

**Town of Raymond**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**  
**September 19, 2000**

ATTENDANCE: Tim Pomerleau, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Ada Brown; Mark Acker; Michael McClellan; Alvin Morrison, R.T.A.C. #6 Representative; Eric Ortman, GPCOG; Michael O'Donnell, O'Donnell Associates; and Elizabeth Cummings representing Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. Call to order. Tim Pomerleau opened the meeting at 7:05 pm at the Town Office.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

a. September 5, 2000

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the September 5, 2000 minutes with a correction on page 3 where "the" should be "they". Seconded by Ada Brown with a correction that on page 3 the motion was made by Ada Brown and seconded by Betty McDermott. Mrs. McDermott concurred.

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

b. September 12, 2000

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

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Consideration to commit taxes for FY 2000/2001.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell explained that the voted amounts at the Annual Town Meeting establishes the budget needed to be raised and an overlay amount which covers any abatements found during the tax year equals the amount for which the mil rate must be charged to raise that amount of money. He said the spread of mil rates would be a minimum of 14.31 without an overlay to a maximum of 15.65. A mil rate of 14.98 would cover the budget plus \$30,000 overlay and a mil rate of 14.95 would cover the budget plus \$15,700 overlay. He said that if more abatements were allowed than for which money was raised, it would come from surplus. Mr. O'Donnell recommended a mil rate of 14.98.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to set the mil rate at 14.95. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Presentation of the Maine Department of Transportation 6 year plan from Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, (Division 6) member, Alvin Morrison and Greater Portland Council of Governments Transportation Planner, Eric Ortman.

DISCUSSION: Al Morrison, our representative to the Regional Transportation Advisory Council #6, explained that this group was a citizen advisory council to the Maine Department of Transportation. He said they look at a broad 20-year study, a 6-year plan where more information is known but isn't prioritized, and a 2-year plan, which is specific with funds attached. Mr. Morrison said that the public is welcomed at their meetings, which are the fourth Tuesday in January, February, March, April, August, September, October, and November. The meeting site alternates between Scarborough and Buxton Town Offices. He continued that it was crucial that towns prioritize their needs to MDOT and that the Comprehensive Plan reflects those roads and transportation needs. Mr. Morrison said that the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting would be discussing their draft 6-year plan. Mrs. Brown questioned the

MDOT's reluctance in lowering the speed limit on Route 302 near Raymond Beach. Mr. Ortman provided the Regional Plan Commission email address as glockman@server.eddmaine.org and his email as eortman@gpcop.eddmaine.org or 800-649-1304.

5. Submittal of the first draft proposed FY 2001/2002 operating budget, capital improvement plan/budget, and tax increment finance budget.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Cummings said the Fire Department budget has been revised and not included in the book but will be available on Friday.

6. Communications and other business.

a. Mrs. Cummings said that a letter has been received from John Rand about Northern Pines. There will be a Public Hearing on October 17, 2000 at 7:00 pm at Jordan Small School cafeteria.

b. Mrs. Cummings reported that Jack Cooper is working on a DEP septic grant for a residence in Raymond. There has been advertising for bids and the bid specs are available. This installation will not cost the town anything but Mr. Cooper's time with DEP paying 90% and the homeowner 10%.

c. Mrs. Cummings reported that the bridge on Mill Street is open again after its repairs.

7. Review and authorize September 19, 2000 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$74,198.30. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

NOTE: The Selectmen signed the commitment papers. The taxable valuation is \$398,148,762.00 and the taxes to be collected is \$5,952,324.00 with the mil rate set at 14.95.

8. Adjourn.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Tim Pomerleau adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise H. Lester  
Secretary