

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, August 17th, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Lincoln Geiger, Adie Krulis, Honey Hastings, Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Carol Mamczak, Cathy Joly.

Absent: Ult Mundane

Guest: Christine Robidoux

Started at 7:00 pm

Christine Robidoux is the chair of the new Temple Community Committee and is looking for a Con Com member to join; Adie expressed her interest. Christine welcomes ideas for the committee to work on; tackling school before and after care initially.

Scott Hecker Pond: Scott saw bright green algae on his pond, contacted NHDES, and brought a sample for testing. Amanda McQuaid verified it is a species that contains toxins and advised that dogs and children should stay out of the water. The downstream water is fine; concentrations of the algae have to be very high to be toxic. Amanda gave him a copy of her powerpoint on “Cyanobacteria Blossom of NH” (attached). Scott is waiting for the detailed test results from NHDES. The Harris Center is installing a lab to test Norway Pond for cyanobacteria; they may become a local testing lab in the future.

Approved minutes of the July 10th meeting with minor corrections.

Town Forest: Carol Mamczak shared the report from County Forester Ethan Belair (attached); Ethan has since left the position. Lincoln shared that we must consider what we do with the forest very carefully, from multiple aspects, the needs of different wildlife; consider creating an old growth forest for future generations. *Carol will offer potential dates for the Con Com to walk the forest.* Swift Corwin is a local forester who works with other conservation commissions; *Carol will contact him and ask where we go from here.*

Trail Maps: Christine mentioned that folks are asking on FaceBook for maps of the trails in town, and her committee would like to include maps in a Welcome to Temple package. *Adie will contact Linda Bollinger who has a hiking club in town to see what she has for trail maps.*

Temple Harvest Festival: *Cathy will contact Ken Caisse to request a table for Con Com. Each of us will think about what we could display on the table.* The festival is Sep 22, a week and a half after our next meeting.

The group adjourned at 8:21 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attached:

Amanda McQuaid - Cyanobacteria Blossom of NH

Ethan Belair - Town Forest Report