

Atkinson Conservation Commission Private Session Minutes
Monday, December 7, 2015, 7:30 PM
Atkinson Town Hall

Unsealed October 1, 2018

Members Present:

Tim Dziechowski
Peter McVay
Paul Wainwright
Dan Kimball
Denise Legault

Others Present:

Private Session:

Mr. Dziechowski opened the private session of the Atkinson Conservation Commission under 91-A:32b at 9:04 PM.

Mr. Dziechowski informed the Commission that Ms. Brown, Alternate, Planning Board, recommended to Mr. Dziechowski that he talk directly with Turner Porter regarding conservation trail easements. Mr. McVay had spoken to Deborah Lang and she did not want to discuss it.

The Commission looked at the parcels involved on a map. A lot of the land is marshy wetland that is not really buildable and Mr. Dziechowski would like to make an offer to Turner Porter for that land which will allow access to the south side of the swamp. The absolute maximum to pay for an easement is half of the price of an outright sale of the land.

Another issue is the land is in current use, so they could take less money because they will be able to keep the land in current use. If an easement is sold to the Conservation Commission, and the public is allowed access, then the property will not come out of current use. The Commission needs an easement from the property to allow access to the swamp and an easement from Knightland Road. Mr. McVay pointed out that Turner Porter will not do anything without a plan in place. Chair Dziechowski will contact Turner Porter sometime in the next week.

Granting the easement will allow the builder to put in more units such as workforce housing. The builder is looking for 100 units.

The Commission discussed other parcels that could be sold. There is a case for a grant proposal to purchase land. Mr. McVay explained that many of the grantors are in financial difficulty.

Member Paul Wainwright made a motion to allow Chair Dziechowski to approach Turner Porter regarding purchasing an easement for the property located at Knightland Road. Member McVay seconded the motion. All members of the Atkinson Conservation Commission voted in favor. Vote: 5/0/0.

The Commission also discussed the access to Sawmill Swamp from Knightland Road.

Member Dan Kimball made a motion to adjourn the December 7, 2015 Private Session of the Atkinson Conservation Commission and seal the minutes at 9:17 PM. Member Peter McVay seconded the motion. All members of the Conservation Commission present voted in favor. The December 17, 2015 private session of the Atkinson Conservation Commission was adjourned at 9:17 PM. Vote: 5/0/0.