

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 5, 1998**

**ATTENDANCE:** Stephanie Bubier, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Timothy Pomerleau; Ada Brown; Michael McClellan; Jackie Hewett and Michael Cline, Co-Comprehensive Plan Chairmen; Jim Stevenson, Comp Plan Committee; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Stephanie Bubier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes. -
  - a. April 7, 1998

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** 4 in favor (McDermott, Brown, Pomerleau, Bubier) 1 abstention (McClellan)

- b. April 21, 1998

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

3. General discussion with the Comprehensive Plan Committee regarding future work to the Comprehensive Plan.

**DISCUSSION:** Mrs. Bubier asked where they go from this point. She asked for the Comp Plan's opinion. Mr. Pomerleau asked if they wanted to work on just a summary or start the actual work to rewrite the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Hewett asked if there were any pressing needs and if so then go forward with a town-wide survey and a complete review which would cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000. She added that the National Census would be available in the year 2001 or 2. She felt that they could work now with the COG information. Mr. Poore said that COG had slowed to a stop because of the work being done up to the Town Meeting but that he could ask them to resume for us. Mrs. Hewett thought the ten year cycle was good to update the Comp Plan.

**MOTION:** Ada Brown motioned to do away with the present Comprehensive Plan Committee and appoint new members. She felt that Raymond needed business friendly Comp Plan members. No second.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Pomerleau felt that an executive summary would be valuable. Mr. Poore continued that it would be beneficial to compare the Comp Plan with any new information about the area available. He thought it would be a 6 to 12 month project. Mrs. Bubier asked if this Report Card would be written by the Town Manager or the Comp Plan Committee? Mr. Poore replied the Comp Plan Committee with help from Mr. Poore and Doug Webster, Town Planner. Mr. McClellan asked what was accomplished this year. Mr. Cline replied that they had one meeting and then the Commercial Zone change was introduced which deviated from their original program. Jim Stevenson noted that the questionnaire

should be worked on to prepare for the future mailing of a survey. Mrs. Bubier asked if they would do a report card summary with COG's help and review Comp Plan to know any weak spots prior to doing a survey. Mr. Poore suggested their agenda be: 1) review Comp Plan with COG's help, 2) write a report card statement, and 3) decide whether a survey is necessary at this time. He thought this could be done by the end of the summer. Mrs. Brown asked if Mrs. Hewett was indeed planning to move from Raymond. Mrs. Hewett replied yes but that she would be working until that time which probably would be the end of August.

- 4. Consideration of several property tax abatements.
  - a. Ganderbrook Christian Camp.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. O'Donnell explained that he did consider Ganderbrook to be a charitable and benevolent body and he recommended going back the three years for abatement. He said it involved four parcels. Jack Husler (sp?), representative for Ganderbrook, requested the abatement. Mr. O'Donnell indicated:

Years	19/15	19/31	26/1 2	6/33
95-96	\$3440.61	\$602.78	\$1029.24	\$227.81
96-97	\$3491.58	\$611.71	\$1044.49	\$231.19
97-98	\$3542.55	\$620.64	\$1059.74	\$234.56
Total				\$16,136.90

He felt that the Assessing overlay would cover this expense.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to approve this abatement. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

- b. Map 6, Lot 59

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. O'Donnell explained that this was an assessing mistake and recommended a 1997-98 abatement of \$210.72.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to approve this abatement. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

**NOTE:** Mr. Poore said that this was discussed but not requested prior to the 185 day deadline. He felt along with Mr. O'Donnell that it would be appropriate to allow the request because of that on-going discussion.

- c. Map 14, Lot 15

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. O'Donnell said that this request for a revaluation was made over a year ago and he had just looked at it. He said there was extreme wear and tear to the house. He felt the house should be reduced to \$88,720. The abatement

for 1997-98 would be \$276.68.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to approve this abatement. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

d. Map 20, Lot 1

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. O'Donnell explained that this was a .13 acre unbuildable lot on Notched Pond. He continued that this whole parcel is in three different towns with the highest value being in New Gloucester and the .05 acre piece in Gray being non valued even though it is waterfront. He wanted to lower the valuation.

**MOTION:** Tim Pomerleau motioned to deny the request. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

**VOTE:** 2 in favor (Pomerleau, McClellan) 3 opposed (Bubier, McDermott, Brown)

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. O'Donnell noted that they could table this because they have another 30 days for discussion. Mr. Poore said the date of request was 34 days ago. Mr. Pomerleau said he felt New Gloucester could reduce their valuation.

**MOTION:** Tim Pomerleau motioned to table. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

e. Map 6, Lot 35

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. O'Donnell explained that in 1996-97 the house was vandalized and sold for \$9000 with the buildings valued at \$5000 at that time. In 1997-98 the house was completed and sold but he didn't reevaluate it. He said he can go back 3 years. He said the new value for 1998-99 will be \$91,710. He asked for an abatement of \$795.22.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

5. Consideration to appoint two delegates and an alternate to serve as General Assembly delegates for the Greater Portland Council of Governments. The General Assembly will be in session on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to appoint Tim Pomerleau and Nathan Poore as delegates and Stephanie Bubier as alternate. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

6. Review status of the engineering and marketing work completed and to be accomplished for economic development potential of the septic facility property.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Poore said that most of the changes are in the electrical hookups. Sebago Tech is sending out information to possible vendors and have

had a couple of "bites". At the moment there is a glut of possible power sites. The next move would be to hire a marketing company which would cost more money than what is budgeted. He recommended keeping with the present plan and Sebago Techniques at least until our budget runs out.

7. Review prior year goals and establish new goals for the ensuing year.

**MOTION:** Michael McClellan motioned to establish the goals suggested by the Town Manager's attachment. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

8. Consideration to enter into a contract with P & K Sand and Gravel for winter snow removal and sanding.

**MOTION:** Ada Brown motioned to approve the signing of the contract with P & K Sand and Gravel. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

**RECESS:** Stephanie Bubier recessed the meeting at 8:15 pm.

**RE-OPEN MEETING:** Stephanie Bubier re-opened the meeting at 8:17 pm.

**NOTE:** Mr. Poore said that this was for a five-year contract.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

9. Report on the status of brush removal from the ice storm and an update on FEMA/MEMA reimbursement.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Poore reported that prior to the Selectmen's decision to pick up brush roadside FEMA said that it would give the Town 90% of the expense of doing the work. Since that time the person that OK'd this proposal had been overruled. They estimated 25% of the roadside pickup because they believed that only that much of what would be picked up was from storm damage. He said there would be an appeal if necessary. So far there had been 10,000 cubic yards picked up and they have chipped another 5,000 cubic yards. A extending problem is that the ordinary spring work is not being done. Mrs. Bubier said that she believed that people have taken advantage of this service and not put out just storm related brush. She added that any mixed piles would not be picked up i.e. pine needles with the brush. Mrs. Brown felt that if it gets too expensive that the Town should renege on the service. Mr. Pomerleau said that the Town's commitment should be completed.

10. Communications and other business.

- a. Town Managers Report

- b. Committee appointment. Louise VanWinkle accepted the appointment to the Conservation Commission but declined the appointment to the Recycling Committee.

- c. Homestead applications. The applications will be data entered in the front office.

d. Homestead remuneration. The State will pay the Town \$2.20 per application for administration expense.

e. Tassel Top cabin. Krainen Realty will refer people to our cabin rental and in return Raymond will pay them 10% of the rent.

f. Committee members. We have put an ad in the Suburban News asking for volunteers to Raymond's committees.

g. New fire truck "loose equipment". The loose equipment for the new fire truck may be in by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

h. MMA Policy Committee. The legislative committee needs two positions filled. Two other incumbent Town managers are running but Mr. Poore said that he would like to be on that committee in the future. It is a two-year appointment which means a commitment of about one meeting a month plus a few emergency meetings.

**MOTION:** Betty McDermott motioned to nominate Nathan A. Poore as a candidate. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

i. Bulky Waste bill. The bill for April was over \$20,000 which is directly attributable to the storm debris.

j. Scholarships. Mrs. McDermott asked how they were being handled this year. Mr. Poore answered that they were being handled through Jordan Small and then returned for the Selectmen's decision. He said he would check on them.

k. MMWAC. Mr. Pomerleau reported that MMWAC had a fire Friday with damage to the cranes i.e. wiring, structures around the hopper. He said it should be open by next week.

l. Raymond Recreation Committee. Mr. McClellan said he had attended their last meeting and found it underway. He said the next meeting would not be until September.

m. Recycling Committee. Mrs. Brown said that Mr. Hammett will be calling a meeting by the end of May.

11. Review and authorize the May 5, 1998 Treasurer's Warrant.

**MOTION:** Tim Pomerleau motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$84,764.55. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

12. Adjournment.

**MOTION:** Ada Brown motioned to adjourn as soon as the Warrant is signed. Seconded by Tim Pomerleau.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Stephanie Bubier adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester  
Secretary