

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, November 13, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Ult Mundane, Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Carol Mamczak, Cathy Joly, Honey Hastings, Lincoln Geiger

Missing: Adie Krulis

Guests: John Kieley, Camilla Lockwood, Christine Robidoux, Vince Mamone, Greg Robidoux, Connie Kieley

Started at 7:05 pm

1. Con Com received \$4500 in Land Use Change Tax from property on Kendall Road; another \$4500 may be on its way. This brings the total to \$4600 in the Con Com checking account. *Honey will confirm with the town treasurer that we want this money transferred to the interest bearing account.*
2. American Chestnut project: Vince met with American Chestnut Foundation's Curtis Laffin who handles educational plantings in NH. They looked at Schoolhouse #6 site; Vince verified that the soil there is excellent for the trees, and Curtis likes the accessibility and visibility of site. Other organizations in town are also considering projects for that site; Honey said the Historical Society is planning for a small museum there, and Cam has suggested a pollinator habitat there as well. One concern is that too many projects for the one site might confuse residents, yet all three projects support each other, so it was suggested that all projects work together to present this to the town as one package. Curtis said University of NY is experimenting now with genetically engineering the trees; the backcrossed trees are still struggling, with approximately 50% survival rate; consider waiting a bit longer for better odds. Vince is willing to help Con Com apply for funding and can offer detailed information about the fencing and materials required. Ult suggested working with Vince offline on these issues, and continuing to look at alternate sites. Vince would like Con Com to decide whether we want to pursue this, and assign a go-to person for Vince to communicate with.
3. Non-Public Session:
 - Honey moved to enter non-public session at 7:35pm under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3 II(d), Ult seconded, all in favor.

- Non-Public session minutes are sealed.
4. Return to Public Session
 - Conservation Commission reconvened the public session at 8:05pm, minutes recorded by Joly.
 5. John and Christine spoke on behalf of the town budget committee. Con Com's 2019 budget was \$453; so far we spent \$250 on NHACC membership; we may also purchase paint for blazing Town Forest trails. For 2020 we expect to renew our NHACC membership, pay for a member to attend a conservation-related conference, and print a few newsletters. We discussed how to pay for the forest management plan; its value and importance is similar to the aquifer mapping project, which was paid for from the conservation fund, and we agreed to fund the forest plan in the same manner. So it was decided that the 2020 budget should remain the same as the 2019 budget.
 6. Honey moved that minutes from the October 16, 2019 special meeting be approved, Ult seconded, all approved.
 7. Holiday fair on November 23, 10am-3pm, at Temple Elementary School: our display will be the same as for Harvest Festival with the addition of a "Temple Conservation Commission" header so people know who we are; *Carol will create the header. Adi will find out if we need to bring a table* (Ult can supply one if needed). *Carol and Adi will help staff the booth. Ult can help with setup. Cathy will make sure the telephone contact list is updated and distributed.*
 8. Ult is planning to step down from Con Com by the end of the year. *We should think about potential new members.*
 9. Cam shared that the Wapack trails are blazed with yellow latex paint; details are in her email attached below.
 10. Wilton ZBA update: Lincoln shared that of the 5 criteria that needed to be met by the application, 3 were not fulfilled: the spirit of the ordinance, effect on neighboring property values and quality of life, and hardship. The Wilton ZBA did not grant the variance.
 11. Christine suggested reading the Planning Board minutes for the latest on the affordable housing committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attached: email from Camilla Lockwood regarding trail blaze paint.

On Oct 19, 2019, at 6:53 PM, camilla lockwood <caamlock@outlook.com> wrote:
Greetings all,

While attending the annual meeting of the Friends of the Wapack, I inquired as to how they mark their trail(s):

Buy latex paint. Oil sinks into the bark too much and as the tree grows the paint spreads out with the bark. Latex needs re-doing, but is more satisfactory, and easier to clean up.

They buy at Belletete's, Benjamin Moore. No longer are pint cans in colors available, but white still is.

Wapack gets their special "sunshine yellow" mix by the quart.

Painters can decant paint into peanut butter jars (has lid for coverage in between markings) and it is helpful to have some wrapper (plastic bag?) to protect wet brush between markings.

Bark should be scraped lightly before painting – just as one would for any other paint job, to remove dirt and loose particles.

If you go to Wapack.org under the "friends" heading you will find a trail maintenance link.

This seemed easier and less expensive than using an "official" paint.

Happy Trails.

Cam