

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Final Minutes, August 8, 2018

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Lincoln Geiger, Sean Radcliffe, Honey Hastings, Ult Mundane, Adie Krulis

Absent: Cathy Joly

Guest: Vincent Mamone

Started at 7:11 pm

There were three additions to the agenda: Adie Krulis: 1) Girl Scouts, 2) Letter from DES plus Vince Mamone: 3) 250th Anniversary Fund and 4) Vince Mamone potential easement.

250th Anniversary Fund: Vince Mamone explained that proceeds from the “anniversary fund” can be handed out to town groups for special projects (not regular spending). The fund can offer as much as \$1,000 to a special project per year. Vince suggested sending ideas and/or special project requests at any time of the year although they are granted once annually in the fall.

Vince Mamone potential easement: Vince Mamone explained he wants to put a conservation easement on his land and will work with the Temple Conservation Commission and Monadnock Conservancy in this effort. Vince described his 30 acres as 5 acres of prime AG farmland with remaining forest with 100 year old trees. There was a discussion of recent easement projects and overview of conservation easements for newer commission members. *Vince will ask Monadnock Conservancy to review his land in September and will keep Adie Krulis in communication to learn about the process.*

Approved July 11, 2018 minutes.

Marsh Property discussion: Honey Hastings reported on the ZBA decision on Marsh Property. Honey stated there may be an appeal in 30 days. She also mentioned the ZBA did not consider the NH Junkyard law in their decision. No further discussions or actions for commission.

Souhegan River Advisory Committee (SoRLAC): Cathy Joly was not present. There was no news to report.

Land Use Change Tax (LUCT): Sean Radcliffe reported on his failed efforts to get detailed accounting of the LUCT additions to the conservation fund. Lincoln suggested Sean contact Jeanie Whitcomb (tax collector). Honey suggested Sean contact Gretchen (town administrator) for Treasurer’s contact. Vince Mamone suggested requested monthly statements put in our mailbox. Adie Krulis urged we present our mission statement and activities as argument to get 100% of LUCT put into our conservation fund. The cyclic nature of development highlights the need to have the conservation fund ready at anytime. Lincoln stated our conservation fund should be put into some account earning interest. It wasn’t known what other towns do with their conservation funds. *Sean Radcliffe will contact Gretchen for Treasurer contact information.*

Girl Scouts: Adie Krulis reported on a discussion with Lauren Judd, a troop leader of local Girl Scouts troop. They are interested in attending a Con Com meeting, helping with directed trail maintenance and being involved with anything appropriate for Girl Scouts. Adie stated the group was likely representing several towns including Temple but Adie did not know the age range of the scouts. There was a general discussion of the needed maintenance on town trails and potential horse trails. *Adie will contact Lauren Judd to gather ages of*

scouts, number of scouts and when they would be available. The group deduced the scouts are more active during school year when families are not on vacations.

Horse farm easements: There was general discussion of conservation easements and potential for easements to drift as owners change. *Sean Radcliffe will bring in Pratt/Stone/White easement for example.*

Kulgren Road property: Sean Radcliffe reported on email from BOS Cromwell that stated the bankruptcy of a landowner on Kulgren Road was denied and that it could lead to the bank foreclosing on the property. It could indicate some path forward to having property cleaned up. No actions for commission.

Letter from DES: Adie reported on a letter CC'ed to Commission concerning culvert rebuilt on Moran Road without permitting through DES (a violation). The DES letter stated the town will need to have a wetland scientist review the culvert as well as fill out standard Dredge and Fill application. The commission discussed other recent culverts and bridges repaired by the town without DES violations and minimal wetland destruction. No actions for commission.

Goals and mission statement for Con Com: Ult Mundane stated we have mentioned three items as the foundation for a mission statement: One the creation and maintenance trails and/or trail network in Temple, 2) Well water safety and testing and 3) General conservation of land. He suggested these are three good items to both help community and give visibility to the townspeople about what the commission is doing. Honey Hastings and Adie Krulis suggested researching NHACC for mission statements. Adie reported Mason has a mission statement on their website. *Honey suggested Ult work on preliminary draft for mission statement and Ult agreed.*

The group adjourned by 8:53 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 12th, 2018
Minutes submitted by Sean Radcliffe. *Italics above indicate tasks to be done.*