

Town of Raymond
Board of Selectmen DRAFT Minutes
Monday, July 30, 2018
6:00 PM
Raymond High School Media Center

Meeting Called to Order at High School by: Chair, Selectman Barnes; 6:00 p.m.

Board of Selectmen in Attendance:

Jack Barnes
George Plante
Scott Campbell
Wayne Welch

Town of Raymond Staff:

Joseph Ilsley – Town Manager

Board of Selectmen Excused: Gregory Bemis – Late 6:46 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moment of Silence: Nancy Prince, Marilyn Nash, Randy Richard, Leater Prince, Barbara Green, Erik Duarte, Sidney Vallet, Nelson Edwards, Mary Fitzsimmons, Rex Henderson, Jr., Dennis Lydon.

Public Comment:

Mr. Hammond (Buster) came forward to express his concerns for Scribner Road and why it has not been resolved. Mr. Ilsley stated that he has been working on the issue, and after many conversations with town council, and he stated that the town is at a point where the town is either going to have to commit to litigation as a community or there is no other path at this time. We have no support from the state and no resolution to what we have submitted forward. Per town council statements, we have about a 60% chance of winning the case and if we take this path we may have a chance to open it up. The costs estimate for litigation between \$5,000 - \$125,000. The Board suggested having the Town Manager reach out to Councilor Russ Prescott and see if he would attend the next Board meeting on August 27th to help us with this issue. They also suggested having town council present.

CRF – Police Department – Recording System:

Chief Labell came before the board about a month ago to open sealed bids from two prospective companies for a new recording system for the police station. One bid was in the amount of \$23,000 for the project and another for \$12,990 in which they had a public safety discount of \$3,000 bringing the total to \$9,454.00 and the PD would like to move forward with the lower bid. The current system is no longer supported, and it needs to be upgraded. Chief would like the Board to approve the CRF to move forward on the project. These are not encumbered funds and it has been approved from the trustees of the trust funds and they are in line with the expense. The Town Manager will double check to ensure that the funds are properly distributed. Selectman Welch made a motion to accept this expenditure for \$9,454.00 upon second round of approvals from the finance office and town committees that will be made available to the Board and approve the expenditure, seconded by Selectman Campbell, MOTION PASSED, 4-0-0. Chief also gave a brief overview of the new evidence room expansion and office changes at the police department.

Welfare Payments:

Mr. Ilsley read a memo into the record from the welfare director regarding the action that the town would like to take regarding welfare assistance payments if a landlord's taxes, water bills are outstanding. (see memo and RSA attached). Mr. Ilsley is asking for a vote from the Board to move forward in line with the RSA. Selectman Welch had concerns that by voting for this is the town superseding the purpose of having welfare assistance. He is concerned that we are not addressing the issue of the welfare people to assist them. Selectman Barnes made a

53 motion to accept and be in line with the current RSA 165:4-a on welfare assistance payments, seconded by
54 Selectman Campbell, MOTION PASSED 4-0-0.

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56 **Permission for Land Use for the Miss Raymond Scholarship Program (Teddy Bear Picnic)**

57 Ms. Vogel came forward to explain the event, raffle, and activities for a fundraiser for this program. As this is a
58 town sponsored event and is under the Raymond Recreation. 100% of the proceeds for the fundraisings goes toward
59 the scholarship program. Selectman Plante made a motion to accept the land use for this event, seconded my
60 Selectman Welch, MOTION PASSED 4-0-0. Ms. Vogel stated that she would like to ask to be put on the August
61 27th Board meeting agenda so that the Board can meet the Miss Raymond title holder representatives.

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63 **Approval of Minutes:**

64 Selectman Plante made a motion to accept the June 11, 2018 minutes as written, seconded by Selectman Campbell,
65 MOTION PASSED 5-0-0. Selectman Bemis made a motion to accept the July 2, 2018 minutes as written,
66 seconded by Selectman Campbell, 4-0-1.

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68 **Other Business:**

69 Selectman Barnes read the results of the July 2, 2018 non-public minutes. The minutes were unanimously voted to
70 be sealed until July 2, 2019.

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72 **Citizen Questions/Comments:**

73 Ms. Watjus came forward to ask about the CRF that the Police Chief was speaking about earlier in the meeting. She
74 stated that he asked for it out of the Capital Improvements plan and she stated that the CIP threshold was \$20,000
75 and above.

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77 **Correspondence Sent/Received:** n/a

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79 **Town Manager Report:**

80 Mr. Ilsley gave his report per the direction of the Board. He has addressed several areas of concern. The
81 Department Heads and staff have been working on tax mitigation and liabilities, codified structures and procedures
82 and closure of legacy items. He has been working on the deed properties. He explained that the town does possess
83 approximately \$2.7 million dollars of deeded property, not all properties are of sale value. He has created a staff
84 team to look at these properties on a weekly basis (tackling 5 properties a month) to see what action needs to be
85 taken and other options or revitalization to these properties. This group is also involved in citizen property issues;
86 legacy issues that need decisions and or action in addition to the deeded properties on a weekly basis. He also
87 addressed the employee compensation buy-out strategies that he has been working on. He stated that historically
88 the town has utilized compensation buy outs to compensate for low wages. The liability to the tax payer however,
89 this buy out over a 20-year period will be approximately \$4.3 million and \$555,000 of that is projected to be paid
90 out over the next seven years. This is unbudgeted funds and we are coming forward with a proposal to the board
91 for their consideration. He has evaluated the budget, there are no spending practices or projected models to look
92 back on, so he will be building a spending model with department heads and they are working on a proposal for a
93 readjustment plan. He has looked at quality control regarding contracts with companies that do work for the town.
94 He will be initiating a staff member to be the one person who will oversee all contracts for the town for more
95 control. He also mentioned he will be continuing to work on Scribner Road issue. He also announced in order to be
96 more transparent, all Board agendas, minutes that are posted on line will be full packets with corresponding
97 information for residents to view.

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99 **Board of Selectmen Report:**

100 Selectman Campbell had been attending the Planning Board meetings; they are addressing several issues,
101 Selectman Bemis has attended the CIP meetings at different locations, he is also working on the Triathlon on 9/8/18
102 also mentioned the concerts on the common on Thursday's @ 6:00 p.m.; Selectman Welch made some comments
103 regarding Dennis Lydon – long time resident and volunteer of the town, he commented on the success of the Town
104 Fair and he also has been attending the Highway Safety meetings and they are addressing several issues; Selectman

105 Plante, no comments, Selectman Barnes commented on an article in the Town and City magazine -91A seminars
106 that are coming up.

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108 **Non-Public RSA A:3, II (d) Property & Non-Public RSA A:3, II (a) Personnel**

109 Motion to enter into Non -Public (Personnel) made by Selectman Bemis, seconded by Selectman Plante, Board was
110 polled. Motion to enter into Non -Public (Property) made by Selectman Bemis, seconded by Selectman Campbell,
111 Board was polled. Selectman agreed 4-0-0. Adjournment of Public meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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113 No other business was conducted.

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115 **Additional Comment:**

116 Jon Beauvilliers (citizen) to express his concerns and ask that the Board consider opening up Carroll Beach for
117 swimming. He came with records regarding water readings. Deb will call Mr. Beauvilliers and set up a meeting
118 with he town manager to discuss this matter further. The Town Manager has been out to the beach area and has
119 discussed this already with department heads. Concerns seem to be with swim at your own risk along with other
120 environmental issues. The Board gave the ok to move forward.

121 Minutes Recorded By:

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123 Deborah Intonti, Executive Assistant to the
124 Board of Selectmen and Town Manager

These minutes are in draft form and therefore
a subject to change.

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126 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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