

Atkinson Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, August 3, 2015, 7:30 PM
Atkinson Town Hall

Members Present:

Tim Dziechowski, Chairman
Peter McVay, Secretary
Paul Wainwright, Vice Chairman
Dan Kimball
Denise Legault

Others Present:

1. Call to order, attendance

Chairman Dziechowski called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM, Monday, August 3, 2015.

2. Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Peter Graziano, presentation of Eagle Scout trail sign project: Peter Graziano was not present but the Commission discussed the project. Mr. Graziano is building a kiosk with a map and making signs and plant identification.

- Materials at discount from East Coast Lumber - He has gotten a Scout discount for the lumber from East Coast Lumber
- Need list of signs to order - Mr. Graziano has a place on line to get the signs.
- Chair Dziechowski will contact Mr. Graziano

3. Review of Correspondence

Planning Board July 15, 2015 meeting

- Preliminary discussion of site plan for 4 Commerce Drive (no conservation impact)
- Review and finalization of Sawmill Ridge trail easement deed to town, plan, condominium deed, and condominium documents - discussion with the Town Attorney, the easement deed has been worked out, metes and bounds are still shown and the 30 foot offset is shown.

4. Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- Letter from the Forest Society to the Selectmen pointing out issues with the fact that the Community Center has deed restrictions that prevent commercial signs on Town property. Discussion: The abutting property does not have direct access to Main Street to their lot, there is a right of way over Town Land. In 1988 or 1990, the Town bought the Trinity Camp land and the five acres with the Community Center was split off. The Forest Society put in deed restrictions prohibiting subdivision and commercial development. The Town gave permission for a commercial sign. There was a meeting with Forest Society representatives, the Town Administrator, Selectman Morse, the Community Center Director and the Conservation Commission Chair about the Little River Development sign on town land. The consensus is it has to come down or be modified to feature the town forest as

well as the businesses. It is on the agenda for the August 10, 2015 Selectmen's meeting. The Town has not enforced sign violations.

- Mail from DES with a copy of the mitigation report for the Stacey property
- Mail from DES with approval of mitigation at 16 Industrial Way
- Mail from DES rescinding denial of Sawmill Ridge alteration of terrain permit
Discussion: it was denied because they failed to send some paperwork. However, it turned out that there was a voice mail issue.
- Entrance to Judge Marshall town forest, not discussed
- 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 signs - not discussed
- 2015 perambulation, when last done: not discussed
- Plaistow 2002
- Derry 2007
- Salem 2007
- Hampstead 2009
- Haverhill ?? not required by law

5. Other Business

- Offer of two free lawnmowers from cemetery trustees (they no longer mow, it's done by landscapers) Discussion: One issue is where to put them. Chair Dziechowski will take one and Vice Chair Wainwright will take the other. Chair Dziechowski informed the Commission that the lawnmowers have been maintained. Vice Chair Wainwright said Vice Chair Wainwright could put the lawnmower in the shed when he gets it from the cemetery trustees.
- Equipment, should we buy a chainsaw? Discussion: A chainsaw could be used to cut back branches. The Commission discussed what brands would be best. Chair Dziechowski will also talk to the Road Agent. The Commission discussed maintenance
- Should we plant milkweed in fields? - Mr. Kimball is planting wildlife habitat in the Orr forest. The field is done except planting. He has the seeds and is waiting for wet weather. He will seed and disc rake it. He is planting a quarter acre. Mr. McVay remarked that there are two patches on the Sawyer land that could be used for planting. Chair Dziechowski informed the Commission that there are seed houses that will sell milkweed varieties. Mr. Kimball will be planting winter rye for the first planting.
- Vine killer order is in - the last of it was passed out at the last meeting. Chair Dziechowski has ordered more. The price and packaging have not changed.
- VOSS sign order on hold
- Trying to schedule Charlie Moreno for a meeting - not discussed

- Canoe launch dock repairs, no action
- Entrance to Woodlawn trail, no action
- Ms. Legault informed the Commission that the milfoiler has been busy since May. It is out on Big Island Pond every day. It is a vacuum system to clean up milfoil.

6. Internal Business

- Reorganization - Chair Dziechowski has been reappointed. Chair Dziechowski requested to discuss how Commission responsibilities should be divided and would like to partition the load. Ms. Legault could assist with wetlands and ZBA. Mr. Kimball could do the mowing. Mr. Wainwright could continue as treasurer and Mr. McVay could continue as Secretary. There are two vacancies for regular membership and three vacancies for alternate members on the Conservation Commission as well.
- Secretary report, defer minutes to workshop. None of the 2015 minutes are on the web page.
- The next regular meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission will be Monday, September 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM. (Labor Day is Monday, September 7, 2015)
- The Commission returned to a discussion of the mowers.

7. Secretary report

Minutes: deferred

9. Adjournment

Member Paul Wainwright made a motion to adjourn the August 3, 2015 public meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission and the Private Session at 8:30 PM. Member Dan Kimball seconded the motion. All members of the Conservation Commission present voted in favor. The August 3, 2015 meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission was adjourned at 8:30 PM. All members voted in favor. Vote: 5/0/0.