

Town of Raymond
Conservation Commission DRAFT Minutes of
September 8, 2021

Commission Members in Attendance:

Jan Kent, Chair
Kathy McDonald, Vice Chair
Deb McNelly, Secretary
Kris Holleran
Michael Unger
Melissa Potter

Meeting Called to Order by:

Chair Jan Kent at 7:00 PM

Commission Members Excused:

Commission Members Absent:

Recording Secretary:

Alvina Snegach

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Jon Wood
Dana Zulager

Public Input:

Agenda Items

Fun Run - Jon Wood

Jon Wood and Dana Zulager from Friends of Raymond Recreation spoke about the upcoming Fall Family Festival and the Fun Run which will take place on October 23rd. They listed all the activities that will take place at the festival and asked if the ConsCom would be interested to take part in hosting a scavenger hunt for families and kids along the eco trail. Members discussed the logistics of hosting something like this and brainstormed ideas for activities and prizes. The current state of stations along the eco trail was also discussed as well as each member's availability for the date of the event. It was decided that members would need to meet at a later date to discuss the details. Members also agreed to walk the Eco-Center on September 12th, as they already have a sitewalk scheduled for that morning. Ms. Kent will add the Eco-Center walk to the agenda that was already posted for September 12th. Mr. Wood noted that they would need to hear back from the ConsCom by September 29th.

Cassier parking project - bids – Mike

Mr. Unger said that there were three inquiries; however, only one bid was received from Littlewoods for the amount of \$12,060.00. Members discussed the fact that there had to be at least three bidders, and that the quoted amount was higher than they expected. Ms. Kent asked Mr. Unger if he could contact the other two inquirers to see if they would be interested to submit a bid; while she will contact Littlewoods to explain the situation to them.

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44 **Wetland restoration - Cassier - update – Mike**

45 Mr. Unger provided an update on the contract award for the old trailer and drums
 46 removal at Cassier. He said that everything is lined up for the work to begin at the end
 47 of September, and that all they need is NHDES restoration plan approval. He said that
 48 he already contacted the state, however, the latest email from NHDES did not reflect it,
 49 so he sent another email to remind them of his initial contact.

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51 **Hunting recommendations**

52 Ms. Kent said that there was a document in the packet with the list or articles from the
 53 Town Code related to hunting and discharge of firearms. She said that also there is a
 54 list of Town properties where discharge of firearms is explicitly prohibited by Article 26
 55 of the Zoning Ordinance, as they are less than 30 acres in size and are in close
 56 proximity to residential homes. Members then went over the list of all the Town owned
 57 properties providing a recommendation for each on whether hunting should or should
 58 not be allowed. Ms. Kent then read in the draft letter to the Board of Selectmen to
 59 which the final list of properties with the ConsCom recommendations would be
 60 attached. The list of properties recommended to allow hunting are as follows:

New Map	New Block	New Lot	Location	Acres	Current Status	Hunting Y/N/?	Hunting Comments
039	000	006	Cilley Road	371	Conservation Easement	Y	
025	000	011	Langford Road	304	Conservation Easement	Y	
035	000	004	Nottingham Road	215	Conservation Easement on 145 acres	Y	
029	000	038	Old Route 101	75.5		Y	
013	000	004	Lane Road	64		Y	
044	000	29-1	Deerfield Road	56.11	Conservation Easement	Y	
046	000	33	Cilley Road	55		Y	
008	000	035	Fox Run Road	26.29	Restricted Deed as Open Space Conservation Subdivision	?	Open space from conservation subdivision and residences abut the property. There are other non-developed parcels nearby but unknown whether hunting is allowed.
007	000	013	Shatagee Road	25		Y	
007	000	009	Shatagee Road	25		Y	

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009	000	021	Morrison Road	24		Y	There are large areas of open space in the area. Unknown whether those areas are open to hunting, if so would recommend that hunting could be allowed.
033	000	60	Smith Pond Road	22	Restricted Deed. Purchased from Consv Fund	Y	This property is surrounded by three sides by houses, however, there is about 70 acres south; if hunting allowed is unknown. To the west is McCoy property; hunting status-unknown, and northwest is Cassier Memorial Forest.
013	000	002	Lane Road	20		Y	one of 5 parcels that make up 136 acres
015	000	067	Lane Road	18.84		Y	this property is surrounded by three sides by houses, however, there are a few large lots on the back side of the property. Hunting status on those properties is unknown.
009	000	17	Towle Road	10		Y	Review in conjunction with 015-000-067 and 009-000-021
034	000	67	Nottingham Road	6		Y	Abuts Flint hill between high school and Flint Hill
019	000	002	Lane Road	4.84		Y	Part of 136 acres of multiple properties between Land and Shattagee. Properties do not have boundary markers so it may be difficult to discern what property one is on.
044	000	037	Grout Farm Road	4.18		Y	This property abuts Robinson Hill conservation land and other large lots
040	000	044	Cilley Road	2.8		Y	Abuts Cassier
033	000	059	Smith Pond Road	0.77	Restricted Deed. Purchased from Consv Fund	Y	small parcel landlocked inside 033-000-060

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62 There was a short discussion about bow and arrow hunting and consensus was, that if
63 hunting with a firearm is allowed on a certain parcel, then bow and arrow hunting
64 would be allowed as well.

65 Another discussion was on how to enforce hunting restrictions and whether posting the
66 prohibited properties would be burdensome. Members agreed that having a list of
67 properties available for the public (both at the Town Hall and on the website) should
68 suffice.

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70 **Newsletter ideas for November**

71 Mr. Kent asked Ms. Potter to send in the second part of the newsletter by October 20th.

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73 **Town property site walk - schedule**

74 Ms. Kent said that there will be a sitewalk to the property at the pond, which ConsCom
75 had earlier recommended to the BOS as a recreation area, but abutters came out
76 expressing their concerns at the last meeting. She said that she posted the notice in the
77 area and emailed the abutters so that they could also be there. She also said that
78 hopefully fishermen will come out as well, so that everyone could express their
79 concerns.

80 Members also discussed the possibility of holding a work session on working out the
81 logistics of the ConsCom participation in the Fall Festival (Fun Run). It was agreed to
82 add the work session to the regular meeting on September 22nd.

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84 **Finance**

85 **Conservation Fund & General Fund**

86 Ms. Kent displayed the Conservation Fund statement for September 2021 and noted
87 that there was a total of \$1,358.64 withdrawn and \$26,500.00 deposited. She said that
88 withdrawals were itemized on a separate General Fund expense sheet and the deposit
89 was from the land use change tax. Ending balance was \$296,643.84. There was also a
90 2022 budget worksheet in the packet. Ms. Kent noted that there have not been many
91 expenditures in 2021 yet, however, there are NHACC and Bear Paw dues that are
92 coming up soon, which make up the bulk of the budget.

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94 **Approval of minutes**

95 *August 11, 2021 meeting minutes* draft was reviewed, and changes were made. **Mr.**
96 **Unger made a motion, duly seconded by Ms. McNelly to approve the minutes**
97 **of 08/11/2021 as amended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote in favor.**

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99 **Other items**

100 Ms. McNelly said that the letter ConsCom provided to BOS with recommendations about
101 baiting deer and bear on Town property was good. Ms. McDonald noted that the BOS
102 voted to not allow baiting. Members briefly discussed further actions. It was agreed that
103 Ms. McDonald will compose an email to the Town Manager asking if the prohibition to
104 bait would be made part of Town Code.

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105 Ms. McDonald then showed the small signs she made with the RSA verbiage related to
106 hunting tree stands that she put in Ziplock bags to attach to hunting tree stands left on
107 the Town owned properties. Members discussed the need to organize a workgroup to
108 take down the hazardous stands. Ms. Kent said that she needs to find out a couple of
109 things on how to make things easier. Members discussed some potential dates when
110 people are available. Ms. Kent will try to come up with some dates that will work best
111 based on people's availability and what she finds out.

112 Ms. Potter also asked if some training could be provided on reading plans and working
113 with online mapping tools. Members agreed that this could be done on September 22nd
114 as an additional work session, and Mr. Unger said he can provide training on
115 engineering plan reading.

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117 **Adjournment**

118 **Ms. Holleran made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded by Ms.**
119 **McDonald and passed with a unanimous vote in favor.**

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121 The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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123 Respectfully Submitted,

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125 Alvina Snegach

126 Recording Secretary