

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission  
February 4, 2013  
Atkinson Town Hall**

**Call To Order** by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:08.

**Attending:**

Tim Dziechowski  
Dan Kimball  
Denise Legault  
Pete McVay

**Guest Business and Plan Reviews:**

**Tim Lavelle**, conceptual presentation of a site plan for Industrial Drive. Tim represents CWT Industries, who wish to build a transportation depot on Industrial Way adjacent to the conservation Marshall Lands (Map 16, Lots 16, 55, 56). The preliminary diagram shows that the Conservation Commission would be granted right of way into the Marshall Lands, which does not exist at present. The ZBA and Planning Board will have to pass on the plan, since the lot is less than the present 150-foot buffer requirement. Tim Dziechowski suggested that the Commission would need to see a right-of-way plan in the deed, and the Selectmen would have to rescind the old right of way. Since there are some wetlands of unknown condition, the site would have to be walked to specify how much needs to be deeded. There is no immediate time constraint. The Planning Board may want a joint walk. Tim Dziechowski will be at that meeting also and will communicate the site walk date to the Conservation commission.

**Tim Lavelle** also showed a plan for 38 Hemlock Shore Drive (Map 22, Lot 58) where the owners would like to tear down the existing dwelling and replace it with a new ranch house. The proposal has a much larger footprint than the existing house, and the proximity to the road plus 43 feet to the waterline will be a problem and require a variance.

**Garden Club meeting March 6<sup>th</sup>**: Tim asked what the Garden Club meeting was about. Pete explained that the Garden Club has a grant from the national garden club to plan and manage local aquifers. Pete will attend the meeting and present the NRI and zoning.

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

- SPNHF 2012 monitoring report, Williams, W&M, #4. Report was filed in January by Denise and Pete and is no longer an issue.
- NH Dam Bureau issues with Rick Schafer's dam: NH DES reclassified this dam (#011.21, the Lower Hog Hill Pond Dam) as a "non menace dam" in 2011 and has withdrawn all fines associated with Administrative Docket #AF 12-016. No remaining dam issues.

No action on the following four items:

- Letter from DES dated 11/13/12 about file 2009-2278 (Osborn). The Osborns have done nothing to address the deficiencies and have until 1/12/13 to file a wetlands permit application and restoration plan for 8 Valcat Lane
- Wells contaminated with 1,4-Dioxane
- 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

## Review of Correspondence

### Planning Board Agenda Items:

1/15/13 public hearing

- Zoning article to designate Wright Farm Pond as a prime wetland, warrant placed on ballot
- Zoning changes for Conservation Subdivisions, warrant placed on ballot.

2/6/13 workshop

- Tim Lavelle, conceptual presentation of a site plan for Industrial Drive.
- Brown family trust, conceptual presentation of a site plan for a cluster subdivision at the Page farm.

### Zoning Board Agenda items:

- Deangelis, 15 Chase Island Road, variance for addition 60' from wetland on furthest side of existing house from Big Island Pond (DES file 2012-2833 waiver approved) The Conservation Commission does not have enough information to issue a recommendation at this time.
- Need to set up landowner permission slips in the planning office so we can legally do site walks.

## Other Business

- Deliberative session
  - Proposed 2013 budget care of grounds line item was cut by \$900 by budget committee prior to deliberative session and advanced as modified to the ballot.
  - Bow hunting, town forest update, and tree warden articles all advanced to the ballot as written.
- Caroline Orr Town Forest survey, checked boundary pins (OK), and released the check for the survey.
- Caroline Orr forestry plan - Charlie Moreno will work on it in February.
- County champion ash tree in Sawyer town forest - located and photographed, contacted Kevin Martin, maintainer of the NH Big Trees program.



- Land projects:
  - Working on documenting history of cross-town lots on the Plaistow town line, to share info with Plaistow. The bureaucratic requirements are complex and will take time to adjust.
  - Northwest passage: no update
  - Southeast passage: no update
  - The entire Kinney parcel on the Hampstead line from Main Street to Sawmill Swamp (North of Knightland Road) was sold in early January to a developer for \$2.4 million. Hopefully our conservation zoning will pass and the developer will work with the town to protect the trails and Sawmill Swamp.
- Lean-to shed at town garage for storage and common implements for both Road Agent and Conservation use.
- DRED grant for trail upgrades across swamps at state line. Issues:
  - The entire swampy part of the trail is 20' South of the state line in Massachusetts. We will reroute the trail into NH using some skid paths conveniently provided by our loggers.
  - We need to design and cost out the trail. If trail maintenance is going to be done by the road agent and his crew, then the minimum trail width is the width of the road agent's truck.
  - We need to file a wetlands permit. The PBN mechanism for trail work has been replaced by a minimum impact trails application due to new rules for wetlands crossings. Sandy Chambers has a powerpoint presentation on the web site.
  - We need to design two wetlands crossings for Camp Brook and Foote Brook. These can be culverts if the swept channel is 8' or less and the crossing is 20' wide or less.
- Issues with new town tax maps – defer
- Update Granite database conservation parcels – defer
- Perambulation – defer
- Invasive plant control options - defer

#### **Internal Business**

- Town forester - defer
- Bylaws and land use rules- defer
- 10 pack of sheet acrylic for trailhead signs delivered. They need to be located, but were probably placed in the Town storeroom.

**Secretary report:** A motion was made to approve the January 2013 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday ,March 4th, at 7:00.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay