Temple Anniversary Fund Procedures, Actions and Decisions – 2009

For Public Record Submitted: October 14, 2009

The Anniversary Fund Committee was established by the Temple Select Board to implement procedures to solicit grant requests for the Anniversary Fund annual dispersement, establish criteria to evaluate all submitted requests, and to decide which requests will be funded and in what amounts. The following Temple residents were asked to participate on the committee and accepted:

- 1. Julie McAdoo
- 2. Priscilla Weston
- 3. Vincent Mamone

The committee met several times from April, 2009 to October, 2009. During this period the committee created a plan to solicit grant requests which included a press release to the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript which was published on July 2,2009. They wrote an article which was published in the Temple Newsletter for the July/August issue. Posters were also created which were posted at many locations in Temple. Materials were submitted to the Temple official website but these items were not posted to the website due to a general issue with keeping the website up-to-date. An application form (copy attached) was created to be used by Temple citizens or groups in submitting grant requests. Copies of the application form were made available at the Mansfield Library and at the Town Offices. The committee also created a set of criteria as a guideline to help evaluate applications (copy attached).

In order to allow that funds could be awarded this calendar year we set a deadline for receipt of applications of September 30, 2009. We received three applications (originals attached) by the deadline. The three applications were:

- Temple Town Pound Restoration, submitted by Anne Lunt requesting \$990
- Mansfield Public Library DVD acquisition, submitted by Kathy Fedorca requesting \$450
- 3. Town Commons East Garden renovation, submitted by Vivian Nichols requesting \$500

On October 13, 2009, the committee met to evaluate the three applications and to make its decision on awarding the grant. Our decision is to:

- Award \$500.00 to the Greens Committee for the restoration of the East Garden.
- Award \$100.00 to the Mansfield Public Library for the acquisition of a DVD set for its permanent collection.
- Award \$300 to the Temple Historical Society to be added to funds that are being raised by them to pay for the Town Pound restoration.
- Leave \$90.00 in the Anniversary Fund account, as suggested by Deb Harling, Town Administrator, to keep the account active and open for next year.

We assume that the Select Board will notify the recipients of the grants and will disperse the funds accordingly. If the Temple Select Board would like to further discuss our actions and/or decisions, we would be happy to meet with them at a mutually satisfactory date and time. We wish to thank the Select Board for allowing us to serve the town. We also want to thank the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation for answering our questions and also to thank all of those who submitted an application.

The Anniversary Fund Committee: