

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, March 23, 2022

Location: Town Hall

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Cathy Joly

Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger, Carol Mamczak

Guests: Eric Foley, Richard Redding, Alec MacMartin

Started at 7:04 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Scott moved to accept the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes, Mike seconded. All in favor.
2. New Members: *Scott will post on the Temple Facebook page that we're looking for new members.*
3. Renewing Members: Mike moved that we renew the membership for both Sean Radcliffe and Scott Hecker on the Conservation Commission for a 3-year commitment. Cathy seconded. All in favor, with Scott and Sean abstaining on the vote for their own renewal. We are sad that Carol Mamczak is not interested in renewing her term. We sincerely thank her for her steadfast commitment, her careful and thorough attention to detail, and her and her husband's hours of trail work over the years! You will be missed, Carol!
4. Marsh Property on West Road: Scott attended the recent Select Board meeting on this topic. The Conservation Commission is concerned because the property sits atop a hill which is surrounded by a Stratified Drift Aquifer. There are 3 streams which run down the hill directly into the pond which sits over the aquifer, so there is the potential for fluid leaks from the equipment on the property to impact water quality. Mike made a motion to send a letter to the Select Board explaining our concern. Cathy seconded. All in favor. *Mike will draft the letter and share with members.*
5. Natural Resource Inventory Update: Sean met with the Planning Board to share the estimate provided by SWRPC and they asked Sean to find a lower estimate. Sean reached out to many folks, followed many leads, and struck out with all but one: Jeff Littleton of The Monadnock Conservancy. Jeff will provide a rough quote for what he can accomplish given the approved budget for this year. At the very least, we want good maps to be added to the NRI, and our overall goal is that it

becomes an engaging document to encourage all residents to marvel at Temple's natural resources.

6. Water Testing Update: 30 test kits were distributed at town meeting, and the remaining 3 will be left at the library. *Sean will be at the Town Hall on Sunday, April 3, to accept the completed kits and will deliver them to Chem Serve the following Monday.*
7. Town Forest Update: Eric discovered that the Town Forest sign was broken in 3 pieces, and another sign was torn down but not damaged. *Scott will post about this on Temple's Facebook page, asking folks to be watchful, and also asking whether anyone has the skills to make a new sign.* For the Forest Plan's new section on wildlife, Eric has pictures of deer, squirrels, and coyotes!

The group adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.