

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17, 2005 APPROVED

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Bates.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to enter non-public, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Chairman Weldy polled the Board to go into non-public pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e). Jack – yes; Dick – yes, Frank – yes, Greg – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to exit non-public and seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

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 asking people to please come up, state their name, state their concern and try to keep it short.

Paul Brown came forward and passed out a memo that requested naming of the water tower be named after the family who has owned the land for the last couple hundred years. The owner that the Town bought it from, asked Paul one evening if the Town could name it after someone in the family. This is what prompted Paul to produce the memo. The former owner emailed to Mr. Brown what he would like to call it and Paul is requesting the Board of Selectmen to take this request under advisement. The name requested is the “Carol Huddelston Memorial Reservoir”. Mr. Brown thanked the Board for their time.

Motion by Selectman Bishop to take this request under advisement, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Lyman Hammond came forward and asked about the progress of the Scribner Road matter. Town Manager Bates stated that he received a letter from Town Counsel laid out with some potential options. It is very complicated. Town Manager Bates had a meeting with Mr. Melanson, who is the property owner that abuts the property and he had some other information that was forwarded to Town Counsel to look over. It is now back in Town Counsel’s hands. Mr. Hammond stated that he thought everyone was going to get together and talk about it with Town Counsel before any actions were taken. Town Manager Bates stated that no action has been taken. Town Manager Bates stated that his belief is that Mr. Melanson had some additional information that he did not bring forward at the meeting, it was forwarded to Town Counsel, that was after Town Counsel made recommendations of what the options were that the Town has. The Selectmen need to decide how much money, time and effort they want to put into this at some point in time because all of this is costing money. The plan was and is to get Mr. Hammond together with the other two abutters, along with Town Counsel to discuss a possible solution. Chairman Weldy stated that at this point this matter is still in the hands of Town Counsel

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and there is no definite answer at this time. When Town Counsel has completed their research, Mr. Hammond will be notified and all the people that are interested to come to the meeting. Mr. Hammond thanked the Board.

Mr. Hammond's second question was if any progress has been made on the Industrial Park that Peter Buckingham was interested in? Town Manager Bates stated that Mr. Buckingham was in at the last meeting and asked the very same question. It does not look promising. He was supposed to be meeting with Craig Wheeler, Town Manager Bates is not sure if that meeting happened or not. To see what the status was of the RFP. Because Craig Wheeler has left the employment of the Town, and the RFP was in some state of completion, this is now up in the air. The reality is, getting it done, sent out, returned and put into a format that could go onto the ballot for this year is unlikely. Town Manager Bates stated that the interviews for the Town Planner position are scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2005.

Mr. Hammond inquired as to why he has a different agenda. He was told that there were three agenda's made due to some last minute additions, it was necessary to do two amendments after each one was posted.

Steve Georgopoulos came forward and asked some questions regarding the maintenance of the grass at the high school. Chairman Weldy stated that that is a school board issue, it has nothing to do with the Selectmen. The Selectmen does not enter into the school board issues and the school board does not enter into town issues. If that is a question you have, hold it for the school board meeting.

Mr. Georgopoulos had another inquiry regarding the transfer facility and it was answered.

Mr. Georgopoulos had some questions regarding the trash pickup. Town Manager Bates answered them.

Chairman Weldy stated time was up for public forum and went on to New Business.

New Business

Board and Committee Appointments.

Kevin Woods introduced Jim Holmes and he came forward for his interview. The appointment will be made at the October 24th meeting.

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The Board thanked the Raymond Cable TV Committee for all their hard work and dedication in all they do for the Town of Raymond and Channel 22.

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Request for Upgrade Shirking Road

Mr. Witham came forward and stated that this request is in regard to Paradise Ridge Mobile Home Park. They are getting ready to do Phase VII and are asking the Board's permission to cross Shirking Road. It hasn't been used in a number of years, but it has never been closed. They will use only about 150 feet of it and they will bring it up to standards to meet the rest of the development. Mr. Witham stated that he owns both sides of the Shirking Road, so it doesn't interfere with anyone else's property and if there is no problem, Mr. Witham would like permission to be able to cross the road. This will not cost the Town anything. Chairman Weldy asked Mr. Witham if he is going to bring this up to the standards and maintain this road? Mr. Witham stated yes. Town Manager Bates stated that his recommendation would be that if the Board wants to consider this request, that they forward it to the planning board for their recommendation, also to the public works director for his recommendation and have that come back to the board, if the Board wants to go further with this.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that this matter be forwarded to the Planning Board and Dennis McCarthy, Public Works Director for their recommendation, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Contract for statistical update of all taxable and non-taxable properties – Norm Pelletier

Town Manager Bates stated that the Board has a copy of a contract from Norm Pelletier. As you remember the Board has been working towards the statistical update, which is basically the revaluation that is going to be required by the State in 2006. We have been working towards this for some years, with some background work that we are able to do in house. We have also purchased a tablet that the assessor uses to do the statistical analysis and this update much more efficiently. The Assessor has developed this contract agreement for him to do what is required to meet the assessing standards for the requirement in the year 2006. We need to get started on this as soon as possible if we are going to meet that requirement in 2006. If the Board so chooses, Town Manager Bates will execute the contract.

Motion by Selectman Wood that the Board authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Norm Pelletier to perform the data upgrade services that are required as part of the State's 2006 revaluation, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Bid Opening For Surplus Equipment

The first bid is from Kevin Hammond – for the 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, he bid \$352.00.

The second bid is from Denise O'Grady – for the 32" broadcast spreader tow-behind, she bid \$12.00.

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The third bid is from Patrick O'Grady – Tubing Bender \$20, soil aerator attachment \$5, 32” broadcast spreader tow-behind \$8.00.

The fourth bid is from Barry Moses – 1998 Ford Crown Victoria - \$432; 1995 Crown Victoria \$32.00, 2000 Crown Victoria \$532, 1988 2500 4 x 4 with plow \$632, plow blades \$11.00, Gravelly Snow Blower attachment \$8.00, soil aerator \$11.00, Vicon seeder-spreader attachment \$12.00, Craftsmen lawn tractor mower \$10.00, 32” push broadcast spreader \$6.00, 32” broadcast spreader tow behind \$7.00.

The fifth bid is from Rick Greenwood – 1995 Crown Victoria \$300, the 2000 Crown Victoria \$300.

The six bid is from Alan Fenstermaker – 1988 Chevy 2005 4 x 4 with plow \$200.

Chairman Weldy stated that is it for bids. The Town reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Town Manager Bates will bring something back to the Board before any decision is made on the above bids.

Bid Opening on Fire Truck

Crimson Fire, Inc. proposes to supply, subject to the Town of Raymond’s acceptance of this proposal and proper execution of the attached contract, the following apparatus and equipment will be billed in accordance with the attached specifications.

1. 2006 Crimson Custom Rescue - Pumper on Spartan custom chassis. \$339,969.00.
2. Greenwood Fire Apparatus – Option 1: Typhoon \$299,984; Option 2: Cyclone \$373,807. Option 1: Westerbake 7.6 Kilowatt diesel water cooled with extra RT PTO system \$34,900; Option 2: PTO 10 kilowatt hydraulic generator pump \$26,900; Option 3: Chassis only cost once manufactured with the available discount options, if this chassis is paid for by the Town of Raymond upon this manufactured proposal may deduct for bid price. The deduction of performance bond deduct \$1,000. Option 1: Typhoon \$298,984, without bond. Option 2: Cyclone \$372, 807 without bond.

Chief Kevin Pratt stated that all packages will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made.

Building Permit Request on Stingy River Road – Decision and Possible Action

Town Manager Bates stated that this has come before the Board before and then went to the Planning Board for their recommendation. It has come back from the Planning Board with their recommendation and further investigation was started in how Mr. White got a building permit. After a lot of investigation, it was found that Mr. White’s building permit was granted by the ZBA back around 1994, a variance was granted that goes with the land. When it came to the time for granting the building permit, the Board of Selectmen granted the building permit based on the fact that the variance had already

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been granted by the ZBA. Whether that was done correctly or not done correctly, who knows, that is not in question here. That was what was done at the time and there is no reason that if it was done incorrectly once that the Board should continue to do it incorrectly. Currently the request is before the Board. It went before the Planning Board, the Planning Board has denied it for the second time and it is before the Board again. The way the White's got a building permit was it was granted a variance back in 1994 and then when the property owner came in in 1996, the Board of Selectmen at the time granted a permit based on the fact that it already granted a variance and there was a release agreement. Chairman Weldy stated that in the Board's packet there are two letters. One from the interim planner and one from the Chairman of the Board of the Planning Board and their recommendations. Town Manager Bates stated that Mrs. Varney is here tonight. She is the property owner. Mrs. Varney came forward and stated her concerns and belief that she should be granted the building permit.

Motion by Selectman Bishop to send this matter to Town Counsel for their recommendation, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Tax Abatement for the NH Land Surveyors Foundation – Discussion and Possible Action

Town Manager Bates stated that this matter came before the Board previously and tabled until the NH Land Surveyors Foundation changed the charter to reflect that they are required to grant scholarship assistance. There is a letter from Town Counsel stating that they have changed their charter requiring the above as part of their charter. There is also clarification from Town Counsel with some recommendations on some questions that the Board could and should ask before granting this. Chairman Weldy stated that without the applicant here tonight, this matter should be tabled.

Motion by Selectman Wood to have Town Manager Bates submit a letter asking the questions to the NH Land Surveyors Foundation so that once he comes back before the Board he has the answers to the questions, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen gave their reports.

Chairman Weldy read through the correspondence.

The Town Manager gave his report.

At this point the flyer that was sent out by Mr. Hussey was discussed. The Board of Selectmen want Town Manager Bates to contact Town Counsel and see if the Town has any recourse against Mr. Hussey for the mass mailing of the flyer to Raymond residents with incorrect statements regarding municipal trash pickup. The Board of Selectmen believe this was a scare tactic by Mr. Hussey in order to get the residents in a panic and to call him and sign up with him. Town Manager Bates will report back to the Board of Selectmen before they will sign his permit.

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Town Manager Bates explained that if a resident chooses the option having a private hauler other than using the green bags with the Town of Raymond seal on it, they are opting out of the entire system, which is the collection of their trash and of their recyclables. The Town will no longer collect the recyclables, if it is not accompanied with a green bag. If they are hiring a private hauler to collect their trash, the Town will no longer stop at their house and collect their recyclables. Selectman Barnes asked Town Manager Bates how the determination will be made between those residents that are no longer using Waste Management for trash pickup and those who don't put a bag out every week? Town Manager Bates stated that one of the major discussion items at the meeting on the ordinance was whether the haulers should be required to provide the names and addresses of the people that they are contracting with. That item was left in the ordinance. The private haulers are required to submit a list to us of all of the places they are collecting from. That will be forwarded to Waste Management so we can tell them not to collect from those residences. But that doesn't guarantee that someone doesn't find a way to circumvent the system. Further discussion was held on the pros and cons of recyclable pickup with participation in pay-as-you-throw.

Town Manager Bates stated that Rochester is now looking to go to pay-as-you-throw.

Minutes

Motion by Selectman Wood to accept the Minutes of October 3, 2005 as drafted, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer
Selectmen's Secretary/Recording Secretary