

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, February 14, 2024

Location: Town Hall Annex

Attendees: Cathy Joly, Secretary; Sean Radcliffe, Clay Lennartz, Marie Lennartz

Absent: Adie Krulis, Lincoln Geiger, Russell Wilson, Scott Hecker, Mike Madden

Sean Radcliffe called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Sean chaired the meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

- January 17, 2023 Minutes: Clay motioned to accept the minutes as written. Sean seconded. All in favor.

2. Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Update:

- A. We are on for the April 17th presentation by Jeff Littleton of Moosewood Ecological. Sean shared samples of Jeff's flyers from previous events. Members settled on the style of Fitzwilliam's flyer with larger, more readable text.
 - i. We discussed the possibility of printing and mailing 6x9 postcards but were unsure about the budget, so we will continue this discussion at our March meeting after the hearings. Regardless of what we decide about the postcards, we will ask Jeff to provide a 6"x9" design so we can use that as a flyer to post around town and on the town website and Facebook page.
 - ii. Thanks to Mike for gathering the printing and mailing estimates (attached).
 - iii. Clay motioned that we ask Jeff Littleton to design the 6x9 postcards, to be modeled after the Fitzwilliam flyer, using a larger font. Marie seconded. All in favor. **Sean will follow up with Jeff, and Clay will print the flyers for posting around town.**
- B. Sean shared Jeff's estimate for the iNaturalist training and BioBlitz event (attached). Since we will need to budget for this, Cathy suggested that we consider this for next year in combination with the Conservation Commission leading walks on conserved properties around town. **Sean will respond to Jeff to let him know this will not happen this year**, and we will continue the discussion.
- C. Sean posted about the dragonfly expert on Facebook, hoping to get their contact information, but to no avail. Maybe they will attend the NRI presentation.

3. Land Conservation Update

A. **Fisk Hill:** See Mike's update.

B. **Piscataquog Land Conservancy lot on Peterborough Road:** See Mike's update.

C. **Conservation of Lot 7-35:** See Mike's update. Regarding the past warrant articles, the 2001 Town Report lists the articles and the 2002 Town Report details the voting results. Article 19 was the only one voted in the affirmative. Was this superseded by the more recent vote authorizing the Conservation Commission to place a conservation easement on the triangle?

D. **Public Hearing:** Members agreed to use Mike's updated public notice as is (attached.) We looked up RSA 657 on noticing hearings, and it states that we can post the notice on the website along with 2 public places. **Cathy will verify with Carole Singelais and will post the notice at the post office as the second public location.**

4. **Town Forest Plan:** Tabled until next meeting.

5. **Volunteer Agreement Form:** Sean shared the information with Scott, and **Scott needs to contact NHMA.**

6. **Highway Department Location Committee:** No update.

7. **Kiosk Update:** See Mike's update; we will continue this discussion at the March meeting after the hearings.

8. **Marsh Property:** No update.

9. **White Ledges Gate Lock:** No update. **Russell will try to determine the combination for the lock on the green gate on the White Ledges trail.**

Clay motioned to adjourn. Sean seconded. Meeting ended at 8:09.

Minutes submitted by Cathy Joly. **Bold text** above indicates tasks to be done.

Attachments:

1. Updates from Mike
2. BioBlitz Estimate from Moosewood Ecological
3. Notice of Public Hearing