

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Raymond High School. Members present: Greg Bemis, Jack Barnes, Frank Bishop and Timothy Auclair. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates.

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

### **Public Forum**

Joyce Wood came to the board to discuss the Fiscal Impact Analysis that she had received earlier today. She found a discrepancy in the amount that Russ Thibeault had for town revenues. She had done her own spread sheets that were different from the ones in the report. In soing her own spread sheets she believed that there was a \$10 million error. She gave copies of the spreadsheets she had done to the selectmen to review. She stated that the spreadsheets were also different from the ones in the September 5<sup>th</sup> report that AER had given to the public. Selectman Auclair stated that he had not had time to completely look at the new report but he liked the September 5<sup>th</sup> reports revenue spreadsheets. Selectman Barnes reminded Mrs. Wood that the Selectmen would be discussing the Final Fiscal Impact Analysis later in the meeting.

Chairman Wood asked the Board to make motions on the two non public sessions that was held earlier.

**Selectman Auclair made a motion to direct the Tax Collector to issue deeds on those properties that were decided on in non-public session and to also send the deeding letters to the other propertied discussed. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bishop. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Selectman Barnes made a motion to seal the remainder of that session until that seal is no longer necessary. Motion Seconded by Greg. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Public recognition of Michael Cramer's acceptance into the United States Academy of Excellence.**

The Board of Selectmen Presented Michael Cramer, Jr. with a proclamation for his achievement of being accepted into the United States Academy of Excellence.

Representative Bishop and Senator Barnes also made presentations to Michael Cramer Jr. on behalf of the NH House of Representatives and NH State Senate.

### **Public Hearing**

To hear public comment on Police Highway Safety Grant.

Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the two grants for the Highway Safety Agency. The first grant amount of \$6,241.00 is for crash reconstruction equipment and the second grant amount of \$411.06 is for DWI Saturation Patrols.

Chairman Wood then asked if there were any public comments, hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

**Selectman Barnes made a motion to accept the first grant amount of \$6,241.00 for crash reconstruction equipment and the second grant amount of \$411.06 for DWI Saturation Patrols. The motion was seconded by Selectman Auclair. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

To hear public comment on CDFA Grants.

Chairman Wood opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. to hear public comments regarding a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the CDFA for Technical Assistance with the TIF Program and to hear public comments regarding a second amount of \$12,000.00 from the CDBG to assist with the feasibility study for the wastewater treatment system.

Chairman Wood then asked if there were any public comments, hearing none, he closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

**Selectman Auclair made a motion to accept the CDFA grant of \$10,000.00 for Technical Assistance with the TIF Program and to accept the CDBG Grant of \$12,000.00 to assist with the feasibility study for the wastewater treatment system. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bemis. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Installation of speakers in the media center for meeting audio.**

Chairman Wood stated that at last weeks Cable Committee Meeting that it was proposed that the cable committee put in mounted speakers in the media center. Kevin Woods had some concerns on the amounts that were proposed and Chairman Wood advised him to come before the Board of Selectmen to voice his concerns.

Kevin Woods sent e-mail to the board telling them of Cable Committee's decision to put mounted microphones in the ceiling of the media center. In recent months the audiences at the selectmen's meetings have complained that they have been unable to hear the speakers who come to testify. Rick had approached a member of the Cable Committee to find out if they could price some speakers. The Cable Committee has tested mounting microphones and speakers to help aid with the hearing problem and the test show that the speakers will help the audience hear the speaker who is testifying. Mr. Woods stated that the Cable Committee has decided that although they think the speakers are a good idea, it does not in anyway enhance the recording of the meetings so the expense shouldn't be paid by Cable funds. The speakers would cost about \$500.00. Mr. Woods wants to know who should fund the purchase of the speakers. Selectman Barnes asked if Mr. Woods has brought this up to the school. Mr. Woods had not. Selectman Barnes questioned why it couldn't come out of the Cable Fund. Chairman Wood answered that because the media center is not a full time studio it couldn't. If it were the cable fund would pay for it. Chairman Wood wondered if the school and the Town should split the cost. Selectman Auclair asked if Cable would have a studio in the Middle School. Mr. Woods has asked the school but has not got an answer. He doesn't believe that a room was set aside for that. Selectman Auclair was under the impression that most meetings would take place in the new middle school because of the new facilities ability to close off certain sections of the school to

the public. If it turned out that meetings were going to be held down at the middle school would the town be able to uninstall the speakers and microphones and reinstall them there? Chairman Wood answered that the town would be able to do that. The ceiling tiles would just need to be replaced. Mr. Woods suggested that the Town work with the school as to how the speakers would be paid for. Chairman Wood stated that the majority of the meetings were for the town so the town should pay for the new speakers.

**Selectman Barnes made a motion to find money in the Towns budget to pay for the new speakers. Selectman Bemis seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion was passed unanimously.**

Mr. Wood wanted to make an announcement before he left. The Cable committee has been working on streaming the meetings on the internet. It would be much like On Demand. Raymond residents and non-residents could view the meetings online. There would be no live streaming but people could view meetings that they have missed. The equipment for this was purchased with Capital Reserve Account funds and has been installed. Joyce Wood asked if a person would have the ability to fast forward. Mr. Wood answered yes. A person would use it just like a media player. It is still unsure as to how many viewers can view a meeting at one time. Mr. Wood is not sure when this will be up and running.

Selectman Bishop asked Mr. Woods why the Cable schedule hasn't been in the paper. Mr. Wood stated that the schedule is in the Carriage Town News every week and he checks every two weeks to make sure it is in there.

Chairman Wood thanked the Cable Committee for the work that they do for the town.

### **Regional Infrastructure Summit, Selectmen's attendance**

Last year at the Summit they unveiled the Metro Center. Many of the Selectmen Attended. Manchester Greater Area Chamber of Commerce did this. Raymond is a great part of that. The Metro Center came out of the work that was done at a previous Summit Meeting at Saint Anslems College. Town Manager Rick Bates has been sitting on that committee since Craig Wheeler, the previous Town Planner, left the Town. The Summit is to keep the Board up to date as to what the Metro Center is doing. The Summit's annual meeting is going to be on October 25, 2006. The Summit is to roll out a publicity campaign to get more communities involved. A lot of the conversation that has occurred at the Metro Center Meetings has been Raymond as being a place where things are happening. Although the event is 7:30 a.m. to noon, the Selectmen would only have to stay until 9:30 a.m. If someone wanted to leave after that they could. The Selectmen told Chairman Wood if they intended to go. All but Selectman Auclair will be attending the Summit.

### **Date for budget workshop**

The Selectman need to set a date to review the 2007 Budget for the town. It was decided that they would meet Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at Torrent Hall.

### **Acceptance of final report from AER, Fiscal Impact Analysis, Exit 4**

Town Manager Rick Bates stated that due to the errors that Joyce Wood found in the report, he could go back to Russ Thibeault and ask him about it to find out if there is an error or not.

**Selectman Barnes made a motion to accept the final Fiscal Impact Analysis contingent on what the Town Managers conversation tomorrow is and that the Town Manager is contacts all board members tomorrow of the decision , and if there are no errors according to Mr. Thibeault. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bemis.**

Joyce Wood asked to make a comment. She wants to know what the rush is in accepting the report. She believes that a \$10 million error is a substantial. She doesn't believe that Mr. Thibeault is going to come back and say that she is wrong and if he does she would like to speak with him before the selectmen accept this report.

Chairman Wood opened the motion to discussion for the board. Selectman Auclair stated that he wasn't comfortable with the report. Chairman Wood asked Town Manager Bates if there was a time frame to when the board had to accept this report. Mr. Bates stated that there was not time table. Mr. Bates asked if the board would want to bring it back to there next meeting. The next meeting would be October 16<sup>th</sup> the day before the elections. Selectman Barnes stated that he wanted this accepted by the Selectmen before the town voted on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bates suggested that the Board hold a special meeting to accept this report after he had heard back from Mr. Thibeault. The Selectman wanted the meeting at a time when all interested parties could either attend the meeting or view it on the TV. Selectman Bishop suggested the Mr. Bates contact Mr. Thibeault, get reports together, put the reports into the Selectmen's files and have the Chairman pole each board member over the phone. Mr. Bates stated that the general public will want to know what is going on. He suggested the board pick a date and time for a special meeting. There were six times discussed: Wednesday morning; Wednesday night before the School Board meeting; Thursday night before the Planning Board meeting; Saturday morning; Monday during the holiday; Tuesday night before the Budget Committee meeting. The Selectman decided that Tuesday before the Budget Committee meeting would be the best time. They asked Mr. Bates to see if Mr. Thibeault be at that meeting. The Selectmen made sure the there would be someone from the cable committee to record the meeting.

**Selectman Barnes withdrew his previous motion.**

**Selectman Barnes made a motion to have the Selectmen meet on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center to have a final review of the Fiscal Impact Analysis. Selectman Auclair seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion was passed unanimously.**

### **Board of Selectmen Reports**

Selectman Barnes told the Board that he attended the Deerfield Fair this past weekend. He was proud to see that all three Raymond Schools had art exhibits there. He wanted to congratulate the students, the teachers and the administration on the awards that were given.

Selectman Bishop had nothing to report.

Selectman Auclair had a question for the town manager. He has been getting calls from residents as to when the tax rate will be set. Mr. Bates did not have a date yet to meet with the DRA. The

Town has submitted all their reports but the school has not. Selectman Barnes stated that the school was working hard to get those reports done. Mr. Bates also notified that because of the reevaluation of properties the Selectmen just signed the MS-1 and until that was done nothing could be done with the tax rate.

Selectman Auclair asked when the clean up efforts would start at the Tannery. Mr. Bates answered that it would begin in the spring.

Selectman Auclair stated that he had attended the CIP meeting last Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. At the CIP meeting the School submitted their plan. The school CIP is less than last year and that it was forwarded to the School Board for Funding.

Selectman Bemis had nothing to report.

Chairman Wood reported that he had attended the Cable Committee Meeting last week and the CTAP meeting. The Cable Committee is looking at the communication system from the media center to the Cafeteria. This would allow them to stop yelling things back and forth from the Media Center and the Cafeteria when they are setting up or meetings.

The CTAP is an advisory program. Thursday night was the first year roll out of funding, which is a little over \$1 million. The funds will go toward a number of initiatives. The Board will be invited to two different information sessions. One will be a regional session here in Town so that all boards and committees from Raymond and the surrounding towns that are a part of the Southern NH Planning Commission could come. The second session will be just for the boards and committees in Raymond. The funding would start January 1, 2007. The \$1 million is a portion of the \$3.5 million that was set aside by the Highway department because of the impending population boom that is going to be affected by the widening of I-93. The construction of that will begin in the spring.

Chairman Wood announced that the Soldier monument was polished last week and it's ready for winter.

Selectman Bishop asked the board if they had taken a look at the intersection of Floral Ave and Main Street. Chairman Wood stated that he had and that he wasn't sure if a 4-way stop would be a good idea. He suggested a blinking light. Selectman Barnes thought that a sign like the "Blind Driveway" sign would help. Jim Holmes suggested that the town put a big convex mirror across the road the people coming out of Floral Ave. can see the vehicles coming around the corner.

**Selectman Barnes moved to have Mr. Bates get something in writing to send back to the Highway Safety Committee for there.**

**No motion was need to do this. Mr. Bates will do it anyway.**

### **Correspondence**

Selectman Auclair read an announcement from the Recreation Department about the Annual Holiday Parade. The Selectmen decided to put a float in the parade. Selectman Bemis will fill out the entry form.

**Town Manager Report**

Mr. Bates attended the Metro Steering Committee meeting last Wednesday, the Raymond Chamber of Commerce meeting last Thursday and a meeting at the Local Government Center on Friday.

The computer problems that had occurred two weeks ago have been fixed for the most part. Back-up solutions are still being worked on.

He is going over budgets now for 2007.

Mr. Bates also announced that the reevaluation is complete. The assessment of the town doubled. The assessor had finished all his hearings. Mr. Bates is working with the Assessor and Town Council on the abatements for the elderly and the disabled. The town will send out letters and abatement forms to those who have the elderly and disabled exemptions the same time the tax bills go out. The letter will explain how to fill out the abatement forms. If someone needs assistance filling it out they are welcome to come to the town office for help. In March there will be a warrant article to change exemptions so they reflect the new assessments. Selectman Bishop asked when the abatements had to be in. The deadline for the abatements is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bates will check with the assessor and the DRA.

The lighting project in all town offices is complete. All the old fixtures and bulbs were replaced with high efficiency lighting. The payback will take about 2.5 years.

The Building Inspector Richard Mailhot is due to come back to work on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Selectman Bishop made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bemis. Motion was passed unanimously.**

Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting around 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Rives  
Executive Secretary