

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, August 27th, 2007

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

Opening at 7:10 PM at the Library.

Minutes of July 9th meeting were approved.

Secretary's report: Three letters from DES: 1) 7/10/07 approval of Wetlands Permit for replacing the bridge over Temple Brook. 2) 8/06/07 and 3) 8/21/07 to Meredith Tamposi & Five Gates Realty requesting more information relating to water issues, NRI, full size plans, and other items in order to continue evaluation of the permit application.

Notice of Municipal Law Lecture Series and plans for several members to attend the Sept. 26th lecture in Jaffrey, "Uncommon Ground: Working Together to Achieve Conservation and Development Goals." *John will mention to Planning Board members.*

Membership update: *John, Sean, and Bruce will contact potential new members.*

Harvest Festival: *Chris will check about space for TCC. Honey will set up a raffle for native plants. Lincoln will contact Nicky at the Temple School about drawings of special natural places to be displayed at the Festival. Sean will gather a few short writings on Temple's natural world.*

Conservation Plan: John and Bruce reported on last Saturday's inspiring annual meeting of the Monadnock Conservancy and their new campaign to increase efforts to protect open space in our region while we still have the opportunity. The TCC needs to meet this challenge by completing a Conservation Plan. *Using the Swanze Open Space Plan as a model, John and Bruce will determine topics to discuss at the next several meetings to form into a Plan.* Lincoln had a good meeting with Bruce Kullgren, Planning Board Chair, regarding conservation subdivisions.

Conservation easement update: The Wolbers easement is moving quickly. Lincoln moved, and Honey seconded, that the Select Board approve \$800 from the Conservation Fund to pay the bill from Heath Appraisal Services for the Wolbers appraisal. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The SWRPC map: Chris has successfully reduced the size to 11' x 17'. *He will fine tune this map so that copies can be printed for the Harvest Festival.*

Bedrock aquifer map: Lincoln had a positive conversation with Chris Covell who also offered to help with a grant application. *Lincoln will meet again with him when he returns from an out-of-state job.*

Newsletter planning: The following topics were taken on by members: three easements of Temple Mtn. (Bruce), Wolbers (Chris), and Sargent (John); description of Connolly's Farm (Lincoln); Green Committee (Honey and Chris); Recycling Center (Sean); Open Space Plan (John); SWRC map (Chris). Connie has volunteered to do the layout again and John will ask Roger if he'll do photos. *Connie will email rough word counts for the articles soon. Rough drafts of all articles are due by next meeting on Sept. 10th.*

Meeting ended at 9:05. **Next meeting on Sept. 10th.**

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

Upcoming hikes

Sept. 9th, Ledges (meet 1:00 PM at Library)

Oct. 13th, Special Wapack Trail hike with Harris Center, details to be announced