

**Town of Raymond**  
**Conservation Commission DRAFT Minutes of**  
**June 9, 2021**

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

Jan Kent, Chair  
Kathy McDonald, Vice Chair  
Kris Holleran  
Michael Unger (joined at 7:03 PM)  
Melissa Potter (joined at 7:03 PM)

**Meeting Called to Order by:**

Chair Jan Kent at 7:00 PM

**Commission Members Excused:**

Deb McNelly

**Commission Members Absent:**

**Recording Secretary:**

Alvina Snegach

**Members of the Public in Attendance:**

Patricia Bridgeo

**Public Input:**

Patricia Bridgeo spoke about her proposal to use a STEM mobile classroom that she has for creating programs for the school kids to promote conservation ideas and knowledge. Members discussed and a suggestion was made that the programs be relevant to the things that exist in Raymond. It was agreed that Ms. Bridgeo would work together with Ms. Holleran and Ms. McDonald (and possibly Ms. McNelly) to discuss the logistics and content for such programming, which they will present later to the full Commission.

**Agenda Items**

**Mareld Property subdivision -Map 28-4 Lot 12 & Map 29 Lot 2**

**Special permit - wetland Impact**

Joe Coronati with Jones and Beach Engineers was here on behalf of the developer. He put up the subdivision plan and distributed copies of aerial images to the members. He then went over the location of the proposed subdivision and access points. The proposal is to have a road off Center Street and a total of four commercial lots. He showed and described the existing wetlands and explained what the impacts would be to both wetlands and buffers. The impacts would be as follows: total of 3,850 square feet of wetland impacts, and 12,500 square feet of buffer impacts of which about two thirds would be temporary, as they would be restored and revegetated after site work has been completed. He also noted that there will be two retention ponds built for stormwater management and these would be considered 'created' wetlands, totaling 5,300 square feet and would be counted towards "No Net Loss". Mr. Coronati noted that the existing wetlands have low function and that the created ponds will be made wildlife friendly. Mr. Coronati also answered questions about the following:

- impervious cover;

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- 43 - state permitting for the whole subdivision, and each lot having to go through
- 44 Alteration of Terrain state permitting process at the individual site plan level;
- 45 - possible further impacts for individual lot improvements;
- 46 - culvert depicted on the plan, which would be removed after construction;
- 47 - temporary and permanent buffer impacts;
- 48 - need to find out whether the lot is in the shoreland protection area or not;
- 49 - runoff from and stormwater management features for the proposed road and
- 50 also for the fire emergency access road.

51 Ms. Kent also asked if there was a "No Net Loss" write up, to which Mr. Coronati  
52 responded that he did not have one. However, he noted that there was a note on the  
53 plan explaining the creation of wetlands in the form of retention ponds. He added that  
54 he will be back before the ConsCom with the state wetlands permit application once it  
55 has been submitted. Members discussed holding a sitewalk and possibly making  
56 recommendations at that meeting, if there is a quorum, and their questions are  
57 answered by the wetland scientist for the project. Everyone agreed to go on a site visit  
58 on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM, meeting at the entrance to the site off Center Road. Ms. Kent  
59 will send relevant zoning regulations to the members to review prior to the site visit.

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61 **391 Transmission Line Proposed Maintenance Project**

62 Chair Kent displayed the letter from the Public Service of New Hampshire about  
63 proposed work on replacing two exiting pole structures located in Raymond and  
64 associated wetland impacts. After reviewing the letter and maps, ConsCom members  
65 agreed that the impacts were very minor and from their experience, the company is  
66 very careful in performing such work in accordance with best management practices for  
67 wildlife preservation and restoration. Ms. Kent added that the state permit by  
68 notification has been submitted, and the Town received notification of that, which Ms.  
69 Kent also displayed.

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71 **July Newsletter - review article**

72 Chair Kent displayed the article by Mr. Unger about economic benefits of land  
73 conservation. After a short discussion and some clarifications, members agreed that it  
74 was a very good article, thanked Mr. Unger, and suggested to put his name under the  
75 article.

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77 **Town property letter review**

78 Ms. Kent displayed the letter for the three Town properties that she prepared based on  
79 the most recent site walks. She then read the descriptions of properties, and members  
80 discussed each property and recommendations from the ConsCom. The  
81 recommendations were as follows for each of the properties:

- 82 - Birch Court – to be retained as it seems to be collecting stormwater from the
- 83 surrounding properties and is a wildlife corridor;
- 84 - Jennifer Lane – to be retained as it supports wildlife habitat;

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- 85 - Jefferson/Wendover Ways – members discussed the following concerns: water  
86 quality in the Gancey Pond as it drains into the Exeter River and there is  
87 proposed Meadows subdivision nearby; and the lot is in the overlay ground water  
88 recharge district.

89 Ms. Kent will finalize the language for the recommendations and send the final version  
90 to all members.

91 **Mr. Unger made a motion to update the recommendations as discussed. Ms.**  
92 **McDonald duly seconded and motion passed with a 4:0:1 vote in favor. Ms.**  
93 **Holleran abstained as she was not present on any of the site walks.**

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95 **Town property site walk – schedule**

96 Ms. Kent noted that one site walk for the Mareld property has already been scheduled  
97 for June 21<sup>st</sup>. Members discussed a possibility of another site walk at the Town owned  
98 properties. Consensus was to schedule another site walk for June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

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100 **Website updates**

101 Chair Kent noted that the conservation easement information was up on the website  
102 and that street names were added to the Town property information.

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104 **Finance**

105 **Conservation Fund Statement – April**

106 Chair Kent displayed the statement. Beginning balance in April was \$271,428.24 and  
107 ending balance was \$271,446.09

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109 **Approval of Minutes**

110 *April 14, 2021 meeting minutes* draft was reviewed, and changes were made. **Ms.**  
111 **McDonald made a motion, duly seconded by Ms. Holleran to approve the**  
112 **minutes of 04/14/2021 as amended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote**  
113 **in favor.**

114 *May 12, 2021 meeting minutes* draft was reviewed, and changes were made. **Ms.**  
115 **Potter made a motion, duly seconded by Mr. Unger to approve the minutes of**  
116 **05/12/2021 as amended. Motion passed with a 3:0:2 vote in favor. Ms.**  
117 **Holleran and Ms. McDonald abstained as they were not present at that**  
118 **meeting.**

119 *May 16, 2021 site walk minutes* draft was reviewed, and a change was made. **Ms. Kent**  
120 **made a motion, duly seconded by Ms. McDonald to approve the minutes of**  
121 **05/16/2021 site walk as amended. Motion passed with a 4:0:1 vote in favor.**  
122 **Ms. Holleran abstained as she was not present.**

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124 **Correspondence**

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126 - 11. Intent to cut - Map 26-Lot 1; Map 20-Lot 58

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127 Members reviewed the timber cut paperwork and discussion ensued about wetlands  
128 and buffers disturbances by logging and whether there is any enforcement of violations.  
129 Ms. Potter noted that there is a note on the intent paperwork that the loggers must  
130 follow Timber Harvest Laws.

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132 - 12. NHDES Utility PBN – Eversource – discussed earlier.  
133 - 13. NHDES - Supply lines

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135 **Other items**

136 Ms. Kent displayed a screen shot of a Facebook message she received from Tony  
137 Clemens about his idea to create a program for RCTV about what makes Raymond  
138 Raymond. He was wondering if he could walk the Town owned properties with the  
139 ConsCom and ask questions and later interview individual members about the history  
140 and specifics of Raymond conservation land. Members discussed and agreed that this  
141 was not a bad idea and that walking the Town owned properties altogether may help  
142 with telling a good story of the conservation areas in the Town.

143 Ms. Kent also noted that the buffer workshop will be available as a recording soon.  
144 Members reiterated that the hunters' Tree stands issue needs more research and Ms.  
145 Bridgeo will forward more information to Ms. Holleran to do that research.

146 Ms. Kent also spoke about the Bald Hill subdivision plan, for which the ConsCom had  
147 already submitted a letter to the Planning Board. She said that there were some slight  
148 changes to the plan, however, she did not think they were significant enough to make  
149 changes to the ConsCom comments.

150 Ms. McDonald asked if anyone was interested in building a ConsCom float for the 4<sup>th</sup> of  
151 July parade and there were no volunteers.

152 Ms. Kent was also asked about an update on the Cassier Forest vandalism, and she  
153 responded that the trees were cleaned up by the volunteers and the signs have not  
154 been put up. She also explained how much volunteer hours had gone into producing  
155 and erecting those signs.

156 Ms. McDonald said that she reached out to a resident for a quote to restore the  
157 damaged kiosk and he responded that he would provide one in the fall as he is busy  
158 right now.

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160 **Adjournment**

161 **Ms. Holleran made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded by Ms.**  
162 **Potter and passed with a unanimous vote in favor.**

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164 The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

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166 Respectfully Submitted,

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168 Alvina Snegach  
169 Recording Secretary