Cooper waiting to make his next move

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Chris Cooper is rarely idle. In 2010 alone, the Kingston resident’s credits included “The Tempest,” “The Town,” “Amigo,” “Remember Me,” and “The Company Men.” But Hollywood is in flux at the moment — fewer movies are getting made — so the veteran actor has some time on his hands. “I’m just reading scripts,” said Cooper, who joined wife, Marianne, at AccesSportAmerica’s annual fund-raiser at the Boston Harbor Hotel over the weekend. (The nonprofit founded by Ross Lilley is a sports-and-training program for people living with disabilities.) In Cooper’s next movie, “The Muppets,” due out in the fall, he plays against type. His character, Tex Richman, is a greedy oil baron. “It was fun to do,” smiled Cooper, whose politics are to the left of President Obama’s. (“The Muppets” A-list ensemble cast includes Amy Adams, Emily Blunt, and Zach Galifianakis.) Cooper’s wife, meanwhile, told us she’s out and about hyping the paperback edition of her book, “Knowing Jesse: A Mother’s Story of Grief, Grace, and Everyday Bliss.” (She’ll take part in the Cambridge Center for Adult Education’s writers series April 20.) Others at the fund-raiser included emcee Lenny Clarke, “The Fighter” producer Dorothy Aufiero, and Debby Belichick.