

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, October 13, 2021

Location: Town Hall Annex

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

Absent: Carol Mamczak, Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Started at 7:05 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Scott noted the correct the spelling of Anne McBride's first name. Scott moved to accept the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes as amended, Sean seconded. All in favor.
2. Conservation of Lot 7-35: Scott spoke with Paula Bellemore about funding sources. Paula shared that the amount of money we need is not high enough to request funding from LCHIP, and she did not think LCHIP funded surveys. However she did suggest requesting funding from the Moose Plate program. Given that Monadnock Conservancy has expressed an interest in holding this easement, we need to ask what their fee will be for placing and maintaining the easement, and what they need from us. We also need to discuss any restrictions on the property. Once we have a realistic cost estimate, we will ask the Select Board to approve this funding request as a warrant article. This will fulfill the request from last year's Town Meeting vote, asking us to research placing the easement on this property. *Cathy will reach out to see if Carol wants to lead this effort.*
3. Town Forest Forest Plan: Scott walked through the forest with Alex Metzger last month. Alex mapped the trail with his phone and also took pictures, and he will merge the data and photos and send it to Scott. They discussed adding to the Forest Plan an overview of the existing habitats in the forest, such as the swamp and its flora and fauna. Scott can provide photos. This will make it more appealing to people with all kinds of interests. *Scott shared that Eric Foley is returning soon and will ask Eric about making these changes.*
4. Chris Weston Trail Update: Mowing will happen in the spring. We will plan another workday before the snow flies, tentatively for Saturday, November 13.
5. Kiosk at White Ledges: Scott discovered that Karl Von Mertens made the kiosk at Harris Center. Scott suggested requesting funding for the kiosk from the

Anniversary Fund. *Mike will apply for the funds for purchasing a kiosk for the White Ledges.*

6. Harvest Festival: It was a beautiful day with a good turnout, and we have more trail work volunteers!
7. Natural Resource Inventory Update - Christine Robidoux had emailed suggestions for this process to Scott and Cathy, one of which included working with SWRPC. *Sean offered to look into this and Cathy will forward Christine's email to him.* Mike had modified the original NRI's table of contents with suggestions for additional sections, based on feedback from the town's Master Plan survey, and he shared this with Sean.

The group adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attachments: none

