TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION Minutes of Public Meeting, September 8, 2014

Attendees: Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, Sean Radcliffe, Dave Repak. Absent: John Kieley

Opening at 6:09 pm

Minutes of July 14th meeting were approved.

Policy for activities on Town conservation lands: Bruce will research policy guidelines at NH Association of CC's, Monadnock Conservancy, and New Ipswich CC.

Discussion of Conservation Day at Temple Elementary School: Members suggested field trips in Temple including one to the Town Forest. Will consider this again in the spring.

Work on future farmland conservation: This project involves identifying and inventorying farmland, and encouraging farmers to be involved. Members will need to contact farmers, research soil maps, and identify hayland, cropland, pastures, and orchards. Suggestions were made for establishing priorities in approaching landowners, hosting an annual meeting about conservation activities, and contacting resource people and organizations for assistance such as Ian McSweeny with the Russell Foundation. A list of names of farmland owners was started.

Town Forest survey: Bruce will get a copy to the Town Office.

Attracting new TCC members: Suggestions were made as follows:

- Offer public talks on topics such as invasive species, wildlife, and hunting safety.
- Offer a chainsaw use and safety workshop.

Sean will check with Fish and Game about some of these.

Stone Property easement monitoring: Sean reported that he did this a month ago.

Meeting ended at 7:01 pm. The next meeting is on Monday, October 13 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner. *Italics* above indicate tasks to be done or motions.