

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission**  
**July 2, 2012**  
**Atkinson Town Hall**

**Call To Order** by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:22.

**Attending:**

Tim Dziechowski  
Dan Kimball  
Denise Legault  
Pete McVay  
Paul Wainwright

**Guest Business and Plan Reviews:**

Meeting on Plaistow town forest issues with **Phil Auger** Southeast Land trust and **Jill Senter** Plaistow Conservation Commission. There are a few parcels in Plaistow and Atkinson that cross town boundaries—that is, the towns own land in each other's town. Much of the land and parcels were taken by tax default in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. There is a section of Plaistow that was small backlots, and as these were acquired, Plaistow produced a town forest. Phil is doing a complete title search on all lots, to the end of integrating adjoining parcels into single conservation lands. Many of these plots cross town boundaries into Atkinson. Tim noted that some of the Atkinson lands were acquired under Federal grants. Regardless, land swaps and agreements should go to town warrant, to ensure that the townspeople are in support of plans. Tim contacted Sumner for his opinion on what would be done with any revenue generated across these lands, such as forest cuts. In Sumner's opinion, since funds would be used for continued conservation efforts, there is no problem with allocating the funds back to the Conservation Commission(s). Dan asked if the Plaistow town land was under any sort of conservation easement. Tim said that that is in process; without this protection, there can be no protection and integration of lands, under RSA 41-14 (a) and (b). Phil suspects that they shall have to go to petition for title for many of these parcels, especially with Hampstead.

**Review of Correspondence**

**Planning Board Agenda Items:**

- Master Plan visioning workshop on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. There was large turnout and many suggestions and discussion on the plan. These items were discussed at the Planning Board Meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The visioning questionnaire was revised based on the workshop feedback. The questionnaire will be mailed out and placed on the web.
- Planning Board meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>: review visioning workshop and revise mailer.

**Zoning Board Agenda items:**

- HB 1484 reinstated the exemption for docks and open porches to be built 12' towards the waters edge. The Conservation web page will need to be revised to reflect this change.
- Local procedural changes needed due to HB 514 (entry onto private lands) and SB 19 (prime wetlands) becoming chaptered law. The Conservation Commission will now need permission slips for private land.

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

No updates on the following 6 issues we are tracking

- SPNHF 2011 monitoring report, Williams, W&M, #4, site walk. Denise and Pete will fill out the paperwork.
- 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**

- Invasive plant control options: the Japanese knotweed spray was so effective because the plants were both sprayed and injected. Pete mentioned that there have been complaints that road abutments are covered with poison ivy, posing a hazard for walkers and runners.
- Meeting with town administrator June 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM to discuss using town maintenance personnel for trail work, town firewood program, other agenda items. Rescheduled to July 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00, with Bill and Ted and Tim.
- Canoes launch parking berms, remove from planning office, paint, install. Paul noted that the soil may be quite rocky and putting in the anchor spikes. The meeting with town administrator and road agent may turn this over to the town for installation.
- Grants for town trail work submitted: put in values and amounts. Timetable for completion?
- Other new business: Denise has an article on camps in East Kingston for conservation summer camps (kids sent to summer camp for training). Pete is still pursuing the tick sign idea. There are no standards: we need our own. Suggestion was made that this be a school project or scout project. Tim pointed out that the two-color "No hunting" signs are the best possibility. Pete will investigate simple signs on the web and send them out for review.

### **Internal Business**

**Secretary report:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2012 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Other:**

- Town forester and tree warden – defer
- Bylaws and land use rules- defer.
- A motion was made to ban fireworks on all conservation lands in the town of Atkinson. Tim found a lot of fireworks while he was mowing the fields, which presents a fire danger as well as a safety hazard. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

### **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, Passed unanimously.

Private session was closed at 8:55 by motion that passed unanimously by five members present. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of five members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, August 6th, at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay