

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, January 28, 2008

Attendees: Eric Foley, Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, Dave Repak

Opening at 7:15 PM at the Library.

Minutes of January 14th meeting were approved.

Secretary's report: Bruce and Dave noted that the TCC has not been receiving monthly copies of its financial statements since Town Treasurer Walt Birdsall passed away last spring. *Bruce will call Treasurer Nancy Woods to request copies.*

The question was raised if the TCC might benefit from a manual of operating procedures. Bruce replied that most of these are well covered in the Bylaws. One area that needs improvement is the files. *Bruce said he would work on these this winter and compile a file index of topics.*

Changes to Open Space Plan: Since Sean was not at this meeting to present the final draft, members will review the changes at the next meeting. *Bruce will send an email a few days in advance to remind everyone to look through the Draft Plan.*

Update on Chris Covell's aquifer mapping proposal: Lincoln contacted Chris about his fees. Chris will set a cap of \$10,000 for the whole project. *Lincoln will ask Chris to submit a letter stating this for the next meeting.*

Survey on Municipal Funding of Conservation Research: Bruce is still gathering information to complete the form by the end of this week. The questions are straightforward and don't require input from members. *Bruce will report on the 2001-07 data at the next meeting.*

Heald Land: *John will give an update at the next meeting.*

Planning for hikes: Three or four hikes are proposed for 2008 at: Priscilla Weston's, led by Sean; the Ledges, especially for Temple School children and led by Eric; the Heald Property; and North Pack Monadnock, led by Bruce and starting from Derbyshire Farm.

Planning for 2008: Discussion of the 250-year celebration led by Honey, who suggested the TCC might plant two baby Liberty elms and distribute conservation shrub seedlings to be planted throughout the Town. *Lincoln will look into making bird feeder kits available through the TCC at the Harvest Festival.*

All members will review the Jan. 14 Minutes to prepare for further planning at the next meeting.

TCC article for Temple Annual Report: Members reviewed the draft, made a few changes, and approved it. Everyone was excited and delighted by the news in the article that the Kieleys have donated a conservation easement on 250 acres of their Seven Maples Farm.

Many many thanks from the TCC to John and Connie for their
beautiful, generous gift,
the largest of its kind in Temple's history!

Leaflet holders at Town conservation lands: Eric reported that the Weston holder needs repairs and all need more leaflets. Action will be determined at next meeting.

Meeting ended at 9:50. **Next meeting on February 11th.**

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner

Italics above indicate tasks to be done.

