

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Bates.

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

Public Forum

Chairman Weldy stated that he is opening the public forum, however, he reminded everyone that there was only 20 minutes allotted.

Tim Louis, 10 Old Fremont Road came forward and voiced his concern over the EEE virus and asked what the town is anticipating doing. Mr. Louis stated that he took a ride around town tonight and saw the town's most precious assets, the children, out on the soccer fields, the football fields, etc. and there was a crowd of people out. There are numerous pools of stagnant water near the elementary school and that is the breeding ground for the mosquitoes and how it is spread.

Town Manager Bates stated that the Health Officer has made a recommendation which is exactly the same as the State's recommendation. That the best course of action is for individuals to use insect spray that contains deet, to wear long sleeve clothing, and to try to avoid being out at night. The effectiveness of spraying is very limited. It takes up to two weeks before it is effective and the fact that mosquitoes die within the first and second frost, his recommendation at the time was, and the State was not recommending spraying. The action the State was recommending was to make sure that people out at that time of the day use the appropriate insect repellent. Selectman Bishop asked if the State offered any assistance as to what should be done in the spring? The Health Officer was looking at the cost of spraying in the spring, a conservative spraying and what it would cost and how effective it is. One of the problems is that you are spraying a specific area, but there are mosquitoes throughout the town and birds come in from other towns that are infected. It is a tough thing to try and decide where to spray. Town Manager Bates believes Health Officer Mailhot will come forward with some type of number to put something on the warrant for next year for an amount of money to have a spraying program. It is costly.

Chairman Weldy stated that Mr. Louis's concerns are taken seriously and we are all concerned with what is happening in our town, however, the ball is in the Health Officer's court right now and in the spring when the larvae are getting ready to hatch is the best time to spray. Mr. Louis stated he understands, however, he feels that the children should not be out at the dusk when the mosquitoes are coming out. Mr. Louis feels it is up to the Selectmen to do something about stopping the children's sporting activities. Selectman Barnes stated that Mr. Louis is right, however, asked Mr. Louis if he has been before the School Board? Mr. Louis stated no, however, he will be seeing the Superintendent soon.

Chairman Weldy asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak in public forum.

Peter Buckingham, 75 Nottingham Road came forward to speak regarding the Raymond Business Park. Mr. Buckingham stated that an agreement was made with the Selectmen and administration and the Town Planner, etc. to work on an RFP to remedy the situation that had happened. Mr. Buckingham stated he is fully aware of how hard the Board is currently working on bringing business into this town and is very appreciative of the efforts in that regard, but the only concern he has is that now that the town planner has left, and he is still working with him, because Mr. Buckingham plans to meet with him on Wednesday of this week, pertaining to the RFP and he has been in contact with Jeff Taylor, who was the head of the Office of State Planning and he and Craig had been working on an RFP. Mr. Buckingham's concern is that the Planning Board needs an actual proposal to be worked on, sometime in December and we are getting down to the nitty gritty as to can a developer actually come back and give to us enough information, after he sends his engineers out to take a look and can we get that back in time to actually accomplish something with this December deadline for the planning board. Selectman Bishop asked what the planning board needs to do. Mr. Buckingham stated that the planning board needs to hear a proposal from a developer and the proposal from the developer cannot happen until the RFP is written for him to respond to. Selectman Bishop asked where it stands right now. Mr. Buckingham stated that right now he is meeting with Craig on Wednesday and Rick has been pushing for this and Craig has to, but they have been working so hard on the other business proposals that this hasn't been done yet, but it might be on Wednesday, Mr. Buckingham is not certain. Selectman Bishop stated that the last time he discussed this it was before Craig left and Craig stated that the RFP would be done before he left. Mr. Buckingham stated yes, and Craig stated that to the public at one of the meetings and it hasn't been done. It isn't anyone's fault, but the only concern is that something has to be done in order to get a proposal from a developer before the December deadline. Selectman Bishop asked Mr. Buckingham what he would like the Board of Selectmen to do? Mr. Buckingham stated that if something is not done by Wednesday or by the end of this week, he does not know what the answer is. He is only expressing concerns. He didn't come with any answers. Selectman Wood asked if Mr. Buckingham is talking about an RFP that should go to the economic development council or are you talking about zoning ordinances that would go before the planning board for a March town meeting. Town Manager Bates believed the idea is that the RFP would come in and it may require zoning changes that would have to be worked on by the planning board. Chairman Weldy asked Peter if this wouldn't be better served by having the Raymond Business & Economic Development Council work on this. They are looking for something to do, give this to them and let them run with it. Peter stated he does not care who does it, he wants something to go before the voters in March. He does not want this to wait another year. Selectman Bemis stated that what has happened with Craig leaving is not within the control of the Board of Selectmen. It wasn't an intentional thing. Peter agreed that it wasn't intentional. Selectman Wood stated that he does not want to see this thing rushed just to get this on the March town meeting. Peter stated he agrees he wants it done right, however, the planning board has chosen that this is one of the top three priorities to get done this year. The planning board cannot do anything if they do not have an RFP from a developer. Selectman

Bishop stated that the town has a temporary planner working for us and asked Town Manager Bates if the interim planner could pick up on the RFP and finish it if Craig cannot finish it. Town Manager Bates stated that the interim planner is only here two days a week and having him do this will take him off other projects. Selectman Bishop asked Town Manager Bates to ask him. Chairman Weldy asked if there is any place else the Town can go for assistance? Town Manager Bates stated that the State has offered assistance to help with the Exit 4 development because that seems to be one of the priorities, it is moving on a fast track. Roy Duddy's office called today to set up a meeting with a group of people and see what kind of services they can put together for us to help with the Exit 4 project. The wetlands mitigation component of Exit 4, the sewer component of Exit 4, the tax increment financing component of Exit 4 and the sewer overlay district is a very complex issue that is going to be coming before the planning board. Adding this onto the plate now without a planner is going to be tough. It is possible that Jack Munn, it depends on the level of work that Craig has gotten done on that RFP, if Craig got it pretty near done and it just needs to be tweaked into place and sent out, it is possible Jack Munn could get that done and then get the results in. Then it could go back to the planning board to look over. But not knowing how far Craig has gotten, he cannot commit to anything. Chairman Weldy asked Peter to get back in touch with Town Manager Bates after his meeting with Craig on Wednesday and let him know how far Craig has gotten. Selectman Bishop asked Peter to let him know what the results are of his meeting with Craig. Selectman Wood questions whether even if Craig has the RFP completed, he was not sure if there is enough time to accomplish everything that needs to be done prior to March Town Meeting. However, he feels that everything should still go forward on this project to ready it for the following March Meeting. Peter Buckingham thanked the Selectmen for their efforts on keeping this going and he is still hoping that this can be completed for this March's Town Meeting.

Chairman Weldy then closed the public forum portion of the meeting.

Public Hearing

Homeland Security Grant Award for Fire Department

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing and invited public comment. Fire Chief Pratt and Deputy Fire Chief Hammond came forward and explained that this grant is a joint effort between the Raymond Fire Department, Epping Fire Department and Deerfield Fire Department in the amount of \$22,515.93 for the purchase of a trailer equipped with emergency management supplies, first aid kits and backboards. The trailer has 100 backboards and enough equipment for 100 injured people. This trailer will move around. The Deerfield Fair will get it during the Deerfield Fair week and it will sit at the West Epping Station most of the time. Raymond will be able to pick it up and take it to the race tracks if needed. All three towns have vehicles that can tow it. The State thought this was such a good idea they are talking about making this a model throughout the State of New Hampshire. Possibly having six of them set up around the State.

Chairman Weldy asked for any public comments, hearing none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the \$22,515.93 grant, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

New Hampshire Fire Protection Initiative Grant Award to Raymond Fire Department

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing and invited public comment. This is a \$2,000 grant for the installation of a dry hydrant on the Lamprey River at Prescott Road.

The Board thanked Deputy Chief Hammond for his efforts in getting these dry hydrants in around town.

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

Motion by Selectman Bishop to accept the \$2,000 grant for the dry hydrant, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Burning of Domestic Solid Waste – Proposed Ordinance – Fire Chief Pratt

This ordinance has been developed to help the Fire Department take the appropriate enforcement actions against individuals burning domestic waste.

Chairman Weldy opened the discussion on this ordinance. Town Manager Bates stated that this draft ordinance is being checked by town counsel and there are a few minor issues that are being worked out to bring this ordinance into compliance with state statute. This is basically under the selectmen's emergency powers to be able to adopt this. Fire Chief Pratt stated that this can be adopted for a period of one year under the Selectmen's emergency powers pursuant to RSA 47:17, after that in order to continue the ordinance, it would have to be brought before the voters at a town meeting.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to put this on the agenda for October 17th for the first public hearing, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

This will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Lamprey River Elementary School. Some of the items being accepted are oil base paint, pesticides, fertilizer, cleaning products, anti-freeze and pool chemicals. Please note there is a five gallon or five pound limit.

Zoning Board Appointments

This is for the appointment of Joyce Wood and Chuck White to the Zoning Board as full members.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to appoint Joyce Wood as a full member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to appoint Charles White as a full member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Barnes asked if they could put Mr. Witham next on the agenda as he is in the audience. The Board agreed that would be okay.

Witham Countryside Homes Water Connection

Mr. Witham came forward. Town Manager Bates stated that Mr. Witham came before the Board back in June and there were a number of requirements requested with the Town of Raymond, Town of Fremont, and the State of New Hampshire. Dennis McCarthy put this together as an ordinance, but when Town Manager Bates spoke with Dennis today he stated it actually should be an action, which is slightly different, it doesn't need a public hearing. The Board just needs to formalize, if they so choose, formalize this agreement that Mr. Witham has worked out with the Public Works Director for the provision of bulk water to service Countryside Homes Incorporated. Mr. Witham has done everything that was asked of him. All that needs to be done now is for the Selectmen to give him permission to be hooked up to the Town of Raymond. It is a metered service, so no costs shall be incurred by the Town of Raymond. The quarterly water bill will be sent to Mr. Witham, he is responsible for the bill.

Selectman Barnes asked for a letter from the Town of Fremont Board of Selectmen stating that they are aware of Mr. Witham's agreement with the Town of Raymond to provide water to 80 homes.

Discussion among the Board as to whether Mr. Witham should be paying for hook-up for only 54 homes that exist now and pay for additional homes as they are hooked up.

For 54 homes the hook-up cost would be \$22,950 instead of \$34,000. Town Manager Bates stated that if this is how the Board wants to go with number 6, it can be worded to allow Mr. Witham the flexibility to not have to come back in here, he would just come in and pay the \$425 for each new hookup for the duration of the contract (three years).

Motion by Selectman Wood to reword this item from an ordinance to an action, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that this action not be valid until such time as the Board of Selectmen receive a letter from the Fremont Board of Selectmen indicating their knowledge that this water line will service up to 80 homes on Mr. Witham's property, not just the fire hydrant, as specified in the letter already received, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood, that with receipt of the letter from the Fremont Board of Selectmen, this Board approve the action with the change on number 6 that there would be a fee charged to Mr. Witham of \$425 for every home hooked up to the water line, up to 80 homes. Right now there are 54 homes x \$425 = \$22,950. Mr. Witham must notify the Board of Selectmen when any homes past the 54 already there are hooked up, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Bishop suggested that in the Town of Raymond's best interest, Town Manager Bates send a letter to the Town of Fremont requesting that they keep the Town of Raymond abreast of any development in that area.

Mr. Witham thanked the Board of Selectmen for their help in this matter.

Licensing Process For Solid Waste Haulers

Chairman Weldy stated that as everyone knows the vote on the September 20, 2005 Special Town Meeting passed a new ordinance to allow outside haulers to collect, transport and dispose of municipal solid waste. The ordinance states the selectmen will establish and administer the process for the issuance of municipal solid waste disposal licenses for eligible contractors. There is a simple two step process, first the application, with the ordinance attached to allow us to determine that the applicant is qualified under the ordinance, as well as a signed statement that the applicant has received, read and is able to comply with the ordinance as adopted. Next, there is a license, whereby the selectmen, not the town manager, approve and grant the license.

The license application was discussed among the Board of Selectmen and questions were asked of the Town Manager.

Chairman Weldy asked Town Manager Bates what will happen to the people who already have a dumpster bigger than 2 cubic yards. Town Manager Bates stated that everyone was already pre-warned that under the ordinance they would have to go down to a 2 cubic yard dumpster.

All permit application will expire one year from today.

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the application for a private hauler and the issuance of a permit to collect, transport and dispose of municipal solid waste as presented, and licensing procedure, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Bishop made a recommendation that the residents who do not participate in the pay-as-you-throw program but still put out recycling to be picked up (the recycling pick-up is funded through the pay-as-you-throw program), should no longer be picked up by the Town. That Waste Management be notified not to pick up recycling at those residences and the recycling bin provided by the Town be picked up and taken away. A discussion followed regarding this issue and what could be done. It was decided that most people who have a private hauler pickup their trash would not be separating their trash, but the few who still do separate it would be too hard to police.

The Board of Selectmen gave their report.

The Town Manager gave his report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Selectmen's Secretary/
Recording Secretary