



# RAYMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

4 EPPING STREET, RAYMOND, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03077

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April 14, 2021

Raymond Board of Selectmen  
c/o Joe Ilsley, Town Manager

RE: Town Owned Properties – March 23, 2021 & March 4, 2020 site walk observations and recommendations

008-000-026 – Lane Road – 3.12 Acres – This property has frontage on both Bald Hill Road and Lane Road and there appears to be sufficient area for access on both roads. Stone walls and trees with barbed wire attached were observed but it was unclear if they represent the boundary markers. This lot is primarily flat and heavily wooded with many mature trees. There is a small wet area that flows southerly into a stream located at the bottom of a small ravine. The property is surrounded by development and ATV tracks were present. Natural Resource Assessment Report from April 2002 is enclosed. There is no conservation interest in this property.

014-002-023 – Old Bye Road – 5.55 Acres – This property is located at the corner of Oak Drive and Old Bye Road and is surrounded by development. It became apparent upon arrival that Old Bye Road turns in to a undeveloped road at the corner of this lot. The property slopes upward from Oak Drive and there is a trail at what may be the boundary that runs parallel to a briskly flowing stream. Lots of ledge is present on the trail and a stone wall was observed at the northern end where stones have been removed likely for better access to the property. At the northern edge of the property there is a very, very steep slope that travels up to Watson Hill Road. The area is heavily wooded and has mature trees. There were multiple indicators of wildlife on the property. Evidence of ATV activity was noted, a fire pit, trash, chair, tarp, and broken glass were also present on the property. Natural Resource Assessment Report from April 2002 is enclosed. See recommendation under 014-002-008 for both properties.

014-002-008 – Old Bye Road – 3.8 Acres – This property is located perpendicular to 014-002-023 and on the opposite side of the undeveloped road. The northern and western boundary are bordered by lots on Watson Hill Road and a parcel on Old Bye Road on the southern boundary. The property lines were hard to discern. This is a wooded lot, and it is likely that the briskly flowing stream, noted on lot 014-002-023 description, runs through it. The only access to this property would be from the undeveloped road. As this is not a developed road the property is essentially landlocked. Natural Resource Assessment Report from April 2002 is enclosed. As it appears these lots may be difficult to develop, the conservation commission recommends that both lots be retained as open space for the surrounding development.

020-000-078-001 – Watson Hill Road – .31 Acres. This property has a central fire pond with a wooded area behind it. A dry hydrant is present, and a stream goes through a culvert at one edge. The property is surrounded by development. There is no conservation interest in this property.

014-004-034 - Richard Court 1.44 Acres - This property is at the end of a cul-de-sac. Fordway Brook flows through the middle of the property, and much of the property is wet. There is a steep area at the far end of the lot and a large wetland adjacent to this property. A neighbor shared that they have observed a lot of wildlife moving through the property and it is a good fishing spot. The Fordway Brook watershed is an important



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conservation focus area and since the property is mostly wet, the conservation commission recommends retaining this property to help protect the water quality of Fordway Brook.

040-004-022 - Glen Ridge Road - 1 Acre – This property is in a subdivision, is low-lying and two-thirds of property is wet. A stream runs through the property to a culvert under Glen Ridge Road which flows toward the Flint Hill property. It appears that the property is collecting stormwater from the surrounding development. The conservation commission recommends that the property be retained for stormwater management.

029-003-014 - Essex Drive – 4.98 Acres – The property appears to be all pond or wetland and is surrounded by homes. The pond is probably collecting stormwater from the surrounding area. The conservation commission recommends that the property be retained for stormwater management.

023-000-050 - Main Street - .59 Acre – This property has approximately 188 feet of frontage on the Lamprey River and is located at the gorge that is viewable from Route 102/107. Less than ½ of the property is level and the remainder is very steep down to the river. There were 3 foundations observed and a lot of trash. It is a very scenic spot with the gorge and rapids, fishing may be possible but access by canoe or kayak would be difficult due to the steep slope. Natural Resource Assessment Report from April 2002 is enclosed. The conservation commission recommends that this property be kept as open space for fishing, a scenic area and wildlife corridor along the river.

023-000-054, 023-000-055 & 023-000-056 – 11.58 Acres total - These properties are across Route 102/107 on the Lamprey River downstream from the gorge. All three properties are in the floodplain, are wet and retain floodwaters from the Lamprey River. According to the NH Wildlife Action Plan, these properties are listed as highest ranked habitat in NH and some supporting landscape. They are also included in the Green Infrastructure in Raymond's Open Space Plan and are in the Groundwater Protection Zone. The conservation commission recommends that these properties be retained for floodwater management.

Please note that the enclosed Natural Resource Assessments report from April 2002 have the old map and lot numbers within the document. The reports were completed by a forester, Charles A. Moreno.

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Enc:

008-000-026 - Lane Road/Bald Hill Road (Old Map 1, Lot 4-5C)

004-002-023 & 004-002-008 – Old Bye Road Lots (Old Map 1, Lot 5-5 & Map 41, Lot 33)

023-000-050 - Main Street – Lamprey River Lot (Old Map 6, Lot 53)