

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

Members Present: Chairman Frank Bishop, Vice Chairman Frank Bourque, Tim Auclair and Robert Carlberg.

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

Public Forum

No public came forward.

Public Hearing:

To accept the donation of \$429.00 from the Rockingham Superior Court for Asset Forfeiture.

Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to hear public comments regarding the donation of \$429.00 from the Rockingham Superior Court for Asset Forfeiture.

He invited public comment.

There was no public comment.

Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing at 7:07p.m.

Selectman Auclair made a motion to accept the donation of \$429.00 from the Rockingham Superior Court for Asset Forfeiture, seconded by Selectman Carlberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Request to use the Common for “Kids on the Common”- Raymond Recreation

Chairman Bishop read a letter from the Recreation Department. *A copy of the letter is attached to this set of minutes that is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office and available for review during regular office hours.*

Selectman Carlberg made a motion to allow the Recreation Department and Coalition for Youth to use the Common for “Kids on the Common” on July 27 and August 17, seconded by Selectman Auclair. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Carlberg made a motion to institute a hiring freeze on all full time personnel and to review all contracted personnel as of this date, July 2, 2007, seconded by Selectman Bourque. Discussion

Selectman Carlberg stated that the Board had tight controls on spending already and this motion is designed to carry this on. He doesn't think that the only reason employees leave the Town's employment is lack of pay. If this motion passes, he ask that the Board meet with each Department Head and discuss each position in there department and to institute a clear job description for the Department Head and their employees. Selectman Auclair didn't believe it was necessary to put in place a hiring freeze. He believed that the Department Heads have a good handle on their budgets. He also believed that it was up to the Town Manager to oversee the function and responsibilities on the employees. Selectman Carlberg stated that his motion wasn't made to micromanage the town but to work with the Interim Town Manager or the permanent Town Manager on this. Selectman Bourque stated he was ok with this as long as the Board agrees that this is a temporary act. He wants to give the new Town Manager the opportunity to do a budget evaluation. Chairman Bishop feels the motion is valid but feels it should be put on hold until the new Town Manager is hired.

Selectman Carlberg amended his motion to institute a hiring freeze on all full time personnel and to review all contracted personnel as of this date, July 2, 2007 until a new full time Town Manager is in place, seconded by Selectman Bourque.

Chairman Bishop invited public comment.

Steve Nauom advised the Board to think carefully about hiring new employees. Whereas the Town had just laid off three long time employees, it may not look good to the public to do this and may cause a lawsuit with the employees that were laid off.

Chairman Bishop took the vote on the motion. Motion passed three to one. Selectman Auclair opposed the motion.

Chairman Bishop stated that this will not be put into place until he has had a chance to speak with the interim Town Manager.

Old Bye Road update

Chairman Bishop read a memo from the Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy. *A copy of the memo is attached to this set of minutes that is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for review during regular office hours.* There was no report on the second road. Kathy Hoelzel asked if this will be finished this summer and if it is a larger culvert than the one that currently exist. Chairman Bishop stated that the culvert will be finished this summer and will be larger that the existing one. Selectman Bourque stated that the project wouldn't be finished until probably September.

Raymond Business and Economic Development Council.

Selectman Carlberg stated that the Board will be asking each board and committee to come to a Selectmen's meeting.

Paul Brown informed the Board that the Chairman was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Peter Buckingham stated that RBEDC has made progress in many areas in Town. One is Flint Hill. The committee has invited a number of developers to present an environmentally friendly development. Mr. Buckingham read a letter that was sent to RBEDC. *A copy of the letter is attached to this set of minutes that is on file in the Town Clerk's Office and available for review during regular office hours.* The President of the company that wrote the letter is willing to meet with the RBEDC after July 17, 2007. Mr. Buckingham added that all of the main entrances would be on Route 27 and only an emergency exit on Route 156. Mr. Buckingham asked the Board to ask more developers to come to the RBEDC. He also acknowledged that the Conservation Commission is willing to work with RBEDC. He asked the Board to direct the Community Development Director to create an RFP.

Tim Louis stated the RBEDC has worked hard in the development of Exit 4. Now RBEDC is collecting information as to where else in Town more development can occur. Kathy also spoke on the matter of getting more jobs for students in the community. She feels that the website needs to be better so that developers can get more information on the Town. Chairman Bishop stated that he would like to set up a meeting with RBEDC and the DRED Commissioner. Mr. Louis stated that he has had some people offer to help the Town with the web site pro-bono but also asks others to come forward to volunteer within the community.

Paul Brown stated that the Selectmen need to set an example for the town by getting the boards and committees to work together. He stated that the Conservation Commission had done a great job with the wetlands mitigation to help with the development.

The RBEDC discussed many other issues with the Board about bringing businesses in Town.

Selectman Carlberg agreed that the Town website needs work. He asked Selectman Bourque to describe MUBCOD (Mixed Use Business Campus Overlay District) Provides flexibility in development.

Selectman Bourque stated MUBCOB was a zoning amendment that was put before the voters to provide flexibility in developing property because businesses are more intertwined today when in the past they were not. The land that this is zoned for is a 40 acre parcel with in Raymond. It will be mostly office space but other things could be put on that property such as a hotel or restaurant. Mainly things that are needed to support a business campus. Not all can be developed. At least 40% of the property has to put into Conservation easement or as a recreational area. The development can only occur on the State Highways. It's done to promote new jobs coming into Raymond. This was approved by the voters.

Selectman Bourque commented on Flint Hill stating that probably only 90 to 100 acres of the land would be developable but the Town could lease the land to companies. This

would be beneficial to the Town and to the companies leasing it. By not having to pay the purchase price on the land it can keep leasee's rent low and bring in more businesses. Mr. Brown added that the Town can use the money from the lease to create trails and picnic areas instead of the residential taxes, which isn't being used to do this anyway.

Mrs. Hoelzel asked the Board if Economic Development was part of the Master Plan that the Planning Board was working on. Selectman Bourque answered yes and added that in August or September the Planning Board would be sending out surveys to all of the residents to find out what they want Raymond to be. He urged everyone to fill it out because everyone's input is important. Mr. Louis asked if there is a way to get all members of the community to fill these out. Selectman Carlberg has had experience in the past that if the survey is mailed in a self addressed envelope that more people will fill it out.

Selectman Carlberg asked where RBEDC has been. He hasn't heard anything about the committee and hasn't seen them on TV. Mrs. Hoelzel stated that the council meets at 5:30 p.m. and people are just getting home. Mr. Brown added that the RBEDC worked a lot on the Exit 4 project.

The discussion went back to the website. Chairman Bishop asked if the RBEDC could work on getting someone to work on the website. They agreed to do that.

Selectman Bourque made a motion to ask that the Community Development Director work with the RBEDC to produce a RFP for the potential development under MUBCOD for economic development and that it be brought before the board when it is finished so that it can be distributed appropriately, seconded by Selectman Carlberg.

Chairman Bishop opened the motion for discussion. Selectman Auclair asked if the Board would have to have a public hearing on the RFP. Selectman Bourque answered no. When it is brought to the Board it will be informational. Mrs. Hoelzel wanted to make sure that with this motion the Board didn't want RBEDC to stop working on their current projects. The Board answered no.

Chairman Bishop called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Auclair asked what the Selectmen can do to make this Council more visible to the public. Mr. Louis stated that they could do press releases about once a month. Mrs. Hoelzel stated that in the RBEDC's charter they are to report to the Selectmen once a quarter but they have not been doing so.

Mrs. Hoelzel suggested that the Selectmen read all the board and committee minutes so that they are informed on what everyone is working on. Chairman Bishop stated that the boards and committees are under the Town Managers duties. Mr. Brown stated that

Chairman Bishop was the Selectmen's Representative on the RBEDC and he reports to the Selectmen at each meeting so he should add the RBEDC to his report.

The Selectman thanked the RBEDC for coming to the meeting.

Request for the Town to take action on the cemetery located Route 102- Aldie Therriault

Mr. Therriault came before the Board. Selectman Auclair asked Mr. Therriault what exactly he wanted the Board to do for him. Mr. Therriault stated that he wants the Selectmen to take the cemetery off his deed by subdividing the property. Chairman Bishop asked if he had the land surveyed and he informed the Board he had. He showed the Board the survey map. The Board and Mr. Therriault discussed what was on the survey map and the deed. Selectman Bourque asked Mr. Therriault to continue to answer Selectman Auclair's question. Mr. Therriault stated that he wanted the Town to take the Cemetery and the Town pay for all related costs. Selectman Auclair stated that the Town would accept the cemetery but wouldn't pay for the related cost. Mr. Therriault stated that the problem is doing the subdivision. The Planning Board denied him the subdivision because he wanted to subdivide it into three pieces. Selectman Bourque told Mr. Therriault to go back to the Planning Board and just subdivide the cemetery. Selectman Bourque stated that he would also need a new survey done and without one he will not get an approval from the Planning Board.

Board of Selectmen Report

Selectman Carlberg reminded everyone that there would be a 4th of July Celebration downtown on Wednesday morning. At the Planning Board meeting Exit 4 was conditionally approved and that everyone that worked on it should be thanked.

Selectman Aulcair attended the Recreation Committee Meeting. One topic was the Track and whether it met state standards and what needs to be done. The second was creating a policy to charge non-residents for using recreational fields. There are some road races coming up around the time of the Fair. He also attended the CIP meeting and they heard from all the department heads. The department heads were asked to look at their plan and see if it can be change by using thing for a longer period before buying new equipment. He informed the Board that there are some funds from the Current Use Tax that the Board needs to start making decisions on.

Selectman Bourque went to the Budget Committee meeting and met with the School Department. He also attended a Planning Board meeting on the Master Plan. He believes the Planning Board is making great progress on this and is working on the survey questions.

Chairman Bishop didn't have any meeting to attend. He stated that Governor Lynch will be in the parade. Selectman Carlberg added that Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter will also be there. Chairman Bishop informed to Board that he will be working on the

Boston Cane with the Historic District Commission to find the oldest citizen in Raymond. He also stated that he has been in touch with the person that is in control of the damns. An emergency procedure is being worked on and he would like the approval of the Board to work on this. Selectman Auclair didn't feel that the Selectmen should get involved in this. Chairman Bishop stated he would work on this as a State Representative.

Review/Adoption of Minutes

Selectman Carlberg had many things that he felt should be added to the minutes of June 11th. He asked if he could work with the Recording Secretary to make sure that these issues would be put in the minutes. Chairman Bishop asked him to go in and listen to the tapes with the Recording Secretary.

Selectman Bourque made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2007, seconded by Selectman Carlberg. Motions passed unanimously.

MOTION: Selectman Bourque made a motion to enter Non-Public Session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3, II (b) – The hiring of a public employee. Selectman Auclair seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Selectman Bourque made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3, II (b) – The hiring of a public employee and to seal the minutes indefinitely. Selectman Auclair seconded. Voted unanimously in the affirmative.

Selectman Bourque mad a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Auclair. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Rives
Executive Secretary