

Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
April 11, 2011
Atkinson Town Hall

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 8:07

Attending:

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

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Noriko Yoshida-Travers forwarded a request from **Cub-Scoutmaster Bryan Comeau**, Pack 95. Webelos Scouts are looking for a project - planting trees or clearing land. One possibility is clearing double gate entrance to Sawyer 4H field. There is a lot of bittersweet in that area that must be removed. Tim will talk to Bryan about this project.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- **LCIP report for Caroline Orr town forest:** this must be filed and is an ongoing project.
- **SPNHF 2010 monitoring report**, Williams, W&M, #4. This also must be filed.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

- The **NRI draft** is being sent around for review to the various committees in the town.
- **Workshop on incentive zoning**, conservation lots. Incentive zoning is a way to encourage developers to preserve some land for other uses, such as agriculture (http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/repp/documents/ilupt_chpt_1.7.pdf) Julie from RPC will work on producing a workshop on incentive zoning. Julie will also set up an informational session on "conservation lot" zoning (for example, see the town of Dover warrant at <http://www.ci.dover.nh.us/forms/Final%20Amendments%20PB%20Revised%209-15-2010.pdf>) Conservation lots allow important conservation land, such as abutting trails and riparian zones, to be included as conservation areas even though the lot may not conform to town zoning requirements.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

- Sandy Fuhs, DES shoreland waiver approved file 2010-03422. Slight changes in the location of the addition, but no closer to the lake.

Other Business

- Sawyer forestry plan done, cut closed out, total proceeds \$27,344.66, net to general fund \$2,734. Pete would like to investigate using the forestry maintenance money to improve the trail system in Sawyer. Dan pointed out that this money could also be used for additional forestry plans. Tim would like to pursue more plans also.
- Meeting with selectmen to accept general fund donation, waive timber tax, discuss town firewood program.
- Proposal for town-wide forestry report, waiting for electronic copy of Sawyer plan.
- Invasive species eradication (Bittersweet). After some research the best product available seems to be Green Light Cut Vine and Stump Killer. This is 8.8% Triclopr and is applied directly to the stump. Has applicator and is dyed so you can see what has been treated. Ordered some from East Coast Lumber. Proposal is to use the cub scouts to do the manual non-chemical removal. Need to organize a work party. Pete will send out a list of dates for the identification.
- New ADA regulations for trail access: handicapped have the right to use a trail with motorized vehicles. Pete will try to find the wording for handicapped access. <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11075/1132411-100.stm> Pete will look up the references.

Internal Business

Secretary report:

February and March minutes are pending. Tim and Pete will prepare review drafts for the next meeting.

Treasurer's report:

- All Balance Staffing bills paid.
- Bill for Sawyer forestry plan, \$1,802.63 paid from 2010 encumbered funds per vote at March meeting.

Other:

- Town web page update: no word on a new town format.
- Reorganization: Tim's term is up and one other term is up. This will be researched at the Selectmen's office.

Private Session: Conservation Easements / Land Purchases

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 9:37 by motion that passed unanimously. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of six members present.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, May 2nd, at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay