

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission  
January 7, 2013  
Atkinson Town Hall**

**Call To Order** by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:20.

**Attending:**

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. The motion passed unanimously by the five members present.

**[Sealed:]**

There are three lands coming up for possible purchase in the coming year: the Kinney land, Rick Shafer's land, and Gordon Brown house and land. The Shafer land is long-term, and the Brown family is looking to preserve the house on a two-acre lot, if possible. Tim is also going to restart the "Southeast Passage" through to the greenway. If we get the key acres on the south end of the town forest, then we can proceed with the rest.

Private session was closed at 7:12 by motion that passed unanimously by the five members present. Acclimation to seal by unanimous vote of five members present.

**Review of Correspondence**

**Planning Board Agenda Items:**

- Public hearing Tuesday, 15 January, at 7:00 P.M. for:
  - Zoning article to designate Wright Farm Pond as a prime wetland.
  - Zoning changes for Conservation Subdivisions. 50% of the land has to be open space, and 50% of the open space must be public accessible. All buildings in the zone must be green building certified. The Planning Board will confer with the Conservation Commission for details on the plan.
- 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 the Conservation Commission 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. Tim will check on status with Eben Lewis.
- File 2012-2833 Deangelis, 15 Chase Island Road, build addition on side away from lake, approved by DES December 28, 2012.
- LCIP report for Caroline Orr town forest, done and filed.
- SPNHF 2012 monitoring report, Williams, W&M, #4, site walk. Pete and Denise will file completed walk report.

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**

- Completed town meeting town forest warrant article research. Some were done in special town meetings, which is why they do not appear in annual town records. Tim researched them and found all the deeds and warrants.
- Submitted 2013 warrant article to give the following parcels town forest status under the conservation commission under 31:112:
  - Map 2 Lot 53 (10.2 Acres Brushwood Drive 1995 Wattie Gift)
  - Map 4 lot 46 (4.2 Acres 1983 McPherson Gift)
  - Map 18 Lot 41 (7 Acres Sawmill Swamp 1979 Tax Sale)
  - Map 18 Lot 65 (7 Acres Sawmill Swamp 1992 Lewis Land Swap)
  - Map 18 Lot 82 (4 Acres Sawmill Swamp 1999 Lewis Purchase)
  - Map 18 Lot 84 (2.78 Acres Sawmill Swamp 1999 Lewis Purchase)
  - Map 18 Lot 85 (2.26 Acres Sawmill Swamp 2007 Matte Purchase)
  - Map 18 Lot 86 (4 Acres Sawmill Swamp 1992 Lewis Land Swap)
  - Map 19 Lot 80 (4.07 Acres 1989 Balazik Gift)

Tim emailed a spreadsheet with the town forest sites to the Conservation Commission.

- Submitted 2013 warrant article to allow bow hunting in all town forests by permit from the selectmen's office. Right now, hunting is by default, since the lands aren't posted. We need to redo the trail maps.
- Submitted 2013 warrant article to create the appointed position of tree warden.
- Field mowing: all three fields have been mowed.
- Trail map mailboxes - two new ones installed at Sawyer forest entrance and Boulder Cove Road. The mailbox from Pope Road has been stolen. All mailboxes restocked with trail maps.

- Caroline Orr Town Forest survey, done but needs to be checked. We have boundary markers every hundred feet, done by Kevin Hatch. He used the Conservation discs to mark the area.
- Caroline Orr forestry plan - Asked Charlie Moreno for an update.
- Paul and Dan, game camera updates? There have not been animals sighted in their present position. The quality of photographs and the battery charge was not very good. Paul will bring his camera to Tim.
- DRED grant for trail upgrades across swamps at state line. Pete suggested that we look at the Salem Town Forest for signage and bridges. Steve Lewis also has a spare bridge from a project in Salem that he would be willing to donate for our land. Issues:
  - Where exactly is the state line WRT trail work? Tim suggested that Pete, Tim, and Ted go in and survey the land.
  - We need to file a wetlands application.
  - What is the minimum low maintenance solution? A turnpike might be better and far cheaper than a bridge.
  - We may want to actually design this thing with low cost and partly pro bono help from a surveyor, wetlands scientist, and civil engineer. Kevin Hatch could do the surveying if necessary. A wetland scientist and field engineer would be good to look at it. Pete will email the Town Administrator and Road Agent to set a time to review the area. Talk to Bill Innes about setting it on the town calendar.
- 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
- Other new business: Tim got email from Todd Barbera and we might need some signage and a parking area for the Dickey Land leading into Sawmill Swamp, since there is some confusion on what is public and what is private.

## Internal Business

**Treasurer's report:** End of year bills:

- 10 pack of sheet acrylic for trailhead signs delivered
- Two more spare trail map mailboxes delivered
- Check cut for Caroline Orr surveying, being held pending inspection

**Other:** Tim received a notice that there is a meeting on the train station layover study. There are alternative sites, and there are also concerns about the oil barrels buried at the site. Since the Conservation Commission is the only abutter, we have a vested interest in making sure that all conservation concerns are addressed. A motion was made to recommend the study and write a letter supporting a study. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Town Forester: defer

Bylaws and land use rules: defer

**Secretary report:** A motion was made to approve the December 3, 2012 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, February 4, 2013, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay