

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for Special Meeting, October 16th, 2019
Location: Town Hall, Annex room

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

Started at 7:04 pm

1. The group unanimously approved the October 9, 2019 meeting minutes.
2. Review of draft letter to Wilton ZBA regarding the application for an asphalt batch plant. Additional discussion included regional impact of pollution affecting Stony Brook. Modified the letter to highlight the disturbance due to nighttime paving. Group unanimously voted to email a copy of the modified letter to the Wilton ZBA and specified CC list; *Ult will do this. Lincoln will attend the **October 23rd Wilton ZBA meeting in the Wilton/Lyndeborough High School cafeteria.*** Everyone is encouraged to attend.
3. Discussion of Town Forest trails. Carol, Carol's husband Jeff, and Scott marked where the new blazes should go with white spray paint. Rerouting the trail around wet areas will wait until the spring and will require a few small trees to be removed; there is one spot that the trail has to traverse a small stream. In places where the trail is confusing, they piled brush to block the wrong direction. Agreed that new blazes will be yellow triangles, and Scott suggested that it will take multiple days to complete the blazes. We will need at least a gallon of the yellow blaze paint (<http://www.nelsonpaint.com/boundary-mark.html> was the paint recommended by Ethan Belair; a gallon is \$24.99 and shipping is \$20.99 depending on where and how it is shipped; use municipal building as nonresidential address?). Honey suggested including this info in the town newsletter, "We are in the process of marking new blazes on the Town Forest trails." Ult also suggested a note on the town's Facebook page which is very active; the Con Com could have its own Facebook account, or we could post as individuals. Pros/cons of Con Com having its own account include: it takes more effort to monitor, and people may be less likely to respond to a post by a non-person, although it gives us more visibility. We will continue discussion at next meeting. *Cathy will reach out to SPNHF's Andy Crowley about what they use for their blaze markings and where they get it.*

4. Adie mentioned the upcoming Holiday Fair on November 23, 2019, 10am - 3pm, in the Temple Elementary School. It was agreed that we would have a booth again this year. Scott and Adie will gather materials. *Adie will respond that we want a booth, with electricity.*

The group adjourned at 8:02 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 13th, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly.

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Attached is the approved letter to the Wilton ZBA:

October 17, 2019

Town of Wilton ZBA
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PO Box 83
Wilton, NH 03086

Dear Chair Neil Faiman,

The Temple Conservation Commission has unanimously found that your approving the variance requested by the Quinn Properties, LLC for the asphalt batch plant proposal would have a **regional impact** on Temple and other abutting towns. We ask that the application to the Wilton ZBA be denied.

RSA 36:55 defines a "development of regional impact" means any proposal before a local land use board which in the determination of such local land use board could reasonably be expected to impact on a neighboring municipality, because of factors such as:

- a. Proximity to the borders of a neighboring community.
 - b. Transportation networks.
 - c. Anticipated emissions such as light, noise, smoke, odors, or particles.
 - d. Proximity to aquifers or surface waters which transcend municipal boundaries.
- [Note that the statute lists 2 other possible factors which may not be applicable to this application.]

We are very concerned that if the application is granted, it will threaten our rural safety, economy, and quality of life.

As the gateway to the Monadnock region, Wilton represents the beginning of the rural character that we presently enjoy. Looking forward in time, this region's unique rural quality will grow in importance as the towns east along Route 101 continue to urbanize. Recreation in this region will become more valuable. Temple is the home of Miller State Park and Temple Mountain Reservation; as the crow flies, the distance from the proposed asphalt batch plant to Miller State Park is just 5 miles.

Our concerns include air quality degradation, road and traffic impact, decreased property values, and potential for significant aquifer contamination downstream. The transportation of asphalt for paving would add a significant sound nuisance to our soundscape, especially at night. Overall, the desire of families and business to locate close to Wilton would diminish.

In summary, our cultural, economic, and natural resources are not well served by placing an asphalt batch plant in the proposed location.

Yours truly,

Ult Mundane
Chair, Temple Conservation Commission

CC:
Temple Planning Board
Temple Select Board
Wilton Conservation Commission