

Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission September 13, 2012 Atkinson Town Hall

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:05.

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Denise Legault
Dan Kimball
Victoria Czaia
Paul Wainwright

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Ryan DiMattia, Scout project, trail signage/improvements, deferred to October meeting.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

Master plan survey. The planning board received 500+ responses to the survey, which is about 20% of the households in town. This is considered a very good response rate for such a survey. Tabulation of the results is ongoing.

Sustainable development issues. There is a movement being promoted by political groups to portray sustainable development in New Hampshire as part of a plot to take over private property rights. This may affect conservation if it is successful by limiting our ability to get government grants and planning assistance.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

Update on court case 2011-085, Atkinson v. Malborn Realty Trust. A decision was handed down by the NH Supreme Court on 8/17/12. The full text of the decision is available online at <http://www.courts.state.nh.us/supreme/opinions/2012/2012081atkinson.pdf>

Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- **Chase Island Road culvert repairs**, DES file 2012-02413, plans fill on conservation land (not shown as conservation land on plan). We have until 9/14/12 to intervene. After reviewing and discussing the wetlands permit application and plan set, a motion was made to intervene, and passed by unanimous vote.
- **Field mowing.** Tim will mow the Caroline Orr field and try to get the other two fields mowed after a hard frost.
- **No updates** on the following 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 Drive, Map 16 Lot 53, impacting wetlands w/o permit

Other Business

- **Issues with new town tax maps.** The inaccuracies in the maps surfaced recently in the Chase Island Culvert wetlands project. The conservation commission, which manages town land abutting the culvert, was not noticed on the wetlands permit because the map shows the land as being privately owned.
- **Update Granit database** conservation parcels - deferred
- **Trail map mailboxes** - deferred
- **Caroline Orr forestry plan** - deferred
- **County champion ash tree** in Sawyer town forest - deferred
- **Perambulation** - deferred
- **Invasive plant control** - deferred
- **Canoe launch parking berms.** Paul confirmed that they had all been lettered with the stencils and moved to the town garage.
- **Meeting with Town Administrator**, 20 June 1:00 PM to discuss using town maintenance personnel for trail work, town firewood program, other agenda items. Deferred.
- **Volunteers for trail work.** Pete had sent out email to master plan visioning session attendees. Deferred.
- **DRED grant** for \$4,434.10 (\$1,240.03 town match) awarded for trail upgrades across swamps at state line in Sawyer town forest. Pete is the project manager for this grant. We do not have the paperwork yet. We discussed the town match and determined that there is enough money left in the 2012 care of grounds budget to cover it and still pay for field mowing. We could encumber this amount until 2013 if needed.

Internal Business

- Town forester and tree warden - deferred
- Bylaws and land use rules - deferred
- Secretary report - minutes - deferred
- 2013 budget, TA would like by 9/21. Paul volunteered to prepare the budget.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, October 1st, at 7:00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay