

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission  
September 14, 2009  
Atkinson Town Hall**

**Call To Order** by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 8:44.

**Attending:**

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

**Guest Business and Plan Reviews:**

**Charlie Moreno**, forestry report deferred to October meeting,

**Claire Hamilton**, gift of Blunts Pond, Map 9, parcel 29. There is a "no boating" sign on the pond. The stipulations are that the pond be protected; that is no power boats will be allowed. A motion was made to pay expenses for appraisal, transfer, closing costs, and taxes to acquire the pond. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Honoring Conservation volunteers** was discussed. Chet Ladd, a longtime active conservationist in Atkinson, had his funeral in Atkinson recently and possible recognition was discussed, including a plaque in Town Hall, an award, or Citizen of the Year designation. Chet was citizen of the year in the 80's. Michelle would also like to recognize a couple of volunteers, such as Dennis Krause for his work on the Sawyer Lands.

**Internal Business**

**Membership renewals**, Membership reappointments were deliberately staggered so that all memberships to not expire in the same year. Dan Kimball and Denise Legault were reappointed for three years, Michelle Veasey and Paul Wainwright were reappointed for one year.

**Secretary report:** review of minutes was deferred to the October meeting.

**Treasurer's report:** no change

**Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints**

**Widowmaker tree** on conservation land next to 459 East Road, Hampstead. The tree is on conservation land but overhangs an abutter's yard. Ted Stewart has been asked to remove it. Since the cost was under the amount that needs Commission authorization, no business action or authorization by the entire Commission was necessary.

**Widowmaker trees** on conservation easement next to Paul Antkowiak, 21 Woodlawn Ave. If the Commission is laible for the trees, a tree service would be needed to clear the trees. Sumner is determining liability, and any action has to be deferred pending Sumner's findings.

**Unpermitted wetlands disturbance 21 Amberwood Drive**, no change

**Raczca**, application to tear down and rebuild further away from lake at 47 Boulder Cove Road. Variance granted by ZBA, and applied for a CPSA permit.

Complaint about **tree cutting on Boulder Cove** conservation land. The tree cutting operation was not on the conservation land.

Complaints about **tree cutting in wetlands** and construction of unpermitted garage, 9 Emery Drive. There is no RSA or regulation that prevents a landowner from cutting trees on their own land, even in wetlands. The garage issue is being handled by the ZBA. We may change the definition of building near a wetlands to be “garages and other structures” to cover the nonpermanent structures used as well as permanent buildings. There is no definition of what constitutes a “garage”.

**Paul Masone**, cited by DES for violating buffer requirements, Stickney Road.

Letter from **Bob Jones** questioning occupancy of house without a certificate of occupancy.

## **Review of Correspondence**

### **Planning Board Agenda Items:**

- CTAP grant for master plan natural resources inventory
- Eggies’ Diner move to Atkinson, no obvious conservation conflicts
- Office development at 121 Main Street (Pages Lane corner).
- Propose zoning change to 410:8(b) for wetlands buffer

### **Zoning Board Agenda items:**

**Mason lot**, part withdrawn and the rest denied. New law provides \$550 per day fine for land use law violations

## **Other Business**

- a) One person reported that they were **harassed when trying to park** at the canoe launch. Several times during the summer the parking lot has been full, used by abutters for overflow parking. Pete will make it a point to patrol the parking area regularly during the next boating season.
- b) **Prime wetlands status**, still not approved at DES
- c) **DR mower trimmer, fixed** for ~\$50 at Eddie's Saw Service
- d) **Authorize fall bushhogging**. Tim stepped down and Paul became chair. A motion was made to hire Tim's Tractor to do bushhogging on Sawyer, Orr, and Bonin at \$300 a field. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.  
Tim rejoined the meeting.
- e) **Authorization to negotiate for land/easement purchases**. Negotiations are ongoing to gain parcels to join lands, and there would be surveying and transaction expenses. A motion was made to authorize Tim to commit up to \$25,000 from the Conservation Fund to negotiate purchases of lands and/or easements for the southeast passage connector project. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, October 5th, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay