

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes July 20, 1999 - Raymond Town Office; 7:00 PM

Present: Tim Pomerleau, Mike McClellan, Ada Brown, Betty McDermott, Stephanie Bubier, Nathan Poore, and 8 - 10 members from the public.

Call to order.

T. Pomerleau called the meeting order at 7:00 PM.

Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

S. Bubier moved the minutes be approved as written; A. Brown seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0-1.

Consideration of appointments - Town Office Building Committee and Appeals Board.

S. Bubier moved to appoint Ben Levy and Eleanor Thompson to the Town Office Building Committee; A. Brown seconded the motion; motion passed 4-0.

N. Poore reported that there have been no additional requests for the Appeals Board. The Board of Selectmen informally decided to table further action to the next meeting.

Consideration of a request to overturn the Town Managers decision to not reimburse towing expenses incurred by Patricia St. Pierre for parking a vehicle at the District 2 Fire Station.

N. Poore reported that he had received a letter from Patricia St. Pierre to reimburse her for towing expenses related to the Town towing her vehicle from the D-2 Fire Station. He explained that he refused to reimburse the expense because of her location on the property and the potential safety hazard imposed by her vehicle. Patricia St. Pierre and her husband Hank explained their disagreement with N. Poore's decision. T. Pomerleau and M. McClellan explained their position to reimburse the expense.

M. McClellan moved the Town reimburse Patricia St. Pierre; T. Pomerleau seconded the motion; motion failed 2-3.

Consideration of the Community Development Committee recommendation to award a contract for services for engineering and other work to be performed in association with the Route 302 Streetscape Improvement Project. Recommendations are based on a Request for Qualifications process and the recommended firm will be announced at the meeting.

N. Poore reported the Committee received 7 very qualified responses. From the responses, 4 firms were interviewed and the Committee unanimously (including N. Poore) chose the team to be led by Gorrill Palmer. N. Poore also explained the need for additional funds either from the Town or DOT for survey work. N. Poore explained he may have to put off the GIS development and that money budgeted for the part of the budget could be used for the survey work if necessary. He explained that a decision by the Board could come later on this issue.

B. McDermott moved the Town hire Gorrill-Palmer as the Town's consultant on this project; M. McClellan seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

Discuss Jones Beach development and acquisitions possibilities.

N. Poore explained that he been talking about this for several months now and it has finally come to making some decisions. He referenced several communications about what has occurred thus far. He explained there are many issues that need to be resolved before the Town could take possession of the property. The issues include having the State pay for the purchase of the property and improvements so that it is safe and manageable. He said he is looking for several directions from the Board. One decision being the funding for some engineering work and another decision to proceed with an option to acquire the property.

T. Pomerleau expressed his opposition to the Town's involvement and cited historical problems with the property and the Town's unwillingness in the past to acquire the property. An unknown member from the public and Lloyd Thompson agreed with position of T. Pomerleau. Members from the public - David

Knight, Peter Marcinuk, Lee Adams, Shirley Fielder, and Tim Alexander all spoke in favor of looking into the project further.

S. Bubier motioned to authorize \$1,000 toward engineering with \$2,000 promised by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to look into design options and to direct the Town Manager to proceed with drafting an option for the property that the Board will vote on at a future meeting; A. Brown seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-1.

Discuss future uses of the newly acquired home located on Webbs Mills Road.

N. Poore explained he is not sure how to proceed with this issue. The Board informally voted to table this item for a couple of months and to place an article in the Road Runner to solicit public opinion.

Consideration to send notices to seasonal residents about recycling changes.

N. Poore explained how the Town needs to communicate with over 1000 seasonal residents who do not receive the Road Runner. The only option is through first class mail. He proposed the Town send a cover letter and a copy of the new brochure as soon as possible. The group doing the survey on jet skis would like to be part of the mailing as well. Along with the mailing we would include a copy of the LEA brochure. N. Poore reported the total cost of mailing to be around \$500 to \$600. The Board informally voted to support the mailing.

Consideration of a property exchange between the Town and PROP for property located near the intersection of Webbs Mills Road and Raymond Hill Road, formally authorized at the March, 1995 Town Meeting.

N. Poore reported the property exchange was authorized at a previous Town Meeting and that the Town is just now transferring interests through quit claim deeds. S. Bubier moved the property transaction be approved by the Board; B. McDermott seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

Communications and other business.

N. Poore reported several communications.

N. Poore handed out copies of a proposed Internet and Email use Personnel policy for the Board to consider at a future meeting.

N. Poore explained a citizen petition to the DOT that was filed for reducing the speed limits and adding striping on Route 121. The Board informally decided to not write a letter of support or opposition.

The Board decided to vote on whom would replace S. Bubier on a number of Boards and Committees at the next meeting.

T. Pomerleau expressed the Boards appreciation for S. Bubier's service to the Town over the years and wished her good luck with her new endeavors. The rest of the Board also thanked S. Bubier for her service.

Review and authorize June 30, 1999 Treasurer's Warrant and July 20, 1999 Treasurer's Warrant.

S. Bubier moved the June 30 and July 20, 1999 Treasurer's Warrant be approved by the Board; B. McDermott seconded the motion; the motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn.

S. Bubier moved the meeting adjourn at 8:45 PM.; B. McDermott seconded the motion; motion passed 5-0.

**Respectfully Submitted
Nathan A. Poore, Recording Secretary**