

**TOWN OF TEMPLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**May 23, 2005**

**Final Minutes of Meeting**

**Present:** Chairperson Paul Quinn; Members Lincoln Geiger, Roger Hatt, Linda Homer, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley; Alternate Members Honey Hastings & Ben Tirey; Junior Member Eric Foley.

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

**Minutes** – May 9, 2005: One correction was made at bottom of first page. Following “**Will Wildes**,” change “Me” to Mr.” It was also suggested and agreed by members that the minute-taker read the To-Do’s (in bold type) at the end of each meeting.

**MOTION:** John moved, Honey seconded, to approve the 5/09/05 minutes as amended. All were in favor.

**Secretary’s Report:**

- The current balance in the Conservation Fund is approximately \$78,000.
- The State has funds available for transportation-related projects. The deadline for applications is Aug. 1.

**Kendall Ledge Cleanup:** Discussion of methods for longer-term control of brush.

**Second meeting in June on 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM until dusk, will be work meeting at Kendall Ledge. Come when you can.** Bring brush clippers.

**Communications/Newsletter:** Bruce brought 6 1/2 pages of working draft description of the TCC to be used in a newsletter or introductory brochure. He asked for further clarification from the last meeting about how the writing process will proceed. Members agreed that a newsletter is first priority and a brochure could grow out of this later in the year. The newsletter should schedule related topics about the TCC’s tasks and benefits of conservation over several issues with a positive, “objective,” and enthusiastic tone. Linda will reshape, lay out, and edit materials from Bruce’s draft. She will call upon Roger for help with photos and seek help from others as needed. **Linda will have a mock-up of the newsletter ready for the next TCC meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**NRI:** Linda reported that one member suggested edits for the almost-final draft. All members informally approved this draft. **Linda will aim to have the NRI ready for final approval by the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

**TCC Space in the Library:** Linda confirmed with Priscilla Weston that the TCC can have shelf space in the Mansfield Library for conservation materials.

**Weekend Hikes:** Ten, enthusiastic people attended last Saturday’s hike on the newly conserved land surrounding the General Miller Homestead. Notices and maps were posted around town. The threat of rain deterred a few others. It was a enjoyable start for this summer’s walk series. **Roger will contact the Temple School about sharing our work, hikes, and a possible science project with students.**

**Town Forest:** Work is proceeding on a trail map. A future project would be to compose a history of the forest.

**Land Use Change Tax:** Members reviewed the status of LUCT income to the TCC and will present their findings to the Select Board at their meeting tomorrow.

**Tamposi Subdivision:** Members discussed this proposed PRD subdivision of 34 houses on 210 acres with 150 acres of open space. Chairman Quinn will send a letter to the Planning Board expressing the TCC’s interest in the conservation design of this PRD and offering any assistance in the process.

**Managing Growth:** This recent report from the Trust for Public Lands was recommended for all to study.

**MOTION:** Honey moved, Paul seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, June 13, 2005 at 7 PM.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner