

## Raymond Planning Board Minutes

July 15, 2010

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**Place:** Raymond High School; Media Center

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Jonathan Wood, Chairman; Carolyn Matthews, Vice Chairman; Bill Hoitt, Board of Selectmen Ex-officio; Jim Kent; Bill Cantwell; Gretchen Gott.

**Staff Present:** Sharon Somers, Legal Counsel; Ernest Cartier Creveling; Community Development Director.

### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Brief Update from Town Manager Regarding a Downtown Property

*Members Sitting for this Discussion:* Jonathan Wood; Carolyn Matthews; Bill Hoitt; Bill Cantwell; Jim Kent; Gretchen Gott.

Town Manager Christopher Rose informed the Planning Board that an offer has been made by an organization to purchase a vacant lot located in the Downtown area, and construct a building. The lot, Map 28-3, Lot 38, is currently owned by the Town of Raymond. Mr. Rose stated he needs a recommendation from the Planning Board on the sale of this property to proceed with the RSA 41:14-a process with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Wood asked if this property was located within the Historic District. It was determined that it was not located within the Historic District, as it is not listed in the Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Gott requested that the buyer of the property be informed that there are several structures located within the Historic District, located nearby. She asked that any new building be constructed in similar character to other buildings located in the downtown area.

Mr. Kent asked about the prospective buyer, and about their intention for the property. Mr. Rose replied he is uncertain that he can release that information at this time. Mr. Kent stated his reason for asking is to ensure the property would fit into a downtown character. Mr. Rose stated the proposal would be of benefit to Raymond, and would fit nicely in the downtown area.

Mr. Wood polled the Board to determine if each member was or was not in favor of selling the property in question.

#### POLL RESULTS

Ms. Matthews – No objection

Mr. Cantwell – No objection

Mr. Hoitt – Abstain

Ms. Gott – No objection, adding that an effort should be made to ensure any new construction is compatible with the existing character of the downtown and its historic properties.

Mr. Kent – No objection

Mr. Wood – No objection

**MOTION:** Mr. Cantwell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Matthews, to recommend the sale of Map 28-3, Lot 38. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0-1, with Mr. Hoitt abstaining.

**Work Session – Annual Training with Legal Counsel**

*Members Sitting for this Discussion: Jonathan Wood; Carolyn Matthews; Bill Hoitt; Bill Cantwell; Jim Kent; Gretchen Gott.*

Attorney Sharon Somers of Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella, PLLC presented the annual training session to the Planning Board.

**Other Business**

The Planning Board heard reports from its members serving on other Boards or Committees.

Ms. Matthews requested that Mr. Wood meet with staff to schedule some goals and objectives that can be achieved and eliminated from the Board's list.

**Adjournment**

MOTION: Mr. Kent made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cantwell, to adjourn. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 6-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Price  
Planning Technician