

**Atkinson Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, May 4, 2015, 7:30 PM**  
**Atkinson Town Hall**

**Members Present:**

Tim Dziechowski  
Denise Legault  
Peter McVay  
Paul Wainwright  
Dan Kimball

**Others Present:**

**1. Call to order, attendance**

Chairman Dziechowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, Monday, May 4, 2015.

**2. Guest Business and Plan Reviews:**

- Jeff Flieder, Scout Troop 9 has requested to camp at Bonin Field from May 17, 2015 to May 19, 2015 and would like the Conservation Commission to mow the field.

Discussion: Mr. Dziechowski informed him that the field was mowed the day after Christmas and did not feel it was necessary to mow again. There is also the issue of the stubble. Mr. Dziechowski could go in with the tractor and mower. There is another field where there is nothing but sand and soft grass. There could also be a fire there.

**Chair Dziechowski left the meeting to appear at the Selectmen's meeting, to request to have the Road Agent open the entrance to the Judge Marshall Town Forest. Vice Chair Wainwright resumed the meeting.**

Mr. McVay pointed out that there are two high dangers, fire and ticks. The Commission agreed that the woods are full of ticks. The Commission discussed allowing Mr. Flieder to mow and agreed that the stubble would still be a problem.

Mr. McVay informed the Commission that a group is going to walk to the big tree in Atkinson and that he walked with his wife to check out the trails and someone put up trail markers at the Sawyer Lands.

Ms. Legault requested to discuss perambulation, Item 4. It has been awhile since Hampstead has been perambulated. Mr. McVay stated he would be available in June. She will talk to the people in Hampstead and get some dates. Mr. McVay gave the history of perambulation.

**Chair Dziechowski returned to the meeting.**

The Selectmen agreed to allow the Road Agent to open the entrance to the Judge Marshall Town Forest. The Selectmen informed Mr. Dziechowski that they would like the Conservation Commission to pay for renting the Road Agent's machine out of the Town Forest budget.

The Commission returned to discussing mowing the Bonin Field. Mr. Kimball suggested planting with clover and alfalfa. Chair Dziechowski informed the Commission that wild asparagus grew there and also there is a big flock of turkeys at the back of the field. The Commission discussed planting seed grasses for the turkeys. Another issue is wildlife habitat.

Bonin Field is habitat for many species, among them Monarch butterflies. This is the reason Mr. Dziechowski waits until after Thanksgiving to mow.

- Scout Service Projects - Discussion: Bill Innes had a list of Scout projects. Mr. Dziechowski suggested that they help clean up the field like they did last year. They picked up and burned the junk wood in the field and the trails. Mr. Wainwright mentioned that the bridge project and Mr. Dziechowski informed him that the bridge project was an Eagle Scout project and clearing the fields would be a general service project for the troop.

Mr. McVay again pointed out the trails had been marked in the Sawyer Conservation area. Mr. McVay would like to gravel the trails. He estimates the cost at \$12,000 to \$15,000 and can get exact figures.

Mr. Dziechowski is requesting a warrant article to make the entrance to the Judge Marshall Town Forest a fire trail so the Road Agent can keep it open. He would like also to make the entrance to the trail by East Road near the cemetery a fire road and also the old woods road by Crystal Hill to where it turns. He would also like to install gates. Mr. McVay pointed out that the rocks might deter ATVs but Mr. Dziechowski stated that they would just go around.

### **3. Review of Correspondence**

#### **Planning Board April 15, 2015 meeting**

- MYA Victoria LLC, site plan for 2,340 SF Office Building and 4,680SF Garage on property located at 15 Industrial Way - approved
- MYA Victoria LLC, site plan for Graveled Storage Area (dumpster storage, no buildings) on property located at 17 Industrial Way - approved.
- Application for Subdivision and Site Plan (multifamily dwellings) submitted by Lewis Builders, for Centerview Hollow Land Company, LLC to create a 100 unit Rural Residential Cluster subdivision with scenic vista preservation, on property located at 172 Main Street, Map 17 Lots 53 and 54 (Sawmill Ridge). Discussion: Rockingham Planning and Keach Engineering issues were raised. There was discussion of deeds, condominium documents, open space and trail easements. Review of the application was continued to the May 20, 2015 hearing.

There was also discussion on how the open space would be protected. The applicant would like the open space deeded to the Homeowner's Association. However, the Planning Board and the Town Attorney are not comfortable with it. There was concern that the Town should have some oversight. One issue is what can be done with the open space. Mr. Dziechowski pointed out that they could put in a swimming pool, a tennis court or other recreational structures. Chair Dziechowski informed the Commission that there are Planning Board restrictions built in to the scenic vista and open space preservation ordinances. Chair Dziechowski will write something. The application has been continued to May 20, 2015.

- Site plan amendment for 56 Island Pond Road, continued to May 20, 2015 at the request of the applicant.
- Site plan amendment for 16 Industrial Way, continued to May 20, 2015 at the Atkinson Conservation Commission May 4, 2015

request of the applicant.

#### **4. Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints**

- Sawmill Ridge trail easement - Discussion: Chair Dziechowski got permission to scout routes, and went out twice with a GPS. There is a primary and alternate route each which would need about 500 feet of new trail cut. Lewis Builders will help with this. The Commission needs to coordinate with Hampstead Conservation. Chair Dziechowski has been working on routes for the Sawmill Ridge trail and showed the Commission some alternative routes. There is an old woods road that cuts around the cliff to the town line. Issues are the amount of easement from the condominium development and an agreement with the Hampstead Conservation Commission. The Hampstead easement goes up a cliff and Chair Dziechowski wants an agreement with the landowner whose land the easement is on and the Town of Hampstead to route around the cliff. There is another route where the cliff is not as steep if an agreement cannot be reached with the landowner and the Town of Hampstead to change the easement.
- Entrance to Judge Marshall town forest - Discussion: There was a site walk with Tim Lavelle and Ted Stewart, The Selectmen have given their permission for the Road Agent to clear the entrance.
- Complaint from Steve Walker, LCIP Steward, about yard waste being dumped on Orr lot at Roby Lane. 2014 Orr lot report not filed yet. Discussion: The Commission could put up "no dumping" signs. There are "no dumping" signs elsewhere. Chair Dziechowski asked Voss about "no dumping" signs. The Commission could also go to the State Prison shop.
- Complaint from a neighbor that the Orr Town Forest is being torn up by a motorcycle rider - Discussion: Chair Dziechowski will look at it. There are signs, but they are not strong enough. Signs stating that violators will be prosecuted can be posted so police can prosecute are needed.
- 2014-794RPA Wetlands Permit to restore Hall Farm Road - approved with conditions. Once that is done, the owner can go to the Planning Board for subdivision plans.
- 2015-248 Wetlands Permit- Four minor wetland crossings for road construction at Sawmill Ridge - more information was requested
- 2015-515 - after-the-fact Wetlands Permit for 16 Industrial Way - under technical review
- 2015-724 PBN to improve drainage by replacing dirt with gravel behind retaining wall at 6 Hemlock Shore Drive - under technical review
- 2015 perambulation - Discussion: The Commission returned to the discussion as to when to conduct the perambulation. It needs to be done every seven years. The perambulation with Hampstead was done in 2007, so it is not necessary for this year, but the perambulation with Plaistow was done in 2002 and is overdue. The Commission discussed perambulation with Plaistow. Derry was done in 2007, Salem was done in 2007. Haverhill is not required by law, but Chair Dziechowski would like to do it. Mr. McVay is willing to do perambulations.

## **5. Other Business**

- John Vesey (Michelle's husband) has volunteered to cut in a trail from Crown Hill Road to the Plaistow trail system, this would be on the Noyes Rock Shelter parcel. Discussion: It was approved at the last meeting. Ms. Legault will inform Mr. Vesey.
  - VOSS quote for replacement boundary markers, \$525 for 500, \$745 for 1000 (includes setup). The quote is still good. Chair Dziechowski will order 500. Samples are on the way, The quote on no dumping was \$15.25 each with a \$25.00 setup charge. Mr. McVay suggested checking with the Road Agent. Mr. Dziechowski will go to the state prison for the no dumping and no trespassing signs.
  - Trying to schedule Charlie Moreno for June meeting
  - Canoe launch dock repairs - will get parts so it can be fixed in the fall. The dock is in the water.
  - Entrance to Woodlawn trail - Mr. Lavelle has the complete list of metes and bounds for the Conservation trail easement. His company did the original surveying.
  - Equipment - no action
  - Land acquisition, - no action

### **Other new business -**

Ms. Legault requested changing the July meeting to July 13, 2015. The June meeting will be June 1, 2015. There is a possible workshop in June.

## **6. Internal Business**

- 2015 budget, all but 2.2% of the Budget Committee's cuts were restored by vote at the Town Meeting
- Reorganization, Ms. Legault filled out the paperwork but the Selectmen have not acted on it. Mr. Dziechowski has not filled out the paperwork.

## **7. Secretary report**

**Minutes:** There are no minutes after September 8, 2014 on the town web page, the 2014 minutes for 9/22, 10/6, 11/10, 12/1, and 12/15 have been reviewed and approved. The minutes for 1/5/15 and 4/6/15 are left for review. There was no quorum for the 2/18/15 meeting, and no meeting on 3/2/15. The Commission agreed to defer review of minutes to a workshop.

## **9. Adjournment**

**Vice Chair Paul Wainwright made a motion to adjourn the May 4, 2015 meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission at 8:24 PM. Member Peter McVay seconded the motion. All members of the Conservation Commission present voted in favor. The May 4, 2015 meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission was adjourned at 8:24 PM. Vote: 4/0/0.**

The next meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission will be Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:30 PM.