

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, Sept 20, 2016
Location: Temple Town Hall Annex

Temple Conservation Commission
Meeting minutes
Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Meeting began at 6:34

Present: Honey Hastings, Dave Repak, Cathy Joly, Lincoln Geiger, John Kieley

Absent: Eric Foley, Adi Coulis, Sean Radcliffe

Guests: Tim Winship, Gail Cromwell, Valerie and Tim Jarest, Ken Caisse

Tim Winship explained his "minimal impact" application request to install a new 18" drain pipe from an existing pond to a 10x20' area of riprap class B stone and finally into a stream on his property. The level of the pond will remain the same and there is a grass spillway on the side of the dam. The original drainage pipe was installed in 1975 and varied from 15" to 22" in diameter. Tim consulted Tim Fiske, NRCS, and DES and they all agreed it would be too destructive to remove the old drainage pipe and better to install the new pipe. John made a motion to authorize Lincoln to sign the application on behalf of the commission. Dave seconded. All in favor.

Two residents explained how their neighbor had drained a pond on their property; they notified DES who is now handling the case. The pond feeds Temple Brook and is also a water resource for the Fire Department. Honey moved that we authorize **John to send a brief email to DES to offer our help in this matter**. Dave seconded. All in favor

We need to ensure that time sensitive mail for the Conservation Commission reaches Lincoln in a timely manner. Honey moved that we request that the town employees send all members of the Commission, via scanning and emailing, any mail from state agencies and the public. John seconded. All in favor. **Cathy will send this request to the Select Board.**

Regarding the lot on Route 45, Sean and Lincoln walked the property edge and deemed it suitable for use as a trail connecting from the road to the trail easement on John's land, which eventually connects to the Wapack trail. One option is to take a 20'-30' slice along one edge for the trail; it could be an easement or the town could own it outright. Ken suggested that the town retain ownership of the whole lot for future development into a trailhead parking lot, perhaps with picnic tables.

Monadnock Conservancy already owns the easement on the back lot, they might take this one as well especially as it provides access. The town would only gain a small one-time monetary amount from selling the land, but keeping the land would benefit everyone. Ken suggested that **John write up this idea and send to the Select Board.**

Dave noted that the previous meeting minutes listed him as both absent and in attendance. John made a motion that **the minutes be amended to cross off that Dave was absent [Sean]**. Then John made motion to accept minutes as amended. Dave seconded. All in favor.

The Tom Wessels presentation is October 2nd. **Cathy will forward a blurb about this talk to the Commission members so we can all forward it on.**

Due to the drought, DES has released water conservation ideas. **Honey will gather together this information and create a handout to have at Tom Wessels' talk and at the municipal building.**

Regarding the organic materials on Blood Road, Cathy found and forwarded an article that covers the how-to and advantages of composting.

We agreed that testing well water is not a priority now, especially with the drought. We will keep it on the agenda for a future date.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45. Honey seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by Cathy Joly