

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, February 14, 2011

Attendees: Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley Dave Repak
Absent: Sean Radcliffe Guest: Connie Kieley

Opening at 6:05 pm

Minutes of the January 10th meeting were approved.

Discussion and approval of proposal for ConVal Senior Class work project: Francie Von Mertens of the Peterborough Con Com and Lizzie Grisafi, Senior Class President of ConVal High School, had each emailed the TCC in early February asking for a proposal of a conservation “workgang” project in which seniors would volunteer their physical labor on April 2nd from 9 am to 1 pm. John drafted a letter with Dave’s assistance proposing that a crew of students could clear trails at the Town Forest, Chris Weston Area, and White Ledges. He brought it for approval to the meeting. Bruce suggested an additional sentence to include some educational background about these properties and the TCC work as part of the day’s offerings by TCC member participants. The Commission approved the letter with this addition, *which Bruce will complete and email to Lizzie.*

John will arrange for chainsawing preparation on these properties before the students arrive.

Temple Energy Challenge: Honey gave the new name for the previous “Carbon Challenge” and requested that members log on to TEEC via the Town website and take the Challenge. Members reaffirmed their commitment to this competition and said they would spread the word. Temple residents are urged to participate as soon as possible.

Question about the Temple Resource Directory: Honey raised a question about specifying the uses and locations of trails on Town and private properties after soliciting owners’ permissions. *She will develop a draft policy and bring it to a future TCC meeting.*

Eric Foley’s college project on the Town Forest: Eric wrote an email on Feb. 10th asking for TCC response to a Capstone Project that he would research and present next December during his senior year at college. He would like to “[create a forest management plan for the Temple Town Forest land. I want to identify the types of trees on the land, determine if there is any valuable timber, propose some ideas for harvesting any possible timber, identify historic sites, new possibilities for recreational areas and make a trails map and a boundary line map.](#)”

Members agreed that this is a fine project and *Honey will ask Eric if he has funding needs.*

John moved, and Honey seconded, that the TCC supports and appreciates Eric’s proposal to create a management plan for the Temple Town Forest. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Quabbin to Cardigan request: John mentioned that the Q2C coalition is soliciting project proposals from towns in the project area, which includes Temple. *He will contact them for further information and report back to the TCC.*

Meeting ended at 6:45 pm. The next meeting will be on March 14th.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner

Italics above indicate tasks to be done or

motions.