

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

Chairman Weldy opened the public forum and invited public comment.

Buster Hammond came forward with some concerns regarding commercial development in Raymond. Town Manager Bates explained what should be done when new development comes to town. Mr. Hammond also voiced concerns over the attention the town manager was giving to the exit 4 development and that he should also give equal attention to the Raymond Business Park information.

Kevin Woods came forward and asked for clarification of how the capital reserve trust funds work. Selectman Dick Wood tried to give Mr. Wood an explanation of how the capital reserve trust funds work.

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

Public Hearing

To accept the donation in the amount of \$150.00 from the Raymond Tucker Masonic Lodge for the DARE Program.

Chairman Weldy opened the public hearing and invited public comment.

Selectman Wood stated that this is great; these funds go to help drug awareness in the school-aged children.

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

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept the \$150.00 donation from the Raymond Tucker Masonic Lodge for the DARE Program and that a letter of thanks be sent to the Tucker Lodge, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Interview of Cody Cramer for Conservation Commission appointment

The Board interviewed Mr. Cramer for a full member position that is opened on the Conservation Commission. Chairman Weldy stated that this is an interview only. The decision for appointment will be at the next regular business meeting. Selectman Bishop stated that the minutes given to the Board of Selectmen from the Conservation Committee incorrectly reflect that Mr. Bishop voted for Mr. Cramer. Mr. Bishop stated

he abstained due to being on the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Bishop has notified Sharon Walls, the recording secretary and the minutes will be amended to reflect the correct vote.

Mr. Cramer came forward and the Board of Selectmen proceeded to interview him.

Town Manager Bates stated that he doesn't feel Pat Larney, Chairman of the Ethics Committee will be able to give this Board an answer next week on this issue. He will need to bring this before the Ethics Committee before giving a recommendation. The Board of Selectmen would also like Mr. Cramer to come back on the 6th to answer any questions Mr. Larney may have.

Selectman Barnes stated that he would like to hold off on the vote on this until the Selectmen have an answer from the Ethics Committee on this conflict of interest issue.

Chairman Weldy stated that the Final Adoption of the Town Warrant was being moved to the bottom of the agenda.

Winter Snow Removal – Dennis McCarthy

Public Works Director McCarthy came forward, along with Alan Fenstermaker, Highway Foreman. Chairman Weldy stated that they are here at the request of the Board of Selectmen so that they could answer a question from a citizen. The citizen is in attendance tonight also.

There was a discussion held between Mr. Glidden and Public Works Director McCarthy and Mr. Fenstermaker.

The Board thanked Mr. Fenstermaker for coming in.

Thibeault Excavation Permit – Town Water Supply

Town Manager Bates stated that this is an item that has been in the works for quite some time. One of things that the town has been concerned with is protecting aquifers for future development by the town. One of the best aquifers in town that has the best potential is at the tee-ball field.

Chairman Weldy stated that he will turn this over to Dennis McCarthy, Attorney Sharon Somers and Steven Dunbar, representative for the Thibeault Companies. Attorney Somers gave an overview of what has been happening at the Planning Board level and otherwise. Attorney Somers went over the documents for the Board of Selectmen's signature and what it all entailed.

Motion by Selectman Wood that the Board of Selectmen instruct the Town Manager to work with Attorney Somers to set up public hearings to facilitate this, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Cassier/Abdullah Conservation Subdivision

This matter has gone before the Planning Board and is now back before the Board of Selectmen. This matter is part of a proposed conservation subdivision; the applicant is conveying a large tract of open space to the Town of Raymond, with timber rights to be retained for a period of 25 years by Mr. and Mrs. Cassier. The proposed deed contains provisions, which will ensure that the land remains in an undeveloped state; and which may be used by members of the public. The deed also reflects the obligation of the Cassier's to pay any timber tax which may accrue, and it reflects the obligation of the Cassiers to pay any timber tax which will accrue, and it reflects the Cassiers' offer to make a lump sum payment representing the tax value of the conveyed property for a period of 25 years.

Attorney Somers gave an overview of this matter from the beginning to the end and recommends that this be approved.

Motion by Selectman Wood that the Board of Selectmen instruct Town Manager Bates to work with Attorney Somers to set up the two public hearings in order to move this matter forward, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Dumpsters at Riverview Manor

Town Manager Bates stated that this item is a follow-up from the conversation on dumpsters the Board of Selectmen had previously. The dumpsters at Riverview Manor were costing the town basically \$6,000 a year. The Board recommended that Town Manager Bates come up with a solution. Town Manager Bates and Dennis McCarthy had a meeting with the Condo Association's Management Company and they have come up with a potentially viable solution. The Condo Management Company stated that they have no where to place the green bags and recycling so they do need the dumpsters. However, they have agreed to pay the town for the monthly cost of the dumpsters. Dennis McCarthy will bill the Condo Association monthly for the cost as it varies from month to month depending on environmental fees and a gas fee.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to have Dennis McCarthy bill Riverview Manor Condo Association monthly for the cost of the dumpsters currently at Riverview Manor, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway Safety Committee Request for Cross Road to be posted as "No Thru Trucking"

This is a road currently used frequently as a short cut from Mountain Road to Route 27. Harriman Hill Road and Prevere Road are currently posted "No Thru Trucking" and this road should be added.

Motion by Selectman Barnes for the first public hearing on February 6th, following the second public hearing on February 27th, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Bestway Contract

Town Manager Bates stated that it is time to start negotiations to renew the contract with Bestway for the operation of the transfer facility. Town Manager Bates asked for one of the Selectmen to sit in on the negotiations. The first meeting is February 7th. Selectman Wood volunteered and Chairman Weldy agreed, placing Selectman Bishop as the alternate. Town Manager asked the Selectmen to review the contract and if there was anything they would like added or changed to please let him know prior to the 7th.

Request to hold information night and coffee to answer questions relative to the exit 4 development – Discussion and Possible Action

Selectman Barnes stated that this was a great idea. Selectman Bishop asked how that would be done. Town Manager Bates stated that there are two options. The Board briefly discussed this at the All Boards meeting and the Boards stated they were interested, but bring it back to the Board of Selectmen for discussion. The Board of Selectmen could sponsor it, or the Raymond Business & Economic Development Council could sponsor it. Selectman Barnes stated that the Council should sponsor it that is their job. The Board of Selectmen agreed that the RBEDC should sponsor this. Town Manager stated that the first information meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. The second part would be a coffee session on a Saturday, March 11th from 9:00 to 11:00 for people who might not be able to make the Tuesday night meeting. It is a chance for people who may be a little reluctant to come up to a microphone and ask questions. They can meet face-to-face with the developer, his engineers, the traffic engineers, the wastewater people, the specialists on TIF financing, the RBEDC would be there, the Board of Selectmen so they could answer questions as to why this is important to the Town of Raymond, the Town Manager will be there, as well as a number of other people. These sessions will be held at the Raymond High School Cafeteria. Town Manager Bates stated that the RBEDC met last Thursday and are going to be meeting every Thursday for a while because they are working on plans for getting the word out about the importance of exit 4. Mr. Pease came forward and explained that he wanted to have “meet and greet” with the residents to help answer questions and get a more informal look at what is proposed. Chairman Weldy stated that this is an open invitation to all the Boards and Committees and residents of Raymond.

Motion by Selectman Wood to authorize the Raymond Business & Economic Development Council to work with Mr. Pease to provide an information night on March 7 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and March 11 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Raymond High School Cafeteria, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Change in status for RBEDC Member Tim Louis

Chairman Weldy stated he received a letter of resignation from Wayne Welch from the Raymond Business & Economic Development Council. The new Chairman is Dennis Lydon. Due to the resignation of Wayne Welch there is an opening on the committee. The RBEDC recommended that Tim Louis be changed from alternate to full member.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to promote Tim Louis from alternate to full member on the Raymond Business & Economic Development Council, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Final Adoption of the Town Warrant

Town Manager Bates stated that the two big things on the table tonight are Article 17, which is the budget.

Motion by Selectman Wood that the Board of Selectmen only include the tax impact on Article 21, the Town Operating Budget, in the text, as this is consistent with last year's Town Operating Budget Article, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to approve the Budget Committee's recommended Operating Budget amount, which is \$7,127,094, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that Article 1 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 2 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 3 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 4 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 5 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 6 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bishop that Article 7 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bishop that Article 8 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bishop that Article 9 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bemis that Article 10 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 11 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bishop that Article 12 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that Article 13 be put on the ballot as printed, seconded by Selectman Bemis for discussion. A discussion followed regarding this Article. Selectman Barnes withdrew his motion and Selectman Bemis withdrew his second.

Article 14 is a petition warrant article and cannot be changed by the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen decided to skip this Article.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that Article 15 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that Article 16 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bishop that Article 17 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 18 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Weldy that Article 19 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Weldy that Article 20 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that Article 21 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 22 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 23 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 24 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 25 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 26 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 27 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 28 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 29 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bemis that Article 30 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 31 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 32 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 33 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 34 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that Article 35 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that Article 36 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to not include Article 37 on the ballot, seconded by Selectman Barnes. The Board of Selectmen felt that it is not appropriate at this time, until further information on what needs to be done can be obtained. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood that Article 38 be put on the ballot as printed, with the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Hoelzel stated that if she was aware that the Board of Selectmen were going to take Article 37 out of the warrant articles, she would have put in a petitioned warrant article for it. She stated she felt that the Board of Selectmen misled her until it was too late to put a petitioned article in.

The Board of Selectmen gave their reports.

Town Manager Bates gave his report.

Minutes

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006 as printed, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the minutes of January 17, 2006 as printed, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer
Selectmen's Secretary/Recording Secretary