

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, March 8, 2023

Location: Town Hall Annex

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Cathy Joly, Clay Lennartz, Marie Lennartz

Absent: Russell Wilson, Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Started at 6:05 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Scott moved to accept the February 8, 2022 meeting minutes, Clay seconded. All in favor.
2. Conservation of Lot 7A-35: Warrant article has been recommended by the Select Board; Scott will share an introduction for the article at Town Meeting.
3. Trail Easement off Route 45: Mike shared a presentation showing the location of the easement in relation to surrounding properties (attached) and we discussed options for connecting the trail to John Kieley's property. Mike contacted Karen Green, who owns one of the corners, and invited her to the meeting but she was unable to attend.
4. Town Forest Plan: *Scott will send the Plan to all for any last edits.*
5. NRI update: *Sean has not heard from Jeff so will follow up with him.*
6. National Park in Every Backyard: The presentation on Gardening for Pollinators is scheduled for April 11 at 6:30pm. *Cathy will notify the presenter that she needs Zoom installed on her laptop, and will ask if we can record the presentation to post on our website.*
7. Water Testing: *Sean will find out if he can get water testing kits from Chemserve in time to hand out at town meeting, so residents could fill the kits and drop them off the night of the April 11th presentation. Gary Scholl from the Budget Committee suggested testing water bodies around town to gather a baseline, and has questions about how to do this. Mike has been attending NHACC's Water Quality seminars and has a list of resources about testing procedures. Sean will gather information from Chemserve, and will talk with Gary. Scott will bring this up at the Regional Open Space meeting in May.*

8. Marsh Property: The letter which Scott previously submitted about environmental concerns was removed from the case. The judge will make a decision within 90 days from the last hearing.
9. InvestNH HOP - The Planning Board is looking for a Con Com representative to join this committee. Clay would like to do this (thank you!) and will need time to get up to speed before contributing. So in the interim, either Cathy or Sean will also take part. Cathy will ask Christine if it would be a conflict for her to be part of the steering committee.
10. Land Conservation - We'll schedule a special meeting to discuss just our conservation strategy 6:00 Wed April 19th in the Town Hall big room; *Mike will resend the strategy to members; Cathy will contact Carole to book the room.*

The group adjourned at 7:33 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Annex.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attachments:

Mike's PowerPoint presentation on Rt 45 Trail Easement