

Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
May 3, 2010
Atkinson Town Hall

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:32.

Attending:

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

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

- **Julie LaBranche, RPC, review of NRI proposal and outline.** A six-month extension was granted on the proposal. Julie contacted Tim and asked to be deferred to the June meeting, given the workload and extension.
- **Mike Zedalis,** review of planting plan at side of driveway between deck and prime wetlands. Planned to put in arbor vitae as a buffer to the seasonal wetlands. Presented a plan showing use of ferns and arbor vitae to shield from the wetlands. Some discussion on arbor vitae and other plants. A motion was made to recommend to the ZBA and building inspector that the Conservation Commission sees that all conditions are met for the plan. The motion seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Sue Coppeta,** discussion of request for reduction to 50' wetlands setback to allow construction of garage at 5 Murray Dr, Map 19 Lot 82. Examination of the lot and Google Earth view shows that there is no impingement on the wetland or stream. The work done would be minimal with no planting or dredge and fill. A motion was made to recommend approval of Sue Coppeta's plot plan for installing a new garage providing that the 50' undisturbed buffer around the wetland will be maintained. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Internal Business

- **Membership renewals,** Michelle and Paul need to fill out committee appointment forms for 2010-2013 terms. Paul did his about two months ago for the new term. Tim will check with the Selectmen.
- **Treasurer's report** - No new expenditures in April.
- **By laws update:** There has been some discussion about amending the bylaws to allow different quorums for different purposes. The current quorum requirements are that a simple majority be present to conduct business, which includes all actions of the Commission. This means currently four members must be present to conduct all business, including adjournment. Proposal are to require more than a majority for major decisions such as warrant articles or land purchase, and a reduce quorum for meeting adjournment. different quorums for adjournment. However, the RSA very specifically requires a majority for all business, so the bylaws cannot be altered.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- **Paintball forts** on Caroline Orr conservation land: must do something. May defer until after tick season. Do not know if the forts are in active use. Tim noted that there are a lot of historical photos on the Orr land from the 1950s in Google Earth.
- **Unpermitted wetlands fill** 21 Amberwood Drive, file complaint
- **Dredge and fill** filed by Osborne, 8 Valcat Lane, for dock, filed intervention with DES, we have until 5/15/10 to file report. Pete may have pictures of site taken from kayak last summer.

- **Nault**, complaint about water discharge from neighbor's land on Island Pond Road. Review of the site on Google Earth showed a swimming pool that could be draining onto adjoining property, but no special habitat or wetlands are threatened. The Commission has no jurisdiction.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

- **Blackford Road** subdivision trail easement update: Tim reported that it is very clearly marked on the subdivision plot and easement has been recorded.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

- 18 Winslow Drive, looking for 50' variance to build a deck. Will need a site walk
- 47 Boulder Cover Road, Map 23 Lot 79 looking for variance to build stairs from the deck 13' from the sideline. Site walk. Tim has package, but does not have the stairs as part of the plans.
- Scott Dufresne and Eva Golant, looking 22B Waters Edge Map 23 Lot 8 looking for a variance to construct a portico. Send this to the state. Need a letter that says that DES will not approve this.
- Need to get the maps for the new wetlands to DES along with certified election results.

Other Business

- **Town web page update.** Scott met with the town IT committee, but is out of town on business. He will report at the next meeting.
- **Sawyer Forestry Report** and contract for winter work. They did not appear to do more than set up before the mud prevented any work.
- **Followup with forester and logger.** We have until August to complete the work or the contract has to be resubmitted.
- **Southeast passage**, nothing new
- **Preliminary DES visit** with Jim Gove to explore town beach options. There may be several town beaches. The nature of a "town beach" based on historical documents needs clarification.
- **Town canoe landing:** investigate putting in cinder blocks and getting the chains from Tim. Pete will check on help to put the securing blocks in.
- **Secretary report** - A motion was made to accept the December 2009 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to accept the Feb 1, 2010 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to accept the April 2010 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, June 7, 2010, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay