

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

Motion by Selectman Wood to seal the non-public minutes until no longer necessary, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Weldy opened the public forum and invited public comment.

Peter Buckingham came forward and asked if there was an answer to the potential tax increase or lack thereof, the maximum and the minimum that he had requested from the Board last week. Town Manager Bates indicated that he did not get to that request. Town Manager Bates stated that the answer would be given before the election. Mr. Buckingham's other question was about new businesses that have come to Raymond within the last year, he was asking for a number. Chairman Weldy stated that Mr. Buckingham could get that information from Richard Mailhot, the Code Enforcement Officer. Further discussion was held between the Selectmen and Mr. Buckingham regarding new businesses and the jobs that have been brought here to Raymond because of it.

Chairman Weldy asked if there was anyone else for public forum, hearing none, he closed the public forum.

New Business:

Chairman Weldy stated that he has the distinct pleasure of recognizing one of the volunteers in this town whose name was put in to be recognized for the "Top 40 under 40 in the State of New Hampshire". Her work with the Raymond Coalition for Youth and the Raymond Recreation Department has been exemplary. While she is but one member of the active Coalition group who all deserve recognition for the dedication and hard work, the recognition by the Union Leader is something the Coalition and the Town of Raymond should be proud of. Recognition by the Board of Selectmen is not simply a recognition of her work but also the success of all of the individuals that have made the Coalition work. This person is Celeste Clark. Chairman Weldy then asked Celeste to come forward and accept the proclamation from the Selectmen.

Chairman Weldy also recognized Pam Turcotte, Tammy Reardon and Kelly Lehman, who are also Board Members of the Raymond Coalition for Youth and who are all instrumental in keeping the Coalition going.

Chief Salois came forward and explained that the Raymond Coalition for Youth is really up and coming. It is a great organization and there are also other members that are not present tonight that unfortunately could not make it and Chief Salois recognized them for

their hard work and dedication. They are Julie Hazel-Felch, Stephen Sloan and Michael Chouinard. The Raymond Coalition for Youth works as a group throughout the community, made up for all different people from different organizations within the community. All getting together to move forward in assist the youth in the community. The Coalition has put on a number of programs. Most recently was Family Fun Night at the Middle School, which was well attended and a lot of information was passed onto the community.

Request for an Eagle Scout Project

Shawn Dawson came forward and presented his proposed eagle scout project of building and placing bat houses around Raymond to help decrease the mosquito population. There will be a sign up sheet placed at the Town Offices for residents to sign and give permission for Mr. Dawson to place bat houses on their property. Town Manager Bates stated that Mr. Dawson would need to get approval from the School Board to place bat houses on school property. Mr. Dawson stated that one bat eats up to approximately 4,000 mosquitoes per night and each bat house holds approximately 10-15 bats. The Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Dawson for doing his part in keeping the mosquito population down. Mr. Dawson stated he was looking for donations of the materials.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to accept Shawn Dawson's Eagle Scout Project, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Advisory Board

Chris Gillen was asked to step forward for his interview. Selectman Bemis, the Selectmen representative to the Recreation Advisory Board stated that Mr. Gillen would make a great candidate for appointment. The Board of Selectmen then interviewed Mr. Gillen and stated that the appointment is not done at the same meeting as the interview. He need not attend the next meeting, however, that is when the appointment would take place.

Motion by Selectman Wood to appoint Angel Miller to the Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Designation of 30 minute parking for elections – Action

Because school is in session on voting day, Kathy Hoelzel and Tim Louis have requested a posted 30-minute parking area in order to have open spaces for the citizens to park.

Motion by Selectman Wood that the Selectmen create a 30-minute parking zone in the parking lot adjacent to the gym at the high school for the March 14, 2006 voting, along with at least two handicap spaces and with approval of the School Board, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

At this point Selectman Bemis stated he felt that the Board of Selectmen made a grave error at the February 13th meeting in allowing the discussion of draft minutes of a conservation commission meeting to be publicly aired. Draft minutes are unofficial until voted on by a committee and then become public record. They had no place in front of this televised board and it is for this reason that he would like to make a motion for a public apology to the conservation commission and the citizens of Raymond for the information presented on that night to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion by Selectman Bemis to have the Board of Selectmen apologize to the conservation commission for allowing a discussion of the draft minutes of the conservation commission to be aired at the Board of Selectmen February 13th meeting, seconded by Selectman Wood for discussion.

Selectman Barnes stated he felt it was out of place and would not vote for it. Selectman Wood stated that he feels that with all the discussion last week, he feels it has been covered and he understands Selectman Bemis feeling, but feels that this is a dead issue and should be left alone.

Chairman Weldy called for a vote. Selectman Barnes – No; Selectman Wood – No; Selectman Bishop – No. Motion failed.

Selectman Bemis then wanted to comment on posting on campaign signs as he has received a lot of telephone calls on this issue over the last week.

Town Manager Bates stated he has already had a discussion with both moderators about next year and preparing a package that can be handed to every candidate that contains the Town sign ordinance, the State sign ordinance and some recommendations from the two moderators of the election to help guide the candidates through that process. Both moderators thought that that was a good idea. Town Manager Bates stated that he could not take credit for this idea it was presented to him, however, he could not remember that person's name.

At this point Chairman Weldy had to leave and Vice Chairman Barnes took over.

Operation of the Transfer Station – Paul St. Hilaire – Discussion

Paul St. Hilaire and Archie St. Hilaire have sent a letter to the Selectmen (copy on file with the Town Clerk). They are looking to add to the list of acceptable items, solid waste. Bestway would bear all costs associated with this, such as engineering, permit applications and any other items that NH DES may require.

Paul St. Hilaire came forward and stated that the letter explains most of it. They would like to expand and are asking for the Board of Selectmen's review and permission. He went on to explain that NH DES has told them they would submit an application. They did not say yes or no, they would have to hold another public hearing. He explained what

they believed would be done in order to add solid waste to the facility. They would not be expanding, just adding solid waste to what is accepted.

They are also looking to extend the contract they have with the Town.

Mr. St. Hilaire then asked if there were any questions. Selectman Barnes asked for clarification on solid waste and who would be allowed to use it, etc. Mr. St. Hilaire stated it would be the Town of Raymond and Bestway customers, possibly some from smaller towns around.

Bestway will put together a package on the solid waste matter, what the permitting process would be, the public hearings needed, etc. for the Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen has no problem with extending the contract with Bestway. They have received no complaints. It is a little early to vote on the extension, however.

Motion by Selectmen Bishop to have the Selectmen table this matter until April 10th, at which time the Board will take action. Between now and April 10th Dennis McCarthy and the applicant will have the information packet for the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Wood. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bishop to let Bestway proceed toward getting permitted for municipal solid waste contingent upon getting approval from the NH DES, seconded by Selectman Wood.

This motion was withdrawn from Selectmen Bishop after discussion.

This matter will come back before the Board of Selectmen on April 10, 2006.

The Board of Selectmen gave their report.

The Town Manager gave his report.

Town Manager Bates stated he has spoken to Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and they have no problem with placing signs around town for Chris.

Motion by Selectman Wood to have the Selectmen authorize the Town Manager to have the signs constructed and placed around town, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of Minutes

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the minutes of 9-19-05 as printed, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the minutes of 9-26-05 as printed, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the minutes of 10-24-05 as printed, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the minutes of 12-19-05 as printed, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the minutes of 1-13-06 as printed, seconded by Selectman Bishop. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Wood to approve the minutes of 1-30-06 as printed, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion passed unanimously.

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

There is no meeting on March 13, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer
Selectmen's Secretary/
Recording Secretary