

**TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Minutes of Public Meeting, May 14, 2011**

**Attendees:** Eric Foley, Sean Radcliffe, Honey Hastings, John Kieley, Dave Repak  
**Absent:** Bruce Kantner, Lincoln Geiger

**Opening** at 6:04 pm

**Minutes** of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 were approved with the corrections Dave suggested.

**GRANIT map changes:** No additional news. *Honey will contact Rick Bracket from TMC.*

**Report on Fiske Hill easement:** No new information.

**Report on status of Helen Dave Property:** Eric observed active logging taking place on the property. He sent an email to members on 5-11-12 saying... "There is active logging going on at the Davis property that is close to the Ledges property. I saw a feller buncher and a grapple skidder at work. I walked the Ledges property line and it looks fine, no trees on that side were cut. Whoever is conducting the operation had marked our boundary with pink ribbons." Eric also reported that his father David Foley had done logging on that property about 15 years ago and the property was cut again about 5 years ago, before the December 2008 ice storm.

**Eric's GIS Project:** Eric showed some maps he had created showing various data layers form GRANIT. This project was for his Advanced GIS class. *Eric will give a formal presentation at the next meeting using a projector to show off the Power Point presentation he created.*

**Eric's Town Forest Project Update:** Eric met with Jonathan Nute of UNH Cooperative Extension on 5-7-12 to discuss the Town Forest. Eric and Nute walked the property, looking at the boundary line that is between Temple and Lyndeborough. At the back boundary line of the property there is a gap in the stonewall. Blue flagging was put up between the gap in the stonewall. It was noticed that there are black gum trees on the property. They are a rarity in New Hampshire because this is the black gum's northern habitat range.

Nute had some information about the Town Forest on file at the Hillsborough County Extension Service. A report was written by Hillsborough County Forester Robert W. Breck in January 1980 regarding forestry recommendations for the Town Forest. Breck had divided the property into five different stands. He gave a description of the type and quality of the trees in each of the sections, along with his recommendations for harvesting trees. He also gave an estimated age range of the trees in each stand. Breck had also done a hand drawn map of the Town Forest showing the outlines of five stands, stone walls and the wet swampy area in the back of the property. Nute also included an aerial photo dated 6-16-52 showing the area of Temple around the Town Forest.

**Other Business:** John spoke to Jim Orr of the Peterborough Water Resources Committee. Orr was interested in the Chris Covel water study project and report. *John will send Orr a copy of the report via email.*

Meeting ended at 7:24 pm. The next, regular meeting is on Monday, June 11th, at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Eric Foley. *Italics* above indicate tasks to be done or motions.