

Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission October 1, 2012

Atkinson Town Hall

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:10.

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Dan Kimball
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Paul Wainwright

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

- Master Plan survey
- Joint meeting with conservation commission 3 October 2012 to discuss future land use recommendations for each of the 86 parcels of town owned land:
 - Identify parcels with title/legal issues
 - Identify conservation parcels shown as municipal
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 - For each parcel (once the above are sorted out)
 - recommend the highest, best use for that parcel

Zoning Board Agenda items:

No meeting last month.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- **Chase Island Road culvert repairs**, DES file 2012-02413. Tim called and emailed on September 14 to intervene. However, DES had already approved the application on September 6. Intervention just delays approval so that conservation input is considered. However, any approved application can be appealed within 30 days of the approval. Discussed with Collin Adams, DES Admin, the problem of fill and a pipe extension not shown on plan. Collin sent an email to the applicant stating that the permit was only for the work shown on the plan. Dave Holigan signed application for Chase Island Association.
- No updates on the following issues we are tracking:
 - Field mowing
 - 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** - defer
- **Update Granite database** conservation parcels - defer
- **Trail map mailboxes** - defer
- **County champion ash tree** in Sawyer town forest - defer
- **Perambulation** - defer
- **Invasive plant control options** - the company which handles town mosquito spraying would like to talk to us and/or the road agent. Tim will look up the name.
- **Caroline Orr forestry plan** - Charlie is busy right now with NRCS land plans with grant deadlines. He promises boots on the ground by mid November.
- **Canoe launch parking berms.** The road agent has installed them at the canoe launch parking lot. Denise will go over to review them.
- **Meeting with Town Administrator**, 20 June, 1:00 PM to discuss using town maintenance workers for trail work, town firewood program, other agenda items
- **Volunteers for trail work**, Pete sent out email to master plan visioning session attendees, any responses? Got three responses. Recruit and talk to the Road Agent.
- **DRED grant** for \$4,434.10 (\$1,240.03 town match) awarded for trail upgrades across swamps at state line in Sawyer town forest. DRED contacted Tim looking to set up an account so the state can pay the town. Turns out we already have one. Need to follow up on the grant paperwork and deadlines. See if there is some grant paperwork and get the report dates and estimates. Check Phil at Trailwrights for a bid and work.
- **Hunting on town lands.** Received email from a new resident wanting to know if he could hunt in town forests. Tim sent him a copy of the trail map with permitted hunting areas. This was on our old web page but isn't on the new one and needs to get there. Pete will contact the webmaster to fix that.
- **2013 warrant article** - simplify hunting on town forests by allowing bow hunting everywhere and guns nowhere. Perhaps delegate the authority to issue permission to the Selectmen's office. Dan objected to closing Sawmill Swamp; suggested that deer hunting be restricted but not waterfowl hunting.
- **2013 warrant article** - zoning change to provide for conservation cluster development in the commercial/professional zone with a density bonus for public access to trails and land.

Internal Business

- Town forester and tree warden - defer
- Bylaws and land use rules- defer
- 2013 budget review - proposed additions
- \$500 - recording clerk for up to 3-4 meetings a year
- \$475 - sponsor a week at Camp Barry conservation camp
- Paul will redo and add items and will meet to the Budget Committee. Budget will go to the Selectmen for review.
- **Secretary report:** A motion was made to approve the September 2012 minutes as amended. 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. Motion passed by four unanimous votes.

Private session was closed at 8:15 by motion that passed unanimously by the five Commission members present. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of five Commission members present.

Tim will call a public hearing in November as a result of the Private Session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay