

**Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2010**

Open Regular Meeting:

Chairman Dziechowski opened the Regular Meeting of the Town of Atkinson Conservation Commission at 7:12 p.m. on Monday, February 7, 2010, in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

Tim Dziechowski, Chairman
Paul Wainwright, Vice-President
Dan Kimball
Denise Legault
Michelle Veasey
Pete McVay

Others Present:

none

Public Meeting:

Request from Recreation Commission for snowshoe trails on Caroline Orr town forest

- Recreation is looking to find donations of snowshoes
- Looking into EMS to sponsors an event
- grooming trails - Tim to look into finding someone with a snowmobile to groom trails
- Discussion on that maintenance of trail by a snowmobile club - concerns on deer and other wildlife if snowmobiles are to use land
- Denise to speak with Patty Mangini on the joint venture
- Pete offered to break a trail of 1-2 miles

Correspondences

- Planning Board to review the NRI at the next meeting Julie LeBranch from RPC is to make any minor edits that are needed.
- Site Plan Review at the last Planning Board meeting. - HAWC - Settler's Ridge putting in a well - Planning Board to abide by BEST practices

Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- Caroline Orr Land - Tim to fill out the LCIP Inventory form and send it into the State
- SPNHF report for Hampstead Heights parcel needs to be filed.

Other Business

- Conservation Commission received the final checks from the Forester Charlie Moreno. He did some additional paperwork and the Conservation Commission received another check for \$4,000 - the net total was approximately \$26,000 - Forester and Tim are to meet and fill out a PA-8 form that finalizes the cut for the State - Forester wants to start the next parcel. - Tim stated that the Commission wants the report in hand before the next cut - discussion of putting the next parcel out to bid
- Warrant Article - there was no discussion at the Town Deliberative Session about the Warrant Article. Tim explained what the Land Use Change Tax Warrant Article means to the Town.
- Discussion on the Conservation Commission's purchase of the Busby's land (ten acres), used for the Recreation fields. The lots could have be broken up and sold but it is now protected land.
- Plaistow and Salem - 100% of the Land Use tax to their Conservation fund.
- State Energy & Planning - the amount of land recommended for Open Space land use is 25% and Atkinson only has approximately 10%
- The Prime Wetlands File has been sitting on a desk at the DES since last summer. Tim asked State Rep. Jim Garrity to intervene and it was then processed and the Wetlands are approved.

Internal Business

Treasurers Report

Tim asked the Selectmen to encumber the 2010 balance of the budget for Professional Services and Special Projects and use the money for land deal expenses from last year, and the Selectmen voted to encumber the funds. Tim submitted a budget which includes Professional Services for a Recording Secretary and it was approved by the Selectmen.

Web Page update

Thanks to Conservation Commission member Pete McVay the Conservation Commission has their own website atkinsonconservation.org. There is a link on the Town's website. Included in this website are minutes of the meetings as well information on the Land Use Tax, links to the state for current use tax information. Pete to send emails with a draft to board members for approval. Tim mentioned that under RSA 91A that all emails regarding this would be collected and appended to the minutes.

Town Report has to be published by March 1st.
Next meeting is to be March 7th, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the January 10, 2011 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to defer the July and August minutes until next meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Commission went into private session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) (d) to discuss land and possible gift lands. It was moved and seconded to go into private session, passed unanimously.

Private session was closed at 8:30 by motion that passed unanimously. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of six members.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Power