

Town of Raymond
Conservation Commission DRAFT Minutes of
March 10, 2021

Commission Members in Attendance:

Jan Kent, Chair
Kathy McDonald (Vice Chair)
Deb McNelly (Secretary)
Michael Unger
Kris Holleran

Meeting Called to Order by:

Chair Jan Kent at 6:30 PM

Commission Members Excused:

Commission Members Absent:

Kathy Lee, Alternate

RCTV representative:

Kathy Masso

Recording Secretary:

Alvina Snegach

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Patricia Bridgeo – interested in becoming a member of the Commission (3rd meeting attended).

A Checklist to Ensure Meetings Are Compliant with the Right-to-Know Law During the State of Emergency

Jan Kent read the checklist into the record. Next, the members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Attendance

Jan Kent
Kathy McDonald
Michael Unger
Kris Holleran
Deb McNelly

Public Input:

There was none.

Agenda Items

Wetland Zoning - update

Chair Kent said that the proposed amendments did not pass. Members discussed the strategy going forward. Decision was to table the items until the next time the Planning Board would be ready to take them up. Commission would continue the outreach and educational efforts for the public to become knowledgeable about the importance of wetlands and their protection. Jan Kent will add an item to the agenda for a future meeting for the members to have a brainstorming session on forms of education and outreach.

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44 **LRAC annual report**

45 Chair Kent displayed the report and went over some items such as the project review,
46 recreation, and river water quality. She noted that Raymond was mentioned in the
47 report as follows:

- 48 - LRAC created a new public paddling access map and guide that includes sites
49 from Raymond to Newmarket;
- 50 - Grant to the Raymond Conservation Commission was used to fund a wetland
51 inventory and recommend zoning changes to maximize protection of the town's
52 drinking water.

53 It was also noted that a study of nutrient budgets along segments of the main stem
54 Lamprey River showed that natural processes that remove nitrogen are being outpaced
55 by non-point source inputs (those that cannot be easily traced to a particular source).
56 Ms. McNelly will reach out to LRAC to request more information on the subject.

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58 **Presentation- Source Water Protection for Municipal Wells**

59 Mr. Unger spoke about his background and expertise in the field and went over the
60 presentation on source water protection and the State Trust Fund established for
61 groundwater protection. During the presentation Mr. Unger showed a map of Raymond
62 wellhead protection areas and stratified drift aquifers. Members then checked that map
63 against the GIS layer for the wellhead protection areas to ensure that the two match.
64 Mr. Unger concluded his presentation with a list of considerations for Raymond. Chair
65 Kent and the rest of the ConsCom members thanked Mr. Unger for his work.

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67 **April, May, and June Newsletter - review articles**

68 Chair Kent displayed three articles:

- 69 - By Patricia Bridgeo on barn swallows. The article needs a title and credits
70 added to it. Ms. Kent will also check with the Town whether links could be
71 used instead of pictures for the published version.
- 72 - By Deb McNelly on invasive species.
- 73 - By Kristi Battistelli on bats. Article also needs a title.

74 Members discussed the times to publish each article. Consensus was to publish as
75 follows: April – barn swallows; May – bats; and June – invasive species.

76 It was also suggested to create a website archive on the ConsCom webpage for all the
77 ConsCom articles submitted to the "Talk of the Town" newsletter. Ms. Kent will ask the
78 Town about that possibility.

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80 **Website links list & update on changes**

81 Ms. Kent displayed the page with proposed links and went over them. Members
82 discussed additional links and ways to organize them on the page. Then Ms. Kent
83 displayed the rest of the draft ConsCom webpage and showed the newly created tab for
84 wetland information and the newly added mapping links to the Town properties.
85 Members discussed the mapping links and noted that it would need to be identified

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86 more clearly that these links indeed lead to the google map location. Ms. Kent will get
87 back to the Town with the suggestions.

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89 **New Membership appointments – Letter**

90 Chair Kent asked Ms. Bridgeo if she was interested in becoming a member. After
91 clarifying what the difference was between a full member and an alternate, Ms. Bridgeo
92 agreed to become a full member. Ms. Kent said that even though Ms. Potter was not
93 currently present, she expressed interest in becoming a member. She was not clear on
94 which type, so the ConsCom could motion to appoint both ladies, giving Melissa an
95 opportunity to choose the type later.

