

Chairman Wood opened the special meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Raymond High School. Members present: Greg Bemis, Jack Barnes and Frank Bishop. Member absent: Tim Auclair. Also in present: Town Manager Rick Bates.

Chairman Wood led the pledge of allegiance.

Selectman Barnes asked that the Board hear from a member of the Cemetery Advisory Board even though public comment was not on the agenda.

Mike Kappler told that board that the Cemetery Advisory Board had met that afternoon and had voted to close the Cemetery for the winter and that there would be no winter burials. The Board recommends this so that the town can save money from not plowing it. Town Manger Rick Bates stated that in order for this ordinance to go into effect the Board of Selectmen would have to hold public hearings on the matter. Selectman Barnes asked how long the town had been plowing the cemeteries. Mr. Bates stated he believed it was between eight or ten years. Mr. Bates advised the board that they should have the Cemetery Advisory Board come to a Board of Selectmen meeting and make a formal presentation on November 20, 2006.

Mr. Kappler also had a suggestion for the board as a Raymond Resident. He suggested that the town go back to having Cemetery Trustee's instead of an advisory board. That way the town would save money on the salary of the Cemetery Sexton. Mr. Bates suggested that the Board hear from the Cemetery Advisory Board on this matter also on Monday, November 20, 2006.

Discussions with Don Jutton of MRI regarding the Town Manager Search

Don Jutton went over the two advertisements with the Board that MRI had put together. One was for the newspapers and the other was for their web site. Selectman Barnes stated that he didn't see anywhere in the advertisement about the Town Manager having to live in Raymond. Chairman Wood stated that town council had informed the Board that it is against the law in NH to require a town manager to live in the city that they work. Although a residency requirement had been voted in by the citizens of Raymond, it is advisory only. Selectman Barnes stated that he felt because the citizens had voted the residency requirement in that it should be in the advertisement. Mr. Jutton told the Board that if that is advertised it will reduce the number of applicants the town will receive. Selectman Barnes told the Board that he was against not putting the residency requirement in the advertisement for the Town Managers position. Mr. Jutton advised the Board to wait to tell the candidates during the phone interviews. The Board discussed the residency requirement. The Chairman Wood stated that the Board plans on putting a warrant article in for 2007 to change the residency requirement.

Mr. Jutton told the Board that he would get together information for the Board on competitive salaries and benefits. He also suggested that the Board put about \$5,000.00 into the budget for relocation allowance.

Selectman Barnes wanted the record to show that he is against an advertisement that doesn't show what the citizens voted for.

Selectman Barnes asked Mr. Jutton what was going to be in the advertisement. Mr. Jutton stated that he would take into consideration what the Board discussed tonight and get in contact with Selectman Auclair, who was absent, to find out what his views were. After all that was done he would send the Selectman a letter stating what he had done and why.

Mr. Jutton went over the time line of the Town Manager search with the selectman and described what will occur at each step.

Mr. Jutton told the Board he would have the advertisement to them by the end of the week.

Review of Draft Warrant Articles for 2007 warrant

Town Manager Rick Bates explained to the Board that the information presented to them tonight on the warrant articles were not set in stone. The numbers were not accurate and the Board can add their own warrant articles. This is to start the process of finalizing the warrant articles to give to the Budget Committee by January 9th, which is the deadline. There were no citizen petition warrant articles yet. The deadline for those is also January 9, 2007.

The warrant articles that needed to be discussed by the Board were police pay, Green Hills drainage study, Elderly and Disabled Exemption, Capital Reserve Numbers, CIP, State Shed, Mosquito Control, Scholarship Fund, Social Service Agencies, Road Reconstruction, and changing the date of the Deliberative Session.

Tim Louis stated that the Town Moderator was doing a Citizens Petition on the change of the Town Deliberative Session. He doesn't believe that the Selectmen will have to put it as part of their warrant articles. Some of the Selectmen felt uncomfortable putting it as a Selectmen Warrant Article when they didn't believe that the date should be changed. Mr. Louis also told the board that the VFW Land Swap Committee had met that night and it looked as though it was not going to be a viable option for this years warrant article. The VFW thought the assessment was fair but doesn't have the money to purchase the land right now.

Selectman Bishop asked how much of car registration goes to Road reconstruction. Selectman Bishop believed that under the Constitution the Town portion of the registration should be going into the highway fund. Mr. Bates told that board that the Finance Director had just informed him that \$1.5 million goes into the general fund and only \$150,000.00 is used for Road Reconstruction.

Mr. Bates asked that if the Selectmen believed that there were any Warrant Articles that he missed to let him know during the week.

Chairman Wood read a commendation letter from Town Manager Rick Bates to Police Chief David Salois for his hard work in getting laptops installed in every police cruiser.

Mr. Kappler wanted to clarify what was going to be discussed at the public hearing on the Cemetery. Chairman Wood stated that the public hearing would be on the closing of the Cemeteries during the winter months.

Chairman Wood read a letter from the Coach of the Nor-Rock Viking Senior Midget Football Team. The Selectmen congratulated the team for their accomplishments.

Chairman Wood read a letter from the Cable Committee Chairman Kevin Woods asking for volunteers.

Selectman Barnes apologized to Rick Bates for his reaction to an article last week in the paper. He thought that Mr. Bates knew about the article before it was published when he had not.

Selectman Bemis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Barnes. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

April Rives
Executive Secretary