



# TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE** **EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S** **Subcommittee: Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee**

The Raynes Farm Stewardship Committee will meet in the Wheelwright Room of the Town Office Building, Exeter on **Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:00 A.M.**

### **Agenda Items**

1. 2018 LCHIP Grant Update
2. Use Agreement
3. Future Planning
  - a. Don Briselden's email
4. Other Topics

*Bill Campbell, Chair*

*Exeter Conservation Commission*

*January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Exeter Town Office, Exeter Public Library, and Town Departments.*

**RAYNES FARM USE APPLICATION**  
**EXETER, NH**

Any use or activity with more than **10** participants on the Raynes Farm property requires an approved Use Agreement from the Exeter Conservation Commission (ECC). Use of the barn by any number of participants requires an approved Use Agreement from the ECC. For more information or questions about this application contact (603) 418-6452.

Event date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Start Time/End Time (if different in different dates, please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant and Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and phone # during the event: \_\_\_\_\_

Will electricity be needed?     Yes     No

Barn Access Requested:     Yes     No

**A. Description of Event.**

Please describe your event:

Please describe the parking plan, including the number of spaces required and other pertinent information (e.g., police detail, signs, overflow plan, etc.):

**Will your event involve any of the following? (Please check all that apply and provide necessary documentation or permit)**

- Food/beverage concessions/vendors/sales
- Alcoholic beverages - Provide Copy of State Permit. NH State permit required; (603) 271-3523
- Electronic sound amplification equipment, speakers, public address system. Must follow noise ordinance.
- Propane/Charcoal BBQ grills - Provide Documentation of Exeter Health Officer Approval. Contact James Murray at [jmurray@exeternh.gov](mailto:jmurray@exeternh.gov); (603) 773-6132
- Electrical set up/ electrical cords run to the site (Provide Documentation of Electric Inspector Approval. Contact Tim Tregga; (603) 773-6112
- Fire pits, bonfires, kindle fire, campfire and other outdoor burning (Provide Copy of Permit from the Exeter Fire Department; (603) 772-1212)
- Tents/canopies If so, list quantity and size \_\_\_\_\_
- Animals at the event. If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorized Vehicles. If so, describe \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Use Agreement Regulations

The purpose of these regulations is to ensure the safety, enjoyment of the users of Raynes Farm and the preservation of the agricultural, natural, and cultural resources of this property. Please initial each of the regulations below to acknowledge your acceptance of terms.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Any use or activity with more than **10** participants on the property requires an approved Use Agreement from the Exeter Conservation Commission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial events are not permitted without Conservation Commission approval.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fees for the use of Raynes Farm are determined on a case-by-case basis. Typically, this is a small percentage of the proceeds or a flat fee. All money goes to the maintenance and stewardship of the Raynes Barn and land.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Events must be timed so as not to interfere with agricultural activities of the property.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Maximum barn occupancy shall be limited to **50** participants at any time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Each function is required to include an educational component that addresses the agriculture, historic, or natural resources on the property (contact the Town Natural Resource Planner and Exeter Conservation Commission for assistance in developing this, if needed).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parking is limited to the gravel parking lot unless an alternate parking plan is approved by the Conservation Commission.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants are required to contact the Exeter Police Department ([\(603\) 772-1212](tel:6037721212)) to determine whether a police detail for traffic control is required and are responsible for associated costs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Events lasting more than 3 hours are required to provide one portable toilet for every 50 participants.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants are responsible for trash removal during the event.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applicants are required to restore the site to pre-existing conditions within 48 hours of the event.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No smoking is permitted onsite. Events providing alcohol must get prior approval from the Conservation Commission and abide by local and State regulations. (NH State permit required). provide link for state permit?)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Applications must be submitted to the Exeter Conservation Commission following the meeting submission deadlines found on the [Town of Exeter Conservation Commission webpage](#).

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**C. Certificate of Insurance.** The Town requires liability insurance to be submitted with this completed application. Required amounts: General Liability/Bodily Injury/Property Damage: \$300,000/\$1,000,000. The Town must be listed as additionally insured.

