

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, Special Meeting, February 26, 2020
Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Carol Mamczak, Cathy Joly, Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings

Absent: Adie Krulis

Guests: Keith Charlton

Started at 7:03 pm

1. Lincoln moved to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting with one correction, Carol seconded, all in favor.
2. Newsletter: the Conservation Commission is sincerely grateful for Connie Kieley's excellent work in putting together our newsletter; it looks fabulous! Connie shared the costs for mailing and printing 614 copies to all residents in town: \$117.27 for mailing; \$235 for printing; so \$352 total. For printing on recycled paper, the total increases to \$372. Scott made a motion to use recycled paper for the newsletter, Lincoln seconded, all in favor. *Scott will let Connie know to add a "Printed with recycled paper" note on the newsletter.* How many extras should we print to have handouts at Town Meeting and at Town Offices? Sean suggested the total number printed should be between 700 and 800, based on price breaks. *Scott will determine the best number to print. Carol will post the electronic version of the newsletter on the Temple website as soon as it's ready. After Carol does that, Sean will post a link to the newsletter on the Temple Facebook page and mention that it's coming in the U.S. mail, too.* Our next newsletter will be in the fall so in the meantime when we have events, we need to get the word out electronically to as many people as possible - posting events on the Temple website will send emails to those who sign up for e-alerts, and we'll maintain an email distribution list to alert people directly. Videos can be posted on the Con Com web page.
3. Water testing: We need at least 50 kits on hand to give to residents; we currently have 14; Scott thinks we will have more interest this year because of the newsletter. *Sean will reach out to Lou Barinelli to order 35 kits; Honey can pick them up on March 5th.* We need to confirm the speaker; Cathy reached out to Pete Caswell, who may be unavailable on April 8, but he recommended Abby Fopiano from DES. *Cathy will reach out to Abby ASAP and, if she is not available, Sean will reach out to Lou.* Aiming for a 1-hour presentation, with Q&A, at 6:30 or 7 depending on speaker preference. During discussion we realized our pickup date was Easter, so we'll move the presentation/pickup a week earlier or later, depending on speaker availability. We will need people to be at the presentation, the pickup day, and to bring the kits to Concord. For advertising - put up

the A-Frame sign in front of Town Hall the week prior; have handouts at Town Meeting (*Cathy will update handout and print*) and town office and library.

4. Our 3'x4' natural resource maps: Lincoln suggested asking the Selectboard to frame an aquifer map and put it on the wall where it would be highly visible, to educate residents about where their water is coming from and thus encourage them to protect the water's quality. There isn't much wall space in the town office, but the Annex has plenty of room, with better chance of being seen by more residents. Scott mentioned that General Miller Highway and West Road go right through two of our main aquifers and he asked if salt was used on those roads - yes, the state maintains them. Suggestions were made to post maps of the open space and conserved land as well, and maybe the trail maps too. *Lincoln will bring all the maps to our next meeting.*
5. Annual membership to NHACC is overdue. *Scott will bring the bill to town office to pay the membership fee out of Con Com's budget.*
6. Town Forest: Sean asked about the location of the easement document for the Town Forest; Lincoln thought John Kieley might know; *Sean will ask Monadnock Conservancy who holds the easement.* Scott asked if the property was regularly monitored; Sean wasn't sure. Lincoln explained that usually if a town or organization like LCHIP funds the purchase of an easement, there is a monetary drive to monitor the property. In the case of the Town Forest, there was no purchase involved so there is less of a drive to monitor the land. Folks in Lyndeboro have offered to work on the trails, specifically nailing trail markings to trees. *Sean will let them know that we will be overseeing the trails, although they can volunteer to help on our trail work days.* Scott reminded us that the forester who visited the forest last year recommended that we NOT put any nails in trees.
7. Discussion of conserving land in town; we might get help from Monadnock Conservancy.
8. Meeting postings/emails: We need to ensure meeting announcements are sent early enough to give everyone time to get them appropriately posted. *Cathy will send two emails: the meeting announcement and agenda will be sent one week prior to the meeting, and a separate "can you attend the meeting?" email will go out a few days before the meeting.* Honey noted that only the meeting announcement has to be posted, not the agenda, so we could post our standard meetings for the entire year all at once.

The group adjourned at 8:22 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.