

**Atkinson Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda**  
**Monday, December 2, 2002**  
**7:30 P.M.**  
**Atkinson Town Hall**

1. Call To Order 7:45
  - Tim Dziechowski
  - Carole Hall
  - Scott Kukshtel
  - Paul Wainwright
  - Pete McVay

Natural Resource Consulting Services (NRCS) Attendees:

  - Peter Spear
  - Audrea Klumb
  - Kurt Olson
  
2. Guest Business & Plan Reviews
  - a. Prime Wetlands Study – Draft Report Discussion w/ Peter Spear and NRCS Staff
    - Maps are accurate only to the extent that the tax maps are accurate. The data as shown by GPS surveys are accurate: the tax maps are not. All eight wetlands are bonafide candidates for prime wetland. The next step in the process is to find out what the Board wants to do with designating the wetlands. Some areas (such as wetland 40) have been drained and are in danger of being lost, even though dredge-and-fill permits have been obtained.
    - In a review, each member should review the report to see if there are any questions. State-mapped well locations may not be accurate, for example. Should the planning board and conservation board include wells that are on wetland sites? Last paragraph on page 2: will this cause problems since there are lands outside the initial survey? Peter understands that the town can come back to the state later for additional surveys and inclusions. The problem with the criteria is, what will happen if some areas that were within the threshold levels set were not surveyed? What impact would that have on the validity and usefulness of the survey? NRCS replied that these areas might be candidates, but did not rank high enough to be included in the initial survey. It was recommended that the paragraph be revised to include why these areas were not included in the final study.
    - Other towns were not checked for contiguous prime wetlands. For example, The area around Industrial Way borders prime wetlands on the Salem side. Sawmill Swamp may also run into Hampstead prime wetland.
    - The information will be provided in digital format, so they could be printed as poster size at any center (such as RCS) with that capability. Final maps and reports will be produced at a standard scale for the Wetlands Commission. The maps are in Word and AutoCAD 2000, version ???. May recommend to the town to get a version of AutoCAD.
    - Other meetings: Planning Board needs public hearing before a warrant can be submitted in the spring to get these accepted for prime wetlands. Scott is meeting

Wed to present this. Will not need NRCS at this meeting, but may need them later at town meeting for presentation.

A public hearing with the Planning Board is meeting on Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>, and a second public hearing (both required by due process) can be scheduled no later than Jan 7<sup>th</sup>. Will be presented to Town Deliberative Session Feb 8<sup>th</sup>.

Names as shown may not be correct, such as "Hall Farm Road"

Review comments are due to Paul by next Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December. Paul will deliver comments to NRCS by Friday. In the discussion, do we want to use all 14? (Page 3: evaluate and get back to NRCS on our comments and opinion.)

Check on the Marshall Land: according to Ted Stewart, the land is not designated as Conservation Land on the deed. Scott will add and/or designate these lands.

Should we accept all lands? They used 14: we only have to use 10.

- b. Strategy for taking Prime Wetlands article before Planning Board. For Wednesday, Scott will be there. Recommend that all prime wetlands be presented, as they are a minimum. The issue of setbacks on wetlands may take a year to study: do not change setbacks on this warrant period. This is an issue for the Planning Board. There are other wetlands that were not included in this study that may be just as valuable.
  - c. David Weymouth presented preliminary plan and get ZBA permit. To add garage extension and all-weather porch on other side of house. No objections to proposal: write letter of approval to ZBA. Carole will write letter.
3. Internal Business
    - a. Secretary report
      - Review and approval of minutes
    - b. Treasurer's report
      - Approval of NRCS invoice: total of \$4,631.57. Motion made and approved. October expenses.
    - c. Conservation Fund Status: no update.
  4. Special Projects
    - a. Town Conservation Properties Public Awareness Campaign: remail form since it did not come through properly.
  5. Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints
    - a. Sawyer Avenue – garage within wetland buffer w/ no permits
    - b. Island Pond Road: Peter Fram has letter from state with dredge and fill permit. We have no record of a request for dredge and fill. Carole will check with Linda Jette and Collis Adams. This was a "minimum impact, expedited permit". Moved that Carole may write a letter stating that the Conservation Board never saw an application.
  6. Commission member task/responsibility reports
    - a. Conservation Fund warrant article

- b. LCIP boundary line maintenance help: Steve Walker. He's willing to come down and will walk the land with us. Weekdays are best. Need to walk and mark the bounds behind the Elder Center. January will be a good time on a Wednesday.
  - c. Find date of Town meeting.
7. Review of Correspondence
- a. Planning Board minutes and agenda– Action if needed
  - b. ZBA minutes and agenda – Action if needed
8. Other Business
- a. Scott & Carole walked a land on Sawyer Avenue where a garage was built with no building permit. Carole will write letter, since the garage is also close to some minor wetland areas. Motion moved and carried to write letter.
9. Next meeting date: Jan 6<sup>th</sup>
10. Adjournment: 10:40
11. Public deliberative meeting on Wetlands: Jan 2nd

Respectfully Submitted:

Pete McVay  
Acting Recorder