

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
June 4, 2012
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:20

Attending:

Victoria Czaia
Tim Dziechowski
Dan Kimball
Pete McVay

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Meeting on Plaistow town forest issues with Phil Auger and Jill Senter, deferred to July 2 meeting.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

Master Plan visioning workshop Wednesday, June 6th, from 5:30 PM to 9 PM. Dinner will be provided.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

At special hearing 5/8/12 for appeal of Corey variance, the appeal was denied.

At regular ZBA meeting 5/9/12 Birdsall variance was approved.

Writeup on Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act permitting changes posted to town web page.

Potential local procedural changes due to HB 514 (entry onto private lands) and SB 19 (prime wetlands). Discussion among the Commission members showed that we will probably ask for written permission to inspect lands in dispute. There are hefty fines associated with violation of property trespass.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

No new complaints, next six are old issues we are tracking.

- SPNHF 2011 monitoring report, Williams, W&M, #4, site walk.
- LCIP report for Caroline Orr town forest.
- Wells contaminated with 1,4-Dioxane.
- NH Dam Bureau issues with Rick Schafer's dam.
- Lili Bao, DES complaint active.
- Land Resources complaint file 2012-0522, Clinton Teague, 6 Industrial Way, Map 16 Lot 53, impacting wetlands w/o permit.

Other Business

- Issues with new town tax maps, still pending.
- Update Granite database conservation parcels, still pending.
- Game camera setup for Dan: the vegetation is too heavy at the moment for good trail positioning.
- Trail map mailboxes: Marshall Trail—Pete will install.
- Caroline Orr forestry plan: Charlie Moreno contact by Tim and Pete.
- County champion ash tree in Sawyer town forest, still pending.

- Sign templates for canoe launch parking berms: Sue Killam wants the boxes out of the planning office. Paul has the templates and will complete next month.
- Perambulation: not until tick issue abates.
- Meet/interview invasive plant control contractors. Someone contacted Tim about eliminating Japanese knotweed. The material used to spray by the McPherson lot destroyed all of it. We need to find out what was used. Tim read that the sprays are most effective in late summer. Kay Galloway and the Garden Club may be allies on this. If we can get individuals in the town with the problem to join, we can get a contractor to come in and treat the area.
- Pete is meeting with the Town Administrator at 1:00 PM on June 20th, to discuss using town maintenance personnel for trail work, town firewood program, trail crossings, and other town and conservation tasks that may appear.
- Grants available for town trails. Tim suggested the southern end of the Sawyer land, where there is need of a raised walkway over particularly marshy land. This area is also accessible by small equipment, and the other repair areas would require a lot more manpower and is difficult to access. Pete will meet with Ted Stewart and Victoria said she could discuss time, materials, and equipment with Dick Early. There are also handicap considerations. Other areas with similar issues to research for solutions and methods are Trustees of Reservations and Jaffrey Flats Audubon Center in Newburyport, Massachusetts.
- Tick signs for land posting: Ross produces high quality signs. Victoria suggested that sign design be made a student project in the schools. Pete will investigate laminated signs from internet.
- Letter from Sumner on timber tax question. His opinion is that revenue from town forest logging that goes in the forestry fund is for the town's "own use" under RSA 79:1 II (b)(3). The town is therefore exempt from paying the timber tax and filing forms for it.

Internal Business

- No new land acquisition issues
- Town forester and tree warden – defer
- Bylaws and land use rules- defer
- Secretary report - Review/approve minutes deferred.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, July 2nd, at 7:00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay