

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, September 15, 2021

Location: Town Hall Annex

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

Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger

Started at 7:03 pm

1. Approval of Minutes: Scott moved to accept the August 11, 2021 meeting minutes, Sean seconded. All in favor, Carol abstaining.
2. Several members mentioned not seeing the white fluff from the Woolly Adelgids on hemlocks since the hurricanes. Carol explained that the insects create the fluff only at the end of winter. So while the fluff may have been washed off by the heavy rains, the insects may remain on the branches and are tiny and difficult to see.
3. Conservation of Lot 7-35: Scott spoke with Anne McBride of the Monadnock Conservancy. She is definitely interested in holding an easement for the property and has asked for more details including the exact wording of the warrant article and the vote. Anne thought LCHIP would not offer funding for surveys, however Carol's earlier conversation with Paula Bellemore from LCHIP indicated that LCHIP would contribute up to 50% of the cost for surveys. *Scott will communicate with Anne and Paula.*
4. Town Forest Forest Plan: Alex Metzger of the Monadnock Conservancy likes the plan and is sending comments to Scott. Alex recommended adding more information on wildlife habitat, which Alex has offered to provide. *Scott will accompany Alex on a walk through the Town Forest next Tuesday, September 21, at noon, and everyone is welcome to join.*
5. Chris Weston trail update: The path through the field is flagged. *Mike will email Ken about mowing the trail through the field.* There was discussion about what to do about the really thick swamp grass near where the bridge will be built; maybe cut by hand or with a weed whacker with a blade. Next year we will work on the picnic table.
6. Kiosk at White Ledges: There was discussion about Ken Caisse's concern with parking at the beginning of the trail; we can add a note on the kiosk asking visitors

to not block the road. *Scott will ask the Harris Center who built their kiosk, and Cathy will follow up from there. Mike will get the Wilkin's Lumber price list.*

7. Harvest Festival: *Cathy will ask Ken if there is still time to add a table for us at the Harvest Festival this weekend.* If so, Scott, Sean, and Cathy will take turns at the table. Scott will bring extra copies of the newsletter, and we can ask for trail work volunteers for next year.
8. NH BioBlitz: Carol is really enjoying using iNaturalist. This is ongoing for the month of September.
9. Water Testing: with the pandemic worsening again, we will postpone this until the spring.
10. Land Conservation Strategy: *Mike will forward draft to the members for comments.*

The group adjourned at 8:28 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attachments: none

