

# **ATKINSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

## **FEBRUARY 2, 2004**

Present: Carole Hall, Scott Kukshel, Ray Gordon, Pete McVay, Michelle Veasey,  
Tim Dziechowski

Scott Kukshel, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

### Review of Dredge and Fill Applications:

NHDOT Rte 111 replacement of guardrails and edge fill in 6 locations in Atkinson as part of an overall guardrail replacement along Rte. 111 including towns of Windham, Salem, Derry, and Hampstead. In discussion of the areas of the six locations, it was noted that there is a pond of high value nearby one area of proposed replacement. It was felt that due to the limited nature of the work, the pond would not be impacted, but the state should be made aware of its proximity.

Motion made by Carole Hall, seconded by Pete McVay to recommend approval of this proposed project with the condition that a pond of high value is located southwest of Location C and there should not be any siltation or degradation of this area.

***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

Lanthrop Property, Lower Maple Ave. Map 9 Lot 33

Proposed cluster subdivision of six house lots and additional unbuildable open space lot of 7.8 acres on a 15.6 +/- acres with 920 In. ft. roadway which requires filling of approximately 6,344 sq. ft. of wetlands for stream crossing with 81' X 60" culvert. The commission discussed this project. Noted was the fact that large size culvert is needed due to beaver activity in area. Beavers are active in nearby Blunts pond located south of this location. Concerns were expressed due to steep down gradients and lack of retention pond prior to wetland. The stream is perennial and its path was shown on town map. The driveways are steep slope and average length is from 200 ft to 500 ft. Concerns with salt runoff from driveways and roadway washing down road into stream, down stream into pond and resultant impact to year round stream. It was noted that the road is the steepest grade allowable and there is a waiver granted by the town for embankment. It was also noted that the state would not deny access to buildable acreage and this is the only access to this parcel. Concerns were raised about construction of project in accordance with plans and how would that be monitored.

Motion made by Pete McVay, seconded by Michelle Veasey to recommend approval with conditions and concerns about run-off into stream and downstream into pond, and to request engineering review during construction to ensure that project is built in accordance with approved plans with reports to be submitted to local conservation commission.

***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY***

It was noted that the planning board has scheduled a site walk of this parcel for February 17, 2004 at 7:00 a.m. The planning board public hearing is scheduled for Feb.18, 2004.

Jamison Ridge, former Dickey Parcel, Main St. next to old cemetery

Tim discussed the trail system and problems encountered with planning regulations for public access. Layout of trail system through Sawmill Swamp and how it is affected by this parcel was shown as per map brought in by Tim D.

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Parcel 3 Town Conservation land parcel adjacent to Bonin field off Forest Rd. There is a need for a culvert replacement in order to access the field area. Need for a dredge and fill application was discussed.

Minutes of Atkinson Conservation Commission meeting held on January 5, 2004 were reviewed. Change needed: Page 2 6 a. i. Para 2 line "I" to read: "to selectmen".

Motion made by Tim Dziechowski, seconded by Ray Gordon to approve with correction.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY** Carole Hall abstained.

ATV Issue- Tim D. discussed the latest update. The language of a proposed warrant article as agreed upon by the three towns and put into a memo for placement on the annual warrant was submitted too late for this year. So it will be up to the selectmen to issue another temporary moratorium until next year.

Minutes of Atkinson Conservation Commission meeting held on Dec. 8, 2003 were reviewed. Name change spelling for Guest: "Garripy" to read "Garrepy".

Motion made by Michelle Veasey, seconded by Pete McVay to approve draft of minutes as corrected.  
**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Treasurer's Report: \$744,725.26 total for 2003 year. There was a \$2,905.67 increase throughout the year.

Town Land & Trails Brochure Dept.  
Michelle Veasey reported on volunteer program. There is a family-tracking event scheduled for Saturday, March 6. 10:00-12:00 am. There will be publicity both in the newspapers and on the website.

## Special Projects

Tim Dziechowski reviewed the ATV signs and the senate bill in the system regarding signage. If it passes huge signs may not be required. It was discussed where to place signs: Trinity Camp, Sawyer Ave, Marshall property behind Crown Hill. It was suggested to give some signs to Valerie Zdrada, a community resident who is interested in this program.

Wetland Zoning Workshop will be held by planning board this Wed. Scott gave a review of Dec. meeting with planning board regarding proposed ordinance changes in regards to wetlands and buffers and concerns of the planning board. This upcoming workshop is to start a year long process to be ready for next year's warrant with a proposed ordinance change including discussion of constructed improvements.

HB 1136 – Homeowner Exemptions was reviewed.

Tim Dziechowski will look into hosting a new conservation site on mv.com to make site more user friendly and accessible by public.

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There is an upcoming Wetland Zoning Modifications meeting. Pete will look into purpose and more information.

Review of land being repossessed for non-payment of taxes showed a parcel opposite site of Marshall land owned by John Arling in Hampstead. Discussion also about parcel right of way which would access the lake and whether possible conservation access of parcel adjacent to lake.

There is a NH Farm & Forest Expo in Manchester to be held this next weekend.

NH Communities Growing Smarter Seminar – Smart Growth is being held at Holiday Inn Center of NH. Seminar is free but pre-registration is required.

Sandown held a Regional Conservation Workshop which Michelle Veasey attended and reported on. It was Dollars and Sense of Open Space and Phil Auger was one of the speakers.

Next meeting is March 1 at 7:30 pm at town hall.

Motion to adjourn made by Tim Dziechowski, seconded by Ray Gordon.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Hall,  
Secretary