

## **Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes February 1, 2000**

ATTENDANCE: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Ada Brown; Betty McDermott; Michael McClellan; Mark Acker; Kathleen Brown, Exec. Director of the Lake Region Development Council; Maynard Hincks, President of the LRDC; Karin Martin, GPCOG; Ingo Hartig, Raymond Rep. to the LRDC; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Tim Pomerleau opened the meeting at 7:00 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of pervious meeting minutes.
  - a. January 18, 2000

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

CORRECTIONS: Mrs. Brown asked that Mr. Carter's name be corrected to Thomas and not Charles. Mr. McClellan asked that the fact that Mr. Pomerleau thanked Suzanne Bruno for her terms as Voter Registrar be included.

VOTE: Unanimous.

- b. Addendum to the January 4, 2000 Minutes.

CORRECTION: Mr. Poore asked that the correction from the January 18, 2000 meeting be included that the heating system lower bid model did meet the specifications.

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3. Presentation and budget request for Lake Regional Development Council.

DISCUSSION: Maynard Hincks introduced their program saying that he felt they had accomplished a lot in their first 13 months of existence and having Ms. Brown on staff for only three months. He apologized for getting the budget request in late in Raymond's budget process saying that they had forgotten our Town Meeting was in March. He said that part of what they do is to loan money to the area's small businesses and keep abreast of what the area's infrastructure needs to promote business. He emphasized that they were a public/private partnership.

Katherine Brown said that the lake region's population was 30,000 including 1,000 businesses most of which employ under 9 employees. She said that they want to create jobs. Ms. Brown continued that they had 15 Board members who are representatives from the towns and local business community. She said that their extended functions are: nuturing existing businesses, stand as an agency for the region, become an information center for business inquiries, help businesses get information from local, state, and federal agencies, study the local infrastructure to see what is needed and how to achieve it, lobby in Augusta for law changes that impact the area businesses, and help the region businesses achieve economic goals. She said that Raymond's \$10,000 would represent 10% of their budget.

Ms. Brown announced a Route 302 Area Forum to be held February 17<sup>th</sup> in Naples. She also mentioned that they had received a grant in coordination with the Town of Windham for regional marketing. She continued that in the future they want to develop a commercial property data base and a demographic data base which will help with business recruitment for the area.

Ingo Hartig said that the Council wanted to be aware of the area's individuals wants and needs. He felt that it was important to have the kinds of businesses in each town that the residents wanted and of which they approved. He said that the Council would help locate a new business in the area by trying to accommodate both the business and the receiving town. He said that new business would help the tax base of any town which was very important to the property owner. He felt that success in one town would help its neighbor to develop as well.

Karin Martin indicated that GPCOG primarily worked within the counties they are responsible for and that the LRDC would work in conjunction with them for their smaller lake region area. She felt that the LRDC would be more aware of the individual businesses needs and that they would have more local information for development of new businesses.

Tim Pomerleau conferred that Neil Allen, GPCOG Director, said that GPCOG provided similar services to their towns but that the LRDC would be able to deal with immediate phone service. Mr. Pomerleau asked why Windham was only paying \$3,000 annually? Ms. Brown replied that Windham had its own economic development office and that they did contribute its time and energy to the LRDC gratis. She said that because of

Windham's participation in a regional grant that the LRDC was able to bring that grant application to fruition.

Karin Martin indicated that two grants (\$20,000 and \$10,000) were available through GPCOG for a regional organization but for which GPCOG couldn't apply and the LRDC did. Mr. Pomerleau had concern that the money invested by Raymond would be show a big enough return to the Town. Mr. Hincks said that he would like to think that the LRDC would some day be self-sufficient but they can't do it now. He said support would be necessary for some amount of time but he didn't know to what end. He said that annual reports would show their work and accomplishments. Mr. Acker asked how their success would be evaluated? Ms. Brown replied that the creation of jobs and new businesses plus the added investment of non-municipal sources would be a benchmark. Mr. Hincks said that they were now studying how to set their benchmarks to assess their progress in the future.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve the request for \$10,000. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

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

RECESS: Tim Pomerleau called a recess at 7:40 pm.

RE-OPEN: Tim Pomerleau re-opened the meeting at 7:44 pm.

4. Consideration to make recommendations on all warrant articles for the March 18, 2000 Town Meeting including the municipal FY00/01 budget articles.

DISCUSSION: Articles 2 through 53 were discussed. Articles 11, 12, 13, and 44 were discussed as having a question. It was stated that if they did not recommend Articles 11, 12, 13, and 44 that Article 52 would be influenced by subtracting an amount for Jones Beach Project. Mr. Acker said that the addition of Jones Beach would be an asset to the Town and it would give the Town an opportunity to improve and control the site.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to recommend Articles 2 through 53 except Articles 11, 12, 13 and 44. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to recommend Articles 11, 12, and 13. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: 4 in favor (McClellan, Brown, McDermott, Acker) 1 opposed (Pomerleau)

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to recommend Article 44. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: 4 in favor (McClellan, Brown, McDermott, Acker) 1 opposed (Pomerleau)

5. Executive Session - Consideration of a proposal to purchase property owned by the Town, formally acquired by the Town as security interest in the Birchwood Subdivision.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss a property item. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RECESS: Tim Pomerleau recessed the meeting at 8:14 pm.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

RE-OPEN MEETING: Tim Pomerleau re-opened the meeting at 8:26 pm saying that no action and votes were taken.

6. Consideration to approve a contract extension with the Town of Casco and Naples for bulky waste disposal.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to sign the agreement with the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: The agreement was signed.

7. Communications and other business.

a. 2000 Census

NOTE: Mr. Poore said that articles would be added to the *Roadrunner* about the upcoming census.

b. MMWAC

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore said that communication with Joe Kazar of MMWAC has asked that letters be written to support their intention of not installing the extra equipment to scrub the emissions which the DEP didn't think they should have to install but which the EPA requires.

c. Appeals Board Agenda

NOTE: Mr. Poore indicated that Jones Beach would be on the agenda for the Appeals Board meeting February 28<sup>th</sup>.

d. Conservation Commission

NOTE: Mr. Poore introduced a letter from Elizabeth Algeo describing their work this year and what they want to do this spring with the Crescent Lake project.

e. PROP Board of Directors

NOTE: Mr. Poore indicated that Marjorie Scott has volunteered to be on the Board. It was decided to wait a while until more people have an opportunity to call.

f. Bus Garage Door

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore described how the door was damaged. The Selectmen decided that since the garage was not being rented by the school any further and that they had agreed to maintain it, the school should pay for this repair.

g. Cape Road.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore reported that he had an application from the MDOT which would request that the State take over the responsibility of the Cape Road. It was decided to proceed with the application.

h. Mark Acker committee appointment

NOTE: Mark Acker will now represent Raymond at the Lake Region Bulky Waste Facility Board.

8. Review and authorize February 1, 2000 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$205,548.80. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Adjourn.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Pomerleau adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester

Secretary