

# TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, May 19, 2021

Location: Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

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

Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Started at 7:00 pm

1. Roll call attendance: Scott Hecker, Mike Madden, Carol Mamczak, Sean Radcliffe, Jeff Jenson. Cathy Joly joined later.
2. Approval of Minutes: Scott moved to accept the April 14, 2021 minutes, Carol seconded. Roll call vote: Scott yes, Mike yes, Carol yes, Sean yes, Jeff yes, Cathy did not vote. Scott moved to accept the May 6, 2021 special meeting minutes as amended, Carol seconded. Roll call vote: Scott yes, Mike yes, Carol yes, Sean yes, Jeff yes, Cathy yes.
3. Town Forest: Scott's friend and Carol made minor changes to the Forest Plan. Carol mentioned that any photos that Scott added should be credited to him. Scott suggested waiting to finalize it until we can all walk through the forest with the draft in hand; so *we will have a special meeting at the Town Forest on June 5, 2021, 8:30am*. Bring hand tools in case there is any trail work. Jeff offered to help with trail maintenance and asked if it was possible for the Con Com to purchase tools; discussion followed that there currently isn't money in the budget for tools, we have been successfully using our personal tools, members have various size chainsaws, and all are welcome to flag any problems along the trail and let Scott know so he can attend to them.
4. Chris Weston trail: This needs work especially on the north side; the south side is nearly finished. *Pencil in Chris Weston trail workday for June 19, 2021 at 8:30am*; we will be marking and cutting the trail.
5. Kiosk: Mike found the specs for a simple, timber framed mini kiosk. Scott suggested posting our idea for the kiosk on Temple's facebook page to see if anyone can help us with construction. *Mike will send the kiosk information to Scott, and Scott will post on facebook. Mike will ask the Select Board about putting up a kiosk at the Ledges.*

6. Conservation of Lot 7-35: the town has to vote at Town Meeting about whether to explore this further. The town may be able to hold the easement; a presentation by LCHIP regarding grants confirmed that they are a good fit for funding this project and are happy to help work through the process. Carol asked what needs to be prepared for Town Meeting? Discussion included that since this idea was brought up by the Town Land Research Committee, they should speak to it at Town Meeting and Con Com can help answer questions; and clarification that we would just be conserving the land around the schoolhouse and not the building itself. *Scott will work with Tim Fiske to speak to this at Town Meeting. Scott did speak with John Kieley about this, and John is willing to help. Sean will ask Dave Repak if he can attend our next meeting to share more information about easements; Scott will ask John Kieley if he can attend the June meeting as well.*
7. Water Testing: Sean explained that we could offer water testing this fall in multiple ways: he already has the test kits, so we can just offer the testing. If the town will allow events in the Town Hall this fall, then we can arrange speakers and offer a presentation as well. The Select Board may make this decision soon.
8. Meeting Format: Scott wondered if the June meeting will be in-person; we will assume Zoom. Discussion about whether future meetings will be a mix of in-person and Zoom; the state made Zoom meetings legal during the pandemic, and they can take that away; town committees will follow the state guidance and also look to the town for help with implementation.
9. Land Conservation Strategy: Mike suggested that this conversation is best done in person, with guidance from Dave Repak and John Kieley. Perhaps we will meet in person in July!

The group adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

*Italics above indicate tasks to be done.*