

**RAYMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

Jan Kent, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm at the Raymond High School, Rm. 101.

Other Members present: Cheryl Killam, Vice Chair, Jonathan Wood, and Charles White. .

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to accept the Minutes of the November 3, 2004 as drafted. Ms. Killam seconded. The vote was unanimously in the affirmative.

MOTION: Ms. Killam made a motion to accept the Site Walk Minutes of the November 7, 2004 as drafted. Ms. Kent seconded. The vote was unanimously in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

BURD ENGINEERING – DRY HYDRANT – WETLAND APPLICATION

Brian Polly of Burd Engineering, presented a Permit By Notification Application for applicant Jemco Builder and Developer, Inc., Intersection of Lane Road and Sherman Drive, Tax Map/Lot 014/003/027. The proposal is for maintenance dredging of a 100,000 gallon Fire Pond around the area of a dry hydrant. The impact area could be up to 1, 777 square feet. The Raymond Fire Chief requested this application to be submitted. The maintenance would be for dredging of silt around the inlet of the dry hydrant. The permit is good for five years. The maintenance would be done in the next couple of years.

MOTION: Mr. White made a motion to approve the Permit By Notification Application for Jemco Builder and Developer, Inc., Intersection of Lane Road and Sherman Drive, Tax Map/Lot 014/003/027. Ms. Killam seconded. The vote was unanimously in the affirmative.

PATTERSON – ROUTE 27 PROPERTY

Mr. Wood stated he received an e-mail from Michelle Peckham, Attorney representing Kenneth Patterson, Patterson Paving, regarding property on Route 27, asking if the Conservation Commission would have any interest in purchasing this parcel of land. It is between 700 feet and 1000 feet of frontage on the Lamprey River. The top piece has been significantly disturbed and filled. It is approximately 2 acres, zoned commercial, and difficult to build on. Most of the property is within the 75-foot Town of Raymond setback from the Lamprey River, therefore, special permits would be required to build on it. Due to the steepness of the property, Mr. Wood suggested it to be green space conservation land.

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The Town's interest in possibly purchasing would be contingent upon an independent appraisal, and if there were an environmental concern, a Level 1 impact study would be considered. There has not been an amount offered at this time. A possibility would be to put the property into recreation use with picnic tables and/or canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. Other issues regarding this property would require attention by the town's attorney before any transaction took place.

Ms. Kent stated that considering the location, setback, and width, the property would be a good conservation green space for protection of the river and recreation for the residents.

MOTION: Ms. Kent made a motion to express interest and possibly acquire the property owned by Kenneth Patterson, Route 27. Ms. Killam seconded. The vote was unanimously in the affirmative.

Mr. Wood volunteered to e-mail Ms. Peckham and state the Conservation Commission voted that they are interested in purchasing the property and to start discussions of the next step. The funds would come from the Conservation Commission Fund Account. The Town of Raymond would acquire the land through public hearings. An offer is required first.

OLD BUSINESS

UNH STUDENT PROJECT – UPDATE

The oral report presentation is scheduled for December 1, 2004.

REGARDING LAMPREY RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP Mr. White referred to a request for a donation. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

OUTSIDE BOARD REPORTS

BEAR PAW REPRESENTATIVE – PETER CLEAVES – No report.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN – JONATHAN WOOD

Mr. Wood stated the Selectmen voted on the town budget to be submitted to the Budget Committee. He explained the tax rate impact regarding the proposal for curbside recycling and pay as you throw.

APPROVED 12/01/04

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PLANNING BOARD – JONATHAN WOOD

Mr. Wood stated the Planning Board is working on the zoning ordinances. Conservation subdivision amendments are under consideration and would be forwarded to the Conservation Commission.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – CHARLES WHITE

Mr. White stated an applicant was approved to live in one manufactured home until another one is ready to move into. Also, election of officers was voted on.

ERLAC – CHARLES WHITE

Mr. White stated the meetings are on one Tuesday a month.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Copier usage for October – **MOTION: Mr. Wood made a motion to pay for copier usage for October. Mr. White seconded. The motion was unanimously in the affirmative.**
- New Hampshire Coastal Program, newsletter, Project Update, Fall, 2004 – Availability of Groundwater Resources in Southeastern New Hampshire
- *Town & City*, publication

PUBLIC FORUM – No items were addressed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Killam made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wood seconded. The vote was unanimously in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Walls, Recording Secretary

