

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, July 24, 2006

Attendees: Honey Hastings, Roger Hatt, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley, Dave Repak, Eric Foley.
Visitors: Sean Radcliffe and Colleen Pascu

Minutes of June 26th meeting were approved.

Secretary's Report: Letters of appreciation to departing members Linda Homer and Ben Tirey were signed by all TCC members. A copy of the 6/29/06 DES approval of a Wetlands Permit for expansion of a pond on the Pratt property, Stone Lane, was received. A second key for the TCC Post Office Box was given to Dave Repak so that he can pick up mail periodically and bring it to Bruce at the beginning of meetings. Dave will also notify Roger or Bruce of any time-sensitive mail between meetings. John Kieley moved, Bruce Kantner seconded, and members voted unanimously that Honey Hastings be reimbursed for her recent expense of renewing the TCC PO Box for six months.

Membership discussion and meeting with candidate: Sean Radcliffe discussed his interest in and background for serving on the TCC. Members had previously read his letter of interest sent to the TCC and Select Board. Sean has participated in several TCC events. He answered questions with clarity and enthusiasm. TCC members voted unanimously to recommend to the Select Board that Sean be appointed as a full member to the TCC to replace retiring member Linda Homer.

Conservation Plan: John Kieley's draft of goals and objectives was distributed by email today and will be the topic for discussion at the next meeting. ****Members will review the draft and Handbook and John will prepare suggestions for the next step.*

SWRPC Map: There was discussion of what to name this map which the SWRPC has labeled as "development constraints." The "Temple Natural Resources Map" was suggested, but a final decision will be made at the next meeting. *John and Dave will meet at the Town Office to set up a consistent method for compiling data for the map.*

Trail Markers: *John will report on ordering suggestions at the next meeting.*

Report on and Planning for hikes: Sean Radcliffe led the July 16th hike at Priscilla Weston's farm for a small group of devoted walkers on a very hot day. The August 20th hike at Kendall Ledge will be led by Roger, as planned. A Sept. 17th hike along Todd Road in the southwest corner of Temple will be led by Dave. John and Dave reported on ATV damage to the stone wall at Priscilla's, which they have repaired.

Harvest Festival: Sean made a suggestion, which members liked, to offer a nature photo exhibit and contest at the TCC booth. *This will be announced in the next Temple Newsletter by Honey.*

Division of Parks Session on Temple Mountain: The July 12th meeting at the Peterborough Town House was unusually well attended by 50-60 people from the region. Participants were strongly supportive of the proposed State Park acquisition and of uses in keeping with passive recreation and good conservation management.

Regional Trails Meeting Report: Roger and Bruce attended the June 28th meeting in Wilton, sponsored by the Souhegan Valley Land Trust, to share information on regional hiking trails. An excellent website at www.svlt.org already contains some trail maps and will soon include Temple. *The TCC is invited to submit narrative descriptions of Temple's trails in the coming months.*

Meeting ended at 9:00PM. Next meeting is August 28th. Note that the TCC will not meet on 8/14.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