**D. Signatures and Approval**

*I have read the attached regulations and fees governing the use of Raynes Farm and pledge that the organization and/or individuals for which this application is intended will faithfully execute those rules and assume total responsibility in connection therewith.*

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit** application to **Exeter Planning Department, 10 Front Street, Exeter, NH**; checks made payable to **Exeter Conservation Commission**.

Applications must be received by the meeting deadline. Applicants must be present at the Conservation Commission meeting for the Commission to act on an application.

*This application conforms to the use limitations for Raynes Farm and is hereby approved, subject to the exceptions as stated:*

Chair, Exeter Conservation Commission: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

..... (If road detail is required) .....

Chief of Police: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This permit is issued for the purpose indicated and shall be valid only during the times/dates indicated above.**



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## LCHIP visit

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**Don J Briselden** <briseldens@live.com>  
To: Kristen Murphy <kmurphy@exeternh.gov>  
Cc: Bill Campbell <wcampbell@exeter.edu>

Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 11:27 AM

Hello Kristen: This email is a follow up to our conversation this morning. Please share my suggestions with the Con Com; perhaps at the January meeting.

Thanks for taking the time to chat with me.

Wishing you and all the Commission members and volunteers a most pleasant and peaceful holiday season.

All the best in 2019.

Don

Hello Conservation Commission Members:

Yes the LCHIP decision to not fund the Raynes Barn application is disappointing, but the news is within the broader context of good things accomplished including; having Raynes on the NH register of historic places, having a completed LCHIP application which may only need adjustments for a future submittal and also having the Budget Committee approved this year's CIP item. However, this gives the Con Com a year to prepare for a new submission, develop a convincing program statement and to secure additional uses of the barn and farm.

It is with those thoughts in mind that I send along these suggestions.

- I think the CIP request is a sound request that if approved will preserve the barn in a safe and usable condition. Looking ahead to next year. It may be well to have someone with explicit knowledge of the elements of the CIP request to be with David at the Budget Committee hearings to give him backup and provide information and answer questions. If the barn CIP item is submitted again next year the costs should be escalated for construction inflation, perhaps as much as 10% (TBD).
- It was clear from the Budget Committee discussions that they are focused on the use of the farm and barn and were (and will be) interested in seeing an articulated development program—i.e. beneficial community related uses that will justify the investment. Good work has been accomplished in developing uses of the farm and the barn; examples being the October pumpkin fest, the recently Frisbee golf outing and the winter snowshoe gathering. All good uses and there can be many more that will assist in developing the farm and barn as a valuable and recognized venue. Some day it will be routine for people to say: "Oh yes that event is being held at the red barn on Newfields Road, at the Raynes Farm."
- To that end I share this thought: Perhaps the farm and barn could be a focal point for some of the Conservation Commission projects as well as a prominent location that residences would realize as a place of conservation activities and information.

- Thus: this suggestion for a long term venue for many of Exeter's conservation initiatives:

## THE EXETER CONSERVATION CENTER AT RAYNES FARM

- The Center could be the venue for many items such as: An October fest, the annual Frisbee golf contest, conservation lectures and workshops, winter snowshoe event, farming demonstrations, historical farming lectures and many more.
- The Center could continue as a venue for outdoor events and activities, as it has been, without significant changes. The barn could be a venue for limited conservation events (small gatherings, viewings, and demonstrations) in its present arrangement with clearly defined limitations until such time that the renovations are completed.
- The Center could also be a location for some of the Con Com meetings; scheduled in good spring time or fall weather. Imagine CH 22 broadcasting the Con Com meeting from the Center.
- I believe the above suggestions convey the idea. There are restrictions of course, but the imagination and the continued good energy of the Con Com are not limitations. There are many more potential uses of this iconic resource. Together they will provide a broad base program that will support decisions to invest in the Center.

There have been discussions in the Con Com over the past few years of establishing a "Friends of Raynes Farm" organization. This topic was also mentioned at the Budget Committee meeting. Such an organization is frequently thought as been a 501c charitable organization and such could be a goal. However a Friends organization could be informal at the start and be another basis for identity and participation. An item to consider.

Also, I suggest updating the Raynes Farm Development Plan as a document to highlight and explain how the Con Com envisions the use of the farm and barn to include an easily digested summary document.

There are some thoughts and suggestions for consideration.

Thanks for reading.

All the best for the holiday season.

Don