

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
February 8, 2010
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:50.

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Dan Kimball
Scott Kukshel
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Paul Wainwright

Special Projects

Bids were reviewed for the Sawyer Land maintenance project, from bids received by Charlie Moreno, manager of the project for the commission. Three bids were received: Landex, Inc., GC Morse & Sons, and Monadnock. A motion was made to award the contract to GC Morse & Sons, based on their high bid and a good history of logging Atkinson town forests. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The question concerning timber tax was raised. The commission will get the yield tax waived, since foresters are reluctant to bid if the yield tax is included in the contract. Abating the timber yield tax reduces the paperwork involved and made the bidding process much easier. Any tax abatement has to be approved by the selectmen. If the abatement is approved, the maintenance project could begin next week.

A motion was made to authorize the chairman to have the consulting forester draw up a contract with the selected logger GC Morse. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to close the trails during the logging operation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There is a trail maintenance scout project pending on the Sawyer Land, and a question was asked about leaving some of the chips in piles for the trails. Tim will ask them to leave piles for this purpose.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, March 8th, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay