

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.

Motion by Jack Barnes to move the tax abatement request to the top of the agenda, seconded by Frank Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Tax Abatement Request – Map 44 Lot 14 – Discussion

George Treantafel of Center Road was asked to come up to the microphone.

He has three different tax bills and was told he was over-assessed. This year his tax bill is \$5,000. He stated that he was never told he was reevaluated in the year 2000.

Mr. Treantafel believes that he is being taxed on incorrect information and explained why. He showed several areas where the information was incorrect.

Mr. Treantafel stated he saw the assessor last Saturday and was told that new software being used by the Town is causing some glitches. Mr. Treantafel stated that any changes made in the Town Office need to be dated and initialed by the person who did it for accountability. Selectman Barnes asked if when Mr. Treantafel spoke to the assessor, did he state he would straighten it out? Mr. Treantafel stated he was told that the software did not fit what they were doing. Mr. Treantafel's understanding was that it had been straightened out. Selectmen Barnes asked Town Manager Bates to check and see that this situation had indeed been fixed. Town Manager Bates stated that he left the assessor a note and was told that the amount he was being taxed was incorrect and a recommendation would be made to grant a tax abatement, but Mr. Treantafel needs to apply for a tax abatement. Mr. Treantafel stated again that he just wants accountability in the Town Office. When changes are made it should be dated and initialed. The Town Manager suggested that Mr. Treantafel go to the Town Office and see if he is getting all he is entitled to. Mr. Treantafel thanked the Board.

Public Hearing

CDBG Funding for Hilltop Cooperative – Action

Donna Lane, a CDBG Consultant/grant writer came forward to help with the public hearing. She stated that this is the first of three consecutive public hearings. The first one is on CDBG and the proposed projects. CDBG is Community Development Block Grants. The grants are distributed to municipalities, only a municipality can apply. The grants are now just for a one year term and are \$500,000 no matter the population. You may get the \$500,000 in economic development, housing and public facilities and emergency grants. Feasibility studies, you can get up to \$12,000 a year. Tonight's hearing is to discuss an emergency grant for Parker Ave in the

Hilltop Cooperative Park failed and failing septic systems. Ms. Lane asked if anyone had questions.

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing for CDBG funding for Hilltop Cooperative and invited public comment.

Selectman Bishop asked who applies for the loan? Ms. Lane stated the Park has to apply for the loan. Selectman Bishop asked for clarification that the Town will not be paying on the loan, the taxpayers will not be affected, is that correct? Ms. Lane stated it is a grant for the town and a loan for the Park.

Questions were taken from the public and answered.

Chairman Weldy stated that all questions must be stated into the microphone so that they can be put on the record.

Laurette Kennard came forward and asked if the plan covers just the area of where the grant is or other areas? Ms. Lane explained that the feasibility study looks at the whole area and what is in need of improvement of the water and the water drainage. What is being addressed right now is just the failing systems on Parker Avenue, this is an emergency. Emergency funds cannot be used for the rest of the problems.

A further discussion was held concerning what was going to be replaced using these emergency funds.

Chairman Weldy asked if there were any further questions from the public or the Board? Hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Chairman Weldy then stated he would open the public hearing on the Housing and Community Development Plan.

Ms. Lane stated that the Board needs to readopt the Housing and Community Development Plan with the wastewater systems in it.

Chairman Weldy asked if there were any comments from the public or the Board? Ms. Lynn Booth came forward and stated that if the Town is going to want a wastewater treatment plant, this is a good time to put it in. Chairman Weldy asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak? Hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Chairman Weldy then opened the public hearing on Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. Ms. Lane stated that whenever you apply for CDBG funds you have to adopt this plan, whether it applies or not. It states that if you are going to displace any household or business permanently or temporarily, you will find comparable housing in comparable neighborhoods for a comparable price. Again, nobody will be displaced, they will be putting in a community septic system, there will be no displacement.

Chairman Weldy asked if there were any comments from the public or the Board? Hearing none, Chairman Weldy closed the public hearing.

Motion by Selectmen Barnes to adopt the updated Housing and Community Development Fund, seconded by Selectman Dick Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that the Selectmen vote to approve the submittal of the application and vote to authorize the Chairman to sign and submit the application, and upon approval of the CDBG application, authorize the Chairman to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG contract, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectmen Barnes that the Selectmen vote to adopt the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan, seconded by Selectman Dick Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen then executed the documents provided by Ms. Lane and thanked her for her time.

Public Hearing to Accept Emergency Management Grant

Chairman Weldy stated that the Grant is in the amount of \$22,542.15 for the January snow event.

Chairman Weldy stated that this grant was applied for by Dennis McCarthy to aid towns around the state for the snow event in January.

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing and invited comment. Selectman Barnes thanked Dennis for applying for the grant and asked the Town Manager where this money goes. Town Manager Bates stated that this money goes into the General Fund to reduce taxes. This will show up as revenue.

Chairman Weldy asked if there were any further comments, hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

Motion by Selectman D. Wood to accept the Emergency Management Grant in the amount of \$22,542.15 for the January snow event, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Weldy stated that a five minute break would be taken prior to the next public hearing.

Chairman Weldy called the meeting back in session.

Public Hearing – Proposed Change to town ordinance to allow licensed trash haulers to operate in Raymond

Chairman Weldy stated that during this public hearing there will be no discussion other than amending the town ordinance to allow licensed trash haulers to operate in Raymond. Dan Post

of Haul-Away and a resident of Raymond, has met with Town Manager Bates and his suggestions have been incorporated into the draft ordinance.

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing and invited comment. Chairman Weldy stated that now is the time to come forward with your comments and suggestions. There are copies of this draft ordinance available on the table. A copy of the draft solid waste ordinance is also available at the Town Office Building.

The draft ordinance was discussed and changes were suggested.

Chairman Weldy asked for comments from the public.

Dan Post, Haul-Away and resident of Raymond came forward and wanted clarification that the licensed haulers could not only pick up dumpsters, but also curbside in containers, barrels or bags. Town Manager Bates stated yes that is correct.

Mr. Post stated that the section on requiring the private haulers to have a pick-up on a day other than when Waste Management is picking up to avoid confusion should be stricken. He felt that everyone knows what bags to pick up, Raymond's are green, etc. It could pose a burden for the collectors because Waste Management picks up in Raymond everyday. Town Manager Bates stated that this clause is in to help eliminate some confusion for the Waste Management people. If the private trash hauler customers put their trash in a barrel, the Waste Management people are not going to know it is not something they need to pick up until they open up the barrel, this causes a delay as they normally would not have even stopped if the bags were outside the barrel and not green. The Selectmen asked Mr. Post some questions and he answered them.

Several residents voiced their thanks for the Selectmen's support.

Chairman Weldy asked if there were any further questions from the public or the Board, hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Town Manager Bates then made some recommendations of minor changes. (Copy of final version of Solid Waste Ordinance is on file with the Town Clerk's Office).

On page 2 letter d, MSW may be disposed of in dumpsters or other containers meeting the terms of the ordinance. All residential dumpsters shall be no larger than 2 cubic yards. Said dumpster or other suitable container shall be collected weekly at the owner's expense by a licensed hauler. Additional service shall be provided at the owner's expense, as directed by the Town for those residential dumpsters or containers where offensive odors, excessive waste, or visible waste accumulates.

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the above change, seconded by Selectman Bemis.
Motion passed unanimously.**

On page 3, 2a, the Board of Selectmen shall collect a \$25.00 licensing fee for the administration of the permitting process and shall include provisions requiring sufficient information to

determine the capability of the licensee to meet the standards required by the Town in this and all other applicable ordinances.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the above change, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

On page 3, 2d, the Board of Selectmen shall require, as part of any license, the filing of reports with the Town on a monthly basis indicating the estimated tonnage of trash and recyclables, if separated, the number of customers, and the names and addresses of residences served. The Town requires this information for State filing requirements and to prevent redundant contracted municipal solid waste services.

Motion by Selectman Bishop to accept the above change, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

On page 3, 2e, The Board of Selectmen shall require that the licensed hauler be required to insure that in the event the homeowner chooses to place their trash in a barrel, that it be clearly marked with the name of the hauler or some other identifying feature.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the above change, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Manager Bates stated that the above is all the changes he found.

A copy of the final version of the Solid Waste Ordinance is available at the Town Offices.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to have the Board of Selectmen adopt the language of the municipal solid waste ordinance as amended this evening, as set forth tonight so that this solid waste ordinance may be presented to the voters of the Town of Raymond at a special town meeting for their consideration, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to have the Board of Selectmen warn a special town meeting to see if the town will adopt the solid waste ordinance discussed and approved tonight by the Board of Selectmen. The first session to be held on Tuesday, 16 August, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Raymond High School Cafeteria in the Town of Raymond. The second session to be held on Tuesday, 20 September 2005 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Iber Holmes Gove Middle School in the Town of Raymond, seconded by Selectman D. Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen gave their report.

The Town Manager gave his report.

Chairman Weldy went over various correspondence.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Bishop, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer
Selectmen's Secretary