

**Minutes, Atkinson Conservation Commission
December 1, 2008
Atkinson Town Hall**

Call To Order by Chairman Tim Dziechowski at 7:30

Attending:

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

Internal Business

Secretary report:

The May minutes were deferred because the attendees of the May meeting were not present at tonight's meeting.

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 October workshop minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the October minutes as amended. It was noted that the Regan site plan in the October minutes was updated based on the new wetlands discovered during the October workshop site walk. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: The 2009 budget is \$6,100, down from \$6,571 in 2008. Outstanding expenses are for:

- \$430 for printing and binding the wetlands report (approved by Selectmen). (\$100 from postage, \$100 from office supplies, \$50 from education and conferences)
- Care of grounds \$1,610.20 left and a bill from Charlie Moreno for \$1,550.00 for revising the plan.
- Special programs and the balance of care and grounds will cover the Busby land mowing. The total mowing proposal is for twice a year (beginning and ending of the season). Tim walked the Stickney land on the weekend of 22-23 November to assess mowing needs.
- Signs: \$296 which will be used by Dan for sign materials.
- Residual funds for replacement of vandalized trail boxes

The full budget will be shown in the annual report.

Pete submitted a bill for \$31.00 to transcribe the Island Pond survey from Videotape to DVD.

A motion was made to authorize the chairman to expend the remaining moneys in the 2008 budget to cover the outstanding bills that have not yet been paid. Motion seconded and passed unanimously

Other Dredge and Fills / Site Walks / Complaints

Hunting blind near Sawyer trails: a hunting blind is on Sawyer conservation land and should be taken down.

Industrial drive complaint: an abutter complained of hunters in the area near the conservation lands and wants no hunting signs posted.

Review of Correspondence

Planning Board Agenda Items:

Prime wetlands warrant article: a workshop meeting is scheduled for 3 December
New 9 hole executive golf course at Atkinson Farm is continued to 17 December
Lincmark residential subdivision was conditionally approved.

Maple Heights 10 lot subdivision was continued to 3 December

Truck fuel depot on Industrial Drive was continued to December 17. This is a proposal for fuel tankers to load for delivery throughout the region. The plan would involve 90K capacity tanker trucks moving in and out 24x7. The commission discussed a number of issues, including potential damage from spill or drainage, traffic impact, noise impact on wildlife and abutters.

Tim talked to Jim Garrity about the **comprehensive shoreland waivers** and the prime wetlands article update. Sandy Crystal feels that a prime wetland exemption may be possible. There are several different possibilities for zoning. Pete will get the new Conservation Planning Book to Tim.

Zoning Board Agenda items:

John Mason, 4 Rocky Point Lane, Map 22, Lot 31, variance for building within 50' of shoreline, was continued to December 10th ZBA meeting. No DES permit applied for as of 12/1/08.

Ferreira-Ludwig rehearing on 12 November, special exception and year round conversion approved.

Dobrov, expansion/alteration (teardown/rebuild) replacing cottage with new primary residence at 3 Valcat Lane, Map 22, Lot 48. Shoreland protection permit application 2008-02478 received 11/14 from Lavelle, being reviewed by Tom Gilbert.

Orlando, special exception/expansion to extend existing bedroom 75" x 10.5'. 7 Valcat Lane, Map 22, Lot 50. Nothing on DES permit query search page as of December 1st.

Other Business

Town meeting articles introduced at the selectmen's meeting on November 24th:

- prime wetlands
- make 20 acre Sawyer parcel a town forest
- allow using conservation fund for easements without town ownership
- allow using conservation fund for land interests out of town

Forestry plan: Charlie Moreno working on Sawyer inventory

Parking problem area at Big Island Pond: Tim locked the cable across the area.

Canoe dock has been tucked in for the winter. It will need to be monitored for storm damage.

No hunting signs on East Road: a request was received to post no hunting signs, since hunters have been seen on the conservation area. A discussion ensued on the possibility of reviewing the hunting rules on all town lands, since population densities and land use has changed considerably since the regulations were first enacted. One possibility is to restrict hunting to bow hunting only. This will be discussed at future Conservation meetings.

Williams lot (beach) sold: Map 22, Lots 125, 70. Deeded to Hemlock Heights association. Book 2409, page 434, book 2382, page 495 (1981). Commission must monitor this easement.

Five trees down on fire trail to Bonin field were removed, cleared and mowed

East Road land road widening was noted. Plans were presented to the Selectmen to add sidewalks on East Road. The current Bonin field plans were modified to include this possibility.

Scenic byway application status: A copy of the application is currently in the Historical Society files.

CTAP funds may be available for more projects than were originally thought. Pete reported that he had discussed the funds with Cliff Sinnot, and there are apparently two sources of funding for CTAP. The Planning Board is only looking at one fund. Cliff has contacted some town office personnel about this.

Prime wetlands legislation was filed by Jim Garrity, DES willing to change prime wetlands rules to provide a 483-B:12 type exception procedure. Sandy Crystal is looking at Salem's prime wetlands zoning.

The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, 5th January, at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 09:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete McVay