



# RAYMOND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

4 EPPING STREET, RAYMOND, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03077

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June 9, 2021

Raymond Board of Selectmen  
c/o Joe Ilsley, Town Manager

RE: Town Owned Properties – April 14, 2021 site walk observations and recommendations

021-000-029 & 021-000-030 – Birch Court – 13 acres – The lots were accessed from the end of Birch Court, a cul-de-sac off Green Road. The access was very steep and appears to have been created during the subdivision. Lot 29 has no road frontage. The southern part of Lot 30 is forested with predominantly large pines. A wildlife trail was observed. The terrain slopes down steeply to a stream which flows east to west into a large wetlands and pond on both Lots 30 and 29. A rebar property marker labelled “RSL 490” was observed, presumed to be the corner with abutting Lot 31. What appeared to be an old shooting range was observed. An old wooden platform appeared to be on Lot 31, and markers labelled “100 ft” and “50 ft” and a small wooden target platform were on Town-owned Lot 30. Two game cameras and a tree stand were observed in this area. At the stream, the forest transitions to hardwood, including oak, white birch, and beech. The terrain rises steeply to the north. Ledge outcrops were observed. The group crossed the stream and walked along the northern slope of the wetlands and pond to near the property line between Lots 30 and 29. Lot 29 consists almost entirely of wetlands and the pond; only a small corner can be accessed in the upland. Fresh orange survey tape and a boundary pin was observed at a wire fence running north-south, presumed to be the property line between abutting Lots 021/000/039 and 026/000/001. No good access to the pond was observed from the Town property as the terrain is too steep, and the wetlands surrounding the pond are too wide. *The conservation commission recommends...*

005-000-016 and 005-000-071 – Jennifer Lane – 7 acres - Both lots are almost entirely wetlands and open water, so they were observed only from the road. A culvert under Jennifer Lane connects the two lots hydraulically. Water flows from south to north to the Exeter River, which is approximately 150 feet to the north. Town tax maps show both properties being almost entirely in the flood plain. Several painted turtles and a red winged blackbird were observed. The enclosed 2002 Town Natural Resource Assessment describes these properties as “an interesting alder and sedge wetland associated with the Exeter River” and states “the combination of water, dense shrubs and herbaceous vegetation makes this a valuable area for wildlife species associated with wetlands”. The assessment recommends retaining these properties for wildlife habitat and wildlife observation. *The conservation commission recommends...*

017-000-103 – Jefferson/Wendover Ways – 8.1 acres - The northern portion of this lot covers the large wetland bordered by Washington Drive to the west and Wendover Lane to the north. This wetland feeds Gancy Pond to the east, which in turn feeds the Exeter River. The upland on the southern portion of the lot is accessible from Washington Drive on a shared driveway that becomes a woods road. Much of the upland is covered in brush and saplings starting to repopulate a previously cleared area that the enclosed 2002 Town Natural Resource Assessment describes as an old gravel borrow pit. A small clearing on the bank of the wetland area is accessible off the woods road and is excellent for wildlife viewing. A beaver lodge was observed in the wetland. Several



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types of wildflowers covered the clearing. Several birds were heard. The group looked for property markers to the east but found none. *The conservation commission recommends...*

Please note that the enclosed Natural Resource Assessments report from April 2002 have the old map and lot numbers within the document. The reports were completed by a forester, Charles A. Moreno.

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Enc:

005-000-016 and 005-000-071 – Jennifer Lane (Old MAP 3 Lot A & B)

017-000-103 – Jefferson/Wendover Ways (Old - MAP 6 Lot 24-2)