

# TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, December 8, 2021

Location: Town Hall

Attendees: Carol Mamczak, Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Cathy Joly  
Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Started at 7:00 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Carol offered a clarification for the Heald Tract description. Carol moved to accept the November 10, 2021 meeting minutes, Scott seconded. All in favor. Scott moved to accept the November 13, 2021 special meeting minutes, Carol seconded. All in favor.
2. Holt property: Carol printed the stratified drift aquifer map from the Natural Resource Inventory and this property appears to be close but not on top of the aquifer. *Cathy will reach out to Barbara Richter on next steps.*
3. Conservation of Lot 7-35: Carol shared Anne McBride's email regarding the current status of this project (attached). Carol met with Tim Fiske to walk the property, and Tim showed her the locations of all the underground pipes and the catch basin. The pump house near Rt 45 has a well behind it, which supplies water to the village. Electricity to the well pump travels underground from the Municipal Building. Monadnock Conservancy needs to know exactly what is on the property, so Tim drew a detailed map which Carol forwarded to Anne. Scott will be attending the upcoming Land Use Committee. *Carol will forward the aforementioned email from Anne to Tim Fiske.* Anne did not answer our question about contacting a surveyor.
4. Town Forest Forest Plan: Eric has returned to Temple :) *Scott will talk with him soon about updating the plan.* Mike already asked the budget committee for \$500 for this work next year.
5. Kiosk at The Ledges: Mike has the invoice for the kiosk and expects delivery in the next 2 weeks. The total price including delivery is \$2000. Mike asked Kent about picking up the kiosk but Kent declined. *Mike will process the invoice,* using the \$1000 from the Anniversary Fund and the remainder from the Con Com 2021 budget. Carol made a poster including the latitude and longitude information. *She will ask the Historical Society* for a picture of Abbie Kendall Fish, who donated the

land, and make a poster with her picture along with historical information from the Temple History book. Carol found an app which can map the skyline view but noted that there isn't much to see unless it's a perfectly clear day. She will also make a poster with gratitude for the Anniversary Fund. *Scott will ask Eric if he knows more history. Cathy will work on enlarging the text on the trail map.*

6. Natural Resource Inventory Update: Sean and Carol met with SWRPC. Sean asked for a rough estimate of the project cost and they answered that they would try to generate the estimate in December. Sean explained that he liked Greenfield's NRI because it was an engaging read, appealing to all readers and likely to get them interested in natural resources if they weren't already. Temple's NRI is very dry, and needs better maps, too. SWRPC asked if we were interested in doing a town survey to determine what is important to residents, like Greenfield did. Did our master plan survey already gather much of this information? When we have the proposed updated table of contents, we will bring it to the Planning Board.
7. Land Conservation Strategy: Mike noted that last week the Monadnock Ledger had an interesting article about Rindge's land conservation strategy. They concentrated on identifying and conserving tracts of land. Mike has been looking at existing conservation land in Temple and how it might be enlarged. Scott suggested printing a large map of the town so we can all work on this together. Mike found the town on ArcGIS, including a layer with property lines. *Scott will ask Eric if he knows about this.*
8. Sean recently walked the White property and there were no issues. The owners are bringing in lumber for a portable sawmill and expect to chip the scraps to place on their trails to control erosion.
9. Mike shared that Wilton now has trails around their reservoir; Mike will reach out to Wilton's Con Com chair Bart Hunter, and ask how they made this happen. We would love to add trails around the Temple reservoir.
10. Water Testing: We will aim to offer this in the spring, but without a presentation. Folks will be able to pick up kits around town, and we can accept dropoffs outside if necessary. *Sean will reach out to ChemServe.*
11. Cathy suggested adding information about invasive Asian jumping worms to our website. Both Cathy and Carol have them on their properties. *Cathy will send the Cornell article to Carol for posting.*

The group adjourned at 8:29 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attachments:

1) Anne McBride's email response

Dear Carol,

Thanks for your email. I was able to talk with my colleague and we combined our lists of projects in the queue. We've never had a backlog like this. You are about 11th in line. We don't always bring a new project to the lands committee and board every month because we can't keep up a pace of doing a new project every month. I'd say the earliest we can get to you to bring this to our Lands Committee would be next fall, but that is being optimistic. Keep in mind that some of the projects in the queue are landowners who want to sell an easement and it's possible that some of those could fall off the list once we get appraisals back and if we can't agree on a price. And sometimes, but not frequently, we will double up with two projects in one month if they are near each other. Sorry I don't have better news. However, when the time comes, I do look forward to working with you on this and bringing it to our lands committee and board for a vote to proceed.

Sincerely,  
Anne

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