

TOWN OF RAYMOND
Conservation Commission-Draft Minutes
May 7, 2008

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

Chairman Jonathan Wood opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

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

Board Members Absent: Cody Cramer

Also Present: Carolyn Matthews
Al Micale

GIBBS OIL FACILITY ON ROUTE 27

Al Micale, a consulting engineer for Gibbs Oil proposed to the Commission some construction plans for some potential work that is planned to be done at the existing Gibbs Oil facility on Route 27.

Mr. Micale and Board members engaged in discussion about the nearby wetlands that will be impacted.

Mr. Micale stated that a Dredge and Fill application from New Hampshire Department of Environment Services (NH DES) should not need to be submitted.

Ms. Killam said that depending on the results of the Watershed and Buffers study that is about to begin they may make a recommendation to the Zoning Board to increase the set backs.

Ms. Kent stated that if a retaining wall is built there will need to be silt fencing put up and wetlands will need to be protected.

Mr. Micale stated that New Hampshire Soil Consultants will soon be doing a survey on the land and gathering some accurate information on the property to bring back to the Commission at a later date.

APPROVAL/ADOPTION OF MINUTES

In regards to the meeting minutes of April 23, 2008, Ms. Killam noticed a spelling error on the word "minimum" in the second heading. Ms. Kent motioned to approved as amended. Ms. Killam seconded. Ms. Boothby abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

LAND SWAP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FLOOD PRONE PROPERTIES

Mr. Wood said one of the swapped properties is on Green Hills and another one is near the river.

Ms. Kent mentioned that there are conflicting reports of the acreages for the parcels in question.

Mr. Wood stated that one of the properties involved is 1.4 acres in which the majority of it is in a flood zone and another involved is .88 of an acre. He also said that one of the properties on Green Hills is flat land, has a fence around it and its own septic.

Ms. Killam mentioned that the Conservation Commission is going to be having a meeting with the Town Manager as well as a couple others in regards to this land swap opportunities.

Members viewed maps of the areas in question and continued to engage in discussion about these parcels.

Mr. Kappler informed the Board that there is currently an discussion going on in legislation right now about rules and regulations for public systems that are located near rivers and lakes.

Mr. Wood polled to the Board to grant permission for Ms. Killam and Mr. Wood to explore the possibility of land purchasing. Mr. Kappler, Ms. O'Donnell, Ms. Boothby, Ms. Killam, Mr. Wood and Ms. Kent all voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Wood announced that the Conservation Commission has a received a request for more information from NH DES in regards to Fordway Brook Properties. He stated NH DES would like an Alteration of Terrain permit and a Wetland permit filed, a drainage analysis and some more information on treatment swales and erosion controls to be provided.

Mr. Wood stated a note was received from the New Hampshire Community Forestry Advisory Council stating that there are seedlings available for sale at the State Forest Nursery in Boscawen, NH.

Mr. Wood stated the Conservation Commission received a letter from Mr. Don Jeans, LWRA about doing a stream walk on the Lamprey River (early June through late August). He said there are ten miles that need to be inventoried.

Mr. Wood said the Commission received an invite to the grand opening of Liquid Planet, a locally owned water park in Candia, on Friday, June 13, 2008.

Mr. Wood said all Commission members should have received a link to view the Natural Resources Chapter for the new Master Plan and encouraged members to view it.

OUTSIDE BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Wood stated that the Planning Board had three applications come before them at their last meeting and at their next upcoming meeting they are going to be going over the revised excavation regulations.

Ms. Boothby stated she would like to discuss the CIP at their next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kent motioned to adjourn at 7:40pm. Ms. Boothby seconded.

These minutes are not official until reviewed and approved by the Conservation Commission.

Minutes prepared by,

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