

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes, May 09, 2018

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

Attendees: Sean Radcliffe, Honey Hastings, Lincoln Geiger, Cathy Joly, Ult Mundane

Absent: Adie Krulis

Started at 7:09 pm

Approved March 14, 2018 minutes.

Discussion of aging farmers in New Hampshire: There was a discussion and concern about aging farmers in New Hampshire and Temple and the future of farms viability. Cathy mentioned of "Land for Good" organization for matching retiring farmers with new farmers. Lincoln asked if NHACC might have information on helping young farmers connect with retiring farmers. Lincoln mentioned Jean Whitcomb's farm as a very sustainable farm. Lincoln discussed his experiences obtaining funding for preserving farmland using LCHIP and Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program. Lincoln explained preserving any farmland this way would require a site map and a "yellow book" appraisal (higher standard). Lincoln would talk to Jeanie to determine her state of mind on the future of her farm.

Temple Conservation Commission member discussion: This year the terms of commissioners Honey Hastings and Adie Krulis are up for renewal. The commission voted unanimously to recommend reappointment of Honey and Adie. *Sean Radcliffe will notify BOS of the group's recommendations.*

Follow Up on spring water testing presentation ("Got Drought"): Sean Radcliffe shared his and Adie's opinion that the commission should start planning for the 2019 water testing and presentation project in the fall in effort to have dates and speakers finalized by start of January. There was a discussion of some residents have problems interpreting their water test results and knowing next steps. Lincoln mentioned we might consider approaching Pete Caswell about the problem. Cathy mentioned the NHDES has an app that can give analysis of water test results. The app is available under "Hot Topics" on the NHDES website.

Sean will put the water testing and presentation on agenda for September/October 2018. We will ask Camilla Lockwood about speaking resources in the fall. The group agreed that the TCC could organize a town mailing to promote the 2019 event. We would encourage other group to participate in the mailing. The mailing should be delivered the week after town meeting and the presentation and water testing event should be in early April.

Goals and mission statement for Con Com: Lincoln mentioned the idea suggested in earlier meetings of connecting town farmers with neighbors in their neighborhood and eliciting a resident as a conservation ambassador. *Sean will keep this topic on the agenda for next meeting.*

Dumping trash and perhaps more on Kulgren: No news or updates. *Ult Mundane will ask BOS for any update.*

SB 451 anti-wildlife-trafficking bill: No news or updates.

Miller State Park power line project: No news or updates.

The group adjourned by 8:21 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 13th, 2018
Minutes submitted by Sean Radcliffe. *Italics above indicate tasks to be done.*