

# TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, September 11th, 2019

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Ult Mundane, Adie Krulis, Sean Radcliffe, Scott Hecker, Carol Mamczak, Cathy Joly

Absent: Honey Hastings, Lincoln Geiger

Started at 7:05 pm

1. Aug 17, 2019 meeting minutes approved with no changes.
2. Sep 2, 2019 meeting minutes approved with minor changes.
3. Town Forest update -
  - A. Carol contacted forester Swift Corwin; Swift's response is attached. Swift is hosting a tour of his conserved land in Peterborough; *Carol will forward the date and time to the group.* We unanimously voted to invite Swift to our next meeting to explore creating a forest management plan; *Carol will ask Swift to forward information prior to our next meeting, including:*
    - Why should we do this? How do we recognize success?
    - Examples of plans he has written for other towns' properties.
    - List of what he typically includes in a forest plan.
  - B. In the meantime, we need to replace trail signage this fall. with different colors or stencils for the main trail and the spur. We chose Oct 19, 2019 as the work day, with Oct 20 as the rain date. Trail rerouting also needs to occur but can wait until the spring. We need to gather a list of volunteers to help, with signup sheet at Harvest Festival, and using town Facebook page if needed.
    - *Cathy will gather pricing and application information for paint and make stencil(s)*
    - *Adie will invite Girl Scouts to be involved with trail rerouting in the spring.*
    - *Adie will create a volunteer signup sheet for the Harvest Festival*
    - *Scott and Carol will walk the trails before Oct 19th and use spray paint to mark where the trail blazes should be*
4. Scott Hecker Pond update - Scott is awaiting further information from NHDES.
5. Trail Maps update

- *Adie will contact Linda Bollinger re any existing trail maps*
  - *Sean will make a GIS trail map of the town forest*
6. Temple Harvest Festival - we have a table in or near the town tent.
    1. *Scott will bring a copy of town forest and ledges trail maps called "Take a hike"*
    2. *Adi will create signup sheets:*
      1. *Asking folks to leave their email to receive a copy of "Take a hike"*
      2. *Asking to share natural or organic farms in town for listing in our newsletter*
      3. *(plus the signup sheet from above asking for Town Forest volunteers)*
    3. *Adi will bring displays from last year, plus a copy of town soil map*
    4. *Ult will bring his table*
    5. *Cathy will bring tacks and display boards*
    6. *Cathy will create a cell phone list so we can coordinate staffing the table*
    7. *We will gather ideas for future newsletters - what are people interested in learning more about in the area of conservation?*
  7. Student Conservation Association educational programs - saved for next meeting.
  8. Affordable/Workforce housing/zoning - Adie shared that Christine Robidoux is attending conferences to gather information. The group's first meeting is on Sep 23, 2019.
  9. Goals and mission statement for Con Com - saved for next meeting
  10. Newsletter/History document - Sean suggested that we should list organic and natural farms to help bring our community together. *Sean offered to interview a farmer in town for the newsletter. Each member should pick one item to write about for the newsletter.* It was suggested that Lincoln write about how the Temple/Wilton farm is changing. We are aiming for the newsletter to be completed for November.
  11. Stone/Pratt/White property - Amanda Hollenbeck from NH Conservation Land Stewardship Program and Sean will be visiting the Stone/White property on Tue 9/17 10:15-11:30am as a followup to last year's report.
  12. Wilton's next ZBA meeting on Oct 8, 2019 at 7:30pm will be discussing an application for an asphalt plant. Abutting towns are being notified.

13. NRPC is offering a free workshop “Elk River Five Years Later” on Thu Sep 26, 2019 4:00-6:00pm on dealing with chemical storage near drinking water sources.

The group adjourned at 8:33 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

*Italics above indicate tasks to be done.*

*Attached:*

*Swift Corwin's email:*

**From:** Swift Corwin <[swiftcorwin@gmail.com](mailto:swiftcorwin@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Temple town forest  
**Date:** August 26, 2019 at 1:19:54 PM EDT  
**To:** [clmamczak <carol.mamczak@gmail.com>](mailto:clmamczak@gmail.com)  
**Reply-To:** [swiftcorwin@gmail.com](mailto:swiftcorwin@gmail.com)

Yes, I would be very interested in this opportunity to work with you on the Temple Town Forest.

I am available to do the work produce a plan for the town by the the first of the year.

The process should involve a discussion with the Conservation Commission and may involve a broader presentation to the public once the plan is written.

The plan should speak to the goals of the town, Soils on the property and their potential, invasive species, rare and endangered species according to the New Hampshire natural heritage database, the data derived from the field work the heart of which is a forest inventory, the identification of the forest's vulnerabilities and strengths , and a discussion of its multiple uses. Based on all of these things I will make recommendations and present the town with a proposed timetable for doing forestry work over a 10 or 15 year period.

I would certainly like to come in and discuss this with you. Let me know if you would like me to come in and discuss writing a forest management plan.

Thank you,

Swift