

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Public Meeting, January 12, 2008

Attendees: Eric Foley, Lincoln Geiger, Honey Hastings, Bruce Kantner, John Kieley
Dave Repak
Absent: Chris Mackensen, Sean Radcliffe
Guest Presenter: Donald Sienkiewicz

Opening at 7:00 pm

Minutes of Dec. 8th meeting were approved.

Ice storm damage and restoration: Members reported many trees and branches down on trails of Town Forest, Kendall Ledge, and Chris Weston Conservation Area. Discussion of how much chainsawing and cleanup members could do and possibilities of hiring workers. John reported on a conversation with Karen Bennett of Cooperative Extension about forest damage. Members suggested that a Town-wide inventory of damage coordinated by the Selectmen and Highway Dept. would be helpful. There will be further information and discussion at the next meeting.

With many people using chainsaws, there is a need for safety education. *John will research possibilities of the TCC sponsoring a chainsaw safety class.*

7:30 to 9:00, Presentation on Transfer Development Rights (TDR) by Donald Sienkiewicz, attorney and resident of Wilton:

Donald suggested that TDR's might be viewed as "regional cluster housing within a town"— a way of moving development around in a town so that housing is clustered in areas best suited for houses. It is a zoning tool that directs future development in ways that are fair to landowners and supports sound community development, planning, and conservation. Development value associated with one property can be sold, removed from that property, and purchased and added to another. It is focused on the location and density of development, not the amount of growth. Donald gave members many creative ideas, an excellent handout from the new DES *Innovative Land Use Guide*, and offered to share a slide presentation comparing development in Europe and USA. Many thanks to Donald for this fine talk.

Monadnock Region Land Summit, Jan. 31, 2009: *Honey, John, Dave, and Bruce will register for the Summit and indicate payment by the Town. John will check with Sean if he would like to attend. John will put together a poster representing Temple's TCC activities at the event.*

Warrant Article for easement on Chris Weston Conservation Area: *Honey has drafted an article and will work further on it with John.*

Meeting ended at 9:20. **Next meeting on January 26, 2009.**

Minutes submitted by Bruce Kantner

Italics above indicate tasks to be done