

Place: Raymond High School Media Center
Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Harold Wood, Chairman, John Barnes, Vice Chairman, Frank Bishop, Greg Bemis and Tim Auclair. Also present: Town Manager Richard Bates.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum

Lyman Hammond, Jr. asked why is the tax bill so high that you can't even enjoy your home or land anymore? The taxes are just too much.

Selectman Barnes stated that there are many people that have the same concerns. He advised Mr. Hammond to keep talking about the subject so when deliberative session come, people will be there and make changes. The Selectmen create a budget but the voters are the ones who set it.

The Selectmen reminded people of the upcoming budget committee meetings and the importance of attending all the public hearings and deliberative session.

Tina Thomas stated that she disagreed that people have a say at deliberative. It's always up to Town Counsel and the Selectmen. Last year she had a warrant article to see if the Town would do away with pay as you throw. The intent got changed and the board should have put together a study for that. People elect the Selectmen to keep the taxes stable. She stated that she came to see about the conservation public hearing but it's not on the agenda. Chairman Wood stated that because there is now a petitioned article for the ballot, the Selectmen would not be holding another public hearing.

Richard Flibotte stated that the Selectmen had the petition under the table and waited until he left the last meeting to bring it out. After a brief discussion, the Board of Selectmen determined that due to legal issues this discussion should end.

Tina Thomas requested that all the names be read that on the petition in a public meeting. The Selectmen read hers last year.

Selectman Bishop stated the petition is a public document and can be viewed at the town office. The Selectmen agreed to place this item on the next agenda.

Frank Bourque thanked the Town Manager for putting the budget up on the website. He encouraged people to look at it.

New Business:

Board and Commission appointments – Interview only
Nick Moccia – full member of the ZBA
Joseph Povilaitis – Alternate member

Chairman Wood read a letter from the ZBA recommending the appointments.

Paul McCoy, Chairman of the ZBA, urged the Selectmen to appoint both Mr. Moccia and Mr. Povilaitis as soon as possible. The ZBA is in need of members and the next meeting is scheduled for January 10th. He explained that at the last meeting only four members were available to serve which could make it difficult to go forward with a case.

After a brief discussion, the Selectmen agreed to conduct the interview and determine if an appointment should be made at this meeting.

Nick Moccia explained that he has been an Alternate member for two years and has served on numerous cases. He would like the opportunity to continue to serve as a full member.

MOTION: Greg Bemis made a motion to appoint Nick Moccia a full member of the ZBA. Jack Barnes seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Joseph Povilaitis stated that he was invited to join the ZBA after presenting his own case to the ZBA. He stated he would like to become more actively involved in the Town and he feels that serving as an Alternate would give him that opportunity.

MOTION: Greg Bemis made a motion to appoint Joseph Povilaitis an Alternate Member of the ZBA. Jack Barnes seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Petition warrant article to lease Town Land for VFW and American Legion– Discussion

Representatives of the VFW and American Legion met with the Selectmen to discuss the reason for submitting the petition warrant article. The need for a new location is critical. The parking at the current location is very limited and it would benefit the neighbors if they would be able to move to another site.

Wetlands Mitigation Plan – Rough Draft review – Discussion

Cheryl Killam and Jonathan Wood of the Conservation Commission reviewed the proposed Wetlands Mitigation Plan with the Selectmen.

Request to maintain section of Morrison Road (Class VI) – Discussion.

The Board reviewed a letter from Dennis Lydon of Aggregate Industries requesting permission to maintain Morrison Road in passable condition for maintenance and monitoring storm water improvements that have been made on the company's property. It will not include improvements to the road it will only be used by 4 wheel drive vehicles and an occasional backhoe needed to work on the company's land.

Public Works Director McCarthy has sent a letter stating that this proposal meets with all Town of Raymond requirements.

Time and Place for 2007 Deliberative session

MOTION: Tim Auclair made a motion to that the 2007 Town of Raymond Deliberative Session is to be held on Saturday, February 3rd, 2007 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Raymond High School Dining Area. Greg Bemis seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Unfinished Business:

The Selectmen discussed the Town Warrant as follows:

- final review of funding articles
- additional non-monetary articles
 - Warrant Article on Town Manager residency
 - Change in Date for Town Meeting

Adjournment

MOTION: Greg Bemis made a motion to adjourn. Tim Auclair seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bette Patterson
Recording Secretary