

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, August 11, 2021

Location: Town Hall Annex

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Cathy Joly

Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger, Jeff Jenson, Carol Mamczak

Guest: Maggie Heck

Started at 7:14 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Scott moved to accept the July 14, 2021 meeting minutes, Sean seconded. All in favor.
2. Maggie Heck noted that our webpage has a link to information about the Emerald Ash Borer. She suggested that we also link to information about the Woolly Adelgid since it is affecting hemlocks in town, and she sent Scott an email including those links (attached). Everyone was in favor of this, so *Scott will forward Maggie's email to Carol so that Carol can modify our webpage*. Sean noted that Dave Repak previously treated a small number of trees with success, with help from Eric Foley. Maggie shared that the Woolly Adelgid is on hemlocks at the Ball Field; she is working with Ken Caisse to select a small number of trees to try to save. Scott has recently visited Wales Conserve in Sharon and Casalis Pond in Peterborough where the hemlocks have been completely defoliated by the Hemlock Looper.
3. Membership: Jeff Jenson submitted his resignation. We are sorry to lose him! *Scott will inform the Select Board*.
4. Conservation of Lot 7-35: Scott is waiting for a reply from Ann McBride of the Monadnock Conservancy.
5. Town Forest Forest Plan: Scott sent the plan to Alex Metzger of the Monadnock Conservancy for review and is waiting for feedback. Alex mentioned an easement on a landlocked parcel on the border with Sharon; they are working with the owner to clean up a junkyard on the property.
6. Chris Weston trail update: Mike cleared the poison ivy (Thank you!) and *will ask Ken to put crushed stone on both sides of entrance. Mike will also ask Ken about mowing the trail through the field*. It was recommended that the end of August was the best time to mow on a once-a-year schedule.

7. Kiosk at White Ledges: Scott shared a picture of the Harris Center kiosk (attached), it looks very nice and simple to build. Maybe 2-1/2' x 3' in size. We still agree that the kiosk should be placed near the stonewall where the old loafing shed was; George Willard had also agreed with this. Mike will get on the schedule of the upcoming Select Board meeting to request approval for our plan.
8. Plan NH Charrette: Scott wrote a letter stating the Con Com's support of this Charrette (attached) and sent it to Christine Robidoux.
9. UNH Extension's BioBlitz: The goal of this project is to encourage residents to discover and explore their town's public lands while gathering information on the plants, animals, insects, and fungi they find. UNH Extension simply wants our help to publicize the event, they are doing everything else. *Cathy will gather the information to share on our website and send to Carol.*
10. Land Conservation Strategy: Mike created a first draft of a brochure for residents who may be interested in conserving their land. *Mike will forward this to the members for comments.*
11. NHACC: Scott suggested that we purchase for \$20 NHACC's recently updated Handbook for NH's Municipal Conservation Commissions, everyone agreed.
12. Our regularly scheduled meeting for September falls in a holiday week and several members will be unable to attend. Everyone agreed to move the meeting out one week, to September 15.

The group adjourned at 8:08 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attachments:

1. *Email from Maggie Heck*
2. *Letter in support of Plan NH Charrette*
3. *Picture of Harris Center kiosk*

From: **Maggie Heck** <maggieheck@mail.com>
Date: Tue, Aug 3, 2021 at 11:44 AM
Subject: con com web page
To: <ScottHecker55@gmail.com>

Hi Scott,

I have been reading about the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and I'm interested in helping to educate people about it.

I see on the Con Com web page there is a link for the Emerald Ash Borer. I was wondering if you could add a link for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid?

The Emerald Ash Borer link goes to just one other page, but I would like to help create a page that contains a few links, plus maybe a few sentences.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AupnMjYaI0Q>

<https://extension.unh.edu/blog/what%E2%80%99s-wrong-my-hemlock-tree>

<https://nhbugs.org/hemlock-woolly-adelgid>

<https://www.nh.gov/nhdfi/documents/hwa-action-plan-18.pdf>

What do you think?

Thanks,
Maggie Heck
603-769-1541

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To whom it concerns:

At the July 14, 2021 meeting of the Temple Conservation Commission, Christine Robidoux of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) sought the support of the Conservation Commission as part of a process for the CAC to apply for a mini-grant to sponsor a meeting through Plan NH Charrette to explore ideas and options around the Town's interest in exploring the issue of affordable housing. After hearing about the support already in place by the Selectboard and others the members of the Commission voted unanimously in favor

of the motion to support the Community Advisory Committee's plan to submit an application to Plan NH. We support the CAC's efforts to invite a team of professionals, planners, and others related to sustainable community development to assist Temple's leadership and residents in addressing the challenges around planning and designing affordable housing, while honoring the vision of the Master Plan (attached).

We understand that "consistent, unified cooperation" is required for acceptance of our application, and for the success of the project.

We appreciate your consideration of our application, and look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,



Scott Hecker, Chair, Temple Conservation Commission

