

**TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes, November 8, 2023**  
**Location: Town Hall Annex**

**Attendees:** Scott Hecker, Chair; Mike Madden, Treasurer; Cathy Joly, Secretary; Sean Radcliffe, Clay Lennartz, Marie Lennartz, Russell Wilson

**Absent:** Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

**Guests:** Connie and John Kieley, Eric Foley

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

1. Approval of Minutes
  - October 11, 2023 Minutes: Mike motioned to accept the minutes as written. Sean seconded. All in favor except Scott and Russell who abstained.
2. Beaudoin Forestry Permit: We were notified of the logging operation (attached). The land along the road is not conserved, but there is conservation land behind that; Monadnock Conservancy holds the easement so they should have been notified by the property owner. The Town Forester will be observing the operation.
3. Land Conservation Update:
  - a. Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) property on Peterborough Road: Mike will reach out to Barbara Richter to clarify how to obtain permission for spending Conservation Funds.
  - b. Conservation of Lot 7-35: Mike spoke with Pete Caswell who shared that there is progressive salt contamination from Rt 45 in all village wells. The well on this lot, which is over 600' deep, may be a future municipal water supply for the village. When was it last tested? Mike shared this with Ann McBride (Monadnock Conservancy (MC)) so they can include appropriate language in the easement. The Historical Society shared their requests (attached) so Mike will share this with Ann to include in the usage language. Scott motioned to authorize Mike to work with MC to take into consideration the input from Pete Caswell and the Historical Society. Russell seconded. All in favor. Mike will attend the next Select Board meeting to review the draft survey (attached). We hope to get this done before the end of the year.
  - c. Fisk Hill: No update.

- d. Skladaney: John Kieley shared the history of why this property was purchased, that it was specifically for town purposes, and not solely for conservation. This is documented in the Town Meeting minutes from 2005 or 2006. Thank you for sharing this, John!
4. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI): *Sean will reach out to Jeff about attending our next meeting.* The public presentation should be after the holidays, so aim for February or March.
5. Budget: Mike attended the Budget Advisory Committee meeting. The cost of the kiosk has increased since last year, so we will pay for half of it this year and half next year. Cathy made a motion to commit \$1,200 from this year's budget towards a deposit for the Timber Homes LLC kiosk for the Schoolhouse Meadow. Clay seconded. All in favor.
6. Fall Mowing - The bill from Pat Connolly came to \$1,200 at \$150/hour for mowing both fields at Chris Weston and the Schoolhouse Meadow. Thank you to Pat!
7. Highway Department Location Committee: No update.
8. Marsh Property: Another hearing is planned.

#### New Business

1. Eric Foley asked if the Town Forest Stewardship Plan was officially accepted. *Scott will get copies printed and make an official announcement at the next meeting.* Eric has been stewarding The White Ledges for years and regularly clears the brush at the top. Others are willing to help him with this work, and Eric would like a volunteer agreement; *Sean and Eric will work together to create this document.* Eric reminisced about well-attended volunteer days in the past. We wondered whether a waiver is needed when we schedule trail work days. Eric used to have access to the lock on the green gate, but the lock has been changed. The fire department may know the combination.

The group adjourned at 7:41 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the Annex.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attachments:

1. Beaudoin Forestry Permit
2. Lot 7-35 Survey Draft
3. Lot 7-35 Exclusion Survey Draft
4. Historical Society Requests