

**Minutes – Temple Conservation Commission**  
**10 December 2007**  
**Approved 15 January 2008**

**Public Hearing on open space plan** - Chair Lincoln Geiger opened the hearing and welcomed the approximately 10 citizens to the hearing. Those in attendance included Select Board Chair Tedd Petro, Planning Board member Rose Lowry, and Tim Winship of the Open Space Committee. Copies of the draft plan were available.

Honey Hastings reviewed the Open Space Plan, using the flip chart pages prepared by John Kieley. This was followed by input from those in attendance. This was followed by input from those in attendance. This included suggestions, comments, and questions. The topics were:

1. Total acres protected
2. Access on parcel
3. Existing trails (folks, horses, snowmobiles)
4. Resources - federal programs, state water protection, LCHIP
5. Open space part of PRDs - is it protected donate to town
6. Recreation - essential or secondary
7. Active forest land
8. Soils - prime, state, and local

Lincoln and Honey answered the questions. The hearing was adjourned.

**Meeting** – Attending: Lincoln Geiger, Eric Foley, Chris Mackensen, Honey Hastings, and John Kieley (following Police Commission meeting). All but John also attended the public hearing.

The Commission reviewed the ideas raised at the hearing and how to revise the draft plan in light of the suggestions and comments. Sean will revise the draft and circulate to the group. The best time to present the Plan to the Planning Board is after they finish work on zoning ordinances for 2008 ballot. This is in February.

**Heald Land** – Honey reported that Phil Heald's death on 30 November may result in a 25-acre parcel in Temple being put on the market. After discussion and location of the parcel on map, Honey made a motion, seconded by Lincoln, as follows:

**Motion** – The Conservation Commission authorizes John Kieley to explore with the Forest Society its possible interest in the parcel with a view to sending the executor a letter of interest either from the Forest Society or the Temple

Conservation Commission.

Passed unanimously.

**Water Study** – A 2-part motion was made by Honey, seconded by Lincoln to:

- a. Authorize John to see what is remaining in budget to use for initial phase of aquifer study by Chris Covel. If \$3,000 is available, Lincoln is authorized to sign Mr. Covel's proposal. Alternatively:
- b. Lincoln is authorized to see if Mr. Covel can reduce the initial phase so the funds available are sufficient. Lincoln is authorized to sign such revised proposal.

Passed unanimously.

**Stone Easement** – Lincoln will monitor this and report back.

Submitted by  
Honey Hastings

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