

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

September 21, 1999

ATTENDANCE: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Ada Brown; Betty McDermott; Priscilla Rand, Conservation Commission; Mark Dion, Cumberland County Sheriff; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

Call to order. Tim Pomerleau called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

a. September 7, 1999

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. September 8, 1999

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Presentation and discussion about contract law enforcement services from Cumberland county Sheriff Department, presented by Sheriff Mark Dion.

DISCUSSION: Sheriff Dion explained that the Department has two forms of coverage. The first is general revenue which is their Cumberland County wide coverage with no specific coverage of towns in that area. The second is contract service which will put an officer in a particular town for a specified amount of time for coverage. If a town has contract service then the town will get their designated officer plus coverage by the area wide officer(s). The first year of a contract includes the price of a vehicle which would have to be replaced about every three years. Mr. Pomerleau felt that since the Town is already paying a share of the Sheriff's budget that it should not have to pay extra for coverage. Sheriff Dion replied there were different levels of coverage available and that Raymond would get area wide coverage regardless. Mr. Poore felt that having some contract coverage would be advantageous because it would allow for more prompt service during the hours of the specified contract time as well as having service to deal with Town matters like parking and security for public works facilities as well as having a quicker response for citizen requests. Sheriff Dion indicated that the contract would be reviewed regularly and that it could be stopped at any time. Mr. Poore said that he would be putting it into his original budget request for the Selectmen as a line item. Mrs. Brown asked if there was citizen demand. Mr. Poore replied that there was some citizen complaint especially about speeding, ATV's, and cemetery and Sheri Gagnon Park vandalism.

4. Consideration of the 1999/2000 tax commitment and tax/mil rate.

NOTE: Mr. Poore said that the suggestion was going from 1998-1999 mil rate of 14.32 to the new mil rate of 14.20. This drop was possible because of the increase in Town valuation with the Pipeline and a new Dielectric addition, as well as 41 new homes. The proposed overlay would be \$31,174.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to have the mil rate at 14.20. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to commit the taxes at an assessed value of \$388,666,188.00. Seconded by Ada Brown.

NOTE: Mr. Poore indicated that the commitment book had not been printed and that when it is done on 9/22/99 the computer may change the number slightly because of rounding off percentages.

VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Consideration to list all tax acquired properties to be sold at public sale.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore said there were two questions: 1) whether the Town sells these properties, and 2) whether they are sold by sealed bid or open bid.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to sell the TAP properties by open bid with the notice as amended. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: Mr. Poore indicated that if the property has a resident(s) that the new owner will deal with it as they see fit.

6. Consideration to hold an executive session to discuss the options on a property lease agreement with Maine Cellular for the property located at the end of Patricia Avenue.

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to table until the first meeting in October. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Communications and other business.

a. Jetski Survey.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore explained that for the Town to be able to do anything about the lakes and ponds a draft of the regulation would have to go to public hearing in Raymond and then if passed to Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and if passed by them to the Legislature. He said there would be a Special Town Meeting October 21st to deal with some school funding matters and if a public hearing could happen prior to that it could be voted on at that Town Meeting. However, the time is short and it may not be possible to schedule everything in a timely manner. Mrs. Brown felt that the Town should not be involved with these matters but leave it to IF&W. Mr. Poore said that they might ask Joseph Bruno, State Representative, to submit a bill to extend the time period to deal with this matter.

MOTION: Tim Pomerleau motioned to direct Nathan Poore to ask for an extension of time through the Legislature to deal with this issue. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Assessing inspection procedures.

NOTE: Nathan Poore will write an article for the ROADRUNNER to explain why and how assessing inspections are done.

c. Planning Board escrow increase.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to increase the Planning Board escrow for Subdivisions

from \$200 to \$400. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

d. Target Practice at Salt/Sand Pit off Plains Road.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore said that Nathan White, Public Works Foreman, had put up signs to stop the practice of target shooting at the Town pit. He said that the neighbors had been complaining about the noise etc. Mr. Pomerleau felt that there could be limited hours for use. Mr. Poore said he would investigate but said that he did not want the Town to become a "rod & gun club" and felt that a group should form to police this kind of practice.

e. RFP from Wayne Smith for Investment Services.

f. October Special Town Meeting.

\$168,000 for a septic site for Jordan
Small School

\$55,000 for an Emergency generator for
Jordan Small School

Mr. Pomerleau didn't feel that the generator was necessary and wanted more information. Mrs. Brown said that Raymond should have a shelter set up and the generator was important to that effort. Mrs. McDermott concurred saying it would be better for the community to be prepared.

TABLED until the next meeting.

School Funding for the foundation
allocation number.

Mr. Poore said this would not change the "bottom line" but it needed to be voted on by the Town.

g. County Commissioner tax hearings.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Pomerleau asked if there had been any correspondence from the County Commissioners about their decisions from the August meeting with them. Mr. Poore said he would investigate.

h. Cemetery Committee.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. McDermott said that the committee had been working most recently on the Village Cemetery cleaning stones and had done more than 60. They had also trimmed bushes and grass around stones.

8. Review and authorize September 23, 1999 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$85,994.63. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Adjourn.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Pomerleau adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.