Proposed Article 6: Creation of Boat Launch Facility Standards in the Shoreland Zoning Provisions

Purpose for Shoreland Zoning Provision Section 15.V and 17 Definitions Additions:

Description: Two amendments involving Public Boat Launches are proposed to the Shoreland Zoning Provisions of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance for the June 2014 public warrant. Specifically proposed is Section 15V, titled *Boat Launch Facility and Associated Parking Areas,* which outlines new regulations governing the use of any public boat launch facility and associated parking area owned by the Town of Raymond and designed for the launching and landing of watercraft that includes an access ramp, docking area, and parking spaces designed to accommodate vehicles and trailers in the Shoreland Zone. Additionally proposed are the related definitions, *Boat Launching Facilities* and *Boat Trailer,* to be added to *Definitions*, Section 17 of the Shoreland Zoning Provisions of the Raymond land Use Ordinance.

Key Changes:

- Addition of Section 15V to the Shoreland Zoning Provisions of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance entitled *Public Boat Launch Facility and Associated Parking Areas* which govern among other characteristics, the use, design, size, location and parking associated with such facilities.

- Addition of the terms and related definitions for *Boat Launching Facilities* and *Boat Trailer* to Section 17 *Definitions* of the Shoreland Provisions of the Raymond Land Use Ordinance.

The full text of the warrant articles including the text of the proposed ordinance amendments is available at the Town Office and the Town's website (www.raymondmaine.org).

ARTICLE ___: Articles 15 (Land Use Standards) and 17 (Definitions) of the Town of Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions, as adopted May 21, 1994 and amended through June 4, 2013, be further amended by adding the underscored language and deleting the language in strikeover type, as shown below?

The Planning Board Recommend Article ___
The Selectmen ____ Article ____

[Note: The use of the word "Article" within the ordinance does not indicate a separate warrant article.]

Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions

SECTION 15 – LAND USE STANDARDS

V. Public Boat Launch Facility and Associated Parking Areas

1. Access from shore shall be developed on soils appropriate for such use and constructed so as to control erosion.
2. The Public Boat Launching Facility shall be located so as to minimize adverse effects on fisheries.
3. Boat launch width shall be minimized to the greatest extent possible and the applicant shall provide evidence or information supporting the design width. This provision is not intended to prohibit multiple launching ramps at a single facility.
4. Applicants for the construction of a Public Boat Launching Facility and associated structures shall obtain all necessary permits from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Maine DEP).
5. One Public Boat Launching Facility shall be allowed at any Great Pond. Planning Board approval is required for any applications proposing a second launch to any Great Pond. The Planning Board shall also be responsible for determining the appropriate separation between a proposed Public Boat Launching Facility and any existing boat launch facilities.
6. The site plan design shall include a signage plan for the posting of rules and regulations regarding usage, invasive species, circulation of vehicles, and parking on the site.
7. The design shall include a boat launch inspection and cleaning area designed for inspecting and cleaning of watercraft and trailers, and include facilities for the proper disposal of aquatic invasive species.
8. The owner of the facility shall provide a maintenance and operations plan subject to review annually by the CEO.
9. The Public Boat Launching Facility shall include sanitary facilities and trash receptacles.
10. Public Boat Launching Facilities shall be designed to provide adequate security or public visibility to access and ramp areas to discourage loitering, trespassing, or vagrancy of individuals, or groups, and insure safety of the site following normal

hours of usage.

11. No routine maintenance or repairs of watercraft shall be allowed at the boat launch facilities.
12. The boat launch access entrance from any road having regular vehicular traffic shall be designed to address safe sight distance and promote safe traffic and pedestrian movements.
13. The property shall maintain at least a 25 foot natural buffer strip of vegetation from any adjacent residentially zoned properties. When a natural buffer strip of vegetation does not exist, a landscaped buffer strip shall be planted with approval of a planting plan by the Planning Board.
14. The boat launch ramp shall be constructed of a low permeable inert material such as, but not limited to concrete, asphalt, or other solid construction material to discourage soil erosion or vehicle tracking. Materials shall be installed that will not degrade water quality, will promote protection from erosion or sedimentation, and will not leach, weep or cause contamination from preservatives, treatments, or other chemical pollutants due to their composition or by applied treatments placed on their surfaces. Gravel, crushed stone, or other compacted soil aggregate materials shall not be used for construction of the portion of the launch ramp subject to contact by a towing vehicle, trailer, or other device to transport watercraft to and from the access road the ramp's lowest submerged depth.

SECTION 17 – DEFINITIONS

Boat Trailer - A vehicle designed to transport boats and other water-related recreational apparatus.

Public Boat Launching Facility - shall mean any facility made accessible for use by the general public and owned or operated by the Town of Raymond or the State of Maine, and designed for the launching and landing of watercraft. The facility may include an access ramp, docking area, and parking spaces designed to accommodate vehicles and trailers.