TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, June 14, 2017

Location: Chris Weston Conservation Area

Attendees: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger, Cathy Joly, Sean Radcliffe, Honey Hastings

Absent: John Kieley, Dave Repak

Started at 7:08 pm

Approved April 12th and May 10th minutes.

Route 45 Properties and potential trail access:

The group discussed their outing on the Route 45 town owned properties north of downtown Temple. There was extensive discussion of the many options including:

- 1. Bringing the trail from the four-corners point along south most border of the first (south most) lot, 2-75-1. Pros: Uses and affects only small portion of 1 lot, requires shortest trail, easy to make the trail. Cons: Exits on dangerous turn on Rt 45, furthest from trails on Chris Weston Conservation Area.
- 2. Bringing the trail from the four-corners point *across* the first (south most) lot, 2-75-1. Pros: Uses and affects only 1 lot, requires longer trail, but easier than following back border. Further from dangerous turn on Rt 45. Cons: Exits on Rt 45, still up the road from trails on Chris Weston Conservation Area.
- 3. Making trail follow the rock wall back border and then coming out through northern lot (2-75-3). Pros: Exits very close to Chris Weston Conservation area (just across street). Offers opportunity to improve the 'grassy' area on lot across from Chris Weston Conservation area. Cons: Requires longer trail along back rock wall and then trail through 2-75-3 to Rt 45. Additionally, requires approval from owners of 2-75 (between lots 2-75-2 and 2-75-3). The trail would have to be wider to accommodate the steep nature of of the land along the back border.
- 4. Making trail follow the rock wall back border on private lot 2-74 and then coming out through northern lot (2-75-3). Similar Pros and Cons as #3 with complexity of dealing with landowner of 2-74.

The group considered giving the BOS options but would like to review with John Kieley first.

Potential conservation land project:

Lincoln reported he sent the letter to the legal contact for the potential land conservation project. There has been no response.

Tapping trees in Town Forest:

Honey shared her draft letter to Ben Fiske concerning the contract to tap trees in the town forest. The group approved the letter. *Lincoln would sign and have it sent.*

Solar energy for town:

There was a general discussion of the potential and benefits of having solar energy on town buildings. The municipal building is most suited to having solar panels. Addie described her contact with Green Energy Options in Keene. Cathy and Honey explained their connections and experiences with Revision Energy. The group agreed that Revision Energy would be better option for a municipality. The group also agreed that an assessment from Revision Energy would be the best next move. Cathy Joly will contact Dan Weeks from Revision Energy.

The group adjourned at 8:29 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, July 12th, 2017

Minutes submitted by Sean Radcliffe. Italics above indicate tasks to be done.