

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Final Minutes, May 8th, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Honey Hastings, Cathy Joly, Sean Radcliffe, Adie Krulis, Scott Hecker, Ult Mundane, Carol Mamczak.

Absent: Lincoln Geiger

Started at 7:06 pm

Approved minutes of March 13th meeting.

Elections: Honey stated the group had not had elections for officers in the commission (Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary). Sean Radcliffe said he did not want to have elections without Lincoln Geiger being present (Current Chair).

Water testing project report: Sean Radcliffe gave a summary of the water testing event. Adie Krulis, Cathy Joly, Honey Hastings and Carol Mamczak shared their thoughts on the events with ideas for improvement. The group will attempt to have Pete Caswell speak next year. Adie reported Pete Caswell recommended a good person to speak who was a water well driller that now works for the state in their well water programs. The group agreed to try to get both to speak next year. There was some discussion about other towns interest in our water testing event. Both Mason and New Ipswich have similar water testing efforts. The group found value in having loose association between multiple towns by having water testing events within a few weeks. The goal would be to make the event more regional and possibly improve visibility. Next year the group will contact Monadnock Ledger Transcript about this event next year. *Sean Radcliffe will contact Lou Barinelli to get summarized test results for the town. Sean will write up summary of the process for potential Temple Con Com newsletter organized by Scott Hecker.*

Society for Protection of NH Forest (SPNHF): Cathy Joly reported she went through SPNHF's Conservation Land Stewardship program. As part of the training she experienced a walk through Heald Tract. Cathy reported SPNHF actively manages the land and it has recently had a logging operation. Adie reported they are trying to thin some of the forest in effort to encourage Mountain Laurel growth. Cathy said the SPNHF operation in Heald Tract was a good example of sustainable logging. There was a discussion about logging the Town Forest. There was an idea to have Hillsborough County Forester Ethan Belair walk through the Town Forest and invite the public to experience and learn about the forest. There was also an idea of having a presentation of sustainable logging. A person who might be a candidate for sustainable logging is Andy Jenks because he is logger involved with permaculture and lives in Temple.

Goals and Mission statement: Ult Mundane shared a draft of Temple Con Com's goals and mission statement. There was long detailed discussion on the draft. Ult took notes of the comments. The group agreed that the draft document is getting better and this iterative approach is working. Ult reported he enjoys being editor and the editing process. *Ult will integrate the recommendations into new draft.*

Stone/Pratt/White property: Honey reminded Sean that we should contact the owners of the Stone/Pratt/White property concerning re-inspecting the property for refuse found last fall. *Sean Radcliffe will contact the owners to schedule a re-inspection of the property.*

Newsletter: Scott Hecker he is gathering information and shared his ideas for the newsletter. He said he liked the idea of having an electronic copy available and mailing a 'teaser' card in USPS to town residents. Scott also suggested the newsletter be published in late November as it would be a summary for the year. The group agreed. Sean said it would help with writing the annual report for the town report in January/February. There was a discussion about where the electronic copy should reside, presumably on town website. Sean reminded others that the town website is not a file repository and we might consider using Google cloud. *Sean will contact Temple BOS concerning using Google Cloud for Temple Con Com for email and file sharing. Scott Hecker will continue to gather information for the Newsletter.*

Members and elections: Honey requested that elections be on the agenda for next meeting. *Sean will put elections on the next agenda*

Land acquired by Historical Society: Honey reported the Temple Historical Society was gifted 12 acres of land on Hill Road. Scott Hecker reported he lives across the street from the land and that there are many streams that travel through the land. The group reviewed maps of the lot. Honey said there were no plans for the 12 acres. Cathy reported there are grants for protecting land that is supplying aquifers.

The group adjourned between 8:30 pm and 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

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