

Town of Raymond
401 Webbs Mills Road
Raymond, Maine 04071

ROAD IMPROVEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 3, 2012

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Rolf Olsen, Chairman; Sam Gifford, Selectman; Nathan White, Public Works Director; and Don Willard, Town Manager.

1. Call to order: Rolf Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm at the Broadcast Studio.
2. Road Plan Update. Nathan White explained the road plan to date. He offered a draft report of the inventory of all roads by condition and usage importance. He would like Raymond to increase the State's protocol from 5/8" to a deeper overlay so it will last longer. He noted there was a map of our roads included in the report as well as a road maintenance graph and a road mileage list. Mr. White recommended not going out to 5 years because of the uncertain cost of the work. He said that he appreciated Danielle Loring's help with this report. He found that our roads were in better condition than he originally thought. The base work has been done on several roads: 2.5 miles on Cape Road, 2 miles on Mountain Road; and County Road, but they need an overlay to maintain their integrity.

Mr. White felt that he should meet with the Budget/Finance Committee to talk about the 2013-2014 budget. Mr. Olsen thought the final budget can go to the Selectmen and Budget/Finance Committee at the same time. The proposed bond will depend on the work. Mr. White didn't think that this plan was dependent on a bond because the plan will be used into the future. Mr. Olsen noted that the annual budget has \$275,000 in it. The bond would be for an additional \$2 million but the progress of the road work would not be set in stone. He felt they must allow for any unexpected road work. This program would be a guiding document.

Mr. White felt the road work needed to be kept up by town location so that the expense would be kept to a minimum i.e. transportation of equipment and materials.

Mr. Gifford asked how they will know how much help Raymond will be getting from the state. Mr. White replied that right now 50% is the best program and Raymond would do the work which is more cost effective. He noted that Route 302 is a federal road. Mr. Olsen didn't want to work on state roads unless the state's share is at least 50%. He also felt that the state should help with the maintenance of Cape Road because of Frye Island's use. Mr. Willard felt that it might be advantageous to approach Frye Island again to see if they would be willing to contribute to the Cape Road maintenance. Mr. White noted that they would be working on Raymond's roads by a priority list of need. Mr. Olsen asked if they would be using the \$275,000 plus the \$2 million annually. Mr. White didn't think that they would do that much work in a single year. He added that counting Raymond's asphalt including Routes 85 and 121 and dirt roads, it has about 59 miles of public roads.

Mr. Olsen asked that after the remainder of the plan is complete it should be sent to the Selectmen. Mr. Willard suggested the presentation at the November Selectmen's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Rolf Olsen adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Louise H. Lester
Town Clerk