

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Final Minutes, November 14, 2018

Location: Town Hall, Annex room

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

Guest: Carol Mamczak, Scott Hecker, Camilla Lockwood

Started at 7:35 pm

There were two additions to the agenda: Camilla Lockwood topics, Scott Hecker.

Camilla Lockwood: Camilla shared a publication from Union of Concerned Scientists (USC) concerning protecting federal science. Camilla also stated culverts should be bottomless to allow wildlife to swim across. A number of the members discussed that Road Agent Tim Fiske had discussed the benefits of box culverts and drawbacks of bottomless culverts. *Sean Radcliffe said he would review the UCS article.*

Camilla discussed the idea of having a pollinator/pollination plantings speaker/presentation. The group discussed the benefits pollinators and agreed a speaker and presentation on pollinators would be good.

Report on Tim Fisk / culvert on Moran Rd / Letter to DES (Honey): Honey reported they had a field report of the culvert on Moran Road and she wrote and sent a letter to NH DES addressing their concerns.

Report on Con Com fund / income reports (Honey): There was no news on the reports from the town treasurer concerning the Con Com fund and Con Com bank statements. *Sean will put the topic on the next agenda.*

Report on Heather White (Stone) property monitoring (Sean): Sean reported his monitoring of Stone/White conserved land (Mountain Lane Horse Farm) with Carol Mamczak. He reported there was new deposits of refuse, especially metal refuse including truck tire rims. The group agreed to let Sean take up the matter with the property owner and report back to the commission. Carol Mamczak shared her appreciation for being included in the monitoring and shared her views.

Souhegan River Advisory Committee (SoRLAC, Cathy): Cathy reported she is enjoying her time on the SoRLAC committee and she is learning a lot, specifically about rising/dropping bacteria levels. She also discussed the project interest in finding stands of native Shrub Willow. They are looking to take cuttings and plant along Souhegan in critical locations.

Goals and mission statement for Con Com (Ult): Ult reported he had researched other towns Conservation Commission mission statements, reading several. He also read his initial pass at TCC's mission statement given the commission recent activities. Camilla suggested the state RSA defining conservation commissions has a lot of good information about the responsibilities. There was a discussion that the mission statement could/should be more inspiring. Ult suggested the mission statement should be inspiring followed by concrete goals and lastly a list of what could be accomplished in the next year. There was a discussion about the different approaches and cultures of different conservation commissions. Scott Hecker shared that many MA conservation commissions focus following laws and rules. *Ult will send a link or otherwise share his current TCC mission statement. Ult will print out copies for the next agenda. Sean will put this topic at the top of the agenda for next meeting.*

Ult described his discovery of Temple trail maps on All Trails website.

Adie Krulis: suggested the commission have a table at the Temple Holiday Craft fair on December 1st. Adie offered to have a table and presence for the commission. The group unanimously agreed with the benefit of having any presence at the fair. Lincoln suggested the commission would reimburse her for any presentation material costs. The fair is from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM December 1st. *Adie said she would pursue the effort.*

Scott Hecker: Scott introduced himself as being a new resident of Temple. He described his extensive career with conservation including his current experience with the International Conservation Fund of Canada (ICFC). He also described his history with Massachusetts Conservation Commissions and Antioch. Scott said he has particular specialty with birds. Some members of the commission shared their appreciation of his photos on Facebook.

The group adjourned by 9:00 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 12th, 2018 at 7:30 PM. Minutes submitted by Sean Radcliffe. *Italics above indicate tasks to be done.*