96 **Ms. Holleran made a motion to recommend Patricia Bridgeo and Melissa**
97 **Porter to the Board of Selectmen for being appointed as full members of the**
98 **Raymond Conservation Commission. Mr. Unger duly seconded and motion**
99 **passed with a 5:0 roll call vote in favor: Ms. Kent – yes; Ms. McDonald – yes;**
100 **Ms. Ms. McNelly – yes; Mr. Unger – yes.**

101 Ms. Kent said that Kris Holleran and Kathy Lee were also up for reappointment for
102 another three years. Ms. Holleran said she was willing to be reappointed. Ms. Kent said
103 that Ms. Lee did not want to be reappointed and only was interested to remain on the
104 list to participate in workgroups. Members thanked Kathy Lee for volunteering on the
105 ConsCom.

106 **Ms. McDonald made a motion to recommend Kris Holleran for reappointment**
107 **as a full member of the Raymond Conservation Commission. Ms. McNelly duly**
108 **seconded and motion passed with a 5:0 roll call vote in favor: Ms. Kent – yes;**
109 **Ms. McDonald – yes; Ms. Ms. McNelly – yes; Mr. Unger – yes.**

110 Ms. McNelly will draft recommendation letter to the Board of Selectmen for all the
111 recommendations and reappointments.

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113 **Town property site walk schedule**

114 Members discussed their availability and potential schedule. Ms. Kent will draft a
115 schedule for the members to review at a future meeting. She will also send an email
116 about a possible site walk in March in lieu of the second meeting.

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118 **HB 82 follow up-3/2 Webinar & NHACC site info**

119 Mr. Unger noted that he heard that the bill was retained in committee. Ms. Kent
120 displayed the NHACC newsletter and there was confirmation that it has been indeed
121 retained in committee. Chair Kent suggested that ConsCom members sign up on the
122 NHACC website to receive all the updates and to be able to use the website.

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124 **Finance**

- 125 - Conservation Fund balance sheet for February – was not available.
126 - Conservation Fund withdrawal form for minute taker expenses in the amount
127 of \$2,200.00 for the period from 04/01/2021 to 03/31/2022 (Ms. Kent noted
128 that she will fix the dates on the form to match the stated ones).

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129 **Ms. Kent made a motion to approve to pay the minute taker invoices out of**
130 **the Conservation Fund (Account # 06-8052-050) for the period from**
131 **04/01/2021 to 03/31/2022 for the amount to not exceed \$2,200. Ms.**
132 **Holleran duly seconded. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5:0 as follows:**
133 **Kris Holleran – yes; Deb McNelly – yes; Mike Unger – yes; Kathy McDonald –**
134 **yes; and Jan Kent – yes.**

135 - Conservation Fund withdrawal form for Flint Hill signs expenses – approved.

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137 **Approval of Minutes**

138 *February 25, 2021 minutes* draft was reviewed, and no changes were made. **Mr.**
139 **Unger made a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2021 as**
140 **presented; Deb McNelly duly seconded. Motion carried by a roll call vote of**
141 **4:0:1 as follows: Deb McNelly – yes; Jan Kent – yes; Kathy McDonald – yes;**
142 **and Mike Unger – yes. Ms. Holleran abstained due to not being present at**
143 **that meeting.**

144 *March 7, 2021 site walk minutes* draft was reviewed, and small changes were made.
145 **Ms. McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes of March 7, 2021 site**
146 **walk as amended; Jan Kent duly seconded. Motion carried by a roll call vote**
147 **of 3:0:2 as follows: Jan Kent – yes; Kathy McDonald – yes; and Mike Unger –**
148 **yes. Ms. Holleran and Ms. McNelly abstained due to not being present at the**
149 **site walk.**

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151 **Correspondence**

- 152 - Pollinator Pathways - Feb/March Newsletter;
153 - NH DOT Bridge work.

154 Ms. Kent showed the location of the proposed DOT bridgework and asked if the
155 members would like to visit the site. She will include it in the list of site walks that she
156 prepares. She also said members could visit on their own time.

157 Ms. McDonald noted that she had reached out to the PREP representative to request
158 that they fix the wetland buffer distance listed for Raymond in their report.

159 Ms. Kent noted that the next ConsCom meeting will take place on April 14, 2021

160 **Adjournment**

161 **Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Holleran, seconded by Mr. Unger, and passed**
162 **by unanimous roll call vote in favor: Deb McNelly – yes; Jan Kent – yes; Kathy**
163 **McDonald – yes; Kris Holleran – yes; and Mike Unger - yes.**

164 The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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166 Respectfully Submitted,

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168 Alvina Snegach
169 Recording Secretary