

**Raymond Conservation Commission
Meeting Agenda**

February 8, 2023

7:00 PM

Media Center – High School

Call to order

Public Input - 3 min./person, 15 min. total

Agenda Items

- 01-Eco Center signs Request - LRES
- 02-Conservation Property signs - Kris
- 03-ERSLAC Annual Report and Dues Request
- 04-Review project list
- 05-Reappointment Letter

Finance

- 07-December Conservation Fund statement

Approval of Minutes

- 08--January 11, 2023

Correspondence

Other items that may come before the board

Future Items/Events

CC- February 22nd

CC- March 8th

Non-Public RSA 91A:3, II (d) Real Estate

Adjournment (no later than 9:00)

The public is encouraged and welcome to attend. Comments may also be submitted to conscomchair@raymondnh.gov

Supporting documents may be found at the Town of Raymond Website:
[Conservation Commission supporting documents](#)

LRES Eco Center Signs



Mary-Jo Holmes <m.holmes@sau33.com>
To: conscomchair@raymondnh.gov

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Thu 1/26/2023 10:29 AM

I am writing from Lamprey River Elementary School. We were wondering if it would be possible to replace the trail signs that were placed there a few years ago? We were not sure if you partnered with Selt to do this? I can be reached at 895-3117 X381 or m.holmes@sau33.com

Thankyou I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Mj

Mary Jo Holmes
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Mary-Jo Holmes <m.holmes@sau33.com>
To: You

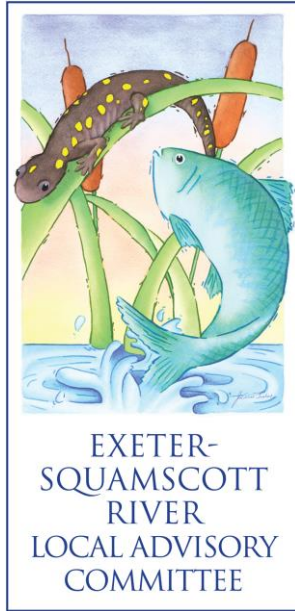
← ↶ ↷ ...
Mon 2/6/2023 11:10 AM

Start reply with:

One is broken off the stand. Its leaning against the fence at the beginning of the trail on the beach. I took a pic of it's stand later in the trail. I couldn't reach some because of the water level but they looked okay.

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For any changes in Pickups/bus routes please use LRES Secretary Email: LRES@sau33.com. All changes must be in by 2:30PM.



2022 Annual Report

Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee

The Exeter-Squamscott River is enrolled in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program, a unique partnership between citizens, towns, and state government designed to promote and protect the river’s outstanding natural and cultural resources. Established in 1996, the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC) is comprised of citizen volunteers living in towns in the watershed, vested in working together to protect water quality, water quantity, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. The Exeter-Squamscott River is one river with two names, reflecting the fresh water (Exeter River) and salt water (Squamscott River) portions of this major tributary to Great Bay.

2022 marked ESRLAC’s 26th year of acting “for the good of the river”. Committee members met throughout the year to review and comment on proposals for land development along the river corridor. These comments are shared with state regulatory agencies, developers, and municipal officials, and focus on mitigating the impacts of development on the river by improving stormwater management and maintaining naturally vegetated buffers along the river and tributary streams. ESRLAC meetings also provide members with an opportunity to discuss river-related concerns and share resources. ESRLAC also completed an update to the Watershed Management Plan, which is available on ESRLAC’s website.

ESRLAC has a Facebook page, managed by Committee members and offering information on a wide range of river related topics. Search for Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee on Facebook to follow ESRLAC.

ESRLAC seeks members from all communities in the watershed. If you are a resident of Chester, Raymond, Fremont, Sandown, Danville, Kingston, East Kingston, Brentwood, Kensington, Exeter, Stratham, or Newfields and are interested in river stewardship please consider joining ESRLAC. Contact the Rockingham Planning Commission at 603-778-0885 for more information.

www.exeterriver.org

**Follow Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee
on Facebook**

ESRLAC Representatives:

Brentwood:	Jessica Balukas Eric Turer
Chester:	Vacant
Danville:	Vacant
East Kingston:	Vacant
Exeter:	Donald Clement
Fremont:	Ellen Douglas John Roderick
Kensington:	Vacant
Kingston:	Elizabeth Mello
Newfields:	William Meserve
Raymond:	Vacant
Sandown:	Donald Picard
Stratham:	Eric Bahr Nathan Merrill

Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee

INVOICE

To: Town of Raymond Conservation Commission
From: Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee (ESRLAC)
Date: December 31, 2022

To support the work of the Exeter-Squamscott River Local Advisory Committee, including reviewing and commenting on DES permit applications for projects proposed in the river corridor, and partnerships with watershed communities to improve water quality, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities along the river.

2023 Annual Dues.....\$200.00

Please make checks payable to ESRLAC and mail to:
ESRLAC
c/o Rockingham Planning Commission
156 Water Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Walker at 603-534-3913,
theresawalker@comcast.net

Property	Item	Comments	Assigned	Status
Cassier	Replace items on Kiosk and plastic cover with lock to eliminate removal of items	New map in larger format, property owned/managed sign and endangered species sign. These were on the kiosk but removed. Melissa to contact Rue @ Bear-Paw for vendor sugg. Voss signs is who Bear-Paw uses. Kiosk is 42" High, and 44 " Long.		
Cassier	Culvert entrance by pond needs repair	Will require a wetland permit. Anthony Curro to look at.	Jan/Mike	
Cassier	Allowed uses sign	Install signs		TBD
Cassier	Boundary medallions	Work with Bear-Paw. 5/23/22-no target date yet. Flint Hill is priority for boundary markers. Jan has had discussions with Dennis G. 1/11/23- Bear-Paw monitoring report suggested boundary markers be installed by private properties.	Jan	Hold
Cassier	Dumping	Bear-Paw monitoring report noted abutter dumping on conservation land. Need a site walk to evaluate.		
Dearborn	Finish new map	This was started and needs to be finished with Bear-Paw	Jan	
Dearborn	New bridge	We have some materials from old bridge to use. Melissa to reach out to Candia CC for info... 3/30/22-Plans received, Mike to review. 4/1/22-Trails permit is required. Bear-paw volunteer offered to assist with completing permit. 5/11-Mike reviewing permit, plans and building material. 6/8-Target construction-August. Bridge was completed in October 2022. There are some rebar that needs to be removed, but the bridge is done. 1/11/23- all but 3 rebar has been removed as tool broke. Follow up when tool is available.	Mike	
Dearborn	Fix kiosk and add new map and other info	Kiosk had a tree land on it. Can it be fixed or should it be replaced with remaining kiosk. Tricia to look for a resource to assist. 5/11-There is a bird nest in the kiosk so this is on hold until birds are fledged.	Tricia	
Dearborn	Drainage issue at the end of Jama Drive	CC to do site walk. 5/9-Rue Teel from Bear-Paw recommended how to address issue. Need to schedule the work. 5/11/22-Jan, Kathy and Tricia looked at the issue and suggested a solution. Jan to reach out to abutter. Letters were sent to abutters notifying them of future work.	Tricia	
Dearborn	Dumping	Residents dumping material on conservation land and part of the wall has been removed. Need a site walk to evaluate issue.		

2023 CC Project List

1/12/2023

Dearborn	Allowed uses signs	Install signs		TBD
Dearborn	West Trail sign is missing	The West Trail sign that was on the rail trail is missing	Jan	IP
Flint Hill	Conservation boundary markers	Follow up with Bear-Paw on conservation boundary medallions. Rue Teel is leaving Bear-Paw so may need to wait for new staff.		
Flint Hill	Install kiosk and put map etc on kiosk	Need location for the kiosk. At the end of Sherburne drive was tried but the hole filled up with water.		
Flint Hill	Allowed uses signs	Install signs		TBD
Flint Hill	Address vehicle traffic from Route 27	Not needed after Route 27 Warehouse is developed. Check on status from TRC meeting comments	Jan	
Flint Hill	Sherburne Drive access	From Bear-Paw monitoring report - Propose gate on Sherburne Drive?- Reach out to fire department before taking any action		
Flint Hill	Clean up firepit	Trash, bottles, metal, etc. Dennis will clean up. 4/2/22- Melissa and Jan visited site. Rocks around ring removed, most trash removed, charcoal remains in ring. There is still quite a bit of micro trash(glass pieces, etc.)	CC mbrs	
Flint Hill	Chadwick	Site walk to check boundaries		
Flint Hill	Parking sign	Blue sign to point users to park on Sherburne Drive	Kris	
Robinson Hill	Overnight parking issue	From Bear-Paw monitoring report - any follow up?		
Other	Finish town property site walks	to be scheduled	Jan	
Other	ARM Project List	In progress. 3/30-Invite David Fredrickson to next meeting in May 6/6-Jan met with David Fredrickson and provided a high-level explanation of the ARM Fund. Jan to follow up with David in the fall for a date to come to a CC meeting. 1/11/23- Mike to reach out to contact at DES and schedule an education session with the board.	Mike	IP
Training	Plan reading	The next plan we receive. One training session was held and another one will be held at a future meeting in 2023	Mike	IP

2023 CC Project List

1/12/2023

Other	Allowed use signs for all properties	Signs to put on properties to state what is allowed/not allowed. Kris to draft list of allowed uses. Jan to find prev list (sent 2/23). 4/13-reviewed at CC mtg. 1/11/23-reviewed quotes, finalizing details and payment requirements.	Kris	IP
Other	Turtle crossing signs	4/25/22-located prior documentation, discuss with David Fredrickson at mtg. 6/6-Jan met with David Fredrickson and he agreed that DPW can install the signs on Ham Road.	Jan	
Zoning	Conservation Subdivisions	Work with Planning Board. 5/11/22-Jan sent subdivision link to members	CC mbrs	
Zoning	No Net Loss	Work with Planning Board	CC mbrs	
Zoning	Zone G	Review language and compile questions for Planning Department. Meet with Building Inspector/Planning Department to review procedure.		
Other	Groundwater Protection	Grants, opportunities. 5/25/22-Mike to provide information on the recent NHDES Water Quality conference in a meeting this summer.	Mike	
Other	High-Value Conservation Lands	Research and options. Write recommendation on Shattagee/Lane Road to BOS	Jan	
Education	Town Property Educational walks		Kris and Kathy	
Education	Include description of trails on Website and maps	Leverage educational walks to create descriptions		
Education	Town Newsletter	On-going	All	IP
Colonial Dr	Recommendations to BOS	5/26/22-Jan informed town manager of tire dump. 5/27/22-P.Hammond: It does not appear to be active, at least not from this year. Could you more define where this tire location is in reference to the property lines?	Jan	



CITIZENS BANK
900 ELM STREET
MANCHESTER, NH 03101

STATEMENT PERIOD
FROM THROUGH
12-01-22 12-31-22

TOWN OF RAYMOND
CONCENTRATION ACCOUNT
4 EPPING ST
RAYMOND NH 03077-2529

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COMBINED STATEMENT OF RELATED ESCROW MASTER AND SUB ACCOUNTS

SUB ACCOUNT DETAIL INFORMATION

6019 951509

NAME: TOWN OF RAYMOND			
SUB-ACCOUNT NUMBER:	10-8200294385		
INTEREST PAID THIS PERIOD:	506.05	INTEREST PAID THIS YEAR:	3,094.30
CURRENT BALANCE:	292,581.38	FED TAX WITHHELD THIS PERIOD:	.00
AVERAGE RATE THIS PERIOD	2.04%	FED TAX WITHHELD THIS YEAR:	.00

EFF-DT	PROC-DT	DESCRIPTION CHK/DEP NO	CONFIRM#	DESCRIPTION CREDITS	DEBITS	BALANCE
11-30	11-30	BEGINNING BALANCE				292,075.33
12-31	12-30	INTEREST PAYMENT		506.05		292,581.38
12-31	12-31	ENDING BALANCE				292,581.38



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January 11, 2023

Commission Members in Attendance:

Jan Kent, Chair
Kathy McDonald, Secretary
Kris Holleran
Michael Unger, Vice Chair (arrived at 7:02 PM)

Meeting Called to Order by:

Chair Kent at 7:00 PM

Commission Members Excused:

Commission Members Absent:

Recording Secretary:

Alvina Snegach (taking minutes from the livestream)

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Public Input:

None

Agenda Items

Map 16 Lot 2-4 Taft Way - Expedited Permit - Ferwerda Mapping LLC

Timothy Ferwerda from Ferwerda Mapping LLC, introduced himself and distributed the plans. Mr. Unger noted that he is an abutter, recused himself and sat in the audience. Mr. Ferwerda asked if Mr. Unger got the abutter notification, which Mr. Unger said he did not but still decided to remain recused.

Mr. Ferwerda explained where the lot is located and where the wetland complex is relative to it. He said that this wetland needs to be crossed to get to the vacant lot, where the proposed house will be built.

There will be 812.8 sf of wetland impact to put a driveway through the wetlands and that is the only access to the property. The culvert will be a 36" as requested by Fish&Game. The wetland is primarily forested. Mr. Ferwerda showed existing culvert on the property and where it drains, a paper road, and the edges of wetland. Mr. Ferwerda noted that there are pictures of the property in the permit paperwork.

Ms. Kent asked if Planning Board review was required, and Mr. Ferwerda said he was not sure. Ms. Kent checked with the Zoning Ordinance and confirmed that it does not require Planning Board approval.

Mr. Ferwerda said that there was a hit for Blandings Turtle on the NH Natural Heritage Bureau datacheck. He then went over the aerial map of the property and its surroundings to help members better orient themselves.

Ms. Kent invited Mr. Unger to comment as a member of the public and he noted that the wetland drains under the stone wall and that the previous development filled some wetlands which was not ideal. He said that he does not see how this project will affect it though. Mr. Unger also asked about the paper road right of way and whether a driveway

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43 could be built in it. Mr. Ferwerda said that everyone’s driveway comes off of a right of
44 way. He also noted that a driveway permit will need to be secured.
45 Then members reviewed the permit application itself. Ms. Kent asked if the lot was part
46 of the subdivision originally, to which Mr. Ferwerda had no definitive answer. Ms. Kent
47 asked about erosion control measures, and Mr. Ferwerda said it would be silt sock as
48 noted on the plan. Ms. Holleran noted that the permit says that the disturbance is not
49 part of the previous subdivision. Ms. McDonald said that she thought the driveways had
50 to be 15 feet wide and only 12 feet was proposed, which may be an issue. Ms. Kent said
51 that the Public Works Department will review that upon issuing the permit. Ms. Holleran
52 noted that the culvers still says to be 24” inch on the permit application, and Mr. Ferwerda
53 said it needed to be corrected to 36”. Mr. Ferwerda also answered questions about the
54 habitat ranking, distance of the house from the edge of wetland, type of wetland, culvert
55 embedding depth, erosion control measures, drainage flow, etc. Ms. Kent asked Mr.
56 Ferwerda to initial the changes made on the application tonight to the culvert size.

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58 *Ms. Holleran made a motion to approve the expedited permit for the lot 2-4 on Taft Way*
59 *as presented by Ferwerda Mapping. Ms. McDonald duly seconded and motion carried*
60 *unanimously.*

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62 Mr. Unger returned to the table at 7:32 PM.

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64 **Industrial Drive Warehouse - restriction language review**

65 Ms. Kent said that this was a follow up from the last meeting. Wayne Morrill was in the
66 audience to answer questions. Ms. Kent said that she had sent Mr. Morrill a list of activities
67 that should be prohibited on the trails, like snowmobiling, electric biking, horseback
68 riding, etc. These were stuck from the sign language a copy of which was in the packet.
69 Ms. Kent said that the ConsCom was going to add those to the restriction language.
70 Mr. Morrill brought a wetland mitigation plan that the Commission asked him to prepare
71 and said that this was added to the plan set that the Planning Board is reviewing, and
72 was sent to Fish&Game.

73 Ms. McDonald asked who will pay for the signs and Mr. Morrill said that the developer
74 will. He asked who the Commission used and received a response that it was NH Barricade
75 and the contact name is Anthony. Ms. Kent said that the words Raymond Conservation
76 Commission and the town seal will have to be removed. She also asked to change the
77 name of the property removing the words Town of Raymond from it as it is not owned
78 by the Town of Raymond.

79 Ms. Holleran said that Mr. Morrill can let Anthony know that the ConsCom gave him
80 permission to use their sign but to remove any reference to the Town or ConsCom.

81 Mr. Morrill said that during the Planning Board sitewalk at the Beaver Pond it was noticed
82 that that the beavers were very active and that they raised the beaver dam another 2-3
83 feet. He said that he is concerned about not having a mechanism in the restriction
84 language for someone to maintain the beaver dam so that it does not give out and cause
85 problems downstream.

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86 Discussion ensued about what can be done if the beaver dam gets too high making sure
87 that the whole dam is not destroyed like it was done before. Process to make the decision
88 on what to do was also discussed.

89 Mr. Unger suggested a separate sentence to be added where it would mention a need
90 for a consultation with ConsCom prior to doing anything to the dam. Mr. Kent summarized
91 it as follows: "Management of water level due to beaver activity allowed after consultation
92 with the Raymond Conservation Commission." Everyone agreed. Mr. Morrill asked Ms.
93 Kent to send him the final version of the language.

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95 **Conservation Property signs – Kris**

96 Ms. Holleran said that she sent everyone an email with proofs. Ms. Kent said it was not
97 readable due to it being very small. Ms. McDonald asked if there is a cost difference to
98 get a larger sign given the amount of information on it. Ms. Holleran said that the chosen
99 size was recommended by the sign company. She then said that the \$511.68 quote for
100 all the signs remains the same. Ms. Holleran said that the 8' metal posts price was quite
101 high at \$41 and change for each, and there are additional parts/hardware needed to
102 anchor the posts to the ground. Ms. Holleran will check with the sign company to see if
103 there are cheaper posts available. Ms. Kent also asked Ms. Holleran to find out how the
104 payment will be handled and email that to her so that she can discuss this with the Town.
105 Ms. Holleran also asked the sign company about the parking sign and they did not
106 remember which one they made for the Town. Ms. Kent said that she will send a picture
107 to Ms. Holleran. Ms. Holleran said she will ask for a separate quote for that.

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109 **Bear-Paw Monitoring Reports - review**

110 Ms. Kent said that both Rue and Katrina (the Executive Director) are leaving the
111 organization. She then went over the monitoring reports. Ms. Kent said that SELT
112 property report was received because ConsCom has interest in the property.

113 Members reviewed the Cassier memorial forest report. It noted that the boundary was
114 under water, a lot of ATV activity and an abandoned building that is condemned and
115 possibly used by a homeless property. Ms. Kent said that she believed that it is an
116 abandoned house at the end of Briar Road and not on the Cassier Property. Ms. Kent
117 read the observation comments for Cassier from the monitor and said that she will add
118 the follow up from each report to the project list.

119 Then members reviewed the Dearborn forest report. There was an issue with someone
120 driving a lawn tractor in the opening in the stone wall that needs to be looked at.

121 Then the Flint Hill report was reviewed and it was not clear where the monitor entered
122 the property.

123 Then the Robinson Hill property report was reviewed where it was observed that people
124 were parking overnight and leave trash there, therefore a sign maybe needed.

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126 **Annual Report – review**

127 Members reviewed the annual report draft provided by Ms. Kent.

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129 **Chadwick donation – update**

130 Ms. Kent said that it had been done. It is now part of Flint Hill but there is a conservation
131 easement on it. There was discussion about the need to mark the boundary as it is
132 currently only surveyed but not marked.

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134 **Future newsletters**

135 Members discussed potential topics for future newsletters. Ms. McDonald suggested
136 asking Chester Conservation Commission to reprint their article about Barred owls. Ms.
137 Holleran suggested snow, sleet, and freezing rain differences. Ms. Kent suggested an
138 article on snow flees. Other suggestions were ticks, other insects that are affected by lack
139 of cold weather, winter bugs, etc.

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141 **Dearborn Bridge Update**

142 Mr. Unger said that Larry and he volunteered to remove all but three rebars until the tool
143 broke.

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145 **Finance**

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147 **Conservation Fund statement**

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149 **December 14, 2022**

150 December 14th, 2022 Draft Minutes were reviewed and changes were made. *Ms. Kent*
151 *made a motion to approve December 14th, 2022 minutes as amended. Ms. Holleran duly*
152 *seconded and motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.*

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154 **Correspondence**

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156 **Wetlands Training Series**

157 Ms. Kent noted that the information about the series is in the packet.

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159 **DES-Shattagee Road correspondence**

160 Ms. Kent said that the letter from December 20, 2022 is in the packet with questions from
161 NHDES. She said the developer still has to hear back from the Army Corps of Engineering
162 before they can proceed.

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164 **Future Items/Events**

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166 **January 25th - CC Meeting**

167 Members discussed potential agenda items like plan reading, project list, signs, etc.

168 Mr. Unger said that he is working on finding a person to come in to talk to the Commission
169 about ARM Fund projects.

170 **February 8th - CC Meeting**

171 **February 22nd - CC Meeting**

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Non-Public RSA 91A:3, II (d) Real Estate

Ms. Kent made a motion at 8:44 PM to enter non-public session for the purposes described in RSA 91A:3, II (d). Ms. Holleran duly seconded and motion carried with a 4:0 roll call vote: Ms. Kent, Mr. Unger, Ms. Holleran and Ms. McDonald all voting "aye".

Non-public session was entered into at PM and present were Ms. Kent, Mr. Unger, Ms. Holleran and Ms. McDonald.

The nonpublic session minutes from 1/11/2023 were sealed until 1/11/2024_ for which reason on a motion from Jan Kent, a second by Kris Holleran. The motion passed by 4:0 roll call vote with Ms. Kent, Mr. Unger, Ms. Holleran and Ms. McDonald all voting "aye".

The nonpublic session minutes from 2/9/2022 were resealed until 2/9/2024 for which reason on a motion from Jan Kent a second by Mike Unger. The motion passed by 4:0 roll call vote with Ms. Kent, Mr. Unger, Ms. Holleran and Ms. McDonald all voting "aye".

The nonpublic session minutes from 2/23/2022 were resealed until 2/23/2024 for which reason on a motion from Jan Kent, a second by Mike Unger. The motion passed by 4:0 roll call vote with Ms. Kent, Mr. Unger, Ms. Holleran and Ms. McDonald all voting "aye".

Resumption of Public Session

Public session was entered at 9:01 PM.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Kris Holleran to adjourn the public meeting, Mike Unger seconded. All in favor.

Public meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Alvina Snegach
Recording Secretary