

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, March 11, 2020

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Carol Mamczak, Cathy Joly, Honey Hastings

Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Guests: Mike Madden

Started at 7:05 pm

1. Honey moved to accept the minutes of the February 26, 2020 special meeting with one modification, Scott seconded, all in favor.
2. Newsletter update: 800 copies were printed; Scott distributed some to store, library, and town office. Printing costs were lower than expected; Connie will send us the final numbers. Mike shared that it was an effective newsletter, and it brought him to attend our meeting tonight.
3. Water testing: the state cannot accept our water samples for testing at their lab until September; they already have too many bulk tests scheduled. *Sean will contact ChemServe tomorrow and ask whether they can be our water testing lab for this year:* whether they can supply the kits for free, and meet our current sample drop-off date of April 20. If ChemServe cannot give us an answer before Friday morning, then we will postpone the event until the fall. We will update everyone through handouts at Town Meeting, the Temple website, facebook, sign on Town Hall lawn, and signs at store, post office, library. *Cathy will get update handouts as needed and print for Town Meeting.*
4. Spring work in Town Forest: Scott walked the trails today; he found it difficult to follow the trail due to lack of blazes, especially at sharp turns. At least two trees have come down across the trail. We will follow the Wapack Trail guideline of using latex paint for the blazes; the main trail will have yellow blazes, side trail will have blue. The shape of the blazes will be vertical stripes, and we will use the standard double stripes to indicate turns (where the upper stripe is on the side of the upcoming turn). We will supply templates, tiny rollers, and small containers of paint to each work crew. The blaze painting workday will be May 2nd, rain date May 3rd. *Carol will look at paint and rollers, experiment with making templates, and email costs to the group. Cathy will send Sean the list of emails from the Harvest Festival so Sean can make a distribution list in the Con Com gmail account. Sean will send an email to this list asking for volunteers on May 2/3. We should finish cutting new trails around the wet areas before painting day. Scott and Sean will do this April 18th; Scott will send reminder to the group along with tools needed.*
Related notes: - this weekend, Scott is leading a hike at 1:30 to the White Ledges as part

of Linda Bollinger's hiking group - Carol mentioned that the Cranberry Meadow Trail uses the proper hardware to attach signs to trees if we need to use them - Carol mentioned that the Chris Weston property needs trail work.

5. Stone/Pratt/White property update: Sean and someone from the state walked the property last fall and were happy to find that the owners had cleaned up the problem areas.
6. Forest Plan for Town Forest: Carol summarized that we're not all in agreement about whether to pursue Swift Corwin's proposal, and we are reluctant to spend \$1500. What is our goal - recreational? preserving nature? We have a plan to maintain/improve the trails and encourage the public to enjoy the Forest. We recalled Lincoln's comment about keeping the Forest untouched to create a future old growth forest. Sean mentioned that on the Lyndeboro side, there is now a large clearing adjacent to the Forest. Scott said that deer would have plenty of browsing on the clear land, so leaving the Forest untouched is important with its wetlands and special environments. Can we get free consultations from Antioch graduate students? Would someone from Harris Center or Antioch want to map our property from a biodiversity standpoint? What is already available through NH GRANIT?

The group adjourned at 8:28 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.