

**TOWN OF RAYMOND**  
Conservation Commission-Approved Minutes  
February 20, 2008

Chairman, Cheryl Killam opened the meeting at 7:12pm.

Chair of the meeting leads the meeting in the pledge.

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Killam, Cody Cramer, Jonathan Wood, Leslie O'Donnell  
Cari Boothby and Mike Kappler

**Board Members Absent:** Frank Bishop and Janis Kent

**Also Present:** Ms. Sally Soule, NH Department of Environmental Services  
Mr. Brandon Kernan, NH Department of Environmental Services  
Mr. Mark West, West Environmental Group

**PRESENTATIONS**

**NHDES Groundwater Presentation**

Mr. Kernan, representative from the Groundwater and Drinking Water Bureau division of NH DES, put on a presentation for the Conservation Commission that illustrated different ways to protect the Town of Raymond's groundwater. He commented that drilling deep down isn't an answer to future water needs.

Mr. Kernan talked to the Conservation Commission about the many Potential Contamination Sources (PCS) located in the nearby area; some examples of PCS are vehicle service and repair stations, snow dumps, metal working and hazardous waste facilities and many others.

Mr. Kernan said 80% of the State is vegetated and that the State will provide some financial incentive towards the Town's water quality and sampling requirements if there is a good contamination program in place.

Members engaged in general discussion with Mr. Kernan about excavation near bedrock, chlorination in water and establishing Best Management Practices (BMP).

**West Environmental Group Wetland Presentation**

Mr. West, representative from West Environmental Group, presented to the Conservation Commission some key points to consider when it comes to wetland protection and wetland conservation.

Mr. West illustrated concerns about the Exit 4, proposed commercial/residential project, otherwise known as Granite Meadows and the effect that it may have on the surrounding area. This project does have to go through State & Federal permitting which is still a lengthy process.

Mr. West also commented that he would like to protect the national heritage that is currently in the area (i.e. turtles, otters, etc.)

**NH DES Watershed Protection Presentation**

Ms. Soule, representative from the Watershed Assistance division of NH DES, came in and talked to the Conservation Commission about the Exeter Watershed project, and how that is going to impact the Town of Raymond.

She stated that the Exeter Watershed Project is a 4 phase project that is going to impact 15 different communities surrounding Exeter and she explained that the purpose of this project is to biologically monitor channel bed changes, rapid stream assessment, aquatic life use and rapid habitat life.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE/ANOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Killam announced there will be a Master Plan Meeting at the Planning Board meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2008. She encouraged all members to attend.

Mr. Wood announced that there will be a joint meeting at 6pm with the Raymond Business Economic Development Council prior to the Planning Board meeting. The meeting will be held upstairs in the Media Center. The topic of discussion will be Flint Hill.

Ms. Killam announced the Standard Dredge and Fill application for Town of Raymond's Brownfields clean up site at the old Regis Tannery Property is complete. She then made reference to the Standard Dredge and Fill application for PD Associates, dated January 15, 2008 for Granite Meadows.

Ms. Killam acknowledged that the Natural Resource Outreach Coalition (NROC) is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at the High School Media Center.

Ms. Killam stated that at the next meeting they are going to need to address some outstanding invoices.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

In regards to the minutes of the Tuesday, February 6, 2008 meeting, Cari Boothby noticed that Frank Bishop was not listed as absent. She also noted a change on page 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph down, the word "is" before the word really, needs to be deleted as it should read: He noted that the State really would like to come but they have to be asked.

It was also noted that in the OTHER BUSINESS section page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph down, the word "to" needs to be deleted as it should read: Mr. Wood stated that it makes sense to make a statement in opposition to develop on Flint Hill.

It was also noted that in the next paragraph down Mr. Kappler needs to be changed to Mr. Wood.

Mr. Cramer motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Kappler seconded the motion. Ms. Killam abstained. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Cramer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:12pm. Ms. Boothby seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

These minutes were approved as amended by the Conservation Commission on March 3, 2008.

Minutes prepared by,

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Executive Secretary