

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Final Minutes, July 11, 2018

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Honey Hastings, Cathy Joly, Ult Mundane, Adie Krulis

Absent: Lincoln Geiger

Started at 7:07 pm

Approved June 13, 2018 minutes.

Approved June 27, 2018 minutes.

There were three additions to the agenda: Honey Hastings: 1) Land Use Change Tax and 2) Sugaring on Town Forest, plus Cathy Joly: 3) Souhegan River Advisory Committee.

Land Use Change Tax (LUCT): Honey Hastings asked if we had any reports of any additions to conservation account/balance due to LUCT recent transactions. She indicated she was aware of a few real estate transaction that would have triggered LUCT transactions. No members reported hearing or seeing any reports of LUCT funds to the conservation account/balance. *Honey Hastings will research and supply dates of recent LUCT transactions. Sean Radcliffe will ask town treasurer if the commission can have an annual report indicating LUCT additions to the Conservation account.* Cathy Joly suggested after the commission establishes a new mission statement that we may pursue increasing the LUCT percentage to the conservation account. There was a general discussion of recent conservation activities in Sharon and that TCC typically spends conservation funds on easements for conserved land. There was more discussion of and examples of taxes of land in Current Use and how types of CU land are taxed differently.

Sugaring in Town Forest: Honey Hastings reported she passed Temple Town Forest and did not notice any sugar sap lines. There was a general explanation of recent history of sugaring in Town Forest for members unfamiliar. *Sean Radcliffe will review the trails in Town Forest for sugar sap lines.*

Souhegan River Advisory Committee (SoRLAC): Cathy Joly announced she was invited as an associate member of SoRLAC. She explained SoRLAC reviews permits that affect Souhegan River. This is necessary as NH DES is short staffed and needs assistance. Cathy also reported they do water sampling of the river every 2 weeks. Cathy suggested the commission could inform townspeople of river Souhegan health. There was a discussion of Temple rivers, streams and tributaries to the Souhegan River.

Goals and mission statement for Con Com:

There was a discussion of goals for conserved land. Sharon has 60% conserved land. Adie recalled Temple's Master Plan had a goal of 25% (taken from NH State goal). Honey Hastings stated the Temple Master Plan had been recently updated and is one third larger.

Sean Radcliffe suggested an idea the committee could create a local water resource network to encourage awareness of people using similar/same aquifer as your well. The group brainstormed additional ideas for this concept: The state has a lot of well information after 1984. The committee may have to ask residents for their well information when not available. The concept could warn residents to be careful of pollution, contamination and risks to water resources including hazmat day at recycling center. The concept could work with our annual well testing effort. Ult Mundane envisioned a 3-D map of well/residents to aquifers. Several

members suggested contacting Pete Caswell to help with the water resource network. The group indicated we appear to be heading into another drought year. *Sean Radcliffe will ask Temple BOS for the water testing report for 2018.*

Ult Mundane suggested our mission statement should communicate how we are all connected. Adie Krulis suggested our mission statement should include a goal to get people involved with conservation/environmental awareness. Honey Hastings stated Temple has 500 households with 30 to 35 households changing ownership each year; each year there are new people and families we can reach and connect to.

Marsh Property discussion: Sean Radcliffe described his observations at the ZBA meeting concerning Marsh Property. There were no further decisions or actions identified.

Energy Committee Discussion: There was discussion of the two energy committees in Temple: Renewable Energy Task Force and Temple Economical Energy Committee (TEEC). There were no further decisions or actions identified.

The group adjourned by 8:44 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 8th, 2018
Minutes submitted by Sean Radcliffe. *Italics above indicate tasks to be done.*