

**Atkinson Conservation Commission**  
**October 1, 2007 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by the chairman, Tim Dziechowski. Other members present were Paul Wainwright, Denise Legault, Randy Bishop (alternate), Dan Kimball, Michelle Veasey and Scott Kukshel (arrived at 9pm).

**Guest Business**

Zach Wolf, a member of Boy Scout Troop 9 presented an outline and pictures of the work that he completed on the second pond behind the Community Center on the Carolyn Orr Conservation land. Zach undertook this project as part of his Eagle Scout Service Project. His project involved cutting a new trail into the second pond area, clearing some of vegetation around the pond to allow viewing and possible winter access for ice skating, building a bench for visitors and posting both directional signs and private property signs at abutting properties. He began his project in August of 2006 and completed it a little over one year later. The commission commended him for a job well done. Zach requested a refund in the amount of \$41.82 for materials purchased for the project to be paid to the Boy Scout Troop # 9.

Denise Jackson did not attend. Hannah and Margaret Jackson will present at the next meeting. Steve Lewis – did not attend.

**Internal Business**

The Commission received the application of Katja Lavalee as an alternate. The Commission agreed that a one year term is reasonable for an alternate to consider further application, when a position becomes available. Denise Jackson is applying for the remaining position, but her application had not yet been received.

Reimbursement for Zach Wolf's project will be made to Atkinson Boy Scout Troop 9 in the amount of \$41.82.

Tim ordered 150 aluminum No Hunting signs from Voss Signs for \$170.00 Paul approved the purchase after a unanimous vote moved by Michelle and seconded by Denise approved the purchase. Signs will be posted on Conservation Lands designated as No Hunting, as requested at this point. The Commission will schedule a date to post later in the year.

No other expenses were submitted. A second mowing of fields will be done before the next meeting.

Randy will draw a price list for materials needed to rebuild the canoe and kayak dock at Big Island Pond. He proposes to build a fir top dock with aluminum frame. The Commission agreed that the dock should be removable so that it can be stored offsite during the winter.

Due to the discussion regarding neighbors' attitudes at the dock, Denise suggested that Conservation parcel on Chase Island Road also be marked to establish ownership in neighborhood.

The Conservation Commission budget is due to the Budget Committee by October 5<sup>th</sup>. Tim will submit a level funded budget. He will request that funding be added to the town maintenance budget in the amount of \$2,700 to reroof the barn at the East Road parcel. Dan questioned whether money should be added for a forestry plan. Tim agreed to request monies for the study. Discussion ensued regarding funding for logging operations. Scott and Paul clarified history of forestry fund being rolled into Conservation fund. In the past money to pay for logging has been netted out of forestry proceeds.

The Commission postponed discussing changes to prior month minutes until Pete was present to make changes.

## **Dredge & Fills**

The caseworker on 2007-0142, the Casey waiver application at 36 Stickney Road, Map 23 Lot 32 will send copies of all documents filed by the applicant to the Conservation Commission. The owner is requesting a rebuild of the existing camp structure to a three-story/four bedroom home on the same foundation. The DES has already denied the requested porch.

2007-02012 application by Lili Bao of 25 Stickney Road, Map 23 Lot 26 was originally missing the name/address of a contractor. Now complete but the state has request that the wall be curved rather than straight.

## **Review of Correspondence**

Tim reported that the Willow Vale easement conveying the development rights on the conservation easement area was approved by the Board of Selectmen and recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

Tim emphasized the importance of input on issues regarding green building zoning, energy efficiency and natural resources inventory in the new Master Plan work. Input was requested from interested parties. Michelle will present the issue to the newly formed Energy Efficiency Committee.

Tim reported on the issue of Class VI roads in the state of New Hampshire. According to the state, landowners cannot be granted building permits on Class VI roads unless the landowner records on the deed a release of liability for the town. This release states that the owner does not hold the town liable for not provided town services. Although the ZBA approved a variance for the Baker parcel on 16 Chase Island Road, Tim agreed with the letter from Pat Goodridge that a building permit cannot be issued without the deed addendum. Tim discussed the possibility of a warrant article being voted on at Town Meeting exempting land owners in Atkinson from this law.

## **Other Business**

No update on the string mower repair.

Someone replaced the mailbox at the Sawyer Conservation area. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea to thank the good Samaritan on the Conservation website.

See above discussion on canoe/kayak dock repair.

Tim will continue to follow-up with the homeowners association and Sumner Kallman regarding the clarity of the Jane Jones lot title, etc.

Further discussion and presentation regarding the Forestry plan was deferred to the November meeting.

Tim emailed the draft language of the East Road conservation easement to the Recreation Commission. The Rec Commission will review and request a meeting with Conservation to resolve any issues. Tim wants to make sure that Cathy Thompson reviews the easement.

The Commission will schedule a date for posting No Hunting signs at the November meeting.

SPNHF holds easement on the conservation land at the Community Center and will fight any attempt of encroachment by the neighboring business in placing a sign on the easement property.

Selectman Sapia attended the meeting for a discussion of the professional building sign on Community Center land. Tim asked Selectman Sapia if he had consulted with Sumner before approving the sign, and Selectman Sapia said "I was told it was okay." There was further discussion about the business owner across the street from the Community Center, who wanted the fish pond water level lowered. Selectman Sapia said that the landowner had sued the town in court and lost on this issue.

The next meeting of the Atkinson Conservation Commission will be held on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Minutes submitted by Michelle Veasey.