ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SHORELAND ZONING BUFFER STANDARDS

This sheet provides notification of standards required by the Town of Raymond Shoreland Zoning Provisions. By signing this form, the applicant acknowledges understanding of the standards; agrees to comply with them; and to notify all others associated with the proposed project of these restrictions. Violations of any of these standards will require the contractor(s) and/or landowner(s) to fully restore any site conditions found not in compliance to their pre-construction conditions.

NOTE: This form summarizes key Ordinances provisions. Other restrictions and Maine DEP requirements also apply. Approval of a DEP permit under Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) does not supersede these standards, which, in some cases, are more restrictive. See Section 14 of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance for more information about which activities require a local permit, and Section 15 details the standards that apply to those various activities.

The following standards apply within the buffer area (within 100' of the normal high waterline of great ponds and rivers flowing to great ponds; within 100' of the normal high water line of other rivers and zoned streams; and within 100' of the upland edge of zoned wetlands. NOTE: However, that other standards apply at distances greater than the buffer width. See the Official Raymond Zoning Map to determine how a particular parcel is zoned):

- One (1) winding foot path of no more than six (6) feet in width is allowed for each lot. A winding path is required in order to provide opportunities for water to disperse into the buffer.
- Structures are not allowed within the buffer area, except for water-dependent structures. This prohibition includes but not limited to storage buildings, boathouses, patios, decks and tent platforms.
- Vegetation less than three (3) feet in height cannot be removed, killed, or otherwise damaged.
- In the off-season, temporary docks should be stacked on the footpath to avoid damage to buffer vegetation, or removed from the buffer area entirely.
- Fill cannot be brought into the buffer area except for path construction or to re-vegetate bare ground as part of an approved re-vegetation plan. Path construction material must consist of washed stone, bark mulch, or other material that will not wash into the water.
- Pruning of tree branches is permitted on the bottom 1/3 of the tree.
- Openings, or view corridors, in existence prior to January 1, 1989 can be maintained but not enlarged.
- Openings that have “closed” with growth of woody vegetation, cannot be “re-opened.”
- Grandfathered buildings within the buffer may be expanded after obtaining a permit, if the expansions are no closer to the water body than the original structure. Such expansions of floor area and/or volume are limited to 30% of the floor area and volume in existence as of January 1, 1989. Before any construction begins, pre-construction photos must be taken. Silt fence or other erosion control measures must properly be installed, at the upland extent of the buffer area, below any construction.
- No disturbance of the ground cover (including the duff and leaf layer) or vegetation shall be caused within the buffer. Equipment movement and excavation must be carefully controlled to avoid any impact to the buffer. For example, it is not permissible to locate a foundation at the buffer limit if that placement will cause any disturbance within the buffer. The placement of silt fence at the buffer limit is intended to prevent disturbance within the buffer and to satisfy state and local requirements.
- Clearing of vegetation and timber harvesting must not remove more than 40% of the volume of trees in any ten (10) year period. The creation of cleared openings is prohibited and a well-distributed stand of trees must be maintained. These provisions may limit the percentage of cut to less than the specified maximums.

Date:_____ _____

Map:___ Lot:____ Signature of Owner

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Signature of Contractor