

Temple Conservation Commission
Final Minutes
September 12, 2005 Meeting

Attendees: Dave Repak, Bruce Kantner, Honey Hastings, Roger Hatt, Ben Tirey, and John Kieley

Minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The Newsletter was discussed including the final total cost (\$424.90 paper, printing and postage for the newsletter and 100 copies of the new trail map). A motion to approve the cost was made by Hastings, seconded by Hatt and unanimously approved.

The cost to print official copies of the new NRI was discussed and it was proposed to print five copies for Town use at a cost of \$12.80 each. Hatt made the motion to approve that expense, it was seconded by Hastings and unanimously approved. Several members of the Commission are having personal copies printed at their expense.

The Commission thanked Connie Kieley for her donation of special plastic boxes to hold trail maps at trailheads for public use.

The Commission's table for Harvest Festival was discussed. Honey has arranged to have the Fish and Game department's tracking exhibit. Area maps will be set up and handouts available.

A preliminary mid-year review discussion was held and the following topics identified:

1. Now that the Town has a Master Plan and a Natural Resources Inventory in place, State conservation commission guidelines require the development of a conservation plan
2. Recognizing the struggles that some neighboring towns are having with water supplies and Temple's reliance on individual wells, consideration should be given to retaining scientific expertise to plan for the protection of Temple's limited aquifer capacity.
3. Temple's conservation records and resource library is scattered across various sites. Consideration should be given to centralization of these materials into a location accessible to townspeople
4. Communication with townspeople should continue to be enhanced. Some of the avenues are the conservation newsletter, Harvest Festival, hikes and the NRI presentations (incl at the Elementary School). A presentation of the NRI should be made to the Planning Board.
5. Management plans for all Town land that the Commission manages should be developed

The next Commission hike is this Sunday at the Town Forest. The October hike is at Temple Mt on Oct 16th; this hike will start at 11:00 and offer the choice of the complete ridgeline or a loop up the old ski trails to the "chairs" overlooking Mt Monadnock.

The General Miller cleanup is scheduled for this Fri (Sept 16) at 4:00 (meet at the ball field).

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.