

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
December 3, 2012
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:06.

Attending:

Victoria Czaia
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, Passed unanimously.

Private session was closed at 8:05 by motion that passed unanimously, by all six members present. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of six present.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

- Lot line adjustment to swap small parcels of equal areas on Chase Island Road approved
- Lot line adjustment to merge Jane Jones lot into Slade town forest approved. Deed (5382-1641) and plan (37487) recorded at registry of deeds
- Zoning article to designate Wright Farm Pond as a prime wetland
- Zoning article to add incentive density bonuses for conservation developments and subdivisions which conserve open space and allow public access to trails and land
- Master Plan survey
- Defer review of 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
 - Identify municipal parcels shown as conservation
 - For each parcel (once the above are sorted out) recommend the highest, best use for that parcel

Zoning Board Agenda items: Need to set up landowner permission slips in the planning office so we can legally do site walks.

Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- **Letter from DES dated November 13, 2012 about file 2009-2278 (Osborn).** The Osborns have done nothing to address the deficiencies and have until January 12, 2013 to file a wetlands permit application and restoration plan for 8 Valcat Lane.
- **Chased some hunters off** the Carolyn Orr town forest and posted the Robie Lane entrance. Tim spoke with the head of the LCIP program, since the land was purchased with LCIP funds. LCIP recognizes that some lands are near densely populated areas and the rail lines, and have no problem with posting the lands for safety reasons. The Commission should update and reprint the trail maps, with hunting areas clearly defined.

- **LCIP report for Caroline Orr** town forest.
- **SPNHF 2012 monitoring report**, Williams, W&M, #4, site walk. Pete and Denise will do the walk.
- **No action** on the following four items
 - 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

- Tim noted that the scout (Ryan DiMattia) has not attended. Pete said he may have missed inviting him, and will invite him to the January meeting.
- **Last day to petition** the selectmen to add an article to the March 2013 town warrant is January 8, 2013 warrant article - make any conservation land which isn't already a town forest into a town forest. Articles submitted by the Conservation Commission will be approved by the Selectmen so no petition is required.
- 2013 warrant article - **allow bow hunting** in all town forests by permit from the selectmen's office to try to reduce the size of the deer herd and help control ticks and lyme disease.
- **Field mowing**, Carolyn Orr field mowed, should get to the other two fields this week.
- **Trail map mailboxes** - two new ones are set up and labeled with "Atkinson Trail Maps" and should go in this week. Sawyer Land and Marshall Land will each get one, with others to follow.
- **Caroline Orr forestry plan** - Charlie Moreno and Greg were out multiple times in mid-November doing mapping and field work. Might want to some marking of the boundaries.
- **Canoe launch parking berms** are installed, has anyone been by the dock to check them out? Pete checked them and sent a picture to the Commission.
- **DRED grant for trail upgrades** across swamps at state line. Need to check on grant deadlines and confirm that we can encumber part of our 2012 care-of-grounds budget to use for the town match. Tim pointed out that the total cost (\$7,000) does not match the town and DRED contributions (\$5,000~). Pete said that the plan was only an estimate, and can be revised with permission from DRED. Pete will call to get procedures. Tim also mentioned that surveys of Carolyn Orr land to do timber management. A motion was made for Tim to find a suitable surveyor for the property to both conduct a survey and place permanent markers, not to exceed \$1,525.00. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Issues with new town tax maps – defer
- **Update Granite database** conservation parcels – defer
- **County champion ash tree** in Sawyer town forest – defer
- **Perambulation** – defer
- **Invasive plant control** options – defer

Special Projects

Name text...

Internal Business

Secretary report: minutes, all caught up except for 11/26/12

Treasurer's report:

- **2013 budget review** - selectmen approved our preliminary budget, how did we do with the budget committee?

- **Closing costs** for Jane Jones lot were \$1928.95, paid out of 2012 professional services budget line. Still need to track down the bill for the public hearing ad which ran in the Eagle Tribune
- Order 10 pack of sheet acrylic for trailhead signs
- Order more trail map mailboxes
- Any other end of year bills?

Other:

- **Town forester** and tree warden – defer
- **Bylaws** and land use rules- defer
- **November 26 minutes were approved with two abstentions.**
- **Budget review:** Paul presented the Commission budget to the Budget Committee and the budget recommendations were taken. The Budget Committee will take his information in incorporating the master budget for next year. Dan mentioned that we need a place to store equipment once purchased.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, January 7, 2013, at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay