

# TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, April 12, 2023

Location: Town Hall Annex

Attendees: Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Russell Wilson, Cathy Joly, Clay Lennartz, Marie Lennartz, Sean Radcliffe

Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Started at 6:18 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Scott moved to accept the March 8, 2022 meeting minutes, Mike seconded. All in favor.
2. Conservation of Lot 7A-35: This morning Mike, Scott, and John Kieley met with Anne McBride and Land Committee members from Monadnock Conservancy (MC). John shared the history of the lot and Scott shared the vision for the property (pollinator gardens and meadow, picnic table). While walking the property, MC noted that the existing dug well should be taken care of so it's not a safety issue. Since the piping to the well building is underground, MC also noted that the easement should include language about allowing for repairs. MC was concerned that the stone wall along Hadley Highway, near the culvert, would need to be fixed. Overall MC is enthusiastic about the project and is proceeding with the survey.
3. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI): The updated NRI from Jeff of Moosewood Ecological looks great, with lots of helpful maps. *Members will review the report and provide comments to Sean*, which he will then share with Jeff. *Sean will ask Jeff about hosting a forum* to present this to residents and answer questions. Afterwards, the Planning Board will schedule a public hearing to officially adopt the NRI into the Master Plan.
4. Gardening for Pollinators: This was an excellent presentation full of in-depth information, and the presenter was very knowledgeable. Attendance was good with two dozen in-person attendees and another dozen viewing online. *Cathy is finalizing the list of resources* for posting on the town website. There is interest in planning more of these presentations.
5. Trails: It's time to start walking the trails to clean up any fallen limbs and trees after the winter.

6. Bird Identification Walks: Scott will be leading several upcoming walks with Linda Bollinger's group: April 22, and May 13, 20, and 27.
7. Conservation Strategy: on April 19 we will have a special meeting to discuss strategy including corridors, watersheds, and expanding existing conservation land. *Mike will share a list of ideas that we've discussed before to use as a jumping off point.* It would be great to have the map of conservation land posted in a public place for residents to view anytime.

The group adjourned at 7:39 pm. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Annex.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

#### Attachments:

1. NRI Invoice from Moosewood Ecological
2. NRI Final Report from Moosewood Ecological