

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7-19-04 APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 19, 2004 at the Raymond High School by Chairman Jonathan Wood. Members present: Norman Weldy, Paul Brown, Dick Wood and Jack Barnes. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates.

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

Chairman Wood opened the public forum.

Buster Hammond voiced his concerns about change in form of government. He also asked if things would get done quicker if it were changed? Selectman D. Wood stated it would depend on what form of government got voted in.

Mr. Hammond then went on to state the Board of Selectmen should reconsider the vote on the Onway Lake Road reconstruction and pass it. It was voted on by the people and it should just be done as the voters in Raymond voted to have it done.

Selectman Barnes stated changes in government have not sped up the process when they changed the form of government.

Selectman Brown stated that the road will be fixed next year and we should let the residents on that road do what they wanted to do in order to get the road classified as a scenic road.

Selectman Barnes stated that he doesn't feel that bringing it up for reconsideration now will not change the outcome.

Chairman J. Wood thanked Mr. Hammond for his input and stated this is a public forum and motions are not made during public forum.

Public forum is now closed as the allotted time is up.

Tannery Land

Chairman J. Wood reopened the public hearing on the Tannery Land and introduced Craig Wheeler, Town Planner.

Craig Wheeler had a PowerPoint presentation (see attached) and a handout on RSA 41-14a (also attached). Mr. Wheeler stated that the Planning Board voted unanimously to go forth on this matter.

The State of New Hampshire will be requiring every town to either have a wastewater treatment plant or a contract with a town that has a wastewater treatment plant by the year 2010.

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Mr. Wheeler explained that if the Tannery land cannot be cleaned up, or it will cost too much to clean up, then we will take the option of the \$150,000.

Following Mr. Wheeler's PowerPoint presentation, questions were taken from the public.

Mr. Naoum stated that he feels the land we are swapping or selling is worth more than \$150,000 and he doesn't feel it is in the best interests of Raymond to go through with this transaction. Mr. Naoum feels that the contaminated land should be cleaned up by the current owners and he also feels that this is a rushed deal.

Barbara Powers asked about the CDFA reverter clause and questioned whether it has been released. Town Manager Bates stated it has been released.

Mr. Hammond commended Craig Wheeler for his hard work on this matter, but he is skeptical about what the odor would be and how it would affect the neighbors.

Mr. Hammond asked why we don't build a town office building on the town owned industrial land?

Chairman Wood explained that the land is zoned industrial and they are looking to get tax benefits for the Town from it.

Mr. Hammond also inquired about the man from Epping that came and spoke at a meeting a while ago.

Selectman D. Wood stated that it was Jim Boynton and Mr. Boynton stated that to get industrial or commercial businesses to come to Raymond we would need a sewer treatment plant.

Further discussion on how badly the contamination is on the Tannery property and the costs involved.

Town Manager Bates stated it is still part of the feasibility study. The study will have an answer to that question for us.

Michelle Powers inquired as to how the cleanup will be done. Chairman Wood stated it will be a complete cleanup on the Tannery property. Michelle Powers asked about other sites in town that may have tannery hides buried. Town Manager Bates stated that the Brownfield's grant money would be just to cleanup the Tannery site. Any other site that may or may not have hides buried on the sites are the responsibility of the owners.

Chairman Wood explained that there is a five year window to take advantage of the second choice (land swap). If we don't get the grant money, we can take the money and leave the Tannery site.

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Paul Coates asked how extensive the contamination study was. Town Manager Bates answered that it was a very extensive study. Mr. Coates feels we are wasting our time on the Tannery property.

Chairman Wood asks for a motion to close the public hearing. **Motion by Selectman Barnes to close the public hearing on the Tannery property. Seconded by Selectman Weldy. Unanimously passed. Selectman Barnes then withdraws his motion and Selectman Weldy withdraws his second.**

Motion to close this public hearing is made by Selectman Barnes and Seconded by Selectman Weldy. Unanimously passed.

Selectman Brown asked that the Transfer Station be moved up on the agenda. Chairman Wood polled the Board – all in favor.

Transfer Station

Town Manager Bates stated that the contract in front of the Selectmen is the one that has been negotiated.

Chairman Wood stated this gives the Town of Raymond a choice between privatizing the transfer facility or developing it ourselves.

Selectman Barnes asked for clarification of the \$55,000 voted to be raised for a scale at the transfer station.

Town Manager Bates stated that the money will go back into the general fund and reduce taxes if the transfer facility is privatized.

Selectman Barnes stated the Board took a tour of a Bestway Facility in Saco, Maine and it was a top notch facility.

Chairman Wood gave a synopsis of the \$50,000 voted to purchase a scale, with fees being charged for items brought to the facility reimbursing the \$50,000. On the other hand there is a company who will take over the transfer facility and we will get money for all demolition debris brought into the facility. There are our options.

Paul St. Hilaire of Bestway spoke of the benefits of his company coming in and running the facility.

Chairman Wood asked if there were any questions from the public.

Frank Bishop asked what the cost for residents will be and who will be in control of the rates?

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Selectman D. Wood stated that annually Bestway surveys other facilities nearby and comes up with an average cost. Our costs are in the 75th percentile of fees of other facilities nearby.

Town Manager Bates stated that Bestway is a market driven company and they will have competitive rates.

Further discussion on what is accepted and what is not by Mr. St. Hilaire's company.

The facility will be user based, not tax based. If you don't use it, you don't pay. The hours will be longer and it will be open during the week. These are just some of the benefits of using Bestway.

Mr. Hammond asked if there still would be a hazardous waste collection day.

Selectman D. Wood stated there would still be a hazardous waste collection day. That is from a government grant that we get.

Mr. St. Hilaire stated there is a fee for anything that is not recyclable. Containers will be provided for recyclables.

Motion by Selectman D. Wood to enter into the contract. Selectman Brown seconded the Motion. Unanimously passed. The Board of Selectmen will direct Town Manager Bates to sign the contract.

Chairman Wood stated that the \$50,000 voted by the residents will not be raised or spent.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that the \$50,000 voted by the residents will not be raised or spent. Seconded by Selectman Brown. Unanimously passed.

Town Manager Bates suggested that the residents of Raymond clean out their garages and basements now before the scale goes in.

It will be sometime in late September before the scale is in place.

Contracted Building Inspector

Chairman Wood read into the record an email sent from Tina Thomas (see attached).

Chairman Wood opened the public hearing on this matter and asked if the Board has any comments.

Selectman D. Wood stated whether there is another building inspector or not people are coming to get permits. We just want to make sure the houses are safely built.

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The total cost for a part-time assistant building inspector 20 hours per week for 15 weeks would be \$9,000.

Chairman Wood polled the Board to ask the Budget Committee to give the Board of Selectman their opinion on this issue. Selectmen Barnes, Brown and Weldy were against it. Selectmen J. Wood and D. Wood were for it. 3-2 motion failed.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to continue the public hearing until the July 26, 2004 meeting to make a final decision on the contracted building inspector. Motion seconded by Selectman D. Wood.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to withdraw the motion to continue the public hearing until July 26, 2004 and to reconsider the contracted building inspector. Seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Unanimously passed.

Chairman Wood polls the Board for a vote on the issue with Selectmen J. Wood, Paul Brown, Norm Weldy and Jack Barnes against it and Selectman D. Wood for it. Motion failed.

There will be no assistant building inspector.

Senate Bill 407

Peter Buckingham spoke about Senate Bill 407, how it affects a default budget and gave a handout (see attached).

Twin Beaches Improvement Project

Sue Foden asked permission to address the issue of erosion on the Twin Beaches and put a small retaining wall to keep ATVs and boat launching off the beaches. She stated that she is currently working with the Conservation Commission and Department of Environmental Services to ensure that everything is done properly.

Motion by Selectman Brown to allow the improvements. Seconded by Selectman D. Wood, as long as the Conservation Commission and Department of Environmental Services approves and the Governor's Lake Association works through the Public Works Department to improve Lots 7 and 8 of Tax Map 39-4 of the current tax map. Unanimously passed.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Selectman Barnes to reconsider reconstructing Onway Lake Road now. Seconded by Selectman Brown for discussion.

Discussion proceeded about the prior vote which ended in a 2-2 tie and died. Mr. Hammond wants the reconstruction to go through now. He feels that the voters wanted

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the reconstruction to happen this year and voted for it. It shouldn't wait until March for them to vote again.

Motion to Reconsider reconstructing Onway Lake Road now: Selectmen Barnes and Brown – no; Selectman Wood and Weldy – yes; Chairman J. Wood recused himself from this vote. 2-2, Motion died.

This issue will go before the people in March.

Update on Eagle Scout Project

Stephen Lucafo met with Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director and found a suitable location between the large plow and the sign. Town Manager Bates has given him permission to go forward with the project.

Proposed Schedule for Public Hearings on Water Tower

Town Manager Bates stated that pursuant to RSA 41-14a, there is strict timelines to follow. Here is the proposed schedule: August 16, 2004 public hearing; August 30, 2004 public hearing; September 13, 2004 vote.

Motion by Selectman D. Wood to start the process of RSA 41-14a. Selectman Weldy seconded the motion. Voted 4-1 with Selectman Brown abstaining.

Board of Selectmen Reports

Selectman Barnes – No meetings.

Selectman Brown – Attended an insurance meeting and they have come up with two alternatives to present to the Board of Selectmen in two weeks.

Selectman Weldy – Attended a Zoning Board meeting.

Selectman D. Wood – Attended a joint meeting of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission pursuant to RSA 41-14a – Tannery property.

Chairman Wood – Attended the joint meeting of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission where a Motion to send a recommendation to approve the Tannery transaction.

Town Manager Report

The Drinking Water Treatment Facility is online.

Town Manager Bates will be on vacation during the week of July 26 – July 30th and Craig Wheeler will be Acting Town Manager.

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The wastewater feasibility study RFQ's have been gone through and three firms have been asked for an interview this week. There will be a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen on August 2nd.

Correspondence

Ethics Training July 27 and August 24 at 6:30 at the Town Office Building.

Minutes

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the Minutes of June 14, 2004 as drafted, seconded by Selectman Weldy. Unanimously passed.

Motion by Selectman Weldy to accept the Minutes of June 21, 2004 as drafted, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Voted 4-1 with Selectman Brown abstaining from voting as he was not in attendance.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the Minutes of July 12, 2004 as drafted, seconded by Selectman Brown. Unanimously passed.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Weldy, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Unanimously passed. Meeting is adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer
Executive Secretary