

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Raymond High School. Members present: Greg Bemis and Jack Barnes. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates and Community Development Director Ernest Creveling.

Chairman Wood led the Board in the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for departed citizens.

The Selectmen celebrated Jack Barnes Birthday.

Approve Warrant for the special Town meeting.

Chairman Wood said that the attorney re-wrote one of the warrant articles because if one warrant article fails they all do. Rick Bates told the Board that Kathy Hoelzel, the Town Moderator, worked with the attorney on the wording of the articles and is satisfied with the warrant articles.

Motion by Selectmen Bemis to place the following on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting, the first session of which will be held on September 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cafeteria of the Raymond High School and the second session of which will be held on October 17, 2006 at the Raymond High School Gymnasium from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to ratify, by simple majority vote, this warrant article to legally effectuate the vote of the Town at the annual town meeting conditionally authorizing the raising and appropriating of Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) (gross budget) for the design and construction of a wastewater treatment plant and sewer system and for related infrastructure improvements in the proposed Exit 4 Tax Increment Financing District, and conditionally authorizing the issuance of not more than Twelve Million Dollars (\$12,000,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33 et. seq.) The Town voted at the annual town meeting that the legal authority for such borrowing would be created only if the voters at this special town meeting ratified by simple majority vote the following:

- A. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Tax Increment Financing District in accordance with RSA 162-K for the area shown on the map entitled "Exit 4 Tax Increment Financing District" dated August 21, 2006.

Note: Copies of the Tax Increment Financing District Map are available at Town Hall.

- B. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Exit 4 Tax Increment Financing Plan and Development Program pursuant to RSA 162-K:6 and RSA 162-K:9 defining the location and objectives of the improvements to the District including the location of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and its discharge areas as well as the sources and uses of funds for those improvements.

Note: Copies of the Exit 4 Tax Increment Financing Plan and Development Program are available at Town Hall.

- C. To see if the Town will vote to ratify an agreement entered into by the Selectmen, whereby a party or parties other than the Town guarantee payment of all principal and interest for bonds issued for the construction of a wastewater treatment plant and sewer system and for related infrastructure improvements in the Tax Increment Financing District.

Note: Copies of the agreement will be available at Town Hall no later than September 12, 2006.

- D. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a five-member Advisory Board for the District in accordance with RSA 162-K:14 and to delegate administration of the District to the Town Manager in accordance with RSA 162-K:13. The function of the Advisory Board shall be to advise and assist the Board of Selectmen and the District Administrator on the implementation of the Exit 4 Tax Increment Financing Plan and Development Program.

Note: Copies of the five member Advisory Board the Board of Selectmen proposes to appoint in accordance with RSA 162-K:14 will be available at Town Hall no later than September 12, 2006.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. (Majority vote required for adoption).

Article 2: To transact such other business as may lawfully come before this Special Town Meeting.

Selectmen Bemis further moved that the Town Manager or his designee be directed to prepare for posting the warrant in appropriate form and to post the warrant on or before Friday, September 1, 2006. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Barnes.

Discussion:

Selectmen Barnes wanted to make it clear that a majority vote would pass these warrant articles which is fifty-one percent (51%) of the vote. He also wanted to set a date to work on the Tax Increment Finance District Advisory Board. It was announced to the public that they should contact Ernest Creveling if they are interested in becoming a member. It was decided to have a meeting next Monday, August 28, 2006 at 7pm to discuss the T.I.F. District Advisory Board.

Motions was voted on and passed unanimously.

Location of September 5th Public Hearing.

Chairman Wood noted that the first public hearing on exit 4 was held in the High School Cafeteria. There were not many in attendance so it seemed ok to have the second public hearing in the High School Media Center where it would be easier to hear everyone.

Motion was made by Selectmen Barnes to have the second public hearing in the Raymond High School Media Center, seconded by Chairman Wood. Motion was passed unanimously.

Review questions raised at August 16th public hearing.

Ernest Creveling composed the questions that were asked at the August 16th public hearing and Rick Bates forwarded the questions to the key players that could answer them.

Selectmen Barnes received phone calls on some more questions the public had. The questions and answers are: (Q) How many roads will come into Main Street? (A) One road will come into Main Street about ten years from now. (Q) How does the School benefit from the money generated by (Exit 4)? (A) The School would benefit from the impact fees. Anything other funds that go over the amount of the Bond payment would be put into the Towns general fund. This would be available for use by the town or school as the voters' desire. Rick Bates made the suggestion to take that money and use it for Tax relief for the citizens. He stated that the Town of Raymond is in the top third of the state for taxed properties but we're around the bottom third of medium family income.

Tim Lewis came forward on the issue of the new roads on Main Street. He saw a plan with three new roads and was concerned about it. He was put at ease when the selectmen told him that there would be only one new road that would come into Main Street.

Mr. Lewis suggested that the selectmen keep it simple when informing people on the development of exit 4. He also gave an update on the after school program that was discussed at the August 7th meeting. He believes that someone else may come forward to do the after school program.

The Selectmen went back to the question that came up at the August 16th public hearing. Rick Bates named the key players: Ernest Creveling, Community Development Director; Don Jutton, Municipal Resources Inc.; Rob Ciandella, Town Council; Peter Atherton, Wright-Pierce; and Elmer Pease, PD Associates. The key players had two conference calls last week and each were assigned things to get ready for the second public hearing on September 5th, 2006.

Revised Ambulance Contract.

Rick bates informed the board that this should have been done April 1st, 2006 but was delayed due to other things that were on the table. He states that the contract is the continuation of the previous contract with the existing increase over a five year contract. There were a few changes made. Jean Larrabee from the Ambulance Inc. was asked to come before the selectmen to discuss the contract. Rick informed the board that Police

Chief David Salois and Fire Chief Kevin Pratt worked with Jean Larrabee and himself on the contract. One area that was discussed during the contract negotiations was whether Ambulance, Inc. should have a second shift crew or not. It is hard to tell if there should be a second shift because there is no reporting system to show whether this is warranted or not. The change that has been made in the contract is that Ambulance, Inc. develop a reporting system within a year that shows the response time of each call and reports to the Town manager once a month on this. Response time is the way you measure whether a second shift is needed.

Rick Bates stated that the other area that was put into the contract was to develop some type of physical agility testing. This would not just occur when they became part of Ambulance Inc. but it would occur on a regular basis. This is not needed today. People that are already part of Ambulance Inc. will be grandfathered in but any new members will have to meet the physical agility testing.

Mr. Bates stated that it was the same contract that they have had with the two changes mentioned above. There is a three to three and a half percent (3-3.5%) increase in the rate each year.

Jean Larrabee wanted to comment on the physical agility test. She stated that there was one in place. The ambulance has also put into place as of August 7th that any new people coming in would have to pass the physical agility test and every two years thereafter.

Selectmen Barnes had a question on the increase of payment. He believed that the citizens needed to vote on these amounts at the Town vote in March. Mr. Bates assured him that the Ambulance Inc. contract is put in the budget every year. It was put in the town operating budget that was passed in March 2006. There is a clause in the contract that if the town votes not to fund the ambulance then the contract is terminated.

Selectmen Barnes wanted an update on the progress of Ambulance Inc. building a facility for themselves rather than renting space from the town. Jean Larrabee stated that they own land on exit 4 and that they are looking into all avenues available to them. She also stated that they would like to start something in the spring.

Selectmen Barnes asked Jean Larrabee how Ambulance Inc. is affiliated with the town. Ms. Larrabee stated that Ambulance Inc. is a non-profit organization. They do have full time employees (two) that work Monday through Friday 8am to when ever they are able to leave. The volunteer members take over from 6pm to 8am Monday through Friday and all weekend. The Volunteers get paid fifty cents (\$.50) per hour that they are on call regardless if they go on a call or not. This is nominal fee to help pay for their gas and wear and tear on their vehicle. If they get a call, depending on the level needed, they could get eight dollars (\$8.00) per call regardless of the length. The Ambulance Inc. pays all insurance premiums and any equipment that is needed. Ms. Larrabee went over the ambulance equipment and how they bill for their services. She also stated that Ambulance Inc. is not part of the town and have a Board of whom they answer to.

Selectmen Barnes made a motion to approve the Ambulance Inc. Contract as presented, seconded by Selectmen Bemis. No Discussion. Motion was passes unanimously.

Request to accept deed for Cemetery on Route 27.

Aldy Theriuault had previously gone before the Board to have them take the cemetery on his property for the town. The Selectmen decided to table this due to not having a full board present.

Selectmen Report.

Selectman Barnes reported he went to the Firefighters cook out at the boy scout camp on Sunday, August 20th. He also reported that he received a phone call from Mrs. Prince. She reported that her 84 years old mother-in-law on Essex Drive has a problem with water going onto her property. He reported that Rick got right on this issue and took Dennis McCarthy down to her property the next day to discuss the issue at hand with the property owner, the elder Mrs. Prince. Mrs. Prince (daughter-in-law) reported back to Selectman Barnes and stated that her mother-in-law said that Rick said that it was the towns fault but there are no funds to fix the problem. Rick stated that this was not the case. It is hard to tell weather it is the towns fault or not. The flooding on this property may be due to the road being crowned. Dennis McCarthy suggested that a French drain be put in. The French Drain can't be guaranteed because the water table is so high that once the French drain is full the water will run off onto her property. Selectmen Barnes asked when the French Drain will go in. Ernest Creveling will come back to the board with an update on that at the next selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Barnes received a call from a concerned citizen about mosquito. The citizen was concerned with the report about the mosquito in Fremont testing positive for EEE. Mr. Creveling will have an update on how much money has been spent so far on the spraying and getting a map on where the spraying is being done.

Selectman Barnes wanted to thank everyone for attending the going away party for former selectman Norm Weldy.

Selectmen Bemis gave his report on the Planning Board meeting he attended. At that meeting they discussed the McCoy Development and Wet Land Mitigation. He also had a call on mosquitoes from a concerned citizen. Mr. Bates wanted to state that no one tested the mosquito larva until this year so now we're collecting data that shows if the mosquitoes are carrying EEE. Before we just didn't know. All these communities could have had mosquitoes with EEE last year and the year before but were unaware of it.

Chairman Wood didn't have anything to report.

Town Manager Report

Rick Bates had nothing to report.

Motion by Selectmen Barnes to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Wood. The motion was passes unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

April Rives
Executive Secretary