

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes, December 7, 2022
Location: Town Hall Annex

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

Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Guest: Connie and John Kieley, Clay and Marie Lennartz

Started at 6:03 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Scott moved to accept the November 9, 2022 meeting minutes, Russel seconded. All in favor.
2. Conservation of Lot 7-35: John presented an estimate of costs to complete the conservation easement (attached), and a draft of the corresponding warrant article. Minor edits were discussed including that usage of the land will be determined by the Conservation Commission, and *Scott will ask Carole to add this article to the Select Board agenda in January*. The costs are lower than expected because the surveyor discovered an old survey of the entire property, so only the exclusion zone will be surveyed. *Scott will reach out to the Historical Society to ensure the exclusion area is acceptable*. Mike suggested giving this piece of land a special name, highlighting its purpose as a pollinator habitat. Scott suggested "Schoolhouse Meadow" so henceforth we will use this name.
3. Trail Easement off Route 45: John is continuing to follow up on this. He has spoken with the state's Trail Bureau and they are not interested (too small). Friends of Wapack doesn't hold any other trail easements beyond the Wapack Trail, but they like the idea of this being a spur trail. They've worked with other organizations to protect other trails, and they suggested a Class 2 or B Trail protection. Monadnock Conservancy hasn't said no. All in all more conversation needs to happen, and hopefully decisions can be made by mid January. *The corner where the trail needs to cross onto John's property still needs an easement, roughly a 10'x10' piece; Mike will look into this. Many thanks to John for his efforts on this and the Schoolhouse Meadow easement!*

4. Town Forest and Plan: Many thanks to Eric for repairing the broken signs and cleaning up the fallen tree across the trail! *Scott will follow up with Eric about the final edits to the plan.*
5. Chris Weston Trails: Many thanks to Rick Boissard for volunteering to work on the South trail, smoothing the terrain and building bridges over the wet areas! And thanks also to Pat Connolly for mowing the back field; we are awaiting the bill.
6. Natural Resources Inventory Update: In January, Jack Littleton will provide us with documentation of his research thus far. The Planning Board did submit the full budget for Phase 2 to the Budget Advisory Committee.
7. Connie shared that the Planning Board will be scheduling a conversation about affordable housing in January. *Con Com members should plan to attend this forum.*
8. Cathy shared about Doug Tallamy and his “Homegrown National Park” project to educate everyone about using their yard to support the natural world from the insects on up. There’s lots of information that we could share from Doug, UNH Cooperative Extension, and many nonprofit organizations working in this realm. *Cathy will reach out to Beth at the library about working together on a spring presentation.* Sean suggested that this could be combined with our annual water testing.

The group adjourned at 7:19 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Annex.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attachments:

Estimate of Schoolhouse Meadow Conservation Easement Costs presented by John Kieley

Monadnock Conservancy:

• Staff Time	\$2400 - 4800
• Baseline Documentation Report	480 - 720
• Legal Costs	1000 - 2000
• Environmental Assessment	350

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| • Recording Fees | 75 - 125 |
| • Overhead | 650 - 1200 |
| • Stewardship | 7500 - 8500 |
| • Total | 12,455 - 17,695 |

Town Legal:	\$1000
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Survey:	\$3850
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Total:	\$17,305 - \$22,545
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