

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
May 4, 2009
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:32

Attending:

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

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Bob Spoerl, Trailwrights gave a presentation on the work of Trailwrights and what they can do for Atkinson's lands. Bob covered trail planning, maintenance, funding, resources, and design, and left the Commission with his PowerPoint presentation, which will be archived. Several books and references will be purchased and placed in the Kimball Library. Bob showed several funding sources, and many of them are administered by Trailwrights. The Commission planned to meet with Bob on May 30 (May 31 rain date) to review the status and needs of the Sawyer Land, in preparation for trail maintenance planning.

Julie LaBranche, Senior Planner on the Rockingham Planning Commission gave a presentation on the current status of Atkinson CTAP funding. CTAP was originally established to mitigate the I-93 expansion for surrounding communities. The Planning Board, Energy Committee, and Selectmen agreed that the Conservation Commission should be the coordinator for CTAP grant applications. The Master Plan group already has a proposal in place and is treated separately.

There is \$10,000 available for Phase I planning, but all funds must be spent by the end of 2009. Grants are typically used for project planning, environmental studies, and other actions not directly involving construction. Julie will check if a Master Plan update could be included in this funding. Funds could be used to hire consultants for such plans as an Open Space or Natural Resource Inventory. Another possibility would be to fund a Trail Linking Ordinance.

Internal Business

Membership renewals, Dan, Denise, Michelle and Paul all completed renewal applications.

Secretary report: deferred until June

Treasurer's report: no expenditures to date

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

Wetlands disturbance on 13 Willowvale Dan said it is resolved with a different contractor who worked with Dan and the landowner to restore drainage and damage to the wetlands.

DES file 2007-01672, Perry, noncompliant dock, 9 Lakeside Drive, Map 23 Lot 62 no changes

Complaint received about gunfire on Conservation Land on Island Pond Road, on easement land above Hemlock Heights in the "French Easement" abutting Hampstead.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

New 9 hole golf course: night lights approved

Zoning Board Agenda items:

Gilles Gagnon expansion, variance granted

Osborne, variance granted

Keith Wolters, administrative appeal of PJ Murphy truck terminal on Industrial Drive, granted (transportation terminal is disallowed)

Other Business

- a) **Prime wetlands status:** the paperwork is at DES for action.
- b) **DES HAWC water withdrawal** public hearing update. Four persons, including Tim, spoke at the hearing which was very long. Details are in the Planning Board minutes.
- c) **Slade Town Forest** federal paperwork. There are still a number of legal entanglements and ownership that need to be straightened out.
- d) **Municipal water withdrawal legislative hearings,** ongoing through June, details at <http://www.nhgroundwater.com>
- e) **Milfoil chemical treatment at Big Island Pond** was voted down.
- f) Updated **2009 conservation project list:** deferred

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, June 1st, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay