

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, March 10, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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

Absent: Lincoln Geiger, Adie Krulis

Guests: Eric Foley, Jeff Jensen, Emily Sliviak

Started at 7:03 pm

1. Roll call attendance: Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Carol Mamczak, Sean Radcliffe, Cathy Joly.
2. Carol offered the correction that she is not helping with the final Forest Plan copy editing. Scott moved to accept the February 10, 2021 minutes as amended, Sean seconded. Roll call vote: Scott yes, Mike yes, Carol yes, Sean yes, Cathy yes.
3. Membership: Jeff Jensen is interested in joining the Conservation Commission as a full member. Scott moved that we approve Jeff Jensen joining us as a full member. Roll call vote: Scott yes, Mike yes, Carol yes, Sean yes, Cathy yes. Jeff will send a letter of interest to the Select Board Assistant, Carole, at boardassistant@templenh.org. Anthony Datel is not interested in joining at this time. Adie is interested in continuing as an alternate member. Scott moved to renew Adie's membership as an alternate, Mike seconded. Roll call vote: Scott yes, Mike yes, Carol yes, Sean yes, Cathy yes.
4. Ben Fisk tapping fees: Mike sent Ben Fisk an invoice for \$2,580 which includes payment for 4 previous years of tapping in the Town Forest and for tapping this year. Mike noted on the invoice that the funds should be deposited into the conservation fund.
5. Town Forest: Carol suggested asking the NH Forest Society for their kiosk plans; *Mike will do that and price out materials. Eric offered to work on creating a trail map flyer from his Forest Plan.*
6. Town Forest Forest Plan: Eric has incorporated our edits and moved the maps so they are next to their corresponding descriptions. Scott suggested increasing the width of the stream lines on the Ephemeral Streams map; to make them more visible. Carol noted that the Monadnock Conservancy's Easement restricts us from putting up signs without first contacting them; this does not pertain to the trails'

directional signage. Sean shared that *Alex Metzger, Stewardship Direction at Monadnock Conservancy, is who Scott should contact about what usage is and is not allowed on the land.* Eric suggested we also connect with the Select Board so everyone is on the same page. Scott shared that Maryellen Bushnell will help Eric with the final copy editing. Eric envisions the final document being released in spiral binding format so that it lays flat and is easy to read. We will place copies at the library and town hall as well as on the town website. *Scott has photos of birds and mammals that could be added. All members should send their final edits for the text content to Eric by the end of March 2021,* with the goal of giving final content approval at our April meeting. Eric did receive payment for his work on the Forest Plan; the money was taken from the 2021 Con Com budget.

7. Land conservation strategy: Mike is creating a document with conservation easement information, including how much land is currently conserved in Temple. One goal is to update the list of conserved properties in GRANITView (<https://granitview.unh.edu/>) as well as the Open Space maps on the Temple website. Another goal is to allow us to be proactive rather than reactive, to create a strategy for conserving land in town. Discussion included finding parcels that are already conserved by viewing their deeds, surveys are minimally helpful, there is no direct communication between the Con Com/GRANITView and a landowner who conserves their land so maps can easily become out-of-date. *Mike will forward this document to members for review before our April meeting.* Jeff mentioned that he was unable to contact his friend at the Frankestown Land Trust. Scott attended a Regional Open Space meeting where Barbara Richter [head of NHACC] was speaking; he learned that other towns directly include the Con Com in all projects related to land use. Sean explained that in Temple, the Con Com acts as an advisor to the Select Board.
8. Newsletter/Outreach: Cathy suggested that we should create a flyer for new residents to introduce the Con Com and highlight Temple's natural resources, ways to conserve and protect these resources, how to care for a well, Con Com meeting times. *Carol will contact Linda Bollinger about the welcome packet* she and Christine Robidoux are working on to find out what we could include, and if there are space constraints. This could be shared with all residents.
9. Schoolhouse lot easement: Discussion included who might hold the easement, large land trusts may not be interested, a nonprofit Temple land trust could be created to hold the easement. More research is needed.

10. New business: Eric accepted a new job in Idaho. We sincerely thank Eric for all of his help this past year, including his excellent work on upgrading the trails in the Town Forest and updating the Forest Plan. Best wishes, Eric! We look forward to seeing you again soon :)

The group adjourned at 8:37 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.