

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission  
February 2, 2009  
Atkinson Town Hall**

**Call To Order** by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:30

**Attending:**

Tim Dziechowski  
Dan Kimball  
Denise Legault  
Pete McVay  
Michelle Veasey  
Paul Wainwright  
Bill Bennett, guest  
Carol Grant, guest

**Guest Business and Plan Reviews:**

**Charlie Lanza, Harold Morse, and Bob Levine, for the Hampstead Area Water Company**, (HAWC) discussion of land use at Slade Town Forest. The question was raised whether the sanitary protected wellhead area (SPA) proposed by HAWC is consistent with permitted town forest uses. Tim pointed out that agriculture is a permitted use of a town forest: fertilizers for agricultural purposes and pesticides for mosquitoes, ticks, and other infestation control might need to be applied. Harold asked if the Commission could write a letter stating their reasoning advising against the use of the Slade Forest as an SPA for a well. An online deed search through NHDEEDS.COM and examination of available records showed that the Slade Forest was owned by the town, but the details were not available online.

Tim pointed out that the request for Scenic Byway status for Main Street did not appear to reach the state offices. Carol said that she had seen the package, and that it had supposedly been mailed.

**Internal Business**

**Secretary report:** A motion was made to accept the May 2008 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with two abstentions. A motion was made to accept the January 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention. The November and December 2008 minutes were deferred until the next meeting. Pete will send out copies of review to Commission members.

**Treasurer's report:** the Deliberative Session approved the proposed 2009 budget of \$6,100.00.

**Review of Correspondence**

**Planning Board Agenda Items:** Truck fuel depot on Industrial Drive, continued to 2/18/09

**Zoning Board Agenda items:** John Mason, 4 Rocky Point Lane, Map 22, Lot 31, variance for building within 50' of shoreline. No DES permit applied for as of 2/2/09.

**Other Business**

**HB 60:** Jim Garrity filed this bill to allow towns to pass wetland withdrawal ordinances. This bill is facing considerable opposition. If passed, it would allow towns to regulate how water is removed and control over their own water resources.

**Prime wetlands legislation** filed by Jim Garrity, DES willing to change prime wetlands rules to provide a 483-B:12 type exception procedure. Introduced as HB 384 and has six cosponsors.

### **Town meeting deliberative session update**

- prime wetlands: four of the seven proposed prime wetlands are on the ballot
- make 20-acre Sawyer parcel a town forest
- allow using conservation fund for easements without town ownership: was not put on warrant for this year
- allow using conservation fund for land interests out of town

**Forestry plan**, Sawyer inventory. Charlie Moreno hasn't been contacted since December. Tim will see if he is available for the March meeting for review. There was some discussion about the damage from the ice storm and the need for maintenance and cleanup of the damage. Dan and Denise have walked some of the lands and reported on conditions. The Commission will have to decide on objectives after Charlie's meeting. There is some damage with trees across the trails that should be cleared.

**Tree down** on Dan's new Sawyer Ave conservation sign. This has been repaired, with no resetting necessary.

**Updated 2009 conservation project list:** deferred for March discussion, on what our projects should be for the year.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, March 2nd, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay