

**Town of Atkinson
Conservation Commission
Private Session
Monday, December 6, 2010**

Private Session was opened under RSA 91- A:3 II (d) to discuss land purchase possibilities.

Two parcels are under consideration. A small 2 acre parcel next to the Caroline Orr town forest, and Blunts Pond plus a buffer strip next to it (Carol's Land).

Blunt's Pond Issues

- issue of not waiting
- purification of the water
- run off from the road into the pond
- eutrophication
- it's cat-fish swamp
- don't want to see algae in the pond
- not taking action could turning into Cobbett's Pond situation
- no action at this point
- Tim to make a call to Summer's office & get deed
- Owner can still call the shots but not pay taxes
- Need gift of Blunts Pond parcel before trust can buy buffer strip

Discussion on land by (2 acres) by Brant Woods - 1/3 way up is wetlands

- valuable (prime) wetlands
- adjacent to town owned property
- wildlife corridor
- possibilities for a bird observation blind
- available
- cheap - \$6,000 (this is the annual interest on the conservation fund)
- feels like someone's back yard
- not developable
- worried about the Community's perspective

Tim would like the land on the Atkinson lot line because when the train station is under way the town would have more control and be able to use land as a buffer from lay-over station. The forest would help lower the noise reduction. It's prime habitat. Dan commented that it's a fly way for mallard duck and Blue-winged waterfowl. Peter motion the other water. Denise would like to wait until after the election. Tim stated that both the husband and the wife agree on selling. The nice thing about the land is not encumbered by a mortgage. It's a migration area. There is one issue with waiting to buy after 4/1 - is the taxes.

Paul and Michelle are against it.

Tim polled the commission - Dan, Peter, Tim - yay
- Paul, Michelle - nay
- Denise - abstained

Tim to talk to Scott about it and to defer a vote until a later meeting.

Rick Schafer's land

Tim spoke with him a couple of times. Mr. Schafer is not in good health. Not interested in selling land cheap. According to some neighbors the land has sold. Sue and Tim checked and the land didn't sell. Rick likes his trails. Tim thinks the land would be a great asset to the Town but doesn't think he'll sell for cheaper money. Tim also noted that it's something to think about for the future.

Tim asked that a motion be made to seal the minutes. Paul moved the motion and Pete seconded the motion and the Committee voted unanimously to seal the minutes.

Tim made the motion to adjourn the Private Session and Denise seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 pm

respectfully submitted by Patty Power