

Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission October 19, 2009 Atkinson Town Hall

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

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Michelle Veasey
Paul Wainwright

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Charlie Moreno forestry report, maps and planning issues. Charlie does not have the study together yet, but has the crew and resources to do it this year.

Hunting concerns: Pete and Tim had done some research on the hunting posting and firearms discharge regulations. Fish and Game Section F is 808.04, Posting of Land, and RSA 635:4 both govern hunting regulations and how lands must be posted, defined as 300 feet of a dwelling, gathering place, etc. A motion was made to post signs at the entrances of the Carolyn Orr Land and other conservation parcels voted by the town as no hunting. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Perambulation of the town boundaries. The Hampstead and Orr lands and Map 5 lot 49. Scott brought up the easement monitoring requirements (Steve Walker, LCIP).

Internal Business

Secretary report - A motion was made to accept the June 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to accept the September 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report – the latest reports do not show any expended funds. Tim will check on why the invoices aren't coming through. Motion was made to authorize the chairman to spend not more than \$400 to take care of tree damage on East Road. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

The NRCS maps were mislabeled and have to be corrected. Paul volunteered to rework the files in Photoshop. The fbase files will be sent to him.

Membership renewals, Dan, Denise, renewed for 3 years,
Michelle and Paul, renewed for 1 year.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- **Unpermitted wetlands fill 21 Amberwood Drive.** Tim has talked to Tom Gilbert of DES and will file a complaint.
- **Raczca, application to tear down and rebuild** further away from lake at 47 Boulder Cove Road, no shoreland work until 2010. There is an issue over whether the road is class 5 or class 6.
- **Complaints about tree cutting in wetlands and construction of unpermitted garage**, 9 Emery Drive. Has reapplied for a variance from the ZBA.
- **Widowmaker tree on conservation land** next to 459 East Road, Hampstead has been cut.
- **Widowmaker trees on conservation easement** next to Paul Antkowiak, 21 Woodlawn Ave, Sumner says we are not liable, need to notify Brian Boyle that he is. Tim will write a letter to Brian.

- **Paul Masone, cited by DES** for violating buffer requirements, Stickney Road. DES has sent a complaint letter to Masone on this.
- **Issues with land clearing, erosion control, unpermitted docks** at 8 Valcat Lane, a CSPA complaint has been filed.
- **Unpermitted shed and footings** in prime wetlands buffer zone, Map 10 Lot 5, East Road.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

- **CTAP grant for master plan natural resources inventory.** The submission is due soon—either late October or November. Pete will pin down the date with RPC. Michelle volunteered to work on the submission.
- **Eggies' Diner** move to Atkinson approved
- **Propose zoning change to 410:8(b)** for wetlands buffer, to include small and nonpermanent structures.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

- Application for variance for construction in prime wetlands buffer zone 64' from edge of wetlands, Map 10 Lot 5, East Road.
- Application to keep boathouse (condition of variance/year round conversion) at 8 Valcat Lane, was continued.

Other Business

- **Prime wetlands status**, provisionally accepted, technical map issues being worked by Frank Richardson and Peter Spears. Big Attaboy to Jim Garrity for his help.
- **Does Map 5 Lot 49 contain wetlands** which are part of the Bryant Brook prime wetland? Tim did a site walk and discovered a small wetland below the railroad bridge and it is not part of the prime wetland.
- **Claire Hamilton, gift of Blunts Pond lot**, Sumner doing deed, no title search, we pay property taxes and recording.
- **Chet Ladd's plaque**, maybe honorary trail. Perhaps a permanent map of the trails, in Town Hall. Also a possibility of a Sawyer Trailhead sign. Pete will research permanent outdoor map materials. Possibly put a permanent map in the library.
- Update on acquisition project, the "SouthEast Passage" Tim will do a trail walk with a representative of the Essex County Greenbelt, for either this Monday or Wednesday.
- Map 1 Lot 20 deeded to town as 36A-4 conservation land, but was given away by the town. This needs research: how and why was the land given away, and is this legal?
- Moving meetings to twice a month was discussed. It was considered better to keep it to one meeting a month but to have a tighter meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:16.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay