

**Town of Atkinson
Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2011**

Open Regular Meeting:

Chairman Dziechowski opened the Regular Meeting of the Town of Atkinson Conservation Commission at 8:32 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011, in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

Tim Dziechowski, Chairman
Paul Wainwright, Vice-Chair
Denise Legault
Pete McVay

Others Present:

none

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 four members.

Public Hearing:

Correspondence

- Planning Board to review the NRI Chapter - date to be determined as to review
- Site Plan Review at the last Planning Board meeting. - HAWC - had a second presentation for a pump station at Settler's Ridge - it was conditionally approved
- Planning Board - discussed under New Business - Incentive Zoning - this is a density bonus for developers - Open Space for trails this is done without having the Town or Conservation Commission pay for it
- Zoning - looking into changing zoning for Conservation lots - a non-conforming lot with no development rights surviving - just for Open Space
- ZBA - a letter was sent to the ZBA from the Conservation Commission supporting for a wetland variance for Sandy Fuhs of Big Island Pond.

Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- SPNHF report to be completed by Tim

Other Business

- Conservation Commission received the final report for the Sawyer Forest from the Forester Charlie Moreno - Tim to sign off and have the Town send in report to the State
- Commission to give percentage of forestry cut income agreed on with the Selectmen to be put into the General funds
- Charlie gave Tim a proposal to do a townwide Forestry Plan, a less detailed plan which would not include a micro-cell (timber cruise) inventory. This is a cheaper plan.
- The total bill for the Sawyer forestry plan was \$4,590 - two progress payments were given of \$2,787 and a balance of \$1,802 left - the Commission has Professional Services money already encumbered from 2010 for this service.

A motion was made to pay the bill of \$1, 802 out of the encumbered monies. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tim would like to confer with Dan Kimball on the Forestry Plan for the remaining eight Town lots - the estimated cost is \$11,400 - this seems like a lot of money but the wetland report done back in 2002 was around \$23,000 - Tim would like to put the report on line and have other Towns, Conservation Commissions and Foresters look at the proposal before moving forward. The price can be broken down and paid over a period of time.

- Town Meeting - Warrant Article - Land Use Change Tax - please go out and vote.
- Discussion on a Warrant Article from Plaistow - it was a tax lot to be put into a Town forest - the issue is that it is land owned by Atkinson - Tim notified The Town Counsel and The Town Administrator
- House Bill 470 - attempt to repeal the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act - is retained in committee - tabled (no action until 2012)
- Senate Bill 124 -Shoreline Protection Act - inexpedient to legislate (dead)
- Senate Bill 154 - more changes to the Shoreline Protection Act - in committee
- Senate Bill 19 - changes prime wetlands to only be very poorly drained soils - passed by senate, in house (but we are grandfathered)
- Senate Bill 21 - exempts man-made wetlands from DES regulation - passed by senate, in house
- House Bill 414 - prohibits anyone from coming onto another's property without permission to do a study

Internal Business

Treasurers Report

Bill for February minutes

Bill for Forestry plan - already motioned on

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the December 4, 2010 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Web Page update

Land Use Tax information will be taken off after Tuesday's Election

Planning Board and the Selectman minutes through the end of 2010 are on the town web site.

Next meeting is to be April 4, 2011 at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Power