

The Board of Selectmen Meeting/ Public Hearing Minutes of 9-14-2006 Approved

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Raymond High School. Members present: Greg Bemis, Jack Barnes and Frank Bishop. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates and Town Council Rob Ciandella.

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

Chairman Wood opened the Public Hearing to hear comment on the TIF Documents and the Guarantee Agreement at 7:06 p.m.

Chairman Wood stated that the Board of Selectmen was meeting tonight under RSA 162K-9 which is that the Town must provide copies of the TIF Documents and Guarantee Agreement to the County Commissioners and the School Board. Both were supplied with these documents prior to this meeting. Tonight is the forum for them to discuss any questions they may have and to give any type of input they may have.

Chairman Wood stated that Ernest Creveling, Community Development Director, had heard from Maureen Burrows, Chairman of the County Commissioners. Commissioner Burrows told Ernest that they were excited about the project and that the commissioners have no questions or concerns over the documents that they received. Rick Bates told Chairman Wood that Commissioner Burrows also contacted him and that she was going to send the town a letter showing the County Commissioners Support of the project. Rick also spoke with County Commissioner C. Donald Stritch whom also gave his support.

Earlier today Rick spoke with the Chairman of the School Board, Julie Hazel-Felch. She said that the School board had no concerns and that no one would be in attendance.

Rob Ciandella stated that there was a conference call available earlier that day with the project team for anyone on the School Board or any of the County commissioners to ask any questions they may have had. There were no calls.

Selectmen Bishop had spoken with Commissioner Barrows Saturday night and said that she was very impressed with the whole project.

Chairman Wood stated that they were there tonight to discuss the two documents that were previously mentioned.

Rick Bates announced that one of the School Board members had just entered the room. He affirmed with her that the school Board had received the TIF Documents and Developers agreement at the last meeting on Wednesday, September 6th.

Kathy Hoelzel asked the Chairman if he had a copy of the TIF Development Program and Financing Plan. The Chairman did not have a copy of that. Town Manager Bates stated that the TIF Development Program and Financing Plan were not up for discussion tonight and were not need for this meeting. The TIF Development Program and Financing Plan were available at the Town office.

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Joyce Wood asked if Don Jutton had updated his TIF Plan. Town Manager Bates stated that he was unaware of any updates. He thought that Mr. Jutton had some updates but Town Manager Bates had not received any yet. Joyce stated that she was going to e-mail Mr. Jutton for the information and Rick agreed that would be a good idea.

Chairman Wood asked if there were any other questions. No one stepped forward.

Rob Ciandella advised the board that they should make a motion that would give Town Manager Bates the authority on behalf of the Selectmen to execute the Guarantee Agreement. That was protocol that they had previously discussed.

A citizen stood up to state that he had some questions on Waste Water Treatment. He had been watching one of the meetings with the Developer (Elmer Pease). He said that the Developer said that he wasn't satisfied with what the town is proposing for a \$12 million Bond Issue and that he can build one cheaper. Chairman Wood told the citizen that it's not that the Developer doesn't like the proposal but he thinks that with new technology it can be built cheaper. In saying that the State of New Hampshire has not approved the new technology that the Developer wants to use so it's not an option. The resident voiced his concerns that the developer might not be able to afford the payments of \$12 million that's why he wants to build it cheaper. Chairman Wood said that regardless of that the town has signed guarantee agreement with the Developer for \$12 million. The Resident asked if there was nay information on the new technology available. Town Manager Bates didn't have any information. Mr. Naoum wanted more information on how the Waste water Treatment plant worked. Town Manager Bates told him that he would e-mail him the information the town has. Mr. Naoum asked that if the town were to use the technology that the Developer wants to use would the town lose the grants that the Town would be eligible for that pertain to the Waste water Treatment. Town Manager Bates replied yes because we wouldn't be permitted through the state to use the new techniques. We could use the new technology but in order to be eligible for the grant you have to use technology approved by the state and the new technology has not yet been approved.

Joyce Wood asked how long the approval process for the new technology. Town Manager Bates believed it would take one to two years to get the new technology approved.

Tim Louis asked if this process would affect his taxes. Chairman Wood stated that the taxes wouldn't go up do to this but at some point it would help lower the taxes years down the road.

Joyce Wood intervened and said that the Impact analysis didn't reflect that. It showed real coast. Chairman Wood started to explain the impact analysis done by Russ Thibeault. Selectman Barnes reminded everyone that the Impact analysis was available at the Town office to look at and that no further discussion was needed. Chairman Wood stated that the Guarantee Agreement ensured, baring any catastrophes, that there would be not tax burden on the Citizens of Raymond caused by Exit 4 Development.

Tim Louis and Chairman Wood remind the public that if they had any questions they should go to the Deliberative Session on Monday, September 18th in the Raymond High School Cafeteria

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@ 7pm. All members of the project team will be there to answer any questions that may come up. Kathy Hoelzel also reminded the public that that meeting will determine exactly what will be on the ballot in October. Also that all documents will be there that night for the public to look at and refer to.

Kathy Hoelzel explained how the deliberative session works and that any changes to the articles will be voted by the raising of hands.

Mike Kappler told the public he was for exit 4 and he wanted to recognize the Selectmen and Town Manager Rick Bates for all their hard work.

Chairman Wood noted that it was very important that the public goes to the Deliberative Session to vote on the Warrant Article to be placed on the ballot. Selectmen Barnes stated that if these warrant articles get changed that the whole project could not happen.

Chairman Wood asked if there was any other comment. No one came forward.

Chairman Wood ended the public hearing at 7:46p.m.

Selectmen Barnes made a motion that the Town Manager to sign on behalf of the Town of Raymond the Guarantee Agreement. Selectmen Bemis seconded the motion.

There was a brief discussion on what the Guarantee Agreement entailed (see attached agreement) and what the Town Manager was signing for. Chairman Wood stated that the Town Manager would be signing the Guarantee Agreement that the Selectmen accepted at the meeting on September 11, 2006. If the warrant articles don't pass at the special town meeting then the contract is null and void.

Vote was taken. Motion was passed unanimously.

Selectmen Bishop made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Selectman Bemis.

Vote was taken. Motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned around 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Rives
Executive Secretary