

**Town of Atkinson
Conservation Commission
Private Session
Monday, March 7, 2011 7:10 pm**

Unsealed October 1, 2018

Committee Members: Tim Dziechowski, Pete McVay, Denise Legault, Paul Wainwright

Carol Grant came to the Commission on behalf of the Ruth McPherson Trust. Carol and Tim have been working on buying land. Carol proposed that the Conservation Commission pay for engineering of a lot line adjustment up front and she would reimburse the Conservation Commission with the monies from the Trust. Carol stated that under RSA 674:54, town entities are exempt from the subdivision or zoning laws.

Discussion by the Commission on splitting into two lots - Gary Witley's land has no complications with mortgages or lenders. - Tim spoke with Gary about land on the hill which is the most valuable - Tim is still very interested in Claire Hamilton's land - still the best value for the money.

Cost and risks on other properties such as Gordon Brown's land: neither person is selling at this time. An issue with the Town buying the land and having the Trust repay the town is that the Town Assessor may not appraise the land for more than \$6,000 and the Selectman will not approve anything over fair market value.

Carol talked to Gary Witley and showed him the maps. He seemed interested and she will talk to him again and see if he can give an easement to the pond. Claire stated that Gary has already surveyed the land there was discussion regarding how Gary was subdividing the land. Carol to talk to Gary and ask if he subdivides that if he can put an easement or a road access in for the two-acre lot .

Carol would reimburse the Town or Conservation Commission for buying the land, since the town is immune from zoning. Carol offered to talk to the Selectmen regarding the terms of the Trust for Ruth McPherson. Tim feels that legal counsel should be consulted as to the legal method for transferring private funds to town funds. Tim spoke with the Selectmen and was advised there would have to be a Public hearing.

There was some discussion on where the lot line boundary would be drawn. A motion was made to authorize Tim to negotiate with Gary Witley on how much land would be conserved and the cost. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The private session closed at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Power