

**RAYMOND BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES 12-15-03 APPROVED 02-23-04**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Harold Wood. Members present: Wayne Welch, Norman Weldy, Paul Brown and Jonathan Wood. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates

**Motion by Selectman Weldy to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Selectman Welch seconded. Selectman Welch – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman J. Wood – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.**

Town Manager Bates and Executive Secretary Ann Sharpe were not in non-public session.

**Motion by Selectman Welch to exit non-public session and to seal the minutes indefinitely. Selectman Brown seconded. Selectman Welch – yes; Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Selectman J. Wood – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.**

**The meeting reconvened at 7:20 p.m.**

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

**Public Forum**

There was no public input.

**Public Hearing to Accept Donation to Dare Program**

Chairman Harold Wood opened the public hearing for the donation of \$200.00 to the Dare Program from the Raymond Masonic Lodge – Tucker Lodge No. 99.

There was no public input.

Chairman Harold Wood closed the public hearing.

**Motion by Selectman J. Wood to accept the donation of \$200.00 to the Dare Program from the Raymond Masonic Lodge –Tucker Lodge No. 99. Selectman Brown seconded. Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

**Petitions to Amend Zoning Ordinance - Action**

Town Manager Bates said according to RSA 675:4 I, the Board of Selectmen shall review the zoning petitions and determine whether the petitions are in correct warrant article form, and then vote to pass the petitions on to the Planning Board. He said that two of the petitions were certified as having the required twenty-five signatures and the third petition has only twenty-three signature, and it was denied by Marilyn Semple, Supervisor of the Checklist (Petition article Lot 18-1 CII zoning district)

**Motion by Selectman Weldy to accept the following zoning petitions and forward them to the Planning Board for a public hearing. Selectman Brown seconded.**

- 1) To have Map 5, Parcel 14 and Map 46, parcel 15, be re-zoned from Commercial I to residential/agricultural once the current quarrying activity is completed.**
- 2) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Raymond Zoning Ordinance by amending Article III, Sections 230 and 240 so as to re-zone the lot shown on Tax Map 7, Lot 56 from Commercial (Zone C-1) to Industrial (Zone D).**

**Motion passed.**

**Discuss and Vote on Changing Work Session**

**Motion by Selectman Brown to change the time for the work session from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the second Monday. Selectman Weldy seconded. Motion passed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Review of Warrant Articles - Possible Action**

Chairman Harold Wood said the Board has a list of money warrant articles to review and decide whether they want a final form prepared for consideration at the public hearing on January 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed each article, and Chairman Harold Wood polled the Board on each article for placement on the agenda for January 5<sup>th</sup> as a public hearing.

**Feasibility Study for a Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Town Manager Bates stated the cost for the wastewater treatment plant study will be significantly less than last year and that number is \$25,000.

Poll: Selectman Welch – no; Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman J. Wood – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.

**Scale at the Transfer Station**

Poll: Selectman Welch – yes; Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman J. Wood – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.

**Curbside Recycling Program**

Poll: Selectman Welch opened the discussion with the idea to consider stopping curbside pickup altogether, and it is worth the effort to look into what it would cost and save the taxpayers.

Town Manager Bates stated the Town would need to setup a transfer facility

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Selectman Brown said when we originally moved to curbside pickup, it was done by the Board of Selectman and not by vote.

Selectman Weldy asked about the people that would not be able to get to a transfer facility. They would have to hire an outside contractor and that would hit them with a fee.

Chairman Harold Wood said it would then be a user fee. Right now there is no difference if you pick up one or five bags. The town would not be involved with that process. It would be between the resident and the hauler.

Selectman Brown commented we revisit the question of curbside and put two choices on the warrant or the Board of Selectmen could simply adopt that.

Town Manager Bates said he thought it could be simply removed from the budget and a transfer station would then need to be setup.

Chairman Harold Wood stated we would need a scale.

Town Manager Bates said the town has a contract with Waste Management for next year. He said Selectman Brown has a point and it is very difficult to look at one piece at a time. He said he thought that one of the issues people struggle with that if we save money on a service, it will be absorbed somewhere else.

Chairman Harold Wood pointed out that would be something we would write into the budget. The people would determine the amount of money they want to spend.

Selectman Welch said there are three proponents: 1) household trash 2) building debris and yard waste and 3) recyclables.

Poll: Selectman Welch – yes; Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman J. wood – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.

**Pay-As-You-Throw Program**

Poll: Selectman Welch – yes; Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman J. wood – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.

**Vacation and Sick Leave Fund**

Town Manager Bates explained the money comes from the elimination from the vacation buyout package.

Selectman Welch said there is no tax impact then.

Poll: Selectman Welch – yes; Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman J. Wood – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.

**Capital Budget Articles**

Selectman Welch stated we have an operating budget, wage and benefits which is \$.54 increase not counting these and what we just approved to put on the warrant.

Selectman J. Wood pointed out the Board said a public hearing.

Chairman Harold Wood stated we need to have a final number to put on the Capital Improvement Plan.

Town Manager Bates commented the Budget Committee is looking for what you will have for capital budget, operating budget and other articles of what the total will be.

Chairman Harold Wood added it is based on 15%.

Town Manager Bates pointed out that last year's attempt was to approve with 15%, and Michelle has just carried that forward.

Selectman J. Wood said that \$617,000 was voted last year. What is the tax impact of \$700,293.00?

Town Manager Bates replied either \$.19 or \$.20.

Selectman Welch commented that is an increase of \$82,000.00.

Selectman Brown asked how much of an impact is that on the taxes?

Selectman J. Wood asked if there were any other buckets to reconstruct?

Town Manager Bates replied it was Recreation.

Selectman Welch asked what would happen if you put this forward as one number for the capital budget?

Town Manager Bates stated that they fund just a total number so he would have to ask that.

Chairman Harold Wood said \$710,678.00 is 15% over and that works out to an \$.18 increase.

Town Manager Bates commented the voters voted last year, and they did not vote any increase just what we had the year before.

Chairman Harold Wood said it increased \$100,000.00 over 2002.

Town Manager Bates stated one of the projects this year with Craig Wheeler as Planner is to come up with a better method for measuring projects.

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Selectman Welch said he had a hard time supporting much of an increase over last year.

Selectman J. Wood said the whole point is saving forward and leveling spikes that can occur. This is a case of saving for the future. This is a tough year because of the economy and where the tax structure has come. We need to stick to our guns, and this is where the improvements will be made.

Chairman Harold Wood commented the impact fee structure is in place. They cannot collect it because CIP has not been funded properly. The impact fee is for additional services.

The Board discussed the amount of increase in actual terms of tax impact.

Chairman Harold Wood said we can direct the Town Manager to come back with 15%.

Town Manager Bates stated we will put it in warrant article form and you can decide if you want to put it on or not.

There was further discussion on Selectman Welch's idea to set up the capital budget with one bottom line number.

Chairman Harold Wood said they could investigate that suggestion.

**Increased Bonding Capacity for Water Department**

Poll: Selectman Welch – yes; Selectman Weldy – yes; Selectman Brown – yes; Selectman J. Wood – yes; Chairman Harold Wood – yes.

**Boston Post Cane**

Chairman Harold Wood announced the Boston Post Cane will be presented to Caroline Severance on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Langdon Place in Exeter.

**Board of Selectmen Reports**

Selectman Welch reported the Budget Committee is in the process of hearing the school budget and the increase is \$4.00 plus per thousand. He said the Budget Committee requested a calendar with dates of deadlines for warrant articles and public hearings. The Budget Committee meets again on Friday at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office.

Selectman Brown had no report.

Selectman Weldy reported the Zoning Board of Adjustment heard one case, and it was continued until January 14, 2004.

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Selectman J. Wood reported the Volunteer Banquet meeting was last week, and it was poorly attended. It will be better the next time, and they will come up with ideas for the party and go forward with that. They would like participation around March or April.

The Planning Board finished up changes to the zoning amendments.

### **Town Manager Report**

Town Manager Bates reported on the departments:

**Building & Health:** Building has not slowed down, and the Lunan project is building rapidly.

**Finance:** The department is busy with budget and benefits.

**Fire Department:** Fire Dept. training will include Commercial Building tour to include Jackson Lumber and Wal\*Mart.

**Library:** The holiday raffle and drawing is tomorrow, which will follow the program.

**Parks & Recreation:** Christmas on The Common was rescheduled. The bid went out for the Town Report. There is a senior trip to the White Mountains.

**Planning:** The zoning map is being reviewed and updated. We are hoping to have a final version available after Christmas. The Planning Board will discuss zoning amendments on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Planner contacted Bruce Mayberry to work on impact fees. Smith Pond Road is being worked on for compliance.

**Public Works:** The department has been very busy with small storms, snow removal, plowing for winter burials, and keeping the water system running.

**Town Office Closing for Christmas:** The Town Office will close Christmas Eve at 12:00 noon and will be closed on Christmas Day and the day after. The town employees are using a vacation day to be off the day after Christmas.

Town Manager Bates reported he went to see Caroline Severance, and she is in good spirits. He attended the Business Development Council in Exeter. He is working with the Community Development Finance Authority to push the grant application and Request for Proposals along for Granite Meadows. They are meeting with Michael Wimsatt from the Department of Environmental Services in January about the wastewater treatment plant. There is a movement on the state level to help us to move in town to find solutions coupled with the Brownfields Grant and economic development opportunities.

### **Review/Adoption of Minutes**

**Motion by Selectman Weldy to accept the minutes of October 23, 2003 as drafted. Selectman J. Wood seconded. Motion passed.**

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**Motion by Selectman Weldy to adjourn. Selectman Welch seconded. Voted unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Sharpe  
Executive Secretary