

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, September 10, 2012

Attendees: Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley, Sean Radcliffe
Absent: Eric Foley (at college), Dave Repak

Opening at 6:05 pm.

Minutes of the May 14th meeting were approved.

Route 45 bridge: John reported on the NH DOT plan to rebuild the Rt. 45 bridge at Rt.101. Members reviewed the DOT permit to the DES.

Helen Davis property: *John will contact Helen to check on status.*

Town Forest: Bruce reported on emails sent to the TCC over the past year about the Town Forest from Theresa and Kurt Berna and Katie Hyatt Milewski that were never received but somehow just forwarded by Eric. They were sent to templeconcom@gmail.com, an address not currently used or monitored. Katie was reporting on the condition of the Town Forest and the repainting of some faded trail marks done her and her husband. Theresa and Kurt expressed interest in helping to care for the Forest as follows:

“My husband and I love to hike the Temple Town Forrest located on North Road in Temple. We live adjacent to the property in Lyndeborough and consider this to be a very valuable resource for the area. We would love to help with the maintenance and marking of the trails. We noticed that the ice storms in recent years have caused a lot of damage on the trail and markings have faded. All of which have caused people to wander off the set trail. Since we are local and use the land often, we would like to be stewards of the land. Please let us know how we can help.”

Members were surprised and appreciative of these neighbors’ active interest in the Town Forest. The Berna’s had asked about coming to a TCC meeting. *Bruce will email them and Katie to express thanks for their care and invite them to the next, October TCC meeting.*

Sean will check the TCC gmail account, which his wife set up when she was maintaining the Temple website, and let members know how to deal with this.

Members acknowledged and praised Eric’s continuing study and work on the Town Forest. This led to a discussion of the importance of placing a conservation easement on the Town Forest, and members decided to ask the BOS to initiate this. *John will convey this request to the BOS.*

Harvest Festival: Members decided not to have an exhibit this year.

Chris Schadler presentation on coyotes: Bruce described the excellent talk he recently heard by Chris Schadler at the Forest Society on coyotes. Chris is a very popular, former UNH professor, a wild candid ecologist, sheep farmer, and tracker who now works with Project Coyote, a national organization “promoting the coexistence between people and wildlife through education, science, an advocacy.” Sherry Fiske had suggested that the TCC sponsor a talk by Chris in Temple, but the Library is already arranging this. *Bruce will check with the Library about the date and helping to spread the word to area CC’s.*

Meeting ended at 6:55pm.

The next meeting is on Monday, October 15th, at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner

Italics above indicate tasks to be done or motions.