

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, April 14, 2014

Attendees: Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings, Sean Radcliffe, Dave Repak

Absent: Eric Foley, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley

Opening at 6:00 pm

Minutes of March 10th meeting were approved.

Town Forest Easement: Discussed the land survey proposal letter from Edward C. Goodrich of March 31st, 2014 for \$2450.00. Discussed the letter from Stacy Gambrel from Monadnock Conservancy of March 28th, 2014 concerning easement terms, land survey, title status, legal and professional advice and estimated project costs of \$7500.00. Honey Hastings proposed the group request \$10,000.00 from the Board of Selectmen to cover land survey and easement costs. The group unanimously approved. *Dave Repak will write letter to BOS requesting \$10,000.00 for survey and easement costs.* Monadnock Conservancy will supply draft of the easement to review before finalizing.

New and expiring members: The group discussed memberships expiring in 2013 and need for new members. The group agreed to nominate both Lincoln Geiger and Eric Foley (membership expiring in 2013) to be re-appointed to the commission. There was general discussion about potential new candidates and methods to get interested candidates as alternates. *Dave Repak will write letter to BOS nominating Lincoln Geiger and Eric Foley be re-appointed to the commission.*

Town forest mailing expenses: The group approved payment to Savron Printing for printing of Town Forest flyer. The group approved reimbursing Sean Radcliffe for postage mailing the Town Forest Flyer. *Dave Repak will submit to BOS for payment.*

DES standard RE: Bridge work on Converse Road: The group reviewed the 'standard review' for wetlands application package concerning the Town's work on Converse Road. *Lincoln will review the package in detail.*

Monadnock Conservancy Easement Landowner Survey: The group reviewed survey questions from Monadnock Conservancy for lands. *Dave Repak will fill out and return the survey.* Lincoln identified the need to establish a policy and to document allowable activities on properties that the town has contributed to conservation easements.

Monadnock Conservancy Monitoring Report: The group reviewed the Monadnock Conservancy Monitoring report. The commission received this report due to its executory interest in several conserved propertie

Future farmland land conservation: Lincoln proposed the commission research potential future farmland in the town for consideration for conservation easements. Young and future farmers do not always have means to purchase and/or own farmland outright. He stressed we should conserve land for potential farmland now because there will be increased need for local farmland in the future. He proposed we examine maps of land with soil conditions and cross reference with the aquifer/water study. We should identify potential farms near residential neighborhoods. We can consider easements to protect potential farms for the future. The commission agreed to research and identify these potential areas in the town.

Conservation day for TES: Lincoln proposed we could engage the Temple Elementary School children with a Conservation day. The commission could have a day explaining conservation to TES students with a walk on Temple conserved lands.

The meeting ended at 6:55 pm. The next meeting is on Monday, May 12th at 6:00 pm.

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