

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, January 13, 2014

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

Opening at 6:04 pm

Minutes of November 25th special meeting were approved.

Preparation for January 21st meeting with BOS on Town Forest conservation easement proposal: Members agreed that 6:00 PM on Tuesday, January 21st was the best time for the meeting. They discussed important reasons for an easement: preserving the rural character of Temple (which residents strongly value); providing a place for recreation in nature; developing a demonstration forest for good, sustainable practices; supporting local agriculture through the tapping of maple trees. Lincoln will briefly introduce the Town Forest, and Sean will give a 20-25-minute PowerPoint presentation edited from Eric's Capstone Presentation. *Bruce will invite neighbors of the Town Forest to this meeting.*

Eric's report: Eric announced that he has accepted a forestry position in the area and will be living at home and able to fully participate in TCC activities. He will be working on a stewardship plan for the Town Forest this winter/spring. He suggested that some cordwood might be cut from the Town Forest and raffled at the Temple Fair to benefit local projects. Eric will recommend to Ben Fiske that Ben offer an occasional field trip at his tapping operation in the Town Forest.

Annual Report: *Bruce will prepare a draft of the Report and send to members for comments.*

Meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 21st, at 6:00 PM with the Select Board.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner.