

Atkinson Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, April 11, 7:00 PM
Kimball Library
Public and Non-Public

Non-public portion sealed in public session on April 11, 2022
Approved April 27, 2022
Non-public portion unsealed in public session on June 29, 2022

Members Present:

Paul Wainwright, Chair
Bill Steele, Vice Chair
Pete McVay, Secretary
Jeff Nenart
John Fournier
Suzie Newman
Hannah Fried – Alternate, abstaining

Others Present:

1. Call to Order, and Attendance:

Chair Wainwright called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM, declared that a quorum was present, and stated that the meeting announcement had been posted in two places more than 24 hours ago. Chair Wainwright also stated that Alternate Fried has agreed to abstain from voting on the land acquisition project being discussed this evening since she is an abutter to that project.

2. Non-public session for the consideration of the acquisition of land

Member Fournier made a motion to go into a non-public session under NH RSA 91-A:3, II (d) for the consideration of the acquisition of land. Secretary McVay seconded the motion. Vote: 7/0/0, the motion carried

Chair Wainwright asked the members for their thoughts about the relative priority of the Lang and Page Farm acquisition projects, and the Members came to consensus that the Page Farm opportunity was higher priority because of its superior conservation values and higher risk of development.

Chair Wainwright then proceeded to brief the Members on meetings he had last week with Michael Green and attorney Kathryn Morin concerning the opportunity to purchase the 20+- acres at the back of the Page Farm development, and asked for a motion to retain attorney Morin to represent us in this matter.

Member Nenart made a motion to retain attorney Kathryn Morin to represent the Town in the purchase of the Contractable and Convertible land at the back of Page Farm, and to pay her fee, up to \$10,000, from the Conservation Fund. Member Newman seconded the motion. Vote: 6/0/1 with Alternate Fried abstaining, the motion carried.

Chair Wainwright then reviewed a draft list of possible Terms and Conditions for a Purchase & Sale agreement. This list was derived from his discussions with Michael Green and attorney Morin last week. Nothing has yet been agreed to.

There was discussion.

Vice Chair Steele made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the Contractable and Convertible land in the Page Farm development, to authorize the Chair to work with attorney Kathryn Morin on a Purchase and Sale agreement and to sign that agreement on behalf of the Town, to conditionally authorize the appropriation of up to \$500,000 from the Conservation Fund with \$50,000 of that to be expended upon execution of the Purchase and Sale agreement, these appropriations contingent upon holding a Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 36-A:5, II, and approval of the Select Board pursuant to RSA 36-A:4, I. Secretary McVay seconded the motion. Vote: 6/0/1 with Alternate Fried abstaining, the motion carried.

No other business was discussed.

Vice Chair Steele made a motion to exit non-public session. Member Nenart seconded the motion. Vote: 7/0/0, the motion carried.

3. Seal the non-public minutes

Member Newman made a motion to seal the minutes of the April 11, 2022 non-public session. Vice Chair Steele seconded the motion. Vote: 7/0/0, the motion carried.

4. Adjournment

Alternate Fried made a motion to adjourn. Secretary McVay seconded. The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

The meeting was adjourned around 7:30 PM