

Atkinson Conservation Commission Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 3, 2003
7:30 P.M.
Atkinson Town Hall

1. Call To Order
 - Jim Kirsch, Code Enforcement Officer
 - Paul Wainwright
 - Tim Dziechowski
 - Ray Gordon
 - Pete McVay
 - Scott Kukshel

2. Guest Business & Plan Reviews
 - a. Jim Kirsch, Code Enforcement - Prime Wetlands status. Jim asked several questions about code enforcement and wetlands; for example, if lands change and become drier, are they still wetlands? Can a town resident petition for changes (raise, lower water) in areas that are not theirs? In general, any changes at or around a wetlands area are referred to the Conservation Commission for investigation and passing on to the state.
 - b. There are many questions about “Prime Wetland” and what it means. The Commission plans to hold further public hearings and education sessions for the town, using experts from the state, dates and specifics to be determined.

3. Internal Business
 - a. Secretary report
 - Review and approval of minutes. Minutes approved as amended.
 - b. Treasurer’s report
 - Bill for NRCS time for presentation at public hearing: \$825.00. Payment was approved.
 - c. Conservation Fund Status: no change.

4. Special Projects
 - a. Wetlands Zoning Changes – Plan. The plan for moving forward will be discussed at next month’s meeting. Model ordinances, a public hearing coordinator, and other tasks will be discussed. Scott will review model ordinances, and Paul will get state speakers and experts for the public hearings. Pete and Tim will look at materials from NRCS can be presented.
 - b. The sessions will be informational and general, and are not intended to discuss and decide on specific boundaries. For example: How wetlands are defined, and how they are important. How surveys are done, what is pertinent and not pertinent (tax maps are not surveys).

5. Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints
 - a. Fined owner on Sawyer Avenue (\$700) for failing to file before building a garage.

6. Commission member task/responsibility reports
7. Review of Correspondence
 - a. Planning Board minutes and agenda– Action if needed. (None)
 - b. ZBA minutes and agenda – Action if needed (None)
 - c. Easement Monitor Training Workshop 18 March, 9:00 to noon, for conservation and town personnel, at Brentwood.
8. Other Business
 - a. Pete reported that the conservation grant for publicity of town lands has gone to the state, but he hasn't heard anything back yet.
9. Next meeting date
 - a. Second week in April: 14th.
10. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted;

Pete McVay
Acting Recorder