

Atkinson Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2015, 7:30 PM
Atkinson Town Hall

Members Present:

Tim Dziechowski
Denise Legault
Peter McVay
Paul Wainwright
Dan Kimball

Others Present:

The Atkinson Conservation Commission went into private session under RSA 91-A:3, II (d) to discuss land and possible gift lands. It was moved and seconded to go into private session, Passed unanimously.

Private session was closed at 7:54 pm by a motion that passed unanimously by five members present. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of five members present. Vote: 5/0.

1. Call to order, attendance

Chairman Dziechowski called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM, Monday, June 1, 2015.

2. Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Jeff Flieder, Troop 9 camping at Bonin field May 15, 2015 to May 17, 2015 deferred because of high fire risk

3. Review of Correspondence

Email from Charles and Jeanine Kinney asking if the Conservation Commission is interested in their .9 acre lot on the North side of Route 111.

Discussion: There is a possibility of a land swap. It is a deep gully on the other side of the guard rail. It would be very hard to develop. It was prime wetland before Rte 111 was built. Chair Dziechowski is not sure if the Conservation Commission would be interested. Mr. McVay agreed to speak to the Kinneys and go out and look at the land.

Planning Board May 20, 2015 meeting

- 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 a scenic vista preservation on property located at 172 Main Street, Map 17 Lots 53 and 54 (Sawmill Ridge) - received conditional approval.

Discussion: Chair Dziechowski got a lot of feedback about protecting open space. The issues were discussed at a workshop meeting of the Planning Board. The applicant agreed not to put any buildings in the open space. There will be a clause inserted in the deeds and Condominium Documents stating that no structure can be put in the open space without Planning Board approval. Community gardens and sustainable forestry were added as permitted uses in the open space. Open space use was changed from "tennis courts" to "sports courts". A new, shorter trail

easement to Conservation land was added, allowing the Conservation Trail to go over an existing woods road and around a cliff. Chair Dziechowski showed the Commission the new easement on the map. The new easement would go over an existing trail. The new trail would not require approval from Hampstead.

The Commission also discussed access to Sawmill Swamp. Access has always been difficult. An easement over the property owned by Deborah Lang would make it much easier.

Chair Dziechowski also informed the Commission that it is a phased development and the first phase would be by Rte 121.

- Site Plan amendment for 16 Industrial Way - denied (meaning they will have to reapply). The applicant did not appear.

4. Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- Sawmill Ridge Trail easement, the new route does not need Hampstead conservation involvement
- Entrance to Judge Marshall town forest. The Road Agent has the Selectmen's permission to clear the entrance but is waiting until the new town-owned front end loader is delivered so the Conservation Commission do not have to pay for a rental.
- Complaint from Steve Walker, LCIP Steward about yard waste being dumped on Orr lot at Roby Lane. 2014 Orr lot report not filed yet. Need no dumping signs
- Complaint from a neighbor that the Orr Town Forest is being torn up by a motorcycle rider, Mr. Dziechowski is investigating no trespassing signs so police can prosecute.
- 2014-794RPA - restore Hall Farm Road, approved with conditions.

Discussion: A wetland was bulldozed and the current owner is restoring it.

- 2015-248 - four minor wetlands crossings for road construction at Sawmill Ridge, more information has been requested.
- 2014-515 - After-the-fact permit for 16 Industrial Way, approved
- 2015-724 - PBN to improve drainage by replacing dirt with gravel behind the retaining wall at 6 Hemlock Shore Drive, approved
- 2015 perambulation - when last done: Plaistow 2002, Derry 2007, Salem 2007, Hampstead 2009, Haverhill not required by law.

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: Ms. Legault called Mr. Vesey and he is willing to do it. Mr. McVay mentioned that there is a new website called Stewardship. If there is a work project related to conservation it can be posted on the website to request volunteers. The Commission could possibly go to the website for volunteers.
- VOSS quote for replacement boundary marker, \$525.00 for 500 markers, and \$745 for

1000 markers (includes setup). Chair Dziechowski will order 500. The artwork has not been received yet. Chair Dziechowski has found a simpler, cheaper source for small quantity signs (safetysign.com), with no setup charges and online design. The Commission will be getting the no dumping signs and no bikes signs from safetysign.com.

- Trying to schedule Charlie Moreno but Mr. Dziechowski has been unable to set a date
- Changes to Chrome browser (NPAPI removal) break NH Granite Viewer. (uses silverlight) and NHDEEDS lookup (uses java plugin)
- Canoe launch dock repairs Mr. Dziechowski wants to wait to order equipment.
- The Board discussed which undeveloped parcels of land are under current use.
- Possible test wildlife food lot in Orr forest. Discussion: Mr. Kimball took a soil sample and the lot is very sterile. It needs to be limed before it can be planted. It is very high in phosphorus and Mr. Kimball wonders if the field had been burned over. The soil is wet. It would cost around \$300 to put in a quarter acre test plot of clover. About 3/4 ton of lime and 25 pounds of phosphorus are required. It has to be plowed, harrowed, limed, harrowed again and seeded. The Commission also discussed an area where scotch pine is growing. Mr. Kimball informed the Commission that white pine is growing underneath it and the best solution would be to girdle the scotch pine and let the white pine grow in.

The Commission returned to discussing the test wildlife food lot. Chair Dziechowski requested a motion.

Member Pete McVay made a motion to have Member Dan Kimball proceed with planting a quarter acre test wildlife food lot at the back end of the Orr forest. Member Denise Legault seconded the motion. All members of the Atkinson Conservation Commission present voted in favor. Vote: 5/0/0.

- Member Pete McVay reported on Coverts - Discussion: It is run by the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. 80% of New Hampshire land is in private hands. For good land management, the cooperation of landowners is needed. Coverts graduates are called co-operators. They can help private landowners with land management. The first step is to speak to the landowner to establish goals. Then, the Coverts co-operator works with the landowner and various agencies to help the land owner achieve the goal for the land. The Commission discussed wildlife habitat in Atkinson. Ms. LeGault suggested a program for Atkinson Public Television. The Coverts program for New Hampshire is run by the University of New Hampshire. Mr. McVay, Michelle Vesey and Scott Kukshnell are Co-operators in Atkinson. Co-operators also are involved in management of wildlife habitat. The Commission discussed wildlife habitat in Atkinson.

6. Internal Business

- Reorganization - defer. Denise is renewed. Tim has applied.

7. Secretary report

Minutes: deferred

9. Adjournment

Member Paul Wainwright made a motion to adjourn the June 1, 2015 meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission at 9:10 PM. Member Denise Legault seconded the motion. All members of the Conservation Commission present voted in favor. The June 1, 2015 meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission was adjourned at 9:10 PM. Vote: 5/0/0.

The next regular meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission will be Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:30 PM.