

**Atkinson Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Monday, July 6, 2015, 7:30 PM**  
**Atkinson Town Hall**

**Members Present:**

Tim Dziechowski  
Peter McVay  
Paul Wainwright  
Dan Kimball

**Others Present:**

Peter Graziano

**1. Call to order, attendance**

Chairman Dziechowski called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM, Monday, July 6, 2015.

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

Peter Graziano, presentation of Eagle Scout trail sign project - improvement of the Woodlock Park Land behind the field. Mr. Graziano hopes to finish the project in the coming weeks. There are three parts to the project. He is planning to build a kiosk at the trail start, posting signs and making a trail map to post.

Mr. Graziano informed the Commission that the present kiosk is in poor condition. He showed them a diagram of the kiosk he hopes to build. Mr. Graziano is requesting help with purchasing materials. Mr. Graziano spoke to an Assistant Store Manager at Home Depot who informed him that the Home Depot is willing to supply at least \$100 to \$200 of the cost. Mr. Graziano will approach East Coast Lumber, too. Mr. Dziechowski informed him that the Conservation Commission has an account at East Coast Lumber. Also, the Commission has money in its budget to support the project.

Mr. Graziano explained that he would bury the posts for the kiosk 2.5 feet deep and encase them in cement. Mr. Dziechowski suggested sonotubes. They can be installed by digging a hole in the ground, putting the tube in, filling it with concrete and then putting in the post. The Commission had several suggestions for placing the posts. Mr. Kimball suggested using metal post brackets at ground level and bolt them to the wooden posts. Another solution is to fill the hole with stone rather than gravel because it will allow the water to drain away. The Commission discussed filling the sonotubes with dry concrete which will eventually harden. The posts will be 4x4 pressure treated lumber.

Mr. Graziano also offered to reinstall the mailbox that was there. Mr. Dziechowski explained that the Commission had purchased a mailbox but did not install it because the post was missing.

Mr. Graziano has a carpenter working with him who is a member of his troop and he will be assisted by other members of his troop.

In the original proposal, Mr. Graziano planned to have informational brochures available at the beginning of the trail but due to vandalism on the trail he is planning on posting signs. Mr. Graziano has a contact who can supply the signs. He also has a large database of information

to put on the signs. The signs are fiberglass and somewhat bigger than a postcard. He is not aware of a better source. Mr. Graziano informed the Commission that stock signs are \$24.00 each. Mr. McVay remarked that small signs are less likely to be vandalized and that fiberglass will not deteriorate and rot. Mr. McVay also suggested that replacement extras could also be ordered, it is in the budget. Mr. Graziano has not decided how many to order, a lot would depend on how much money he has to work with. He would especially like to post the historical places such as Indian Rock and the Kings Roads - they are usually called Rindge Roads or Range Roads.

Mr. Dziechowski informed the Commission that there is \$500 budgeted for signs and \$725 for special projects. The sign money was going to be used for circular property markers but they can be deferred until next year and the sign money can be used for this project. Mr. Graziano informed the Commission that he could also get a donation from the Lions Club. Mr. Wainwright suggested adding the two together and using the \$1,250 for Mr. Graziano's project. Mr. McVay suggested mentioning the oak areas and the oak ecologies.

Mr. Graziano requested input from the Commission on what signs are needed and what needs to be marked. The Selectmen will have to issue a check. Mr. McVay suggested contacting Fred Gorman and Mat Tarr, two experienced foresters regarding what to post.

The last part of the project is to map the trails. He is working with another person in Scouting who has experience. It will also include a trail Mr. Graziano is blazing to Indian Rock. He is suggesting carving a wood map such as in Hampstead or having a map laminated and posted under Plexiglas. Mr. Dziechowski informed him that he has several sheets of Plexiglas, all 3x3 feet which might be too small. The Commission discussed how to attach the map. Mr. McVay suggested putting the map in PDF format and posting it on line on the Conservation Commission web site. A message regarding the sign could be placed at the kiosk.

Mr. Graziano will keep in contact with the Commission about the signs and talk to the Home Depot and report back to the Commission.

Chair Dziechowski requested a vote.

**Mr. McVay made a motion to authorize funds for the project. Mr. Wainwright seconded the motion. All members of the Atkinson Conservation Commission voted in favor. Vote: 4/0/0.**

Discussion: The lead time for ordering the signs is one to two weeks. Mr. Dziechowski asked Mr. Graziano to email him with the web site for ordering the signs. Mr. Dziechowski informed the Commission that the Selectmen have to vote on every check and there would have to be a meeting. Another option would be to pay by credit card and be reimbursed. The sign vendor takes credit cards and PayPal.

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

#### **Planning Board June 17, 2015, 2015 meeting**

- Paul Carideo for Ruby Holdings, a preliminary discussion regarding a subdivision of 32 acre parcel on Hall Farm Rd (review plan?)

Discussion: The developer would like to have 8 lots. There are a lot of wetlands on the property. There are also issues with zoning setbacks. 32 acres are prime wetland that the developer is willing to trade to the Conservation Commission for some property on Hall Farm Road. Mr. Dziechowski informed the Commission that the wetland that juts down from the prime wetland is not prime wetland because it is less than 50 feet wide. Mr. Carideo will have to go to the Zoning Board of Adjustment regarding zoning setbacks. There is no plan under advisement. There is a wetland mitigation plan that has been approved by DES.

- Meeting with the Town Attorney to review Sawmill Ridge deeds, easement, and condominium documents (T. Dziechowski and P. DiMaggio)

Discussion: The Town Attorney is concerned about convertible land. This will allow them to expand the subdivision later on. Mr. Dziechowski did not see any convertible land in the documents. For example, if they purchase adjoining property, they could do another phase of the development. However, they would need to reapply to the Planning Board.

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

- Reviewed Sawmill Ridge Trail easement and proposed changes

Discussion: Mr. Dziechowski got back a deed for the easement and reviewed it. There were several metes and bounds on the deed that did not line up with where the trail runs. The trail is about 30 feet east of the Town Marker. Mr. Dziechowski rewrote the easement to put it in the center of the trail to where it meets another trail and until it curves and goes to the hole in the wall on the Lang land and then snapping it south on the east side of the stone wall. The Commission discussed the easement and the trail. The easement deed is a condition of final approval. The wetlands road crossings on the project have been approved by DES.

- Entrance to Judge Marshall town forest. no action
- Complaint from Steve Walker, LCIP Steward about yard waste being dumped on Orr lot at Roby Lane. Need no dumping signs
- Complaint from a neighbor that the Orr Town Forest is being torn up by a motorcycle rider, need signs
- The neighbors are wondering what Mr. Kimball is up to on the Orr field

Discussion: Mr. Kimball discussed the progress on planting a wildlife feed lot. Mr. Kimball gave the Commission his invoice for lime and fertilizer. He has not purchased seed. Mr. Dziechowski suggested Mr. Kimball ask Dodge Grain in Salem if they would give the Commission an open account.

- 2015 perambulation - when last done: Plaistow 2002, Derry 2007, Salem 2007, Hampstead 2009, Haverhill not required by law.

#### **5. Other Business**

- Email from Charles and Jeanine Kinney asking if we are interested in their .9 acre lot on the North side of Route 111.

Discussion: Mr. McVay has not talked to them. The lot has been for sale for 2 years and the Commission does not have the money to buy it.

- John Veasey (Michelle's husband) has volunteered to cut in a trail from Crown Hill Road to the Plaistow trail system
- VOSS quote for replacement boundary marker, \$525.00 for 500 markers, and \$745 for 1000 markers (includes setup). Deferred to next year.
- Trying to schedule Charlie Moreno - no action
- Canoe launch dock repairs - no action
- Entrance to Woodlawn trail, - no action

**6. Internal Business**

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

**7. Secretary report**

**Minutes:** deferred

**The Atkinson Conservation Commission went into private session under RSA 91-A:3, II (d) at 8:35 pm. It was moved and seconded to go into private session. Passed unanimously.**

**Private session was closed at 8:45 pm by a motion that passed unanimously by four members present. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of four members present. Vote: 4/0.**

**9. Adjournment:**

**Member Paul Wainwright made a motion to adjourn the July 6, 2015 public meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission and the Private Session at 8:50 PM. Member Dan Kimball seconded the motion. All members of the Conservation Commission present voted in favor. The July 6, 2015 meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Vote: 4/0/0.**

The next regular meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission will be Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:30 PM.