

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, January 11, 2017
Location: Temple Town Hall (main hall)

Attendees: Dave Repak, Cathy Joly, John Kieley, Honey Hastings, Sean Radcliffe, Adie Krulis
Absent: Eric Foley, Lincoln Geiger
Guests: Gail Cromwell (Selectman)

Opening at 7:00 pm

Minutes - Approved minutes of 11/16/2016

Annual Report - Approved Annual Report for 2016

Discussion of Bridge Project on Thomas Maynard - John K briefly described bridge/culvert options suggested by Tim Fiske in previous meeting. Honey and Gail explained Tim Fiske presented to Select Board warrant article to put \$30K into culvert trust fund. Gail described Tim's plans for the 'concrete box' solution.

Water Presentation - Discussion of potential presentation of well water information from NH DES water specialists. The group discussed best day and date that would be convenient for people in the town. There was a discussion on who should contact DES. The ConVal April school break should be avoided. There was discussion about the recovery of local water wells and ponds. Cathy Joly agreed to help organize the presentation. There was brief discussion of parallels between sharing water and sharing electricity (distributable grid). *John Kieley agreed to contact DES for a resource and a date that would be convenient for DES.* Note: The ConVal vacation is April 24 to 28th.

Wendy Davis Property, possible subdivision: A the group reviewed and discussed map of the Davis properties and proposed sub division. John reminded the everyone that previously the commission had been interested in the landlocked 11 acres (8-17-2) abutting the White Ledges. The group discussed options conserve 8-17-2 and 8-18, also abutting the White Ledges. The group pointed out some lots would be extremely difficult to build on. The group discussed the natural resources on the land and possibility of buying 8-17-2 and 8-18. The agreed the idea of buying 8-17-2 and 8-18 protect White Ledges conservation by making the conserved area much larger. *John Kieley was going to investigate further into potential for buying 8-17-2 and 8-18.* Honey reported Priscilla Weston had visited these lots and enjoyed them.

Pipeline - Sean mentioned Pelham, NH compressor station may be expanded. John described the existing compressor station is small and not used extensively. There is a hearing on 1/17/2017 in Pelham on the expansion. *Sean will contact Pelham contact about how Temple can help.*

NH legislation activity - Gail reported Representative Jim McConnell of Swanzey is presenting new House Bills to protect land owners from pipelines using eminent domain. Gail and Sean explained Eversource is filing a appeal of PUC decision preventing electric ratepayers from paying for natural gas pipelines. Gail mentioned the Municipal Association was conducting a webinar at the end of the month (Monday January 30th) on 2017 State Legislative Preview:

<https://global.gotowebinar.com/join/2731456642740262148/804743823>.

More events at <https://www.nhmunicipal.org/Resources/Calendar> . Honey described 3 bills from NHACC HB 119 (making appropriations to the department of environmental services for the purpose of funding eligible drinking water and wastewater projects under the state aid grant program) , HB163 (relative to the responsibility of a municipality to enforce its ordinances) concerning off road vehicles, HB170 (relative to posting notice and minutes of public meetings on the public body's website). It was noted that requiring minutes be posted on town website in 5 days will double work for many in towns with a website.

Tapping trees in Town Forest contract - There was a general discussion about the contract with Ben Fisk for tapping Maple trees in the town forest. Different members and attendees reported complaints of the tap lines interfering with the trails. The contract was not in hand but members recalled the contract was 5 years and required tap lines be removed from trailway when not actively gathering sap. Honey has an unsigned, electronic copy. The town office has a signed copy of the contract for gathering sap in the Town Forest. Gail will find the copy of the contract in the office. The group will review the contract once it is found. The group was voicing the problems and hassles associated with tapping in the Town Forest. John mentioned the commission should review the trails in the Town Forest soon.

DES activity in Temple wetlands/ponds

There was a brief discussion about the investigation and site visit by the Department of Environmental Services (DES) in response to complaints concerning Ben Fiske's water discharge running into pond. Sean will contact DES about status of this case.

Moving Map cabinet to Municipal Bldg - Gail talked to Ted Petro about placement of map cabinet. According to Gail, Ted pointed out in municipal office, upstairs beyond Tim Fisk's desk, turn to left passageway to fire department, under the eaves. The group agreed to have Gail ask Tim Fisk to move the cabinet to the location in the Municipal Building.

Yard debris - Discussed this task for Addie. Previously Addie had supplied draft. She would try to finish so they could be on website and handed out at Town Meeting. Addie shared many good ideas for short, good best practices for town landowners. *Addie will finish the document.*

Temple Conservation Commission schedule - The schedule was discussed. The group agreed to meet every second Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by 8:00 pm. Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8th, 2017

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