the meeting didn't occur because they only had two members. However, Chairman Wood is on the agenda for this Wednesday. Chairman J. Wood also stated that the Planning Board met and approved a two lot subdivision on Main Street and started some work on the development handbook, which will include site applications and subdivision applications, as well as home occupation. The Planning Board is making some headway in updating those particular forms.

The Board of Selectmen met in Fremont at the Regional Board of Selectmen's Meeting last Tuesday. Three gentlemen were there from the State Department of Environmental Services discussing solid waste issues and everyone got a lot of valuable information. The next Regional Selectmen's Meeting will be held in August in Deerfield.

Town Managers Report

Fireman did training on 17 Woodlawn Ave last week.

The Library has a one stroke painting class on May 26 at 6:30 at a cost of \$15.

Recreation Dept. – Director and Assistant Director attended a grant writing workshop held at UNH last week. Grad Night 2004 – they are still looking for sponsors and volunteers to help with that. This week they have a Seniors trip to Horizon's Edge.

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – Property tax bills have been mailed out and we should be starting to get some cash coming in soon.

Public Works – General Government Buildings. Issues with some of the bricks downtown. The Brick company was here to look at the defective bricks. Installing flowers and taking care of the common, getting the common beautiful for Memorial Day. All cemeteries have been moved and trimmed, including the satellite one, at least one time.

Planning Dept – Development handbook is under review by the Planning Board.

Southern NH Planning is going to be providing a staff person to work for up to \$3,000 worth of time to help revise our subdivision and site plan review process.

Finance – Michelle has been working on the new CIP project. Now that we have Craig and Michelle on board, they are both working very hard on the CIP Committee. The CIP Committee Meetings have been changed to 6:00 prior to the Planning Board Meetings, so they don't conflict with any other meetings, Thursday nights, the last Thursday of the month is usually the work sessions.

Town Manager Bates has been attending the Right to Know Committee with Jack, which has been very informative and very interesting. Town Manager Bates also attended the NH Economic Development Association Quarterly Meeting. Also, Jack was able to arrange a meeting with the new commissioner of DRED, Sean O’Kane, where we actually got to meet him before he actually got to meet all of his staff. Town Manager Bates is working on a plan to get him to come to Town and maybe do a business development summit or forum here, sometime, we are hoping in June. That is optimistic, but we are hoping. Town Manager Bates also attended the Business Development Committee Meeting in Exeter and while he was there, he made a point to visit Caroline Severance over at the Langdon House and she reported she is in great spirits and doing very, very well. She is planning on coming to the 4th of July Parade.

Correspondence

Request from Richard Hammond, Sr. for his stepdaughter’s wedding ceremony on the common in the Center of Town on Saturday, June 12, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to give permission. Seconded by Selectman Brown. Passed unanimously.

UNH Cooperative workshops – Granite State Planning Board Challenge.

Wed June 23 at 8:30 p.m. – Municipal Board Cross Training – Maximize Planning Board and Conservation Commission working relationships.

Pennichuck Corporation correspondence scheduling informational meetings located at 25 Manchester Street, Merrimack, NH. This will be posted on the Bulletin Board out front, should someone be interested in attending.

Town Manager Bates has spoken to Town Counsel briefly about signing on with Pennichuck and there is no immediate rush for us to sign on to the Water District at this point in time. There is no advantage or disadvantage for us to sign on right now. Town counsel is recommending and we should be getting the letter from them on that, that we should sign on as an intervener, but there was no real reason for us to sign on to the Water District at this time.

Review/Adoption of Minutes

Chairman J. Wood would like to move that the Minutes of 5-3-04 are tabled and need to be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Weldy. Seconded by Selectman Brown. Passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:50 p.m.