

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF 5-2-05 APPROVED-AMENDED

Chairman Weldy polled the Board to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c), Jack –yes, Greg – yes, Frank – yes, Dick- yes. The Board entered non-public.

Chairman Weldy polled the Board to leave non-public session and seal the minutes indefinitely. Jack –yes, Greg – yes, Frank – yes, Dick- yes. The non-public minutes of May 2, 2005 will be sealed indefinitely.

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

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

Public Forum

Chairman Weldy opened the public forum and invited anyone wishing to speak to come forward and state their name.

There was no one wishing to speak in the public forum tonight.

Chairman Weldy closed the public forum.

Public Hearing

Donation for the Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

Selectman Bishop stated that the Commander Donald Smith of the VFW and Senior Vice Commander Ed Miller of the American Legion that will present the check to the Board of Selectmen.

Commander Smith, on behalf of the VFW and the American Legion, presented a check to the Town of Raymond in the amount of \$12,344.16, which represents the second payment on the monument. This payment represents the amount due for the second payment on the monument, but also the amount over the \$10,000 on the first payment, which the Town paid. Commander Smith thanked the Town for all their help and hard work. Commander Smith also thanked Frank Bishop for all his fundraising efforts. Selectman Bishop thanked the residents of Raymond and the business community for all their contributions and help in raising the needed funds.

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing on the acceptance of the donation and asked for comments.

Selectman Bishop stated that without the help from the VFW and the American Legion, this would have been a very difficult job and he thanked the members of those two groups.

Selectman Barnes would like to make it clear that the restoration of the monument did not cost the taxpayers of Raymond one cent. The funding came from a grant and donations only.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to close the public hearing, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the check in the amount of \$12,344.16 from the VFW and the American Legion for the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Steven Georgopolous inquired about the Public Forum and Chairman Weldy stated that there was no one here for public forum and it was waived, however, if Mr. Georgopolous would like to speak he could have five minutes now.

Mr. Georgopolous came forward and gave his opinion about the transfer facility and Bestway taking it over.

The Board will put Mr. Georgopolous on the agenda for the May 16th meeting and the Board will address Mr. Georgopolous' concerns.

Chairman Weldy then stated the Board would return to the Agenda.

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing and invited public comment for the Grant from New Hampshire The Beautiful to purchase recycling bins.

The Town will be receiving \$9,250 or 50% of the cost to purchase 4,000 recycling bins.

Selectman Barnes stated that he has received several telephone calls regarding the On The Common and the article in their about the recycling. He was told that it was very well done and informative. Selectman Barnes thanked Town Manager Bates for the article.

Town Manager Bates stated that there are still some questions being raised and another newsletter is being developed to answer more questions and get the word out further on recycling.

Selectman D. Wood asked if it would be possible to have a card with what is allowed and what is not. Town Manager Bates stated it might be possible to get that right from Waste Management and he would look into it.

The Transfer Facility will still be accepting recyclables after Bestway takes over. You can still drop off your recyclables there if you would like.

Chairman Weldy asked for further comments, hearing none he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Selectman D. Wood to accept the donation from New Hampshire the Beautiful in the amount of \$9,250 for the purchase of the curbside recycling bins, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Interview of Christy Eppig for the Cable Committee

Town Manager Bates stated that Christy is here, however, she is voiceless. Chairman Weldy asked Christy to come forward so that everyone could see who she is.

Selectman D. Wood stated he is the Selectmen's rep on the Cable Committee and stated that Christy was nominated by the Cable Committee to be reappointed to the committee about a month ago, but she has been attending a class Monday nights and this is the first Monday night that she is available to attend a Board of Selectmen meeting.

Her nomination to the Cable Committee will be voted on at the next regular business meeting, May 16th.

Selectman D. Wood thanked Selectman Bemis for filling in on the Cable Committee for him. The Chairman of the Cable Committee, Kevin Woods, sent an email stating it has been a long, long time since anybody from the Board of Selectmen has attended a Cable Committee Meeting and it was the first time in the history of the Cable Committee that an alternate has attended.

Board and Committee Appointments

Motion by Selectman Barnes to appoint John Page to the Southern NH Planning Commission for a three year term, Kathy McDonald to the Solid Waste Recycling for a one year term, Marilyn Elliott to the Solid Waste Recycling for a one year term, Carolyn Thorsell to the Solid Waste Recycling for a one year term, Dean Plender to the Solid Waste Recycling for a one year term, Maureen Lundergan to the Solid Waste Recycling as an Alternate for a one year term, Michelle Drew to the Solid Waste Recycling as an Alternate for a one year term, Marion Buffington to the Historic District for a three year term and Mark Prescott to the Raymond Cable Television for a two year term, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Raymond Area Rotary Annual Bike Race

Letter from Emery Landis requesting permission to hold the annual Bike Race.

Mr. Landis came forward and stated that they wished to have the 3rd annual bike race here in Raymond. He is looking for permission from the Board of Selectmen for this. Last year the Rotary made \$5,000, they are hoping to make as much this year. They are also adding a bike awareness on the common this year. Children will be involved. Bike safety will be discussed, etc. The race will run from about 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There are insurance binders that name the Town of Raymond as an insured. There was a discussion held about this race conflicting with the rain date for the rededication of the soldiers and sailors monument.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to approve Mr. Landis' request for a road race on June 11 and 12th, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

July 4th Parade and Pig Roast

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Bob Forsing is here tonight to request permission for a pig roast on the common. Chairman Weldy asked Mr. Forsing to come forward.

Mr. Forsing came forward and asked if it would be okay to have a pig roast on the common. There will actually be two pigs roasting on trailers, with the drippings going into a pan under the trailer. There will be no holes dug. Mr. Forsing feels that the parade is going to be bigger this year. This year they will be asking for sponsors from the local businesses. This will offset any future request for funds because this parade is just getting bigger and bigger and will need more help from the outside. There will also be a climbing wall.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to issue a challenge to the Board of Selectmen of the surrounding towns to enter a float in the 4th of July parade, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Bates stated that Selectman Bemis has an idea for a float that he and Kathy Lee will work on. The Selectmen will all have a part in working on the float.

Motion by Selectman D. Wood to allow the pig roast on July 4th, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional Water Usage Requests

The Pine Acres Campground is requesting doubling their current usage and the Witham proposal is requesting an entirely new bulk water connection. Our system has the capability of handling these increases and Public Works Director McCarthy feels these requests are not unreasonable and the Water Department actually makes money when providing bulk water.

Town Manager Bates stated that he is checking with Town Counsel to make sure that no PUC issue will come of these requests. They are pretty confident there is no issue, but we want to make sure before giving final approval.

Chairman Weldy stated that he and Town Manager Bates discussed this and because the water will cross town lines into Fremont, we need to make sure this is okay before permission is granted.

Town Manager Bates stated that he recommends the second request, the request from Al Witham be tabled until Town Counsel gives us a recommendation.

Selectman Barnes inquired about the water slide at Pine Acres and wanted to know if this water is supplied for the slide. A discussion about tabling this matter until the May 16th meeting followed.

Motion by Selectman D. Wood to table these water requests until the May 16th meeting, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

John Littlefield Building Permit

This request came before the Board of Selectmen as Miendl Road is a private road. We sent them to the Planning Board because in order for the Board of Selectmen to approve a building permit for a private road, planning board approval must be sought first. The planning Board recommended the approval, however, they could not issue a building permit for a private road and referred it back to us.

Motion by Selectman Bemis to approve the building permit application for John Littlefield, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Selectman D. Wood made an amendment that this be passed but to have the Littlefield's sign a waiver and record it at the Registry of Deeds. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Bates will write a letter to Mr. Littlefield giving him the Board of Selectmen's approval for a building permit once a waiver is signed and recorded with the Registry of Deeds.

Raymond Business and Economic Development Council

Town Manager Bates stated that he went through the agreement, clarifying some areas and making changes that were suggested. Town Manager Bates then went over the changes that were made.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the agreement and any further changes or suggestions.

Motion by Selectman Bemis to have an ex-officio member of the Raymond Business and Economic Council be selected just as every other ex-officio member is selected on every board and commission in town, seconded for discussion by Selectman D. Wood.

Discussion among the Selectmen as to who should sit on the Committee.

Selectman Bishop moved the motion. Chairman Weldy asked for those in favor to move the question. The question is moved.

The vote on the above motion was as follows: Selectman Bemis – yes; Selectman D. Wood – yes; Selectman Bishop – no; Selectman Barnes – no; Selectman Weldy – no. Motion failed.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the Raymond Business and Economic Development Council Charge as drafted, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Selectman Barnes – yes, Selectman Bishop – yes; Selectman D. Wood – no, Selectman Bemis – no; Chairman Weldy broke the tie with his yes vote. Motion passed.

Town Manager Bates stated that he will compile a list of interested people and have the interviews during the May 9th work session and make the actual appointments at the May 16th business meeting.

Pay As You Throw Elderly Exemption

Town Manager Bates stated that at the last meeting a request was made to look into a possible exemption for the elderly for the Pay As You Throw. It would cost the town approximately \$10,296 annually if the town were to provide one free 15 gallon bag per week to the elderly exempt. Town Manager Bates stated that that is a revenue that the town will not receive if this is what the Board wishes to do.

The Board had a discussion regarding this exemption. Selectman Bishop inquired if this is something that should be a warrant article? Selectman Barnes stated he thought it should be a warrant article. Selectman D. Wood stated that the rest of the taxpayers are already picking up the slack for these 132 exempt people (which is stated by law). To have these other taxpayers to have to pick up the slack here too is asking a bit much.

The Board asked Town Manager Bates to get Town Counsel's recommendation on this issue and if this is something that needs to go before the vote of the people.

The Board of Selectmen gave their report.

The Town Manager gave his report.

Town Manager Bates reminded the Board of Selectmen that Thursday, May 5, 2005 is the Scholarship Night at the High School.

Minutes

Motion by Selectman Barnes to approve the minutes of April 18, 2005 as drafted, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer
Executive Secretary/Selectmen's Secretary