

ATKINSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

May 2, 2004

Present: Carole Hall, Scott Kukshel, Peter McVay, Tim Dziechowski, Michelle Veasey

Scott Kukshel, chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Quorum present.

No guests were present.

Minutes: April 2004 were deferred until June meeting.

Treasurer Report: No expenditures. \$3,089.41 remaining budget amount.

Expired Terms: Carole Hall and Alice Ward, three year terms expired. Carole Hall reappointed. Alice is moving so did not reapply.

1 full time position and 1 alternate position available.

Election of Officers:

To reelect Scott Kukshel as chairman, Carole Hall moved, Michelle Veasey seconded. Scott abstained.

**Passed Unanimously**

To elect Tim Dziechowski as vice chair, Carole Hall moved, Pete McVay seconded.

**Passed Unanimously**

To elect Carole Hall as secretary, Pete McVay moved, Michelle Veasey, seconded.

**Passed Unanimously**

Scott Kukshel stepped off as chair. Tim Dziechowski assumed chair.

Zoning Board of Adjustment Variance Request: Agenda item for ZBA meeting to be held on May 12. Request by Scott Kukshel, 2 Kelly Lane for two wetland variance requests to construct 3 season room to be located 85 ft from wetlands and home office/room to be constructed 82 ft. from wetlands. Scott showed proposal plan to the commission. He said that a building permit had been denied so he could proceed to the ZBA for two variances. He showed wetlands as flagged and described them as seasonal intermittent stream. The board suggested a letter from a wetland scientist as to nature, type and value be submitted along with the proposed plan to the ZBA.

Motion made by Pete McVay, seconded by Michelle Veasey that testimony suggests wetland of low value, that letter by certified wetland scientist be provided to the ZBA as part of this proposal, as low as wetland scientist letter concurs that wetlands are not significant or of high value, that the conservation commission has no further concerns and recommends approval.

**Passed Unanimously**

Scott explained the proposal but did not vote on the motion. There was a quorum present for the vote without Scott Kukshel.

Tim Dziechowski stepped down as chair.

Scott Kukshel resumed the chair.

Discussion on Trails projects in regards to Tim Dziechowski suggestion of alternate site for crossing to former Dickey land with trail easement at rear of property which would reroute trail off Gordon Brown land.

Bob Jones, Atkinson Building Inspector, came into meeting.

Discussion on three requests for building addition permits where drainage swales are nearby. Locations are 3 Sunset Dr. request for a detached garage, Pheasant Lane, request of attached family room with garage under, and 11 Hawthorne Dr. request for detached garage. Each property had adjacent drainage swales with no wetland vegetation. Members did site walks prior to the meeting. There was no wetland or wetland value associated with any of the three sites.

Motion moved by Tim Dziechowski, seconded by Carole Hall that there is no need for variance to local wetland ordinance for any of these three properties, Sunset, Pheasant, or Hawthorne, due to drainage swale only with no wetlands. **Passed Unanimously.**

Bob Jones will continue to notify commission when there are similar requests brought forward, for the commission to review.

Bob Jones left the meeting.

Jim Kirsch, code enforcement, came into meeting.

Jim Kirsch reviewed photos he had taken of Johnson property, Little Rob Rd. from the roadway area which showed the onsite dam breached following recent rains. Both reviewed the fine status of the property and ongoing status of the continued wetland violation. Carole Hall will call NHDES enforcement as to latest status and enforcement.

Jim Kirsch left the meeting.

An area of town conservation land has had considerable vandalism damage due to paint ball spraying on trees which caused removal of bark with trees damaged. It is on the Bonin conservation land, next to the open field space. Photos were shown to the commission showing the extent of the damage. Consensus of commission was to have Tim Dziechowski contact police and place a vandalism report.

Discussion continued as to definition of passive recreation.

Letter was submitted from De Liphold asking to arrange repair of town canoe ramp and noted that the town conservation sign has disappeared. Pete McVay will look into status of repair of canoe ramp and dock. It is a seasonal dock which was placed by Lion's Club years ago. It was suggested that photos be taken, measurements, and that the dock needs to be repaired to same measurement and location as existing. Issue of private parking on town conservation land was discussed as to survey, clean up of land, putting up fence, signs, etc.

Special Projects:

- a) Girl Scouts. There was a photo in the paper showing Pete McVay (re- scouts Earth Day). Pete and Michelle Veasey reported on the event at Town Community Center, that it was a success and they both have been asked back.
- b) Jameson Ridge - Planning Board update from Tim Dziechowski. PB gave conditional approval. Abutters happy with fire gate proposal and some parking by side of paved fire road. Trail width can be adjusted, widened areas for trees.
- c) 33 Maple Ave. Bryant Brook Est. Manufactured bridge changed impact from major to minor and probably will be approved by state. PB insists on bonding driveways, bridge, and entire project.

- d) Town Lands and Trail Brochures – Pete McVay reported on quality of maps. Wants permission to reproduce high quality, trail maps, to investigate resources and costs through Rockingham and SPNHF. Consensus for Pete to proceed.
- e) Wetland zoning – Scott is meeting with PB this coming Wed.
- f) Conservation Web Site Status – Pete reported out on this. He may go directly to mv.com.
- g) Easements – discussed that it was too late to pursue this on the Dickey lot.
- h) Strategic Parcel landowners – generic discussion on approaching landowners. Suggested letters. Michelle Veasey suggested support from Phil Auger.
- i) Future conservation bond proposal – suggest open space bond and to pull in recreation for general open space proposal for combination for both uses.

6. Review of Correspondence

-PB and ZBA min already reviewed and reported out.

-Trust for public lands newsletter

-Conservation easement held by SPNHF letter/questionnaire form. Pete McVay volunteered to review.

-Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Plaistow to be held in May.

7. Other Sawyer Ave. adjacent to former Cirome lot. Owner cleared lot of trees. He contacted Scott Kukshel prior to clearing as to boundaries so he didn't do work on adjacent conservation land.

Next meeting; June 7, 2004 7:30 pm. Atkinson Town Hall

Motion to adjourn made by Tim Dziechowski, seconded by Peter McVay. **Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Hall  
Secretary