

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, December 10, 2012

Attendees: Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, Sean Radcliffe, Dave Repak
Absent: Eric Foley, Lincoln Geiger, John Kieley
Visitor: Rose Lowry

Opening at 6:10 pm

Minutes of the November 12th meeting were approved.

Rose Lowry's report on Planning Board zoning work: Rose Lowry, Chairperson of the Temple Planning Board, wrote the TCC on December 10th about the TBP's zoning work on water issues. They have been using the Water Report that the TCC commissioned and funded in 2010 and much appreciate this information. She asked if the TCC has the electronic version of the Faults & Fissures Map? Members did not know the whereabouts of this version, and *Bruce said he would call Lincoln, who was the main communicator for this project.* Bruce had already given Rose the phone number for Hillier & Associates in Augusta, Maine, and members suggested she call them directly about the electronic map. Rose gave an excellent overview of the zoning work currently being done by the TPB. Several members said they would attend the next TPB meeting on Dec. 19th. Rose also said that work on the new Master Plan will happen next spring and summer and input from the TCC is most welcome.

Update on Town Forest and easement: Dave and John walked through the Forest with staff of The Monadnock Conservancy recently to view the land for the proposed conservation easement. They noticed maple tap lines from Ben Fiske's enterprise running throughout the property and crossing the walking trails at a dozen locations. This makes the trails more difficult for walking and impossible for horseback riding. TMC staff raised questions about the TCC policies and agreement with Ben for the commercial use of the forest. Dave also noted there have been complaints about the tap lines from horse riders.

Members discussed this issue and the need to clarify policies and their agreements with Ben Fiske. Bruce was authorized to write a letter to Ben describing this concern and asking him to attend the next TCC meeting on January 14th to discuss this. *Bruce will send a first draft to members for their approval.*

Eric's presentation on the Town Forest: Bruce read Eric's email of Dec. 9th saying he had just presented his 31-slide Power Point capstone project on the Town Forest to his professors and friends at Paul Smith College. It was well received and he will now graduate. He will still be adding more details to the stewardship plan. Bruce suggested to Eric that he give his presentation to the Town this winter and he happily agreed. Members were enthusiastic about this idea and will arrange a date with Eric at the next meeting.

Temple PO Box: *Dave will close the TCC PO Box, return the key, and make a change of address to the Town Office. Bruce will return his key.*

Meeting ended at 7:00 pm.

The next meeting is on Monday, January 14, at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner. *Italics* above indicate tasks to be done or motions.