

**Atkinson Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**September 8, 2014, 7:30 PM**  
**Atkinson Town Hall**

**Members Present:**

Tim Dziechowski  
Dan Kimball  
Pete McVay  
Paul Wainwright  
Denise Legault

**Others Present:**

Steve Morin

**1. Call to order, attendance**

Chairman Dziechowski called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM, Monday, September 8, 2014.

**2. Guest Business and Plan Reviews:**

Steve Morin presented his Eagle project to build a bridge by the stream next the Community Center. Tim suggested using steel instead of wood for the supports for the bridge. Chairman Dziechowski also informed Steve that he check other scout bridges build in the area and also the bridges built on the golf course by Lewis Construction Company. SteveMorin98@yahoo.com is his email. He would like to start the project this fall. The project will be funded by selling popcorn and by selling things at the Atkinson Yard Sale. The bridge will be built at Steve's father's house and then taken to the Community Center to be installed. He has a building permit. If the footing is outside of the stream, DES will not be involved. The solar lights have been donated by East Coast Lumber. The land in front of the project belongs to the town; under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen therefore Mr. Morin must get their permission for the project. He can contact the Town Administration, fill out the form on the web or call for an appointment.

**Other guest business** - none

**3. Review of Correspondence**

- Email from John Troy of Troop 9 seeking permission for a Scout cleanup service project on trails behind the Community Center.

Mr. Dziechowski read the email. Mr. Morin added that there will be a game after the project is finished. Mr. Dziechowski will respond to the email. Mr. McVay recommended that fruit, berries and nuts alongside the trails be left for the animals. Saturday, September 13, 2014 is date suggested for the project.

- Request from 2014 archery permit holder for bait permit - denied.

The Commission discussed baiting including bear baiting. The Atkinson Conservation Commission does not allow baiting in Town conservation land.

Political signs are also not allowed on conservation land. Signs are not allowed without permission of land owner or for public land the appropriate authority. The Conservation Commission must give permission for signs on conservation land.

- Email from Charlie George, he has bought the house and land behind the 4 acre town forest across from Van Ry stables and is offering to let the Road Agent and the Conservation Commission go across his land to clean up the woods.

Chairman Dziechowski introduced the subject to the Commission. The Commission walked the land with the Town Forest Warden and the State. There are trees that need to be removed. Mr. Dziechowski said winter would be the best time.

- Email from Bob Evans raising concerns about hostile reception given hikers by neighbors at the end of Woodlawn Drive. We need to put up a good sign with a trail map showing the trail easement. We also need to delineate parking. Mr. Evans also had concerns about the Sawyer trail system.

Mr. Evans tried to do some hiking in Sawmill Swamp with his wife. The trail map shows the trail ends on Woodlawn Street. The booklet says that there is parking, the trail goes over private property but the Town has a deeded easement to the trail. There is a stone wall, with a gap. He did not see a sign marking the trail, just a sign stating that it was private property. Mr. Dziechowski suggested that the Conservation Commission put up a sign with a map of the trail. Mr. Kimball suggested marking the trail. Mr. Dziechowski informed the Commission that the only access was from Winslow Drive where there is a gap in the stone wall. The easement for the trail goes through the open space. There is a great deal of wildlife in the Town Forest behind the houses. It was agreed that signage and a map was needed. Mr. Kimball volunteered to mark the trail. Mr. McVay has a GPS marker that overlays Google maps. Mr. Dziechowski informed the Commission that the trail and easement is marked on the development maps. The Commission discussed clearing the trail 10 to 12 years ago.

There is another trail in that area that looks like it has been abandoned. Mr. McVay remarked that the bridge is in really bad shape. There is also a great deal of bittersweet, slippery buckthorn and fire bush.

The Commission discussed how to make a sign.

The Commission discussed the canoe launch.

#### o **ZBA Activity over the Summer**

- Tim Lavelle, application for relief from zone buffers for Industrial Way lots abutting the Judge Marshall TF. Variance granted by unanimous vote of ZBA.
- Daniel Stacy, relief from zone setback buffer for wood processing at 26 Hall Farm Road. Relief not needed since no building is being constructed on the lot.
- A&T Mobility application for use variance to allow cell tower in zone where it is prohibited - variance granted.
- John Feuer, variance for expansion of existing storage building at 138 Main Street - variance granted.

#### o **Planning Board Activity over the Summer**

- Site plan amendment, Clinton Teague, 6 Industrial Way, approved with conditions

- Site plan amendment, Bob Allen, 16 Industrial Way, after-the-fact wetlands permit pending
- Site plan for tree service/firewood processing, at 26 Hall Farm Road, Daniel Stacy applicant. After-the-fact wetlands permit pending.

The applicant will check with the Planning Board month to month to see if the wetlands permit was approved.

- Site plan for 150' monopole tower for AT&T on land owned by Atkinson Country Club - approved.
- Site plan amendment for John Feuer, expansion of existing storage building - approved.
- Roxanne Feuer, 2 lot subdivision at 68 East Road - approved.
- Lot line adjustment for AROD Realty and Town of Atkinson on Industrial Way (relocate ROW) - approved.

All paid for by AROD Realty including plans and monumenting. The only condition was removal of all the junk. AROD Realty has to wait 30 days before they can remove it because it was left by the prior owner of the property. The Commission looked at the right of way on the map. The Commission has to make a road. Mr. McVay what type of road Mr. Dziechowski was thinking of. Mr. Dziechowski said he would like a dirt road so that the Marshall land could be accessible by truck. The Marshall land is currently scrub with a small area of wetland about 40 feet from Industrial Way and slopes down.

- Site plan for MJK Realty for 5500 square feet of office and retail building at 121 Main Street (corner of Pages Lane) - continued.

The Commission discussed the plan.

#### o **Planning Board September 17, 2014 Meeting**

- Public hearing on governmental land use under RSA 674:54, installation of public utility communications infrastructure (repeaters, receivers)

#### **4. Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints**

- Site walk with Eric Feldbaum of DRED to inspect 14 town owned LWCF parcels. September 11, 2014 at 10:00 am starting at Woodlock Field.

Mr. Dziechowski will accompany Mr. Feldbaum of DRED. Mr. Dziechowski has a printout of each of the 5 purchases and wants to map them. Mr. Stewart and Noriko were invited.

- Concerns about land development on 32 acres at Map 16, Lot 9, DES has opened file 2014-794 and sent a letter requiring a wetlands restoration plan.

They have determined that there was a wetlands violation and are demanding remediation.

- 16 Industrial Way - after the fact wetland permit, DES has opened file 2014-1905 and requested more information.

The only concern DES has is the fill deposited on Lot 7.

- DES file 2014-2127, septic system at 25 Mill Stream Drive, Map 11
- Monitoring form for Williams #4 (Pete and Denise?)

– **Other open space we should be monitoring**

Little River Road, Bryan Boyle development on Winslow Drive, one on Boulder Cove Road that is a Federal area. The Commission discussed open space on Boulder Cove Road. Mr. McVay will see what the sign says. The Town owns all the land on the shore line by the canoe launch. It also owns the island.

– **2014 Perambulation - December ?**

**5. Other Business**

– **NHACC membership**

The Commission discussed membership. Mr. McVay is unavailable for annual meeting on November 1st.

– **DRED grant paperwork and reimbursement**

The Commission discussed progress getting a grant for upgrading trails.

– Future trail plan and work, 9/26 deadline for 2015 LWCF grant letters of intent

– Letter to NH DOT expressing Conservation Commission support for land swap - extend deed conditions to new parcel?

The Commission discussed the proposed swap. Mr. Dziechowski will write a letter to NH DOT. A warrant article would be required.

**7. Other New Business - none**

**8. Internal Business**

– 2014 organization and officers

Mr. McVay made a motion to retain the same slate as 2014. The Motion was seconded by Denise Legault. All members of the Conservation Commission present voted in favor. Vote: 5/0.

– 2015 Budget

Mr. Wainwright has not seen the email from Mr. Innes with the Budget spreadsheets.

**9. Minutes - deferred**

**10. Adjournment**

Mr. Dziechowski requested a motion to adjourn. The Commission discussed a workshop meeting and decided to hold a workshop to review the minutes and discuss projects on Monday, September 22, 2014. Mr. Wainwright asked about a site walk on Woodlawn. Mr. Dziechowski explained that it is one of the site walks planned with DRED. The Commission discussed the type of markers to use. Mr. Kimball has tree marking paint and is willing to mark the trail if someone shows him where it is. Mr. McVay will talk to the abutters. Mr. Dziechowski remarked that it is a big trail that used to be a woods road.

Mr. Paul Wainwright made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peter McVay seconded the motion. The Commission voted all in favor to adjourn the September 8, 2014 meeting of the Conservation Commission at 9:30 pm. Vote: 5/0.

The September 8, 2014 meeting of the Conservation Commission was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The next meeting will be a workshop meeting on Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:30 PM. The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 6, 2014 at 7:30 PM.