

Atkinson Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 4, 2002
7:30 P.M.
Atkinson Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Attendees:

Paul Wainwright
Tim Dziechowski
Scott Kukshel
Pete McVay

Guest Business & Plan Reviews

Chinh Nguyen of Atkinson submitted a draft petition for variance for a new home for the advice and opinions of the Board. Application is for a 20-foot variance (80-foot setback instead of 100-foot requirement). The application is on the Zoning Board agenda for their next meeting. A preliminary review by the Conservation Commission showed no issues with the request. The Board voted by voice vote to tentatively recommend approval, pending a walkthrough of the site by the board members. Scott will send a letter of recommendation to the Zoning Board.

Internal Business

- a. Secretary report
 - Review and approval of minutes from last meeting is pending.
 - Treasurer's report—no expenses last month. Scott requested to the Selectmen that the budget remain level (\$3,355.00) for coming year
- b. Conservation Fund Status. there have been no changes in the fund since the last monthly report.

Special Projects

- a. Paul received a Prime Wetlands study progress report from Audra of Natural Resource Consulting Services (NRCS). The project is on schedule and on budget. Issues and questions include (1) names are needed for some numbered (unnamed) wetland areas, and (2) the final report will be in digitized form: what software is needed to read this information? Paul will check with landowners and the Historical Society to find names, if possible. Also, NRCS will be asked to give a progress report in person at the next Conservation Committee meeting (December 2nd).
- b. Scott received information on the New Hampshire conservation plate grant application. \$155,000 is available to communities for conservation-related projects. Applications are due by December 2nd. Pete will review the information and draft a grant proposal to raise conservation awareness in Atkinson through a publicity campaign.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

- a. Paul reported that during one of her wetland surveys, Audra of NRCS came across plant life disruption that was not part of the repair of the Bryant Woods Road dam. Paul will contact Jim Kirsch (Code Enforcement Officer) for investigation.

Commission member task/responsibility reports

- a. Conservation Fund warrant article: Scott presented a request for a warrant article to the Board of Selectmen to allow the land use change tax to be used for conservation easement, rather than simply land purchase. This would broaden the scope and potential for land conservation.
- b. LCIP boundary line maintenance officer has requested that the Board contact him for boundary line surveying. Scott will return the call.
- c. Pete reported on attendance of the annual New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions (NHACC). He attended workshops and meetings on Trail design and maintenance, Working with Developers, and setting Land Use priorities.

Review of Correspondence

- a. Planning Board Minutes were read and reviewed. There were no action items for the Commission.
- b. Scott showed information on two upcoming workshops on using a Hand-help GPS.
- c. Zoning Board Minutes were read and reviewed. There were no action items for the Commission.

Other Business

- a. The NRCS bill for work in September was presented for \$10,582.43. Payment was approved.
- b. Handbook for Municipal Conservation Commissions was presented.

Next meeting date: 2nd Dec

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pete McVay
Acting Recorder