

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
February 6, 2012
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:15.

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Dan Kimball
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Paul Wainwright

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Garden Club possible joint projects. Pete had a meeting with Kay Galloway and garden club president Sue Miner in January. The initial project from the National Garden Club was "Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems". Other possibilities were discussed; and Kay was rescheduled for the March Conservation meeting because of a scheduling conflict.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- LCIP report for Caroline Orr town forest still needs to be completed.
- SPNHF 2011 monitoring report, Williams, W&M, #4. May have a site walk.
- NH Dam Bureau still has issues with Rick Schafer's dam.
- Lili Bao, DES complaint on Stickney Lane still active. Tim spoke to Evan, who said to send everything to the Pease office, not Concord, to expedite the issue.
- Clearing and fill in wetlands at VanRy Stables, spoke with Eben Lewis at DES, there is no agricultural exemption, we need to file a wetlands complaint. Barry VanRy is aware of the issue; Jim Kirsch was over taking pictures and documentation.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

NRI will be the major push. Also, tower applications must be reviewed within 30 days. There are some changes in lot law recombination: the homeowner must now ask for lot combination. There were many combined lots on Hemlock Heights.

Zoning Board Agenda items: no business

SB119 redoes prime wetlands. One item is to delete the 100-foot buffer. The Commission could consider negotiating a conservation easement around prime wetlands.

Other Business

- **Review of open space spreadsheet for NRI:** many parcels discovered and changes made. Tim will update the spreadsheet.
- A motion was made to **accept the NRI with the spreadsheet** as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Bylaws and land use rules discussion** was deferred to March.
- Tim purchased a **labelmaker for trail map mailboxes**. Purchased 1" labelmaker, since the 1.5" are \$400.00.
- **Sign templates for canoe launch** parking berms. Paul showed samples of templates from Woodland Manufacturing. "Canoe Launch Parking" would cost \$26.40. "No Parking Loading Zone" would be \$30.80. Also, "No Parking – Loading Zone" Paul paid privately, will be reimbursed.
- **Game camera** is in, Paul to deploy it for testing.

- **Perambulation of town boundaries:** have selectmen's appointment, spoke with Plaistow and they're ready to go when the ticks subside. Dan had talked to the state about projects in either Carolyn Orr or Sawyer Land providing habitat for cottontails. The minimum is 15-20 acres and need brush and bramble. Carolyn Orr land is a noise buffer and clearing the land for cottontails would reduce it. Sawyer is probably the more logical spot: east side of the Bonin field. Cutting with a Brontosaurus every five years produces the habitat. UNH property near Great Bay has a cottontail restocking program. Dan volunteered to find out more and bring in a speaker. We will get a species specialist to come in and give a talk.
- **Caroline Orr forestry plan**, contract signed, work ongoing.
- Recommendation from Charlie that we get **bids over the winter from Vegetation Control Service** (www.vegetationcontrol.com) for invasive plant control. We need to get something up on the web page about invasives. The Brontosaurus can also be used to make and maintain trails.
- **Meeting with Urban Tree Service** Tuesday 2/7/12 to get prices on trail clearing and habitat creation with their Brown Brontosaurus. They may also have an automatic tree planter we could use for other projects
- **Discussion of 2012 warrant articles:** two articles. Combined the new Pettingill Parcel was combined with Carolyn Orr for management. The article was to change the number on the Conservation Commission. There is no mention of Planning Board membership, but a Commission member will be on the Board. The Selectmen can still appoint a Planning Board member if they wish.
- **Land deal on hold** pending Sumner's investigation and deed issues.
- Layover: the **Environmental Impact Statement** has gone out to bid for 11. Feb 19th review and DOT has to approve, not Plaistow. There are three buried fuel tanks in that lot, and Tim would like to see and comment on the report when issued.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, March 12th, at 7:00.

Internal Business

Secretary report: review and approval was deferred to March.

Treasurer's report:

Other: web page has been updated to www.atkinsonconservation.org. A link to the secondary web page (for records, manuals, and other information) will be maintained as a link on the primary town web page.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay