

Town Article 3 – Zoning Amendment 2: Amend Purposes of Conservation District

This article adds an additional purpose for Conservation Zone G, which is to include maintaining the health and water storage function of wetlands so that they may continue to support water quality and access to drinking water in Raymond. The new language will read “4.9.1.9. Maintain the health and water storage function of wetlands so that they may continue to support water quality and access to drinking water in Raymond.” (1)

A YES vote adds an additional purpose to Conservation Zone G that includes more specific language for maintaining the health of wetlands in order to support quality drinking water.

A NO vote leaves the purpose section as is.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To reinforce the reasons that wetlands are important to drinking water. (2)(3)
- Supports the protection of drinking water as identified as a number two priority in 2009 Master Plan survey UNH results. (4)
- The changes do not impact the regulation or administration of the regulation.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Prefers not to add an additional purpose to Zone G.
- Do not support the language in the proposed amendment.

References:

1. Planning Board meeting on 12/17/20.
2. Wetland Mapping and Evaluation Final Report - August 2020 - Conservation Commission Website: tinyurl.com/y2jk5b92
3. Wetlands and Water Quality - Purdue University Cooperative Extension tinyurl.com/y5hbh4ew
4. 2009 Master Plan UNH survey results for quality of life and future land use. Section IV page 51: tinyurl.com/y6cdn8v7