

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
September 9, 2007
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:40.

Attending:

Randy Bishop
Tim Dziechowski
Dan Kimball
Scott Kukshel
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Michelle Veasey
Paul Wainwright

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Blake and Donna Baker - Wetlands variance, 16 Chase Island Road. The Zoning Board reviewed the plans and requested that the house plot be moved 14.9 and 9.5 feet to comply with the sideline requirements. Tim, Dan, and Denise did a site walk on 5 September, and verified that the move request has been done. A motion was made and seconded to recommend approval of the variance. Motion passed unanimously.

Internal Business

Secretary report: A motion was made to approve the August minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

Treasurer's report: A bill for \$267.00 for the NHACC dues was received. A motion was made and seconded to approve paying the dues. The motion passed unanimously.

The budget year to date shows that of the \$6,575 for the year, \$4,965 funds remain. Expenditures were in line items "Other Professional Services", "Printing and Binding", and "Care of Grounds and Signs". Expenses that normally fall due toward the end of the year will take most of the remaining \$4,965.

Other: The Atkinson Kayak and Canoe Day has been set for September 22nd, starting at 10:00AM. No rain date was set.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

2007-01432 Casey, 36 Stickney Road, Map 23 Lot 32, Waiver application. The Commission has a 20-day period to intervene with comment to the NH DES. A motion was made and seconded to intervene in case file 2007-01432. Motion passed unanimously.

2007-02012 Lili Bao, 25 Stickney Road, Map 23 Lot 26, Expedited minimum impact, administratively incomplete. Communications were missed because of vacation schedules, etc. Tim had talked with Lili and straightened out the paperwork needs.

Stewart farm (Map 17, Lot 7) site walk conducted 9/5/07 with Tim, Dan, and Denise. The section near Stewart Pond is already protected by the Settlers Ridge Condo Association. Ted would like an easement on 17-7 for farming, hunting, and other use. Pete had checked on possible joint easement with other agencies and organizations, and no one is interested in any piece of land under 20 acres.

Dee Bingham, 9 Amberwood Drive, wetlands variance for garage, site walk conducted 9/5/07 with Tim, Dan, and Denise. The landowner confronted the Commission members with strong objections to the process and procedures, and no decision was reached on the request.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board minutes and agenda

Willowvale subdivision easement conveying development rights: a formal vote by the commission is needed to accept easement on behalf of the town. A motion was made and seconded to formally accept the easement on Map 14 Lot 2 as shown on plan 33502 for the town. The motion passed unanimously.

ZBA minutes and agenda

Dube, 5 Chase Island Road, wetlands variance granted

eMail from Pat Goodridge and planning board discussion regarding **development on class 6 roads, fire road and driveway requirements**. Tim reviewed the RSAs involved and it conflicts with the statements in *A Hard Road to Travel*. It is unclear if the RSA was amended or if *A Hard Road to Travel* had a different intent. Tim will research the driveway and fire lane requirements with the town legal counsel.

Other Business

Commission email blocked. Communications were dropped because of a problem with the spam filter on the Commission email box. Scott adjusted the filter to take care of this, but many emails were held inadvertently. Pete will put a notice on the website of the problem and requesting anyone to resend their email if the Commission hasn't responded.

Given that there is no complete list of the steps to follow for a wetlands permit, a **checklist** of what needs to be done for a **wetlands permit** will be drafted. Tim will create a checklist for the town clerk and posting on the web site.

"DR cutter" string mower repair status: still waiting to be repaired.

Trail mailbox repair status: Randy is working on this with Michelle. The large indestructible mailboxes are costly, but save repair costs.

Canoe launch repair status: Tim spoke with DES, who mentioned various pieces of hardware for securing a ramp. Tim has several web sites with plans that he will send out.

Jane Jones lot (Map 17, between lot 2 and 3, with access to the Stewart Farm pond area), followup with homeowner's association: Steve Lewis contacted Tim, and the president of the homeowner's commission is willing to grant a quitclaim title, which would enable the Commission to buy the lot. Tim will follow up on possible plans.

Forestry plan will be available for the October meeting.

RCCD easement on Sawyer parcel, Busby deed addendum: Tim was referred to Mike Speltz for SPNHF on possible easements, and was referred to the Rockingham Land Trust and the Rockingham County Commission for possible easements. The Land Trust is meeting September 18th and will discuss our easement request. Tim presented a Deed Addendum for consideration by the Commission.

Special town meeting, water regulation article: some townspeople felt that the Conservation Commission should take a stance on the warrant article. There was some discussion but no action taken.

Denise attended the Outdoor Women's meeting at Squam and reported on the many workshops and tours available at the meet.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, October 1st, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay