

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Final Minutes, June 12th, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Honey Hastings, Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Ult Mundane, Carol Mamczak.

Guest: Camilla Lockwood

Absent: Lincoln Geiger, Cathy Joly, Adie Krulis

Started at 7:03 pm

Approved minutes of the May 8th meeting with minor corrections.

Affordable/Workforce housing zoning: Camilla Lockwood reported to the commission there is increasing pressure from New Hampshire State government for towns to have zoning that allows some form of affordable/workforce housing. The Temple Planning Board is having a public session to discuss this topic, possibly next Tuesday evening. [NOTE: May 2019 Planning Board minutes state: "A date for the public forum on affordable housing was set for Tuesday, June 18th. Details will be posted and social media utilized to promote interest and attendance."] . Camilla reported the planning board discussed the idea of using either Atter Brothers land or John Barry land. There was a group discussion of topic including PRDs (Planned Residential Development), Duplexes, Condos and Temple's current zoning allowing "mother-in-law" buildings/suites on resident property. Carol Mamczak said her impression of the minutes focused on the need for more children in town to save the elementary school and that the State pressure was not as great. Honey suggested they need to have the zoning written up and proposed now through the fall so that the town could vote on it in the winter elections.

Scott Hecker Pond: Scott reported he found surface oil on the water from his pond where leaves collect and the pond drains into Temple Brook. Temple Brook is a tributary to the Souhegan River. Scott reported this at a Select Board (BOS) meeting when they were discussing the equipment and vehicles on the Marsh property. Scott stated his pond is 40 yards downhill from the Marsh vehicles and equipment. Scott reported others at the BOS meeting said that surface oil was natural. Scott reported the arguments and discussion about the Marsh situation that transpired at the BOS meeting. Specifically Scott reported Bill Ezell said that environmental water quality is the responsibility of the Conservation Commission. Sean Radcliffe said the commission should consider specific testing for HCs in the wells adjacent and surrounding the Marsh property. There was a discussion of known residential wells in the area. *Scott is hoping to have his pond water tested every 2 weeks by George May. Scott will report any test results at the next meeting. Sean Radcliffe will keep this topic on next month's agenda.*

Town Forest: Carol questioned if the commission had any long term plans or maintenance plans for the town forest. She noted the trail signs were in disrepair and needed some help. There was a general discussion of the comments and recommendations of years ago from Dave Foley (Temple resident, professional logger) and Jon Nute (former Hillsboro County Forester). Honey suggested having Ethan Belair visit the town forest for an up to date assessment of the town forest including any possibility of logging. Scott Hecker said any logging operations should follow the best practices as dictated by Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The group decided it wasn't appropriate to have the public invited when the county forester assesses the town forest. Scott Hecker said he has friends at the Harris Center that could direct a walk through the town forest with the public invited. *Carol Mamczak will contact Ethan Belair to schedule a review of the town forest. She will share the date with others in the commission to possibly join.*

Goals and Mission statement: Ult Mundane reported he was able to share his draft of Goals and Mission statement with Barbara Richter of NHACC. Ult shared copies of her suggestions to his draft document. There were two suggested mission statements. After a brief discussion, the group agreed to the second version of the mission statement. In the interest of time, Ult requested we discuss the goals (more lengthy) in the next meeting. *Ult will integrate the recommendations into new draft. Sean Radcliffe will put this topic on next agenda.*

Officer elections: Honey disclosed she communicated with Lincoln about his position as Chair of the Con Com. Honey conveyed Lincoln would be interested and willing to let someone else be Chair due to personal distractions. Sean Radcliffe indicated he was interested in transitioning from being Secretary of the Con Com. There was a discussion about responsibilities and interested among all attending members. Honey Hastings nominated Ult Mundane as Chair, seconded by Carol Mamczak. There was unanimous votes for Ult as new Chair of Conservation Commission. *Sean will Secretary election on the next agenda.*

Newsletter: Scott Hecker said there was no news about the Newsletter although he found a good example of an electronic conservation commission newsletter from an area town. *Scott Hecker share the link to the newsletter with the group.*

Stone/Pratt/White property: Sean Radcliffe said he has not received any response from Heather concerning reinspection of the refuse on their farm. Honey suggested a letter in USPS. *Sean Radcliffe will send a letter to Heather concerning re-inspection of the property.*

The group adjourned between 8:46 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 10th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

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