

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
October 5, 2009
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:50.

Attending:

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

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Carol Grant asked the Commission to do a site walk and review several lots for possible purchase. Tim and Carol presented the history of the attempts at purchasing one of the lots in Atkinson. The Essex County Greenbelt Association would like to see tentative plans for trails as part of their deliberations on the parcel. The Greenbelt Association is willing to release the land to Atkinson.

Charlie Moreno presented the preliminary report of his survey of the Sawyer Land, with biologic/forest survey, condition of soils, lands, structures, and trails, and draft recommendations. He provided a slide show and physical, natural features, and forest map of the Sawyer lands. The discussion centered on current conditions, invasive plant control, estimate of lumber harvest, and preliminary findings for budgeting and maintenance.

Michael Costanzo - hunting concerns were discussed. Posting the non-hunting lands was discussed, with some disagreement as to whether all lands should be posted or just the lands not mentioned in the town warrant. State law requires hunting to be allowed on state-owned lands acquired with LCIP funds. The rest is up to the community. The original town warrant banned hunting on the land. The Slade lot was not on the original warrant and the Carolyn Orr lands border the railroad track and could be quite hazardous. Pete will look up what the requirements are for signage and posting notification and also try to determine what is meant by "hunting", since some teenagers have been reported doing target practice in some areas.

Perambulation of the town boundaries. Steve Walker of LCIP has requested the annual report on the status of lands under state and federal jurisdiction, and there is a need to determine the correct boundaries of town lands. For example Hampstead and Orr lands and Map 5 lot 49 are off by at least 100 feet.

The remaining agenda was deferred to an October 19th workshop meeting.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, 19 Oct, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay