

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

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

Chairman J. Wood stated that there has been a request from Emily Zimmerman of the Rockingham News and before the work session begins we will hear that request.

Emily Zimmerman came forward and stated that the Rockingham News is hosting a citizen of the year for 2005, but you can nominate anyone in the community who has done something worth while, contributed time on a Board, from volunteers at the schools, public library, over the past year. You can find the nomination form at [Seacoastonline.com](http://Seacoastonline.com). Ms. Zimmerman believes the deadline to nominate someone is within the next month, but it is posted on the website with the form. The citizen of the year will be announced sometime in February. They are looking to have the Town Moderator announce this and deliver the award to the recipient at Deliberative Session. Town Manager Bates stated that it does not always have to be someone who is always in the public eye, it can be "the unsung hero", someone who is always there in the background, but is not always recognized.

### **Town Scholarship Criteria**

Chairman J. Wood stated that Sue Puchacz, Guidance Counselor at the High School is here to help the Board with further developing the criteria for the Town Scholarship. A discussion followed with Ms. Puchacz and the Board of Selectmen regarding the criteria that is in place now and what the Board feels should be added. Ms. Puchacz stated that there is a "generic" form that the High School uses for Scholarship Night, when they invite businesses to come in and look at the seniors' scholarship forms. They have a variety of different criteria on the form in order to accommodate several different scholarship programs and get it all on one form for the seniors to complete. Ms. Puchacz stated that she could add what the Board decided on onto the form and they could utilize the form for their scholarship. Town Manager Bates stated that he has the following criteria that the Board would like to see: Work history; school involvement, community involvement and grades. It was decided that Town Manager Bates would work with Ms. Puchacz to add the criteria the Board is looking for on it and then bring it back to the Board for final approval. The Board decided they will have the seniors utilize the form and go through the Guidance Office at the High School, who will then forward the forms onto the Board for review and award of scholarship. The Board of Selectmen thanked Ms. Puchacz for her time and help on this matter.

**Raymond School Building Committee Presentation**

The Committee first wanted to go on record as stating that they never wanted to change the name of the middle school. The architect just put Raymond Middle School on the plans because of space issues.

The Raymond School Building Committee gave a presentation on the proposed new middle school. See the Raymond Middle School Building Proposal 2005, which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

At the end of the presentation there was a question and answer period.

Town Manager Bates thanked the School Building Committee for all their hard work in getting this proposal done.

Mr. Carlberg stated that one of the reasons they are before the Board of Selectmen tonight is to get their support.

Chairman J. Wood polled the Board, will you support the school proposal? Jack Barnes, yes, as long as it is 55% funded; Norm Weldy – abstained; Dick Wood; yes, Jonathan – yes.

**Discuss First Quarter Work Sessions Content & Hearings Schedule**

Town Manager Bates stated that he has included the work session dates, so if you want something put in, just pencil it in. He has also put the budget schedule at the bottom of the page for the Board's review.

Selectman Barnes asked Town Manager Bates when the dry run for Deliberative session would happen. Town Manager Bates stated that generally it is done at a regular business meeting. Town Manager Bates stated that January 31<sup>st</sup> is not a scheduled meeting night, but if the Board wants to meet to go over this, you could. Town Manager Bates stated that by January 24<sup>th</sup> it is just a matter of making sure that all the wording is the way the Board wants it.

Further discussion over future work sessions followed. The next work session will be February 14<sup>th</sup>. At that time Deliberative session can be reviewed and discussion regarding the Voter's Guide can take place.

**Transfer Facility Permit Process Update**

Town Manager Bates stated that the application went in and a week later there was a response from the DES. They gave us a list of things (about 30) that need to be done. They are all minor. For example, we listed recycling computer parts, they want a list of

all computer parts we are going to recycle. It is moving along, slowly, but it is moving and we are hoping to get through this process quickly.

**Discuss Communicating Town Warrant**

This has already been discussed above.

**Committee Updates**

Selectman Barnes wanted to recommend that on the 24<sup>th</sup> action be taken on the following suggestion. He spoke with a member of the Little Red Schoolhouse Committee, Tim Louis, and told Tim that the suggestion that he would make to the Board is that the Selectmen completely wash their hands of the Little Red Schoolhouse, give it back to the school board, where it belonged, it is their building and when the school board asks us to move our material out of it, Rick Bates will gather it together and move it out.

Chairman J. Wood stated that this will be brought up on the 24<sup>th</sup> for discussion and motion.

**Minutes**

Minutes of 1-3-05.

**Motion by Selectman D. Wood, to approve the Minutes of 1-3-05 as drafted, seconded by Selectman Weldy. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Correspondence**

Cancellation of the Lamprey WMPAAC meeting that was to be held in Raymond on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. All future meeting agendas will be posted on the website, [www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/instream](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/instream).

The Finance Director, Michelle Clark has tendered her resignation as she has accepted a position with the Hopkinton School District.

Selectman Weldy stated that he is getting together the information needed for a bill coming up regarding the Auburn District Court. Renaming it to the Auburn, Candia, Raymond District Court and having it relocated to somewhere within the District. The timeframe for this is sometime in February.

**Motion to adjourn by Selectman D. Wood, seconded by Selectman Weldy. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer  
Executive Secretary/  
Selectmen's Secretary