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Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission June 1, 2009 Atkinson Town Hall

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:42

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Scott Kukshel
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Michelle Veasey
Paul Wainwright

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Charlie Moreno - forestry report deferred to July meeting

Internal Business

Membership renewals, Dan, Denise, Michelle and Paul. Tim sent a letter to Sumner Kalman and Barbara Snicer concerning the conflict between town warrant article and the RSA over membership in the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board. He has not received a reply yet. Membership renewals are on hold until this is cleared up.

Treasurer's report: no changes.

Secretary report - Review and approval of minutes: A motion was made to accept the February 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention. A motion was made to accept the March 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made to accept the April 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with two abstentions. A motion was made to accept the May 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

Trailwrights Sawyer site walk: the walk was held as planned on Saturday, May 30th. Many notes were taken during the walk and will be posted and distributed by Pete and Michelle. The Sawyer Avenue access path has been vandalized and blocked by abutters. The suggestion was made that a letter be sent to the abutters explaining that this is a public walkway and is not to be obstructed. Also discussed was a potential connection from the McPherson Land to the Sawyer Land. Other connections to various lands in the town was mentioned. Next steps would involve integrating the trail plan with what Charlie Moreno has as a forest plan.

It was noted that Dennis Krause, land steward for the Sawyer Lands, has been doing tremendous work in maintaining and monitoring the Sawyer land and his work should be recognized. The Commission will discuss how to recognize Dennis'es work.

The Commission will also draw up an action plan for Sawyer maintenance and also for other conservation parcels. Also, given the illegal fires and one large fire that apparently got away from the users, the possibility of an article concerning fire dangers in public lands for the paper.

Wetlands disturbance on 13 Willowvale - seeded to lawn

East Road fields, state ruled warrant funds are available without encumbrance, project being rebid

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Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

- **Discussion of natural resources inventory grant for master plan:** CTAP phase I and II funds are available for various town projects, and Ted and Tim have had some discussions on whether or not the funds can be split and used between Conservation and Town projects.

Zoning Board Agenda Items:

- **PJ Murphy truck terminal on Industrial Drive**, request for rehearing denied
- **Mason lot**, Eben Lewis confirms DES requirement to convert addition to three-season porch

Other Business

- a) **Prime wetlands status**, paperwork at DES for approval.
- b) **FDR reviewing NH Supreme Court hearing** US Springs appeal of NH Wetlands Council overruling of DES Prime Wetlands water withdrawal permit
- c) **DES HAWC water withdrawal public hearing update**, legal issues are being discussed.
- d) **Slade town forest** federal paperwork has to be completed.
- e) **Jane Jones legal issues** with condo association. Tim has a letter from the association and the project is on hold, pending further legal actions.
- f) **Municipal water withdrawal legislative hearings**, ongoing through June, details are at <http://www.nhgroundwater.com/>
- g) **Updated 2009 conservation** project list
- h) **Parking violations continue** at the McPherson land. Will be reported to Jim Kirsch.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Tuesday, July 7th, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay