

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Tuesday, February 5, 2008

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

TO: Jack Cooper, a resident of the Town of Raymond, in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Raymond, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Jordan-Small Middle School Broadcast Studio, in said Town of Raymond on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 7:00 pm, then and there to act on the following articles:

NOTE: The meeting was moved to the Jordan Small Middle School cafeteria.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

NOMINATION: There was a nomination and second for Alan Stone for moderator.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to cease nominations.

VOTE: Carried.

VOTE FOR MODERATOR: Carried.

NON-RESIDENT SPEAKERS: Mr. Stone announced that there was a request that Randy Crockett, Principal of Jordan Small Middle School be allowed to speak. He asked if there were any other non-residents who would like to speak. There were none. Mr. Stone asked if anyone objected to having Randy Crockett speak. There were none.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum not to exceed \$145,000 from undesignated school fund balance (surplus) for the purpose of improvements to the Air Quality system at Jordan Small Middle School. Said amount to be in addition to amounts previously authorized for the 2007-2008 school budget.

The School Board recommends adoption of this article.

The Budget/Finance Committee did not recommend adoption of this article.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to approve Article 2.

VOTE: Carried.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town repeal the Chimney Ordinance adopted in May 1989 and adopt the following new Chimney Ordinance in its place?

TOWN OF RAYMOND CHIMNEY ORDINANCE
February 2008

1. It is required that chimneys for solid fuel burning appliances be of a fire-resistant masonry material, except as provided in paragraph 2 below.
2. Installation of a prefabricated metal chimney is allowed if the chimney is listed as approved by Underwriters Laboratories or a similar nationally accredited testing laboratory and such listing is in effect at the time of installation. In addition the use of the

prefabricated metal chimney must be acceptable under any homeowners insurance policy or other property and casualty insurance policy covering the building on which the chimney is installed.

3. In the event of a chimney fire in any kind of chimney, before the chimney is used again the property owner must have the chimney inspected by a chimney sweep certified by the Chimney Safety Institute of America and provide proof of such inspection to the Town of Raymond Fire/Rescue Department

The Selectmen recommend adoption of this article.

EXPLANATION: Raymond's Local Fire Inspector researched the changes to the Raymond ordinance concerning prefabricated metal chimneys and found that the Town Officials at the time were very concerned with the number of chimney fires that occurred in and around the Town of Raymond. Homeowners at the time were installing sub-par and often times dangerous single walled chimney liners. Today the manufacturers must meet the federal and state standards for chimney technology under NFP 211 which requires the chimneys be UL tested from temperatures of 1700 to 2100 degrees and some are manufactured with triple linings.

Comments from some local insurance companies were that in the event of a chimney fire most policies mandate an inspection of the chimney and heating device following a chimney fire, therefore the third part of the ordinance was designed to co-exist with those requirements.

MOTION: There was a motion and second to adopt Article 3.

VOTE: Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Alan Stone adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk