

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
January 7, 2008
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:38.

Attending:

Tim Dziechowski
Dan Kimball
Scott Kukshel
Pete McVay
Michelle Veasey
Paul Wainwright

Internal Business

Secretary report:

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

Treasurer's report:

The Total budget for 2007 was \$6,575, and \$6,483 was expended. Final items at the end of the year were surveying charges of \$1,090 by LaValle for surveying and setting boundaries on the MacPherson Land. A dock to replace the missing dock on Island Pond was purchased for \$2,200. The dock will be held and delivered in the Spring. Tim presented the same budget as 2007 to the budget committee, with only minor realignment of line items. The roof on the Busby barn went into the town maintenance budget, so will not be an expense for the Conservation Commission in 2008.

Other:

2008 Membership: some full-time member terms expire in March 2008. In order to assure that terms would expire on an annual basis, rather than all at once, there was discussion about providing shorter terms (one and two-year assignments). There was also discussion about alternates and assignments. Tim will review the terms and come up with recommendations for terms for members that are interested in remaining on the commission, to stagger the terms so that all do not expire in the same year.

ByLaws: A new project was proposed to create bylaws for the Conservation Commission. Bylaws would be rules that are more detailed on the business of the Commission over and above the RSAs and regulations that govern the Commission. Scott has a folder of bylaws from other commissions around the state and will bring those up in future meetings.

Warrant Articles: none planned

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

2007-01432 Casey, 36 Stickney Road, Map 23 Lot 32, Shoreland waiver approved

2007-02681 - Birdsall 32 Maple Ave Map 9 Lot 59 Standard dredge and fill for driveway, under review at DES.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

Birdsall subdivision: Tim pointed out salt and conservation issues on the land.

Perrault site plan: wanted an addition and parking spaces for his dental office. Plan may be revised based on abutter objections.

Floodplain zoning change: may be a warrant article so that people around Island Pond can obtain flood plain insurance.

State building code zoning change: the state passed an RSA that requires towns to obey the state RSA unless the local code is more restrictive. Atkinson's building code is under revision to model the state building code. Questions were raised because the Atkinson and state codes have numerous "by reference" citations, which means some codes could be pulled in unawares.

Michelle brought up a meeting on the 16th about Master Plan changes and passed the information to Tim to pass to the Planning Board.

New **shoreline buffer RSA** from the state is that no more than 35% of the buffer 250 feet from the shore can be impervious.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

Casey, special exception renewal granted.

Other Business

"DR cutter" string mower repair status: still waiting for repair.

Trail mailbox repair status: will be installed when ground thaws.

Canoe launch repair status, spring delivery and install. Tim has ordered a dock from Great Northern docks, which will be stored at East Coast Lumber until installation this spring. Dan raised a question about what stain was to be used, and Tim will investigate to make sure they do not harm the environment.

Busby deed addendum, Sawyer conservation easement: Tim sent this to Sumner and the wording was changed to be a "deed restriction". After review of the Rockingham Country Commission and review by Sumner, the deed can be signed.

Posting no hunting signs: a workday will be scheduled, since the signs haven't been posted yet, Tim recommended that it be done while the ground is frozen. Michelle said that a conservation group at the school might be interested in doing sign posting. The Commission will consider raising signs in early March. Wheeled-vehicle restriction signs will also be posted.

Forestry plan: Charlie Morino has not responded yet with plans for a work session and an estimate.

Fence/gate at McPherson northern boundary: the lot line was surveyed and concrete markers are in place, but the encroachment is continuing because the markers are not visible. Commission members should monitor the land for illegal parking and other activities.

Dan mentioned a project **planning a screening area** along the shaded area on route 125. He has contacted the state and Michelle got a notice on seedlings from the state. There are no specifics on price. Dan recommended 150 seedlings to allow for some attrition. Dan will contact the state again and order seedlings for Spring planting. We will also need a planting bar.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, February 4, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay