

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Conservation Commission-Approved Minutes
March 19, 2008

Chairman, Cheryl Killam opened the meeting at 7:04pm

Chairman, Cheryl Killam led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Present: Chairman Cheryl Killam, Cody Cramer, Janis Kent, Jonathan Wood, Cari Boothby, Leslie O'Donnell,

Board Members Absent: Mike Kappler

Also Present: Mr. Phil Auger, UNH Cooperative Extension
Mr. Dan Kern, Bear Paw Regional Greenways

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

In regards to the minutes of March 5, 2008 Chairman, Cheryl Killam stated that in the Adjournment section, Ms. Boothby seconded the motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wood motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. Mr. Cramer abstained. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

UNH Cooperative Extension

Mr. Phil Auger, UNH Cooperative Extension proposed a possible conservation project to take place in Raymond on the Harbor side Limited Properties. This property is located near Mr. Cramer's property; a small section of Town owned land and the Epping town line.

Mr. Auger stated to the Conservation Commission that the owner of this property has decided not to develop on this land and has contacted the two different organizations (Bear Paw Regional Greenways and Southeast Land Trust) in regards to selling it.

Ultimately, the purpose of this project is to conserve the land by one party holding a Conservation Easement and the other party holding the fee ownership. Mr. Auger stated that the cost to get an appraisal done on the property is \$5500.00 and Epping has agreed to pay half of the cost. Mr. Auger request the Town of Raymond's Conservation Commission funds pay the remaining cost of the appraisal.

Mr. Kappler joined the meeting at 7:15pm.

Due to potential conflict Mr. Cramer, being an abutter, stepped down from the Conservation Commission and spoke as a citizen in support of this proposed project.

Ms. Killam and Mr. Auger agreed to get all parties together that are involved and engage in further discussion. All members agreed.

Robinson Hill

Mr. Wood stated that the 87 acre parcel of land of Robinson Hill (on Rte 107) is owned by two individuals that are intending divide into three lots and sell. Mr. Wood continued to say that the Town would like to purchase one of the lots that is 56 acres, strictly for conservation purposes.

Mr. Wood also stated that it was turned into a Warrant Article that the citizens voted in. The property will have road frontage on Rte 107 and access via a driveway (which is formerly known as Robinson Hill Rd). The public would be entitled to use the dirt path that is there.

Chandler Property

Ms. Killam announced to the Conservation Commission that the Chandler family would like to put a conservation easement on their 80 acre parcel.

There was brief discussion between members in regards to this property parcel owned by Mr. David Chandler.

Mr. David Chandler was unable to attend the meeting so therefore he was unable to comment.

Bear Paw Regional Greenways Update

Mr. Dan Kern from Bear Paw Regional Greenways, talked briefly about the projects that Bear Paw has done in every one of their member towns over the last few years.

Members engaged in discussion about what other conservation projects are going on in the surrounding towns.

NROC Kickoff Meeting

Chairman Cheryl Killam, read off the agenda for the NROC kickoff mtg on April 15, 2008 and talked briefly about what the meeting will entail. She continued to state the topics that the NROC meeting is going to go over are on conserving natural resources, Open Space Plan, Fordway Brook study and the Buffer project.

Ms. Killam stated this meeting is open to the public as well as all Boards and Sub-Committee's. She continued to say that she would really like the people who originally designed the Master Plan to attend and get involved.

Correspondence/Announcements

Ms. Killam stated that she received a letter of appeal from the New Hampshire Waste Management Council in regards to Richard Mottollo and the Groundwater Management Program.

Ms. Killam discussed with members, an anonymous letter addressed to the Conservation Commission in regards to Abdullah property on Lane Rd. Ms. Killam stated that letter indicated that the plans for that property were lacking one engineering stamp as two are required.

Mr. Kappler stated that it is a possibility that the plans may have been approved under false pretenses.

Members agree to look into this.

Ms. Killam read a couple different educational fliers to the group.

Ms. Killam stated that per her conversation this morning with Ernie Creveling, Town Planner, there were 20 cubic yards of leather straps dug up at the intersection of Rte's 27 & 107 (site of the new Yankee Food Mart). These scraps were hauled off.

Ms. Killam stated that EPA was made aware and they have been on site,

Ms. Killam encouraged members of the Conservation Commission to attend the Public Hearing at the Planning Board tomorrow night as Flint Hill will be discussed.

Mr. Kappler expressed concern about potential landscaping issues in the Town this spring. He would like to provide the Public Works Department with training in this area.

Members agreed that Mr. Kappler look into possible training to be provided to the Department of Public Works employees this year.

Chairman Wood stated that an invoice was received from New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for sampling of Lamprey River in the amount of \$140.00

Mr. Kramer motioned to pay invoice. Ms. Killam seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Mr. Wood initialed invoiced and okayed for payment.

National Resource Chapter for the Master Plan

Ms. Killam and Mr. Wood engaged in discussion about the increasing wetland setbacks.

Ms. O'Donnell stated that the Town of Raymond is within the planning area of the Bear Paw Regional Greenways and it shouldn't be converted into an addendum.

Members agreed to re-visit this topic in the near future.

Election of Officers

Ms. Killam clarified any potential conflict of her being a Town Selectman and a Conservation Commission member. She has been the Chairman for two consecutive years.

Mr. Wood stated that an ex-officio member for the Conservation Commission is not required.

Mr. Wood stated he would entertain the idea of being Chairman.

Mr. Kramer nominated Mr. Wood for Chairman. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Previous Chairman, Cheryl Killam, turned the Chair over to newly elected Chairman, Jonathan Wood.

Mr. Kramer nominated Ms. Killam for Vice Chairman. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Kent nominated Mr. Kramer for Treasurer. Mr. Kappler seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Wood nominated Mr. Kappler for CIP. Ms. Boothby seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Killam nominated to appoint Mr. Kappler for a full time member on the Commission. Mr. Wood motioned to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Mr. Kappler become a full time member. Ms. Boothby seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Wood stated that the Board of Selectmen needs a letter of recommendation from the Conservation Commission appointing Mr. Kappler as a full time member. Ms. Kent agreed to send the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Boothby motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kramer seconded. Meeting ended at 8:58pm.

These minutes were approved as amended by the Conservation Commission on April 2, 2008.

Minutes prepared by,

Lisa M Chapman
Executive Secretary