

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Conservation Commission-Approved Minutes
April 2, 2008

Chairman, Jonathan Wood led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Chairman Jonathan Wood, Cheryl Killam, Mike Kappler, Jan Kent, Leslie O'Donnell and Cari Boothby

Board Members Absent: Cody Cramer

Also Present: Phil Auger, UNH Cooperative Extension
Greg Tillman, Chairman of the Epping Conservation Commission

7:00pm Members held a non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3.

Ms. Killam motioned to end the Non-Public session at 7:20pm. Mr. Kappler seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Killam motioned to seal the Non-Public session minutes for a period of one year. Mr. Kappler seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman Wood opened the public meeting at 7:23pm.

Appraisal Costs for Epping/Raymond Property

Mr. Phil Auger, UNH Cooperative Extension talked about the parcel of land that is half on Epping line and half on Raymond line, it equates to 160 acres (south of Stingy River Rd). This parcel is on the Pawtuckaway River and next to a current existing Conservation property. The developer he was currently working with has decided the market the property and he is asking the Towns of Raymond and Epping to consider funding the appraisal. This property is 160 acres and is very rich in habitat.

Mr. Wood asked Mr. Greg Tillman, Chairman of the Epping Conservation Commission if any type of existing plan has been approved by the Epping Planning Board. Mr. Tillman replied that there have been lot line adjustments that divided their Towns' section into three parcels. He also stated that there has not been any discussion about any type of subdivision being planned.

Mr. Kappler asked Mr. Auger if the Pawtuckaway River is a third order river. Mr. Auger stated he is unsure and will get back to him.

Mr. Tillman stated that the Epping Conservation Commission has already voted to pay up to three thousand dollars towards the appraisal cost.

Ms. Killam stated that she supports the conservation of the whole corridor. Ms. Kent agreed.

Mr. Auger stated that Mr. Brian Hart, Executive of Southeast Land Trust will be the coordinator for this project. He also stated that if the Town were a funding source they will receive a full summary report and they would also have the ability to have input into the management process of the project.

Members discuss the financial bearing of this project.

Mr. Tillman stated that the Town of Epping has confidence in the work of Southeast Land Trust.

Mr. Auger stated that once funding has been approved the appraisals will be commissioned within the next six to eight weeks.

Ms. Killam motioned to expend the funds (maximum \$3,000.00) to cover half the cost to appraise the property off Stingy River Rd, split by the Pawtuckaway River and adjacent to the Cramer Conservation Easement. Ms. O'Donnell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In regards to the meeting minutes of March 19, 2008, Ms. Kent motioned to approve the minutes with two typing errors in the Robinson Hill section corrected. Ms. Killam seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Letter of Support for Grant to ERLAC

Mr. Wood stated that he made some modifications and Mr. Kappler stated he would send it out to the correct address. *A copy of this letter is on file with these minutes and can be obtained at the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours.*

RAYMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2008

Wetlands Inventory

Ms. Killam stated that she would like to see professional inventories done on the Wetlands in Town and a natural resource inventory done on the Flint Hill property.

Mr. Wood stated that one Conservation Commission member needs to locate Wetland Scientists and compose a letter requesting a proposal for the above referenced services. Ms. Killam volunteered.

Mr. Wood stated that it has been six years since the Town's last Forestry Plan was done. He also stated that it should not be as costly as before.

Ms. Killam stated the map and lot numbers have changed since the last Forestry Plan was done.

Members engage in brief discussion in regards to getting the previous Forestry Plan onto a cd and keeping it up to date.

Update on Forestry Plan

Ms. Killam stated that she will work on getting out an RFP for the Flint Hill Wetlands and Wildlife.

Natural Resource Chapter for the Master Plan

Mr. Kappler requested an updated version. Mr. Wood stated that he will provide members with one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Killam announced April 19, 2008 will be the Town's Earth Day celebration. She also announced that on April 22, 2008 Timberland Corporation will be sponsoring an Earth Day clean up project at Riverside Park.

Ms. Killam announced that on April 15, 2008 at 6:45pm the NROC Kickoff Meeting will be held at the High School. She encouraged the Master Plan Topic Groups, All Boards and the public to attend.

Mr. Wood stated that they received a DES Alternation of Terrain Permit for Audet Estates along with a letter of items that need to be addressed.

Mr. Wood went over the Conservation Commission's current year expenditures as well as membership dues that are due.

Mr. Wood stated that on May 29, 2008 Pease Trade Port will be hosting a 'Tools and Techniques, Management for Residential and Commercial Growth' workshop.

Mr. Wood stated that the Conservation Commission Institute will be hosting a workshop on April 17, 2008. The workshop is going to be based on discussing regional Conservation Commission projects and establishing a Natural Resource Advisory Committee for the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. Mr. Wood encouraged a member to attend.

Mr. Wood stated they received an invoice for \$5.70 for their copier usage. Ms. Killam motioned to pay. Mr. Kappler seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Wood stated that they received a letter of intent to cut timber (20 cords of wood, 30 tons of pine and 20,004 feet of white pine) on map 11 lot 38, location is off Route 156. Property is owned by Linda Cole from Century Drive.

OUTSIDE BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Killam stated that the Board of Selectmen held a non-public session and then had a Fiscal Responsibility presentation done by Brian Campbell.

Mr. Wood stated that at the last Planning Board meeting they discussed the Master Plan. Conservation Commission members did attend. He also stated that there is an application coming before the Planning Board to divide an acre and a half into three lots, one of the lots contains an already existing house.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Killam motioned to adjourn. Ms. Boothby seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

These minutes were approved as drafted by the Conservation Commission on April 16, 2008.

Minutes prepared by,

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Executive Secretary