

TEMPLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, October 20, 2014

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

Opening at 6:03 pm

Minutes of September 8th meeting were approved.

Meeting with Ken Caisse about trapping at Town Forest and Weston Conservation Land:

Ken presented his request to trap on the above lands for fisher, fox, raccoon, squirrel, and coyote. He has a license, has taken education courses in trapping, and is now a trapping instructor. Ken demonstrated a ground trap and tree trap and described how he would use them. TCC members asked questions about the season, inspection of traps, locations, and safety. John Kieley recalled trapping for coyotes that he allowed on his land, which generally served its purpose but also resulted in the catch of a bobcat and dog, both of which were released. Members reported that horse owners are worried about traps. Bruce mentioned the possible negative impact on children of a dead animal hanging in a trap. After a full discussion, members agreed that it would not serve the safety and educational and recreational purposes of these conservation parcels to allow trapping.

Honey moved, and John seconded, to turn down Ken Caisse's request to trap on the Town Forest and Weston Conservation Land. The vote was unanimous in favor (including Lincoln who voted by phone).

Discussion of future farmland inventory: Members wanted to wait until Lincoln could report on this at the next meeting.

New Ipswich CC mapping project : *John will contact Bob Boynton about obtaining a copy of their Temple portion of this new map and then circulate it to members.*

General Miller trash pick-up: Sean reported that he has done this.

Meeting ended at 6:44 pm. The next meeting is on Monday, November 10, 2014.

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