

**TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**April 12, 2004**

**Final Minutes of Public Hearing**

**Present:** Chairperson Paul Quinn; members Roger Hatt, Linda Homer, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley & Dave Repak; alternate member Ben Tirey; Junior member Eric Foley.

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes – March 22, 2004

Suggested correction was made.

MOTION: John moved, Dave seconded to approve 3/22 minutes as amended. All were in favor.

**Secretary's Report:** Paul reported that Vince has declined reappointment to the Commission. Dave picked up the mail and Paul looked through it and said that most of it could wait until the 4/26 meeting. Paul read a letter from DES regarding a Letter of Notice on the Ulch property. **Bruce said he would call Mr. Ulch and offer help from the CC if needed.**

**Election of Officers:**

John nominated Paul as Chair, seconded by Linda.

Linda nominated Roger as Vice Chair, seconded by Bruce.

Linda nominated David as Secretary, seconded by Bruce. Bruce agreed to substitute for Dave when needed.

John moved to approve the slate of officers for 2004, seconded by Bruce, and all in favor.

**Committee Appointments:**

**Open Space:** Dave, John, Roger & Linda were re-appointed to this committee.

**Dredge & Fill:** Paul was re-appointed while John and Ben were newly appointed.

**Community Relations/Outreach:** Linda was appointed to this role and will be working with Paul.

**Handbooks:** Ben is in need of a handbook so **Dave agreed to send emails to Mike & Vince asking each of them to return their handbook.**

**Aerial Photo Shoot:** Paul reported that enough private citizens have signed on to this project to make it affordable for the photographers to photograph the entire town. **Paul and Linda will be doing publicity later in the month and the shoot should take place in early May.**

**Timberdoodle Club:** Randy Martin, owner, and Larry Morse of NH Soil Consultants, Inc., presented plans for a .45acre fishing pond the club would like to dig on the west side of Webster Highway. The wetland impact area is 13,500 square feet. **Paul will contact Mr. Martin and set up an appointment for a site visit.**

**Kendall Ledges:** The plan is to try and clean up some of the brush at the Ledges after the Highway Cleanup on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Space:** John gave a report on the Beaudoin easement progress: he has received two quotes for an appraisal – the lowest was from Scott Heath and is for \$1,000. It can be done by the end of May if his time is reserved now. He has contacted two survey companies but has no quotes as yet. Eastview Environmental in Peterborough will do the hazardous waste study for \$250 because they have an agreement with Monadnock Conservancy and charge this low rate. John has not yet contacted title companies.

After discussion it was decided that John will go ahead and schedule the hazardous waste study and the title search asap. he will also get on the calendars of the chosen surveyor and appraiser but will wait until after the public hearing to actually give the go-aheads for these studies, based on the result of the hearing. **Dates for**

**hearings to be decided. Roger will take pictures of Beaudoin land if possible. Ben will provide maps of Beaudoin property.**

**Process Document: Roger & John will work on playing with the language a bit more.**

**NRI:** Bruce reported that Alex has made great progress on the NRI. He has presented a first draft minus the sections on wildlife and agricultural lands. Different CC members are getting him the information he needs for those two sections. **Dave will check with Mike regarding the agricultural lands on the north side. If Mike hasn't done it, Dave will do it.** Alex also compiled a list of topics that he feels the Con Com should be thinking about and should draw up a statement or outline in regards to: Here is his list:

- 1) Limited Wetland area. Temple contains a relatively small wetland area, protecting the many small wetlands.
- 2) Building homes over relatively small stratified drift aquifer. Stress the importance of maintaining adequate controls on septic systems and development standards.
- 3) Conservation land does not protect wetlands, streams or aquifer directly.
- 4) Stress need to develop buffers around wetlands and streams if adjacent to development.
- 5) Identify high priority sites and stress the need for large contiguous parcels or habitat corridors.

Bruce said that the final draft is planned to be finished by the end of April. In mid May Alex plans to do a presentation to the elementary school.

**Linda, John & Bruce will work on the 5 topics statement. Linda will be in charge of copyediting the entire NRI language. Ben is in charge of editing all NRI maps.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Paul will be attending the Village Green Committee Mtg on Saturday 4/17 at 9:30 a.m.

**Open Positions on Commission:** Alternate member Ben Tirey has submitted an application to become a full member. Bruce Kullgren is still interested in being a full member. Lincoln Geiger and Honey Hastings have applied for either full or alternate memberships. Beverly Edwards expressed interest but did not apply.

It was brought to the Commission's attention that the Select Board has on its agenda for its 4/13/04 meeting the appointment of Con Com members to fill open positions. Since the Con Com is advertising these open positions until a deadline of April 26<sup>th</sup>, it was respectfully requested that the Select Board wait until the Con Com has received all applications and has made its recommendations before the Select Board makes the appointments.

**Skladeny Land:** John reported that he spoke to Bill Sklady and nothing is happening with the land at this moment. John's feeling was that it might be possible for the Town to purchase the land for \$265,000. If the Con Com purchased an easement to protect the views in the center of town and along the roads, the wildlife corridor and the wetlands in the western and southern areas for, say, \$50,000, the Town would be left with a \$215,000 piece of land that could be used for a pathway from the center of town to the ball fields; a new municipal building and a new highway garage. The question is whether the townspeople feel this is a wise investment for the town.

**MOTION:** John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roger. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m