

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, May 11, 2022

Location: Town Hall

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Russell Wilson, Cathy Joly
Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Started at 7:02 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Sean moved to accept the April 13, 2022 meeting minutes, Russell seconded. All in favor.
2. New Members: Welcome Russell!
3. Marsh Property on West Road: No update. There's a hearing Thursday, May 19, at 2:00pm at the Nashua court to determine whether or not to allow the abutters to intervene. *Sean will ask the Select Board whether they have the hydrology report which Alan mentioned at our previous meeting; if so, we would like to read it.*
4. NRI Update: Sean continues to explore the extent of this work and is working with Murray Collette on ideas to lower the estimate. Temple's NRI and Master Plan have overlapping information, and we'd love to merge the historical and cultural aspects as well as the open space information into a single NRI document that allows readers to easily find what they are looking for, and provides an engaging read at the same time. (This would bring our NRI content in line with that of other towns.) However this requires the additional work of reviewing older documents, so it isn't likely to happen given the budget constraints. Murray shared that the historical, cultural, and open space sections do need to be updated as well. Christine Robidoux recently discovered that Wilton is also preparing to update their NRI and it's possible that the two towns can arrange a joint project to cut costs. In the meantime, Sean heard back from Jeff Littleton who will provide a refined estimate in a couple of weeks.
5. White Property (Mountain Lane horse farm): The state intends to visit all LCIP lands every 5 yrs to talk with the owners. Recently, Sean joined two women from the state and walked around part of the property, then met with the owner, Heather. Sean shared that it was a positive conversation, and the farm is building more trails.

6. Town Forest Plan: Eric Foley expects to have the draft of the Town Forest Plan ready at the end of the month.
7. Land Conservation Strategy: Mike has updated the flyer to be mailed to residents, with the purpose of educating them about conservation easements. *Mike will send the current version of the flyer to Con Com members for review.*
8. Trail Work: The field at the Chris Weston property should be mowed every 3 to 5 years to maintain it as a wildflower meadow. *Mike will reach out to Kent about mowing just the trail around the field twice a year.* We scheduled a trail work day May 28 at 9:00am at the Chris Weston property to build a bridge over the small stream on the North trail.

The group adjourned at 8:37 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.