

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
December 3rd, 2007
Atkinson Town Hall**

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

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Scott Kukshel (arrived at 8:00)
Denise Legault
Pete McVay
Michelle Veasey

Guest Business and Plan Reviews:

Charlie Zilch, SEC, dredge and fill for two lot subdivision for **Daniel and Nancy Birdsall, trustees for estate of Katherine Birdsall, 32 Maple Ave.** (Map 9 Lot 59). The proposal is to subdivide the remaining lot into 2.3 and 6.4 acres. Two crossings over wetlands are requested, one over an annual stream and the other over poorly-drained soils. Michelle mentioned that the seeding plan could introduce fertilizer and pesticides, and requested native plantings. Charlie said that such restrictions could be built into the proposal. Tim will bring it up to the Planning Board; no action of the Conservation Commission is required.

Recreation commission, joint meeting to finalize the **Busby deed addendum**. The two drafts of the plan (Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission) were reviewed and combined language acceptable to both commissions in a single draft. A motion was made to grant the deed addendum, subject to minor editorial changes by the town counsel. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Recreation Commission made a motion to grant the deed addendum, subject to minor editorial changes by the town counsel. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to authorize chairman Tim Dziechowski to sign the Busby Deed addendum for the Commission. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Internal Business

Treasurer's report

Fall mowing bill. The Chairman recused himself and the remaining Commission members voted Scott Kukshel temporary chairman. Tim's Tractor submitted a bill for \$300 for mowing the Busby Field. A motion was made to accept the bill. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Surveying bill, North end of McPherson lot. The boundaries were surveyed for \$840 and three concrete boundary marks for \$250 total.

Canoe launch repair, Busby barn roof: maintenance materials need to be purchased and available before the end of the budget year in December. Since time is short, Tim will get costs estimates for both projects as quickly as possible. A motion was made to authorize Tim to expend up to the amount remaining in the 2007 budget for Care of Grounds, for materials to repair the Busby Roof and/or build a canoe launch. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

One time **Rockingham County Conservation District conservation endowment for the Sawyer Parcel.** This is funding to sponsor easement monitoring. A motion was made to expend \$2,500 from the Conservation Fund to cover the cost of monitoring the Conservation Easement on Map 4, Lot 11. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Budget Review: there are no major funds to move or expend for the end of the year. The budget committee meets on the 11th, and Tim will meet with the Selectmen on our budget, which will be level funding for 2008.

Secretary report

A motion was made to approve the September minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the November minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed with one abstention.

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

2007-01432 Casey, 36 Stickney Road, Map 23 Lot 32, Waiver application. No change but going to the ZBA.

2007-02681 - Birdsell 32 Maple Ave Map 9 Lot 59. Standard dredge and fill for driveway (classification changed to minor), under review at DES.

Tom MacDougall, 6 Fernwood Way, fill near East Sawmill Swamp to create back yard. Under investigation.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items: Working on new flood plain ordinance, which have issues around insurance and maintenance funding.

Jane Jones lot: the Planning Board agrees with the discussion in the November Conservation Minutes. The offer to purchase from the Conservation Commission was turned down.

Zoning Board Agenda items: sign in front of the Community Center Building was approved.

Other Business

"DR cutter" string mower repair status: continued

Trail mailbox repair status: continued

Canoe launch repair status: Pete reported that the ramp to the canoe launch had been removed and assumed that Ted Stewart had completed the Commission's request. However, the ramp is not on the Conservation landing. Pete will find out if Tim did remove it, or if it has been taken illegally.

Posting no hunting signs: only partly posted. A complaint was received about hunters on the Sawyer land. The Commission must repost signs to meet proper posting specifications.

Atkinson town hall public wireless network: the net is active and could be reached during the meeting by Pete.

Warrant article to transfer unexpended 2007 budget balance to conservation fund. The reason for this move needs to be explained to the voters.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, January 7th, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay