

Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission December 5, 2011 Atkinson Town Hall

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:05.

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Dan Kimball
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Paul Wainwright

Announcements:

CART workshop Thursday 12/8 7:30 PM Atkinson Library, Joint presentation of Conservation Commission and Energy Commission.

Noted that the web site calls us a "Committee" not a "Commission".

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

- Changes in storm water runoff and EPA. The town next year will be liable for runoff caused by construction that the town allows. Recommendations are changes to the Master Plan to tighten up the rules.
- Issues with a development on Brendan Road on the Haverhill line. A driveway was put in on the Haverhill side over into the New Hampshire side.
- Town and Code Enforcement are going to address some of the junkyard areas on Industrial Way.
- Wireless ordinance requires 30 days to review or it is automatic.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

- Septic system variance request on Hemlock Shore Drive.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- LCIP report for Caroline Orr town forest: is still due.
- SPNHF 2011 monitoring report, Williams, W&M, #4: still due.
- NH Dam Bureau still has issues with Rick Schafer's dam.
- Intent-to-cut form filed for 20 acres of Schafer land, came before the Selectmen. The form does not look like Rick's signature, so there is some question on its validity.
- Advised Jacques Lemieux, 33 Stickney Road, Map 23 Lot 30 on issues with foundation and sills. Since he's doing rebuild and repair in same footprint no DES permits needed.
- eMail from Philip Sulish, 16 Lakeside Drive, requesting site walk and advice on repairing collapsed sea wall. Replied via email advising him to contact DES at 271-2147 for permit information.
- Problems with retaining wall at Lili Bao's across from canoe launch on Stickney Road, complaint pending.
- Land clearing on common open space land in Cogswell Farms, letter to HOA pending.
- New outbuilding may be too close to lot line of Ruth McPherson conservation land. Al Goldstein is building an outbuilding behind his garage. The Code Enforcement Officer will check that the specifications are correct.
- Complaints of trees down on Lakeside Drive conservation land. Pete will meet with the Lakeside owners.

Other Business

- Bylaws and land use rules, defer to January.
- Canoe launch, parking delimiters, still need to order berms.
- Perambulation, have selectmen's appointment, spoke with Plaistow and they're ready to go when the ticks subside.
- Forestry plan copyright, Charlie Moreno will provide new PDF which states that the plan is a work for hire and may be used by the town for any purpose.

- Caroline Orr forestry plan proposal (with inventory). Charlie Moreno submitted a bid of \$3,600, which is 60 hours of forestry and office mapping work. A motion was made to authorize Tim to execute a contract with Charlie Moreno, forest plan and forest inventory on the Caroline Orr town forest. Motion was seconded. Unanimous.
- Recommendation from Charlie that we get bids over the winter from Vegetation Control Service (www.vegetationcontrol.com) for invasive plant control. They like to look at a potential site in the winter to evaluate the situation.
- Warrant article to add Pettengill parcel to Caroline Orr town forest, to be managed together by the conservation commission under RSA 31:112.
- Warrant article to clarify that the conservation commission will have seven full time members and three alternates, with planning board membership as allowed by state law. Tim will present these two articles to the Selectmen next Monday.

Internal Business

Treasurer's report: budget was down about 25% (\$2,000) because of no need for a secretary. The last check run of the year is December 20th, so everything for this year should be in by then.

- The Sawyer and Marshall lands both had "stations" at one point, and have now deteriorated. Some discussion about obtaining the materials for new signage in the spring.
- Need to pay dues on State NHACC and forestry associations.
- Possibly a webcam or trailcam for wildlife...

Other:

- Ted Stewart hired to mow Bonin field
- Approval for Orr forestry plan payment schedule
- Webpage update, Scott will let us use atkinsonconservation.org as a "friends of" site for news, maps, trail pix, etc. For now it points to the town site. A lot of important content is missing. We should attend the IT Committee meeting to discuss links with them.

Secretary report:

Deferred to January. All minutes will be cc'd to conservation@town-atkinson.gov

The meeting adjourned at 8:01.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, January 9, 2012, at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay