

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, February 16, 2016
Location: Temple Town Hall Annex

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

Absent: Eric Foley, Adie Kulis, Dave Repak, John Kieley

Opening at 6:30 pm

Reviewed and Approved January 19, 2016 minutes

Wendy Davis land

Brief review of the events of Wendy Davis and the Davis land. No new actions or reports..

White Ledges access

Lincoln Geiger was going to ask Eric Foley to buy and apply the new lock and chain as they are missing from the gate on the access road to the White Ledges. Lincoln reported no actions have been taken on replacing the lock and chain.

Lincoln will follow up with Eric Foley.

DES resource for public talk on storm water management

Cathy Joly reported her communication with Barbara McMillan and Jillian McCarthy of Wetlands Protection portion of NH DES. From NHDES perspective, Federal projects are funded but not much else so there is little time for other work. Additionally, we would need many experts to cover all the topics we are interested in. It will be hard to get all the topic experts together at once. Along with storm water control, salt and erosion would be interesting topics. There was an idea of having an event for multiple towns conservation commissions and planning boards. Cathy Joly will try to get a date from Barbara/Jillian that is good for them.

Conservation land activities

Discussed the recent history of Temple Town Forest, including tapping activity. Idea: Have trained forest expert review the Town Forest for changes in health/biology/disease/etc. Eric Foley is ideal for this task. *Sean Radcliffe would send email to Eric asking him about annually reviewing the forest for changes.* The group identified NHACC as a possible resource and/or guide for developing a list of allowable activities on town forest and/or all publically owned conserved lands. *Sean Radcliffe will contact NHACC about any resources and/or documents related to his. Sean will keep this topic on the next agenda.*

Farmlands in town

In effort to identify farms and/or farmland that would be good candidates for conservation, the group identified the Master Plan may have a list of forests and farms. We would need to have a list of lands and then prioritize them for best value for conserving. *Sean Radcliffe will identify if there are list of farms and/or forests in Master Plan.* Idea: Have a gathering of farmers at a farmers home to breach the topic of conserving farm land.

Next meeting

The meeting ended early at 7:00 pm for the SB2 Hearing. The next meeting is on March 15th at 6:30 pm.

Minutes submitted by Sean Radcliffe. *Italics* above indicate tasks to be done or motions.