

# TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, January 13, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Carol Mamczak, Cathy Joly, Lincoln Geiger, Mike Madden

Absent: Honey Hastings, Adie Krulis

Guests: Eric Foley

Started at 7:05 pm

1. Roll call attendance: Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Carol Mamczak, Sean Radcliffe, Lincoln Geiger, Cathy Joly, and guest Eric Foley.
2. Finalizing 2020: Discussed whether we can pay Eric for the updated Town Forest Plan from the 2020 budget as planned. *Mike will write an invoice, stating that money should come from our annual budget, and send to Eric for approval, and Eric will forward to Scott for submitting to town.*
3. December 9, 2020 meeting minutes: Eric offered corrections for the Town Forest Plan section; corrected misspelling of Ben Fisk's name. Scott moved to accept the minutes as amended, Mike seconded. Roll call vote: Scott yes, Mike yes, Carol yes, Sean yes, Cathy yes, Lincoln abstained.
4. Commission Membership: Lincoln wants to be available to share history and to help with easements yet cannot commit to every meeting. Lincoln made a motion to step down to an alternate position to make room for another full-time person. Scott seconded. Roll call vote: Scott yes, Mike yes, Carol yes, Sean yes, Cathy, yes, Lincoln yes. *Scott will invite a potential new member to attend the next meeting and will explore whether Steve Bollinger is interested.*
5. Forest Plan for Town Forest: Overall great job, hyperlinks are super helpful, an engaging read. Discussed whether we should have a special meeting for reviewing this; decided that *each member will send grammatical edits to Eric by January 27 and Eric will incorporate those edits prior to our February meeting. Also, each member will bring their content-related comments to the February meeting for discussion.* Scott offered to help with formatting once editing is complete.
6. Town Forest: Scott is still looking for letterhead for writing to Ben Fisk; in the past Lincoln made up letterhead and also used town's letterhead; *Scott will contact Carole to get town letterhead and Carol will try to get inside the municipal building to look for a*

*hardcopy of the Con Com letterhead. Discussed what to do since original letter said to remove all taps by Feb 1; Scott's letter will ask Ben to remove all taps from the Town Forest by the end of March, and Eric will put up Con Com tags as boundary markings where the boundary is currently unmarked. Thank you!*

7. Town Report: *Cathy will write the 2020 year in review for the Town Report.*
8. Land For Sale: Discussed property on Hill Rd, intersected by 4 tributaries of Temple Brook. Lincoln suggested reaching out to owner to ask if they are interested in a conservation easement, also reaching out to the realtor; John Kieley would know about potential conservation grants. *Scott will reach out to John.*
9. Natural Resource Inventory: Discussed updates to be done - make it more user-friendly, streamlined, Lincoln suggested finding another graduate student to update the fieldwork. Lincoln was involved with the first NRI and will be our advisor. Before approaching the Planning Board, we need to review it and determine what needs to be updated in detail.
10. Water Testing: Discussed that this will not happen this spring because of COVID-19, possibly in the fall.

The group adjourned at 8:29 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

*Italics above indicate tasks to be done.*