

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
April 2, 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

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, and passed by a unanimous vote of the five members present.

The private session was closed at 8:18 PM by motion that passed unanimously by the five members present. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of five members present.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items: little action. Reviewing Master Plan. Sue has scheduled public hearings for the master plan being adopted.

Zoning Board Agenda items: application for variance to construct a garage at Hemlock Heights and over 100' from wetlands.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- **Multiple wells in town are contaminated** with 1,4-Dioxane. MTBE contamination has also been discovered. Landowners around Belknap and Emory Drives have been provided with drinking water. DES is testing wells in a wider zone to determine the source.
- **LCIP report for Caroline Orr town forest**, still in process.
- **SPNHF 2011 monitoring report, Williams, W&M, #4.** The Granite data is incorrect; the Perambulation by Hampstead and Atkinson is the correct record, and Pete and Denise will do a boundary walk to review the area. Denise noted there was a cutting on the Hampstead side of Williams #3, but some trees were also cut on the Atkinson side. Charlie Moreno was cited as the person responsible. The Williams daughter (Beckhorn) may have authorized the cut.
- **NH Dam Bureau still has issues** with Rick Schafer's dam. They want to collect an annual fee, which was not mentioned in any previous correspondence.
- **Lili Bao, DES complaint active on Stickney Rd.** The complaint was sent to the Pease Office correctly but has not shown up in the database. Still no action. Send copy of complaint to Eben Lewis.
- **Clearing and fill in wetlands at VanRy Stables.** Pete has scheduled a site walk with Barry at 10:00 on Friday. Must remove any brush or fill from wetlands.
- **Land Resources complaint file 2012-0522,** Clinton Teague, 6 Industrial Way, Map 16 Lot 53, impacting wetlands without a permit. No change, papers were just issued.

Other Business

- We have **new town tax maps but they have a lot of errors and issues.** There was considerable discussion that the current contractor, TerraMap, is not doing a good job and we need a new map generator.

- **Need to update Granite database** with our conservation parcels which are new, incorrect, or changed from 2009 (by 4/18/12). Tim will add new information to the spreadsheet.
- **Lot of email** in the Conservation account. Webpage update with invasive plant links and better ticks link
- **Conservation keys were distributed** to the Conservation members for gates to all conservation lands.
- **Cans of vine killer** for bittersweet orange were distributed to members. Some declined because of the toxic nature of the herbicide.
- Have **game camera setup** in for Dan but Paul needs the fresh batteries.
- **Trail map mailboxes**, labels are in, need to replace damaged boxes
- **County champion ash tree** in Sawyer town forest, 3 maps are missing from PDF forest report but they are in the printed version. These maps are 11x17 and Charlie now has a way to scan them in for us.
- **Caroline Orr forestry plan**, waiting for update from Charlie
- **Sign templates** for canoe launch parking berms
- **Perambulation**: Tim did a test walk and a test setting on the camera.
- Need to meet/interview **invasive plant control and land clearing** contractors.
- Selectmen and Ted would like us to **hire road agent crew for trail work** we can't get done by volunteers
- **Town firewood program**. Need to meet with Town Administrator and selectmen to formalize this.
- **Supported Plaistow with maps and advice** on their town forest easement. Possible warrant article to swap cross town lands. Their Turner parcel is partly in Atkinson. Our Chambers-Fila parcel is partly in Plaistow.
- **Reorganization**: have five full time members including Tim and Denise who have reapplied and Dan who hasn't yet. Sonny Jendrick from Planning Board (lives next to Slade Town Forest) has applied. Tim will continue as chair, Paul as vice chair and treasurer, and Pete as secretary. A motion was made to approve the slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Town forester and tree warden – defer
- Bylaws and land use rules- defer
- Secretary report - deferred

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:06.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay