

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, February 08, 2017
Location: Temple Town Hall (main hall)

Attendees: Lincoln Geiger, Cathy Joly, John Kieley, Honey Hastings, Sean Radcliffe, Adie Krulis

Absent: Dave Repak

Guests: Christine and Greg Robidoux

Opening at 7:00 pm

Minutes - Approved minutes of 01/11/2017 as corrected, comments from John Kieley.

Possible land conservation project: John Kieley shared we received an appraisal estimate of \$2,200 to \$2,600. John has engaged Temple realtor Matt Cabana to assist our explorations. Matt Cabana would work pro-bono as service to the town. Matt Cabana will contact realtor. John also reported Monadnock Conservancy has briefly reviewed the land parcels and stated they would likely be interested but is subject to their board approval. Lastly, John reported he could not find a recorded lien on the property as reported being on the back lot.

Honey and Christine stated the lots have been officially subdivided. Honey asked about how subdivision would affect 'current use' status. John answered 'current use' status is triggered when property is sold. There was group discussion of the situation when the lien value is greater than property value; could the creditor pursue other properties at time of sale. Honey suggested we could offer naming rights to the family for the potentially conserved parcels.

On a related matter, Honey suggested that if the White Ledges didn't have a conservation easement, then it would be good to get the easement. Christine added that hunting is allowed at the White Ledges and that it would be more appealing to general townspeople if that were prohibited. Honey replied our commission generally approves of hunting but not trapping on conserved lands.

*John Kieley will author letter to executor explaining the commission's interest and intentions.
After group review, Lincoln would sign letter.*

Moving Map cabinet to Municipal Bldg: Lincoln reported Gail Cromwell reported the map cabinet has been moved to the town offices. John stated we should try to get maps and other TCC documents from Bruce Kantner. Honey stated Bruce was in the Temple area in past 2 months and occasionally is in the area. Lincoln stated he has regular contact with Bruce K. Honey and John instructed Lincoln to tell Bruce we just need the boxes/containers of the TCC paperwork. Bruce need not do any organization; we would organize the documents. *Lincoln will talk to Bruce Kanter about TCC maps and other paperwork.*

Water Presentation: John Kieley contacted Lou Barinelli of NH Health and Human Services, Laboratory Services Technical Director. John reported Barinelli was very interested and has resources from DES and Dartmouth available. John reported they would prefer having the presentation in the spring, before the busy summer months and we should avoid Sundays. They would prefer weekday evenings.

Potential Schedule: The group discussed best days of week in relation to other BOS meetings and vacations. The consensus was to present either Tuesdays April 4th and 18th at 7:00 PM as options for the presentation. John clarified the presentation in relation to actual water testing. The presentation conducted by NH HHS resources would happen on the scheduled Tuesday with a signup by attendees to have their water tested (at a cost). The following Friday, one of us would pick up the kits from Concord. We would distribute testing kits the following Saturday and pick them up Sunday for delivery to the NH State testing labs.

Water test conducted: Lincoln asked if the water tests would be looking for the unusual chemicals that could be present after the pipeline construction; establishing baseline tests. Lincoln said we might consider these more expensive tests for those closer to the proposed pipeline site. John stated we cannot spend public money on private residential wells. Sean Radcliffe asked if the Greenville reservoir was tested. John Kieley replied he was told the reservoir water was tested frequently because it is public water supply. Adie stated public water supplies are tested greater than bottled water. John said there are two basic water testing kits with two different prices.

Public notification: There was discussion about how to advertise the presentation and water testing. Ideas: Press release to newspaper, Town website, social media (Facebook), sandwich board, handouts at Town Meeting. Adie asked about idea of sending mailing. Honey replied the cost of a mailer is roughly \$250 covering postage and printing. John mentioned we might be able to have joint mailing with Fire Dept. The FD is interested in distributing information to have standard address markings for 911 purposes. Honey said the town website has information on the FD request having 3" high numbers. Honey said the NH HHS may have standard flyer we can use. We need to know the date by the end of this month (February) in order to get it in the March town newsletter. Lincoln asked if we can obtain special group pricing of the water testing. This opportunity to townspeople is convenience of our handling/moving the kits to Concord for them as timing and control are critical. John clarified the individual test results would be sent to each participating home owner whereas the town will receive a town summary of the results. Adie stressed we should request delivery of the flyer on days when there isn't normally scheduled supermarket, bulk mail.

John Kieley will contact NH HHS with details and logistic of scheduling the presentation and obtaining water testing kits. John will also contact Temple Fire Dept concerning their interest in having joint flyer.

Pipeline: Sean reported he doesn't have update on the state of the NH State legislation concerning pipelines. There was general discussion of energy policy in USA, New England, NH and locally. *Sean will get update on pipeline legislation for next meeting.*

Tapping trees in Town Forest contract: The group discussed the contract with Ben Fisk for tapping trees the the Town Forest. The contract ends in spring of 2018, after tapping season. Honey reported we have the option of ending the contract before contract end date. The group agreed to take photos of the large and small tapping tubing the Town Forest. *Cathy Joly will take photos of the tapping tubing in town forest.*

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

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