

TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 25, 2005

Final Minutes of Meeting

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

Absent: Lincoln Geiger.

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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Minutes from prior meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Reviewed LUCT credit to Conservation Fund for \$40. including property involved and timing of payment. Kieley to follow up with Town Tax Collector and NH Association of Conservation Commissions.

Good Roads Day: Clean up of General Miller Highway and brush clearing at Weston Conservation Area was discussed. It was agreed that another day needs to be scheduled to clear brush at Kendall ledges and it was agreed that a scoping walk would be scheduled for Thursday April 28th at 7:00 PM (meet at the sheds on Howard Hill Rd.).

Town Forest: The CC walked the property again on Sunday, April 17. Dave Repak subsequently marked a loop trail utilizing some existing roads and pathways. Dave and Kieley agreed to begin the process of cutting brush and permanently marking the trail. Dave agreed to head up this project for the Commission. It was agreed that the Conservation Commission's role relative to the Town Forest is to mark the boundaries, provide and encourage public access and generally manage the property. This last responsibility should include developing a plan for the long term health of the forest. It was agreed that Jon Nute (County Forester) would be asked to walk the property and advise the Commission. While the Commission has the responsibility to advise the Town re forest management any decisions re timber harvesting should be made by the Board of Selectmen or at Town Meeting.

NRI: Bruce and Linda reviewed the status of the NRI draft and Linda committed to getting a final draft to the Commission members in advance of the next meeting. This subject will continue on the Commission's agenda until completed.

Weekend Hikes: Roger discussed the hike schedule and will proceed to send a press release announcing the events.

Communications: Honey discussed the Conservation Commission's submission to the Fire Department Auxiliary newsletter which should be published next week. The concept of a periodic conservation newsletter was also discussed and a possible layout and content were presented. Bruce will prepare an initial draft and will circulate it to a few members before it goes to all Commission members for final review. Possible content sections include Chairman's report, a junior member's perspective, FAQ's, mission of the Commission, conservation priorities, upcoming hikes, and current projects. The target for distribution is June/July.

Saving Special Places Conference: Bruce, Ben and Honey reported on their attendance at the state wide conference which again this year was well attended and rich in content. Each attendee summarized the sessions that they had attended for the benefit of other members.

Storage of Commission Materials: The Commission does not have a secure place to keep files and periodicals that are of interest to the public. Linda will check with Priscilla to see if there may be space in the library.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by John Kieley