

Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
July 6, 2011
Atkinson Town Hall

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:30.

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Michelle Veasey
Paul Wainwright

Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

Charlie Snell of Waters Edge has reported that there are illegal dumping activities, and also yard sale and car materials parked on the conservation land in that area (Stickney land). Tim said that the police department has jurisdiction over most of these incidents; however, the Atkinson Police require that a Conservation Commission member report such incidents to them, not the general public. Cars can be removed from conservation land by declaring them “abandoned” after they have been left there for 24 hours. Yard sale materials are considered “littering”.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

The **Natural Resources Inventory** (NRI) has been updated, but we do not have the most recent copy. Michelle will request the latest copy from Julie LaBranch of Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC). Denise asked if the NRI will become part of the Master plan. Tim replied that it will, and Julie is also doing work on the Land Use Change Tax and other items for the Master plan.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

The **deck at 15 Chase Island Road** was done without a permit. The new owners (DeAngelis) claim that they were replacing an existing deck, but investigation has showed that there was no deck in the last 50 years.

Other Business

Beaver dam on Bryant Brook: There are questions about access which may have prevented the trapper from completing the removal of the beaver. There are two access routes: through private land or a long route through conservation land. Since the trapper has to haul his equipment to the trap site and out again with the beaver, the short route through private land is preferred.

The **Japanese knotweed infestation** across from the MacPherson house is being sprayed at a cost of \$300.

Dam on Hog Hill Brook: Rick Shafer filed an application to make it a legal dam. The application was marked by the state as “incomplete” because they need “as built” plans. The Commission will discuss this with Rick.

Forestry report still has a copyright notice—Tim needs to discuss with lawyers.

Two acre Pettingill purchase was completed. There was some discussion before the closing about the town line being the boundary.

Legislature: a few bills tabled. Bill would have restricted service on both Conservation and Planning Board: defeated. Rail Transit Authority was to be a study group instead of a division of DOT (vetoed). Large changes were made to the shoreline protection act, mainly because the law would have sunsetted this year without changes.

Reappointment: Tim got his reappointment letter for a one-year term. We need a warrant article to clarify the number of members and their terms. Pete's term has also expired and he needs to reapply.

Michelle is going to a workshop on the 21st on how to host a trail walk and get people to attend, etc. One of the requirements is to have a trail walk afterward. Michelle suggested that we each walk a trail and mark what maintenance is needed. Denise suggested a standardized checkoff sheet of what to look for. Also, may address in new forestry plans the need for updated trail maps.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, August 1st, at 7:00.

Went into private session to review private session minutes.

Internal Business

Secretary report: A motion was made to accept the April minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to accept the May minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to accept the June minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to accept the June workshop minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to approve the April private session minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. A motion was made to approve the June 6th private session minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay