

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
February 1, 2010
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:45.

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Michelle Veasey
Paul Wainwright

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

David Miller, scout project on Sawyer Land

Internal Business

Membership renewals, Dan, Denise, renewed for three years, Michelle and Paul, renewed for one year. Open action item

Treasurer's report - Title search bill Map 20 Lot 13-1, 2010 budget approved at 2009 level of \$6,102. There is a bill pending for title search of the Stickney waterfront access.

Secretary report - A motion was made to accept the Oct 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to accept the January 2010 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Conservation section of town report, submitted

Books for wetlands planting are here and will be placed in the library: *The Best Plants for NH Gardens and Landscapes, Integrated Landscaping, Landscaping at the Water's Edge*

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

Paintball forts and fireworks debris on Caroline Orr conservation land.

Southeast passage site walk with Tracie Hines of Essex County Greenbelt Association, deferred to Friday, Feb 5th, 2010.

Unpermitted wetlands fill 21 Amberwood Drive, file complaint

Widowmaker trees on conservation easement next to Paul Antkowiak, 21 Woodlawn Ave. Selectmen may have road agent (tree warden) cut trees. Status unknown

Nancy Razcka, Map 23-79, Boulder Cove Road. The application isn't clear on what the dredge and fill is for. Tim will investigate.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

CTAP grant for master plan natural resources inventory, Michelle. Paperwork signed and the Commission is on the agenda for tonight.

Three petition warrant articles, public hearings Tuesday, January 5, 2010:

1. Meter public utility water pipeline flow in and out of Atkinson
2. Change prime wetlands setback from 100' to 150'
3. Make East, West Sawmill Swamp, Wright Farm Pond prime wetlands. Not recommended by Planning Board. Also, two trucking articles were not recommended due to legal issues.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

Zedalis application for variance for construction in prime wetlands buffer zone 64' from edge of wetlands, Map 10 Lot 5, East Road. DES declined jurisdiction, ZBA approved variance subject to mitigation planting to be agreed on with conservation commission.

Osborn, Map 22 Lot 47, 8 Valcat Lane, appeal for variance to variance to allow keeping bunkhouse.

Robert Allen, Map 16 Lot 32, 9 Emery Drive, variance to keep concrete slab under fabric structure 12' from wetlands, variance denied without prejudice.

Peter Ashford, setback and wetlands variance for shed at 5 Leroy Ave, variance granted.

Other Business

Town Meeting update

Sawyer Forestry Report and contract for winter work. The Commission needs a vote from selectmen to abate the 10% forestry tax and accept 10% donation in lieu of tax or we may not get bids due to all the state paperwork.

Preliminary DES visit with Jim Gove to explore town beach options, deferred.

HAWC large scale water withdrawal approved by DES, appeal options, deferred

Possible Commission By-laws for discussion by the Commission. One matter for discussion is what constitutes the official record. Should there be different quorum levels for certain activities, etc. NHACC. Make this part of the agenda for next month.

Paul Wainwright mentioned that the trails on the Carolyn Orr trails are not blazed or marked well. The Commission should consider marking the trails or get a project in the town to do these trails.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, March 1, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay