

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Raymond High School Media Center by Chairman Norman Weldy. Members present: Jack Barnes, Frank Bishop and Greg Bemis. Absent: Dick Wood. Also present: Town Manager Rick Bates.

Chairman Weldy polled the Board to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(c). Jack Barnes – yes, Frank Bishop – yes, Greg Bemis – yes, Norm Weldy – yes. The Board entered into nonpublic session.

The Board came out of nonpublic session and voted to seal the minutes indefinitely.

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 public comment.

Mr. Hammond came forward and stated he was asked a question today by another Raymond resident and Mr. Hammond told the resident he would try to find the answer. The other resident was complaining about the broken window on the front of the old firehouse. The window has been broken since the Town Fair. Selectman Barnes asked the Town Manager to have the window fixed as soon as possible.

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to have the broken window in the old firehouse fixed as soon as possible, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Weldy asked if there were anyone else wishing to speak in public forum, hearing none, he closed the public forum.

### **Public Hearing**

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing for the second and final reading of Traffic Reconfiguration Ordinance for Middle School Construction.

Chairman Weldy read into the record the Ordinance (copy on file with Town Clerk).

Chairman Weldy then opened up public comment on this public hearing.

Mike Brazeau, Melody Lane, came forward and stated that the residents of Melody Lane, the Brusso family, Brown family, Lang family and his family, are all present tonight. They are all very much in favor of the construction of the school. However, the residents have some concerns. The concerns are: signage; they are requesting some additional signs as well. They would like to see, on the Epping Street side, 1) the blind person sign is no longer valid, the blind person passed away years ago. They would like that sign replaced with one that states “Slow, Children at Play”, or something to that effect. There are several young children on this street. The traffic coming and going just this past two weeks are going too fast on the street. 2) On the side where the Middle School is, a post should be erected with two signs placed on it, one saying

the same “Slow, Children at Play” and the other posting a speed limit sign. A discussion was held as to whether the speed limit sign could be 15 mph. Mr. Brazeau asked Town Manager Bates to look into what the lowest speed limit posted could be. Mr. Brazeau and the other residents are only concerned for the residents on Melody Lane and their children and grandchildren who are playing outside. The residents are looking to be proactive, not reactive. They would like a sign to alert people to check their speed and slow down.

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to put up a “Slow Children at Play” on both ends of Melody Lane, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to put up a speed limit sign 15 mph at the school side of Melody Lane, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.**

Tim Brusso came forward and stated that he is looking for a safety issue here. He coaches and there is JV, Varsity, Middle School, etc. all having games at the Middle School. There is a major safety issue with young teenagers driving and small children playing. He would like not to have a nightmare situation happen. Mr. Brusso stated that sometimes all it takes is a police officer sitting there at the end of a game. The police officer is welcome to sit in Mr. Brusso’s driveway if they would like.

Mr. Brazeau then continued with his concerns. The residents of Melody Lane would like reassurance that at the end of the construction the gate will return at the end of the road.

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to ensure that the gate be replaced at the end of the construction period, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Brazeau’s next concern was that if in the future they are not going to be using the old exit, School Street, like they are now, if it is deemed okay by the foreman that that exit, School Street, can be reopened to the public as it was before, then it will be done. Town Manager Bates stated that he believes that as soon as the old exit can be used again, it will go back to the way it was, no longer using Melody Lane. Chairman Weldy stated that Interim Superintendent Sandmann assured him that when this was all over and done with everything would go back to the way it was.

Mr. Brazeau’s next concern was on making the street a one-way street. This creates many problems for the residents. The residents understand the need to restrict traffic on the road to the general public, but they believe it is their right as residents of the street to be able to use the road to gain entrance to their homes. A discussion followed. It was agreed to try it as stated in the ordinance and if there are problems, the residents were told to come back before the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Weldy asked if anyone had any further questions, hearing none, he closed the public hearing.

**Motion by Selectman Bishop to adopt the Traffic Reconfiguration Ordinance for the Middle School as amended, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.**

**New Business**

**Introduction of David Sandmann, Interim Superintendent**

Chairman Weldy introduced Interim Superintendent David Sandmann. The Board welcomed Mr. Sandmann to Raymond. A question and answer session followed. The Board thanked Mr. Sandmann for his time.

**Finance Update – Grace Collette, Finance Director**

Finance Director Grace Collette gave a PowerPoint presentation on how the Town is doing financially. (copy on file with the Town Clerk).

There was a question and answer session after the presentation. The Board thanked Grace for her time.

**Unfinished Business**

**Raymond Business and Economic Development Council Changes to Rules and Procedures**

The Board was provided with a redlined version of the changes. The Board reviewed and discussed the document.

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the changes as drafted to the Raymond Business and Economic Development Council, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Weldy would like the record to reflect that Selectman Wood is absent tonight, they have a four-man board.

The Board of Selectmen gave their report.

Town Manager Bates had some correspondence from Larry Tirrell requesting to be allowed to come back before the Board of Selectmen for reconsideration of his request of snow removal on the sidewalks along Old Manchester Road. He has a petition that has been signed by approximately 75 people in town. The Board voted on this previously and voted to deny the request because the town does not have the proper equipment to plow the sidewalks effectively, also that the sidewalks do not begin or end at any development. It is the sidewalk that goes by the fire station up to the top of the exit ramp and back down again. Winter maintenance of that sidewalk is going to be expensive and it is going to be difficult. Mr. Tirrell is requesting to be placed back on an agenda so that he can come in with the petition. A discussion was held among the Board regarding this request.

**Motion by Selectman Barnes to allow Mr. Tirrell to be placed on the September 12, 2005 agenda to ask for reconsideration of the Board of Selectmen's decision on winter**

**maintenance of the sidewalk along Old Manchester Road, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed.**

It was decided that this will be placed on the September 12, 2005 agenda.

The Town Manager gave his report.

**Review/Adoption of Minutes**

The Minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.

**Motion by Selectman Barnes that the Minutes of August 8<sup>th</sup> as drafted be approved, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer  
Selectmen's Secretary