

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission  
September 12, 2011  
Atkinson Town Hall**

**Call To Order** by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:06 PM

**Attending:**

Tim Dziechowski  
Denise Legault  
Pete McVay  
Michelle Veasey

**Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints**

**Beaver dam** on Bryant Brook, need to check on trapper. The dam may have dislodged and been destroyed by this time.

**LCIP report** for Caroline Orr town forest has not been completed.

**SPNHF 2010 monitoring report**, Williams, W&M, #4 has not been completed.

**Conservation monitoring** for 20 acre Sawyer parcel has been done.

**NH Dam Bureau/Schafer dam** update - Rick paid for an engineering analysis and some paperwork and his dam is now in compliance.

**Review of Correspondence**

**Planning Board Agenda Items:**

**Workshop on incentive zoning**, conservation lots, pending

**Zoning Board Agenda items:**

**DeAngelis** will shorten deck from 15' to 12' thus complying with DES rules and would like a ZBA recommendation. DeAngelis was unaware of the rules and regulations regarding decks. He will shorten the deck to be in compliance and no other violations were extant. Admittedly, the rule location is not easy to find on the ZBA web page. A motion was made that a letter be sent to the ZBA about the commission's agreement with shortening the deck and citing the ZBA reference location. Seconded and passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

**Copyright issue with forestry report**, forestry plan updates. Tim has tried to contact Charlie Moreno but has no reply yet. The copyright on the plan probably only restricts outside people from using the plan, not Atkinson.

**Invasive species eradication** (Bittersweet): very difficult to get equipment into Sawyer's to do any cutting. Tim will bushwack the area, then we'll wait for frost to cut back the rest.

**New GPS recommendation** for perambulation and trail mapping. Tim had researched the models available and Garmin came closest to the ideal for conservation mapping purposes. Models examined were the Garmin GPSmap 62stc or 62sc with separate 24K mapset. A motion was made to authorize Tim to purchase a GPS, based on recommendations from the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC), not to exceed \$800. The motion seconded and passed unanimously.

**Canoe launch, dock repair**, parking delimiters. The only way to examine and repair the boat launch is to take it out of the water. Parking and parking regulations were discussed extensively. Michelle noted that we need a consistent set of regulations that apply to all conservation land, and should be clearly posted. Tim noted that consistent rules would include notice on no overnight parking, live launch only areas, no alcohol, and so on. There was concern about a long list of regulations being posted, but there is a need for users to know what is and is not allowed. Presently, many persons using the launch area feel intimidated by not knowing what is allowed. A kiosk was recommended as a long-term solution that also invites use of the area. But in the short term, some notice of allowed and prohibited use should be posted. Pete will investigate some "friendly" use signs in adjacent towns and lands (Hampstead, Kingston, Salem). Tim suggested that the LGC might have some municipal signage examples. Barriers to delineate parking areas were also discussed and example shown from internet suppliers. A motion was made to authorize Tim to purchase up to six parking berms and installation hardware, not to exceed \$500. The motion seconded and passed unanimously.

**East Road building was looted** and some conservation equipment stored in the barn was taken. Fortunately, all that was in the barn for conservation was a gas-powered brush cutter and some hardware cloth.

### **Internal Business**

**Secretary report:** review of June minutes was deferred to the October meeting.

**Treasurer's report:**

**Orange marker paint** was purchased from East Coast Lumber for canoe launch.

**Mowing bill** for Carolyn Orr town forest field - \$275. Payment was deferred because Tim would have to recuse himself and there would not be a quorum. The vice-chair, Paul Wainwright, can approve payment without a commission meeting.

**Other:**

**Reappointments and reorganization:**

Scott no longer has time but is willing to help with special projects as an alternate.

Michelle (currently an alternate) has applied for a full three-year appointment.

Pete has been reappointed until April 2014.

New town conservation email account with autologging for 91-A recordkeeping compliance. This is an exchange account, user "conservation", at <https://mailserver.atkinson-nh.gov/exchange/>. Pete will update the web site conservation email to be in compliance with the new format; i.e. replace staff@conservation.org with conservation@atkinson-nh.gov.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, Oct 3rd, at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay