

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, April 23rd, 2007

Attendees: Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley, Chris Mackensen, Sean Radcliffe, Dave Repak, Eric Foley. Guest: Connie Kieley.

Opening at 7:00 PM.

Minutes of April 9th meeting were approved.

Conservation easements: Members expressed regrets that the Fiskes have withdrawn their offer to sell an easement on their 180 acre forest. The TCC hopes they will reconsider this in the future since this property provides such an important connection with protected lands to the east.

Lincoln suggested that the TCC further study and clarify the role of executory interest in easements. Discussion followed and members agreed to work on this.

Lincoln welcomes Eric as a full member: Lincoln commended Eric for his seven years of service as a Junior Member and his stepping up to full voting participation now. Members expressed their appreciation to Eric.

Presentation of Lincoln, MA Conservation Commission work and 90-mile trail map: Bruce gave an overview of the work of the Lincoln Conservation Commission as an exemplary model of community conservation. Their four staff and numerous volunteers manage 1,600 acres of open space, monitor wetlands protection, lease 200 acres of prime farmland to eight farms, and provide many educational activities and resources. Bruce suggested a field trip to Lincoln in the future, as the Peterborough CC has done, to see first hand their operations.

Planning session with new SWRPC Temple map: John brought a working copy of the new map on which members identified properties and emerging conservation corridors that might warrant protection in an Open Space Plan. This land prioritization work will be continued.

Appointing committee members: Following discussion of committee tasks and who would like to volunteer, Lincoln appointed the following members:

Dredge and Fill: Chris, Eric, and Lincoln;

Open Space: John, Dave, and Sean.

Handbooks: *Lincoln will ask Roger for his Handbook to give to Chris, and Bruce will bring an extra one for Eric.*

Reimbursement: Dave moved, and Honey seconded, that John be reimbursed \$8.00 for the cost of copying the new SWRPC map. The vote was unanimous.

Temple Mtn.: A hearing on contributing \$30,000 from the Conservation Fund to the State towards the \$1,000,000 purchase price of Temple Mtn. will be held on 5/14 at Friendship Hall.

Meeting ended at 9:30. Next meeting is May 14th following the Temple Mtn. Hearing at Friendship Hall.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Upcoming hikes (all meet at 1:00 PM at the Library):

May 6, Town Forest

July 12, Priscilla Weston's farm