

Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
July 12, 2010
Atkinson Town Hall

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 8:07 PM.

Attending:

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

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Julie LaBranche, RPC, review of NRI proposal and outline. The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) GIS system is being reworked, so the NRI proposal has been deferred to the August meeting.

Patti Mangini, Noriko Yoshida-Travers of the Atkinson Recreation Commission presented a proposal for an **Atkinson farmers market** at the Community Center parking lot. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) retains rights to the Trinity land, and their covenant prohibits commercial use of the property. Tim is aware of the issue and emailed Sarah Cunningham of SPNHF to ask if this is a violation. Since the Community Center is rented, and space would be granted free to Atkinson residents, there may not be a conflict. However, since there are heavy restrictions on commercial use of the land, we need to know that the land covenant has not been violated.

Patti and Noriko also presented an update on the **Busby East Road Recreation Fields**. They are not planning to use the barn because of the need for repairs. There is also a need to protect the land from illegal ATM use and vandalism with gates and barriers, and the parking lot needs improvement. The deed for the Busby East Road parcel may need modification to accommodate these changes. This issue was also discussed by the Planning Board and the Selectmen, and Patti said the Selectmen wanted to keep the barn. The plan is to have the building renovated and the parking lot set. There are many considerations around emergency access, parking lot, gates, and barriers, hedges, and paths.

Internal Business

Secretary report: deferred to the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's report: no expenditures in June, although there are some pending bills for July.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

6/14 complaint filed with police about **tree service dumping brush** into conservation wetlands on Lakeside Drive, tree company contact is Jim Perry from Sandown tree company. He said he will clean it up.

6/28 asst. road agent **Josh Dugale** reported that somebody dumped **50-60 cubic yards of wood chips** into conservation wetlands on Lakeside Drive, not sure if related to tree company incident. Pete will investigate. Tim will talk to officer Donnelly about what he saw.

7/8 got a call from b. A number of residents on **Lakeside Drive** would like to organize a neighborhood cleanup for brush and winter storm damage. Pete will contact her about cleanup. Tim will check with Selectmen to see if the town trucks can be used to help.

Nancy Raczka, Map 23 Lot 79, wetland application 2010-00222 to repair 94 linear feet of stone wall denied by DES. It may be that the contractors did not present proof that there was a wall there before.

Paintball forts on Caroline Orr conservation land. No new action.

Unpermitted wetlands fill 21 Amberwood Drive, file complaint. No new action.

Dredge and fill filed by Osborne, 8 Valcat Lane, for dock, filed intervention with DES, status is still administratively incomplete.

Nault, complaint about water discharge from neighbor's land on Island Pond Road. No action.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items: only project open is DOT grant money from the 93 mitigation, which will be used either for roads or Master Plan.

Zoning Board Agenda items: Need to get the maps for the new wetlands to DES along with certified election results. It turns out that the West Sawmill Swamp map does already have the island delineated.

Other Business

Sawyer Forestry Report and contract for winter work. The Commission will need to file a new intent to cut for the summer and close out the old one with the Forester and Logger. Our town forests are designated as "tree farms" and will need to comply with the new Tree Farm rules for 2011. A motion was made that, since this is a time-sensitive issue, Tim is authorized to redo the contract and present it to the Selectmen for approval. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Southeast passage, ECGA has hired Vanessa Johnson to replace Tracy Hines and we are trying to connect with her to restart this project.

Preliminary DES visit with Jim Gove to explore town beach options: no action.

Water is leaking into the left pontoon of the town dock and the pontoon needs repair or replacement. Pete will check on the possibility of using a Housefall rig to lift the dock.

Denise had a Shoreland Guide that might be good for the web site. She is trying to get permission to post the guide.

Paul asked about the status of the **Maple Avenue maple replanting project**. No news. Dan had met Mrs. Kutzleman, who has not had much success getting people on the project. Ted Stewart had suggested that some of the income from harvesting be used for planting new trees in town. Dan noted that maple trees in general on Maple Avenue are having difficulty, quite possibly due to road salt but could be other causes.

Tree down at the end of Woodlawn Ave that needs to be removed. The trailhead is also deteriorating. New signage may be needed to mark the trailhead.

Schedule a cleanup day in the fall.

Conservation minutes and files should be consolidated and organized into the town hall. There are several options: scanning, iron mountain storage, etc.

Secretary report: A motion was made and seconded to accept the June minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, August 2nd, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay