

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
April 1, 2013
Atkinson Town Hall**

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

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Dan Kimball
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Paul Wainwright

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Adam Green, guest seeking information on the Commission for possible membership. Adam is a DCE officer in Massachusetts working in Massachusetts state parks and has an extensive background in forestry and environment.

Dave Spero, wetlands variance for garage 35' from wetlands at 6 Providence Hill Rd, Map 7 Lot 196. Currently only driveway; wants to add a garage. A garage will provide more protection from possible fuel or other runoff from vehicles in the yard. The Commission recommended that the garage roof runoff be directed toward the road and away from the stream on property. Variance is on the April 10th ZBA agenda. A motion was made to send a letter recommending approval of variance request. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

3/20/13 meeting

- Minor site plan revision to add AT&T LTE antennae to existing tower at Busby site on Route 111, approved.
- Ongoing master plan revisions.
- No news about developments at Page farm or the Kinney land.

4/17/13 meeting, public hearing for revisions to update soil-based lot sizing to current standards (site plan and subdivision regulations).

Zoning Board Agenda items:

- Advise ZBA on Spero variance.
- Need to set up landowner permission slips in the planning office so we can legally do site walks.

Other Business

- Election results, the following conservation warrant articles all passed:
 - Conservation subdivisions 68%
 - Bow hunting in town forests 66%
 - Add 9 parcels as town forests 86%
 - Make Wright Farm Pond a prime wetland 79%
 - Establish position of tree warden 52% The Commission recommends Ted Stewart, and he will be consulted on the position.
 - Heritage Commission (and fund) failed to pass by 1 vote
- Caroline Orr forestry plan, Charlie promised a draft copy of the plan for review by our May meeting
- The Selectmen's' Office would like revised lists/maps of where hunters can hunt with firearms and with archery.

- Need to get DES to update our prime wetlands to add Wright Farm Pond.
- Camp Barry reservations will open soon, need to reach out to scout leadership about the camper we are sponsoring. Denise and Pete will find the scoutmasters.
- eMail out to Karen Wemmelman about taking minutes.
- Land projects:
 - Working on documenting history of cross-town lots on the Plaistow town line, to share info with Plaistow.
 - Northwest passage: no update.
 - Southeast passage: no update.
- Lean-to shed at town garage for storage.
- Acrylic for trail signs is in the planning office and needs to be moved to Dan's shop. Tick signs are needed, but there is not standard. Contact Stanley R. Swier Cooperative Extension Professor, Sandown Conservation Commission. NHA: has anyone have a tick sign?
- DRED grant for trail upgrades across swamps at state line. Issues:
 - Plan for two wetlands culvert crossings and one turnpike trail upgrade using geotextile fabric and pack as determined by road agent
 - File minimum impact wetlands permit for trail upgrade using plan.
 - Hire soil scientist, Kevin Hatch. Talk to Kevin and also RPC. A motion was made to authorize Pete to spend up to \$3,000 for hiring engineers to plan project. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Fence North end of McPherson lot? Tabled for now. Go with Jim Kirsch and Ted and Tim and Pete and determine the exact boundaries.
- Issues with new town tax maps - defer
- Update Granite database conservation parcels - defer
- Perambulation - defer
- Invasive plant control options - defer
- Other new business: Atkinson-Gilmanton Grant. Tabled until April 1st,2014.

Internal Business

Secretary report: deferred to May meeting

Other:

- **2013 Commission Reorganization.** The following officers were nominated for officer positions on the Commission:
 - Chair: Tim Dziechowski
 - Vice Chair: Paul Wainwright
 - Secretary: Pete McVay
 - Treasurer: Paul Wainwright
 It was moved that nominations be closed and the secretary cast one ballot for the slate by acclimation. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Town forester – defer. Town forests in Atkinson are under supervision and control of the Conservation Commission under RSA 31:112. The Commission gets to appoint a town forester.
- Bylaws and land use rules- defer

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay