

Chairman Dick Wood called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Members present: Greg Bemis, Jack Barnes, Frank Bishop and Timothy Auclair. Also present: Town Manager Rick Bates.

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

Public Forum

Buster Hammond came forward and voiced his concerns over the recent flooding and the need for improvements on the culvert on Prescott Road, just after the dump, to divert some of the water. The screen on the culvert keeps getting plugged and the water backs up. Mr. Hammond stated that he has spoke to Dennis McCarthy in the past about this. He feels that the screen should be taken off and let the water run through the culvert as it was intended to. Mr. Hammond stated that he believed the reason the screen was placed there was to stop beavers from going in and building dams, but there is no fresh evidence of beavers in the area now and he is requesting that the screen be taken off. Chairman Wood stated that they would have Dennis McCarthy check on that.

Steven LaFontaine, a resident of Margaret Avenue came forward and expressed his concerns with the flooding on Margaret Avenue. He is asking the Selectmen to have the town install culverts to help drain the water. Chairman Wood stated that what needs to be done is to hire an engineering firm to look at the entire subdivision to say what needs to be done to take care of the water problem. They have what is called non-source point pollution, in other words if you put water into a catch basin, now you have to deal with it when it comes out the other end of the pipes. You can't just let it go into a wetland, it has to be treated before it can go in there. It is more than just putting in culverts. Mr. LaFontaine stated that through discussions with the fire chief, he stated that it was feasible to put a culvert in under Mary Avenue and Mildred Avenue and it could run straight to the river from there. Chairman Wood stated that Dennis McCarthy is looking into this problem and will be giving the Selectmen a report. Town Manager Bates stated that some recommendations have been made and there are several stages to this matter. One is to have a full blown engineering study done or may be some preliminary engineering done and then there is the question of how to pay for it. The ballpark estimate in order to deal with the drainage of the whole park, it would be a significant amount of money. Mr. LaFontaine thanked the Board and stated all he was asking for was that someone look into it. Mr. LaFontaine also asked if any mosquito spraying will be done because of all the standing water in the park? Chairman Wood stated that he would have the Health Officer look into it.

Mrs. Empey stated her concerns (see email on file with the Town Clerk).

Mrs. Pond came forward and voiced her concerns (see email on file with the Town Clerk).

Russ Pomerleau, Old Bye Road came forward and thanked everyone involved with helping with the flooding occurred. There was one gentleman that came up Friday night and brought his excavator up and cut a trail through. He has not heard anyone thanking that gentleman for what he did. Dennis McCarthy asked Aaron Hoelzel to bring his excavator in and he would pay him. Mr. Hoelzel did the work, however, would not accept any money for it. Chairman Wood stated that there are several proposals from Dennis McCarthy and that is on the Agenda for June 12th.

Bob Carlberg came forward and read a statement into the record. After watching the budget committee last week he felt this statement was needed. "Raymond residents need to keep a close watch in the coming weeks of upcoming discussions that relate to town owned properties. Officials say we currently own about 11% of town owned parcels. Keep in mind "municipalities are not or should not be in the business of owning land". Each and every parcel of land owned by the town is off the tax roll and puts the burden on every taxpayer. We need to ask our elected and appointed officials to provide an updated inventory listing these properties and come up with a clear business plan to put this parcels back on the tax rolls. Next is a discussion that will be greatly debated and sometimes it will get emotional. That is to do with conservation or greenspace for public use. The major issue is how much land do we set aside and where is it located. Then if the proposed greenspace is contiguous to other properties that offer wildlife corridors and just as important we need to offer access to our sportsmen and women. With access to these long established fishing and hunting grounds. Many times desired greenspace abut proposed protected areas. I myself, not being a hunter or fishermen recognize the importance of protecting these sporting endeavors. In my opinions all caring citizens want to set aside greenspace for future public enjoyment. I ask everyone to keep in mind hunting and fishing is a heritage that is synonymous with New Hampshire. Lastly, and again in my opinion all of these issues can be worked out to best serve Raymond's current and future generations. If we do this right, history will tell everyone Raymond did its best to provide open greenspace, as well as protect everyone's rights." Mr. Carlberg then thanked the Board for letting him speak.

Chairman Wood then asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak in public forum? Hearing none, he closed the public forum.

Chairman Wood stated that there has been a request to go directly to Board and Committee Appointments.

Board and Committee Appointments

Solid Waste and Recycling – Kathy McDonald

Mrs. McDonald came forward and was interviewed for reappointment to the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee.

Cemetery Advisory Board – Norm Weldy

Norm Weldy came forward and was interviewed for reappointment to the Cemetery Advisory Board.

Historic District Commission – Norm Weldy

Norm Weldy came forward and was interviewed for appointment as an alternate to the Historic District Commission.

All appointments will be voted on at the next regular business meeting.

Public Hearing

Continuation of May 1, 2006 Public Hearing to hear public comment on potential amendment of Chapter 176 of Raymond General Legislation regarding traffic control parking and sign regulations concerning Scribner Road

Chairman Wood stated that this public hearing is to discuss signs only. No ownership issues will be discussed here tonight.

Mr. Melanson came forward and stated that one of his concerns is that if Town provided parking spaces are provided, then a town provided turn-around would need to be provided. Mr. Melanson stated that if people could not turn around in his driveway, they would have to back up all the way to the beginning. Selectman Barnes suggested to Mr. Melanson that if he did not want people turning around in his driveway that he should put up a gate at the end of his driveway. Mr. Melanson stated that he would rather see no parking signs placed instead of the few spaces being planned for parking. He also feels that a sign should be placed at the beginning of the road stated “no turnaround” near the dead end sign. He does not have a problem with the Selectmen leaving it the way it is now. It was like this when he moved in.

Ken Semple came forward and voiced his concerns over posting parking spaces. He feels it would be creating a public nuisance. He feels it should be kept as it is with no posted parking signs.

Buster Hammond came forward and stated that he has always been able to go up the road and swim, parking their cars on the Class VI part of the road. Since the land got split up, there was a gate put up. There is no way that the public can gain access to the Class VI part of the road. Mr. Hammond still likes to walk up that trail and walk onto the railroad bed. Mr. Hammond would like to get permission to continue to do that, whether or not parking signs are placed or not.

Selectman Bishop stated that this matter has been hashed out too many times. Selectman Bishop then asked if everyone who lives on that road and Mr. Hammond agree that the few amount of people that do come up there can turn around in Mr. Melanson’s

driveway? Chairman Wood stated that Mr. Melanson already has agreed to that already. Selectman Bishop feels that this needs to be settled once and for all. Mr. Melanson stated that Mr. Hammond could park in his driveway and walk up from there.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to leave everything as is on Onway Lake Road, no signs will be placed, seconded by Selectman Bemis. Amendment by Selectman Bishop that the residents along the road have agreed to take care of any situations that may arise, The Motion as amended passed unanimously.

Public Hearing for Acceptance of OHRV Patrol Contract

Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 8:17 p.m. to discuss the contract for the Town to assist the State with patrolling the Rails to Trails system in Raymond annual program and that program has been very successful in the past. Chairman Wood asked if the Board had any questions or comments. There were none. Chairman Wood asked if the public had any questions or comments. There were none. Chairman Wood then closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to authorize Chief David T. Salois to execute and deliver in the name and on the behalf of the Town of Raymond, New Hampshire all professional service contracts, agreements and reports with the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for Off Highway Recreational Vehicle law enforcement purported to be binding upon the town shall be conclusive evidence for all purposes that such instrument is authorized by this vote, seconded by Selectman Bishop for discussion.

Selectman Bishop asked if everyone has read this over. Selectman Bishop asked what happens when the State funding is not there? Chairman Wood stated that then they do not patrol. Chairman Wood asked which is the correct rate of pay? One page says \$45 per hour and another says \$42 per hour.

Selectman Bishop wanted to amend the above motion to add: With the condition that the hourly rate of pay be corrected to the \$45.00 per hour. The amended motion is that the Selectman authorize Chief David T. Salois to execute and deliver in the name and on the behalf of the Town of Raymond, New Hampshire all professional service contracts, agreements and reports with the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for Off Highway Recreational Vehicle law enforcement purported to be binding upon the town shall be conclusive evidence for all purposes that such instrument is authorized by this vote provided that the hourly rate is corrected on Exhibit A. The Motion and amendment passed unanimously.

Sewer Commissioner Duties

Rob Ciandella came forward. Town Manager Bates stated that this is a discussion only item and is just to get the process started. A discussion followed regarding what needs to be done over the next year.

A discussion was held over when deliberative would be held for the exit 4 project. It was stated that September 18, 2006 is deliberative. The actual voting needs to be held somewhere between the 16th of October to the 16th of November.

Frank Bishop left the room at this point.

Motion by Chairman Wood to hold the official second session for the 17th of October, seconded by Selectman Barnes. The Motion passed.

Frank Bishop returned at this point.

Local Preparedness for Major Emergencies including Bird Flu- Chief Pratt

Fire Chief Pratt provided information to the Board regarding the State and Communities preparedness for pandemics such as the Bird Flu. (Copies on file with the Town Clerk).

New Sign for Old Fire House

Fire Chief Pratt was asked to stay for this item as well. Consensus was that the original name of "Torrent Hose Co. No. 1 RFD". The Board asked Fire Chief Pratt what his preference was and he stated the original name.

Motion by Selectman Barnes that the sign on the old fire house read "Torrent Hose Co. No. 1 RFD", seconded by Selectman Auclair. The Motion passed unanimously.

\$300 was donated by Carolyn Severance to the Fire Department. Mrs. Severance made this money by selling quilts she made. The Board thanked Mrs. Severance for her donation.

It is estimated that the sign will not be in place before the July 4th ceremonies.

Additional Transfer Station Capacity

Town Manager Bates stated that this is on the agenda to give the Board a head's up before it went any further. Town Manager Bates asked the Board for their opinion on modifying the transfer station to handle municipal solid waste. The state recommended that if we are going to ask for that modification, why not upgrade the permit and increase the capacity so we don't have to go back again in the future. Keep in mind that the current operator will not have that capacity. The Town could keep it in their back pocket for future negotiations with the operator. Town Manager Bates stated that no action is required on the part of the Board, however, if they want to okay the 250 tonnage they could.

Selectman Barnes asked if anyone is checking and making sure the dumpsters around town are being picked up once a week. He has seen several overflowing and it does not look like once a week pickup. Town Manager Bates stated he will check into it.

Request for Use of Town Common

Cathy Palmer/Girl Scout Troop 27 has requested permission to use the Town Common for a Girl Scout Bronze Ceremony on Wednesday, June 7 from 6-7 p.m.

Motion by Selectman Barnes to allow Girl Scout Troop 27 the use of the Town Common on Wednesday, June 7th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for a Girl Scout Bronze Ceremony, seconded by Selectman Bishop. The Motion passed unanimously.

Change in Zoning Board of Adjustment term status

Currently four members of the ZBA will all expire in April of 2007. At some point there was a mistake made as the members are supposed to be staggered. Paul McCoy, Chairman of the ZBA has requested that the expiration dates of Joyce Wood and Chuck White be set for April of 2009, as they should have been originally. Selectman Bishop stated that he would prefer to wait and fix the appointment terms when the members are up for reappointment in 2007.

Motion by Selectman Bishop to wait until the members are up for reappointment to adjust the expiration dates, seconded by Selectman Barnes. The Motion passed unanimously.

Private Road Building Permit request for Map 33, Lot 47

Town Manager Bates stated that recommendation from Town Counsel was that this be tabled until the next regular business meeting as there was a glitch in the ownership and there is a question as to whether or not there is actual frontage on that road or not.

Town Acceptance of Conservation Land

John Page, Chairman of the Planning Board came forward and stated that the vote was 3 to 2 for the Town to take the land. The letter should have stated that. There is a mistake in the letter. Mr. Page stated it was supposed to state the Town should accept the land. Mr. Flibotte came forward and explained that originally it went to the Rockingham County Conservation Department to Mary Currier. She is already taken the easement. They have already agreed to take the easement for conservation. Selectman Bishop explained that with Rockingham County owning the easement the Town would not have control.

Further discussion was held among the Board and Mr. Flibotte regarding the easement.

The Board of Selectmen have asked for a copy of the draft easement from Mr. Flibotte.

Chairman Wood stated that this matter would be tabled for two weeks and brought back after the Selectmen have had a chance to review the easement.

The Board of Selectmen gave their reports.

The 4th of July parade was discussed and a challenge was thrown out for people to develop floats to enter into the contest. Selectman Barnes stated that the Board of Selectmen float won last year.

The Town Manager gave his report.

Minutes

Motion by Selectman Auclair to approve the Minutes of May 15, 2006 as drafted, seconded by Selectman Bemis. The Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Bemis to approve the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Conservation Commission as drafted, seconded by Selectman Auclair. The Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Selectman Auclair to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Bishop. The Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Cramer
Recording Secretary