

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

February 14, 2005

Final Minutes of Public Hearing

Present: Chairperson Paul Quinn; members Roger Hatt, Linda Homer, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley & Dave Repak; alternate members Honey Hastings & Ben Tirey.

Absent: Lincoln Geiger & Eric Foley

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes – January 24, 2005

MOTION: John moved, Paul seconded, to approve the 1/24/05 minutes as written. All were in favor.

Secretary's Report: Dave reported that the Tax Collector sent a report stating that the Current Use Change Taxes for 2004 brought in a total of \$38,550.00. \$3,863.79 went into the Conservation Fund and \$34,774.14 went into the general fund. He reported that the balance in the Conservation Fund as of 12/31/04 was \$77,262.07. John noted that at least one bill from the Priscilla Weston easement was paid in 2005. The CC also received information regarding funding/grant opportunities from the USDA.

Easements: Dave reported that he and John, with Conservancy members, have been marking the boundaries, and doing the baselines for the Lisa Beaudoin and Priscilla Weston properties. So far they have set out 100 markers.

Town Meeting Discussion: There was a discussion about the Skladany property purchase at an asking price of \$400,000, and if the CC is interested in trying to make a case for purchasing an easement in order to protect some of that land. John suggested that an easement protecting a 100' buffer along General Miller Highway and the Doyle Fields would be about 300,000 square feet or 7 acres of prime buildable land and might be worth somewhere in the neighborhood of \$50,000. The wetlands in the back would be worth a lot less. There was a question as to whether it is even possible to purchase an easement from the Town. **John will check with The Monadnock Conservancy on this.**

UNH Senior Project: Bruce gave Dave a copy of the written report and the CD with both the report and the maps.

Town Forest Planning: Move ahead to April agenda.

Publicity – Newsletter/Newspaper Articles: Linda and Honey presented the newsletter article for suggestions/corrections. Linda also said that she sent Dick Ober the information on the Beaudoin and Weston properties that he had requested for a newspaper article, but she hadn't seen anything in the paper yet.

NRI: Move ahead to February 28th meeting under Old Business.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 28, 2005.

MOTION: Honey moved, John seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Diane Nilsson