

Temple 250 Anniversary Fund Advisory Committee  
Minutes for Meeting held on September 15, 2020

The Temple 250th Anniversary Fund Advisory Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020. The meeting was a virtual meeting held using Zoom. All procedures for Zoom meetings, as stipulated by the State of New Hampshire were followed. The meeting was called to order at 12:57 PM. In attendance were Julie McAdoo, Christine Robidoux and Vince Mamone. We used the agenda that Julie posted for the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting Christine read the Emergency Notice of Access to assure that we adhered to all Right to Know requirements. All votes were taken via a Roll Call.

We reviewed the minutes from the May 21, 2020 meeting. One typo was found and will be corrected in the final version. In the 3<sup>th</sup> paragraph "6th" was typed as "6tgh." The minutes were unanimously approved as amended with Christine moving and Julie seconding the motion. Vince, Julie and Christine all voting to approve.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the 2020 application process in consideration of COVID-19. This was a continuation of our discussion from the last meeting held in May. Given the extent of the impact from the Pandemic on many people the Advisory Committee wants to place a high priority on fund applications that target relief for Pandemic related issues. We are finding this to be extremely complicated because of the widespread nature of Covid-19, and because of our responsibility to ensure that the funds are distributed according to the Fund Charter stipulated by the Founders of the Fund. We are doing due diligence to ensure that we meet our responsibilities as an Advisory Committee.

Julie had put together a list of several possible options and we reviewed each at this meeting. One option was to donate to the NH Charitable Foundation's Covid 19 relief fund. This would not be allowable under the rules that govern the Anniversary Fund. Also it is not specific to Temple. Several other organizations were discussed including Direct Relief, The Salvation Army and the Monadnock United Way. These were ruled out due to several issues broadly affecting each of them. They are not specific to Temple and funds could be completely used outside of Temple. They each carry an overhead that is required to fund salaries of officers at the local and National level (Vince was strongly opposed to these options for this reason. Julie pointed out that there has been progress to minimizing overhead dollars versus dollars spent on programs. Christine pointed out that there is some control of where the money would be targeted but only in a general nature added that the special MUW Covid fund directs 100% of their donations to local organizations, not the national UW organization).) We decided against pursuing any of these options.

We did not receive any proposals from within Temple so far this cycle. We will send out a notice of the approaching deadline for proposals, which is October 15.

We talked about the types of projects that might be interesting and beneficial to Temple in a broad way. Vince thought an outdoor shelter housed on Town Land would be very useful given our need to social distance. Peterborough makes good use of these and people can make better use of Town amenities

because of them. Christine gave an overview of many of the great ideas that are being considered within Temple Town organizations. These include outdoor shelters and public spaces, accessible trails, pollinator habitats, etc. Although we prefer to expend available funds each year, we are thinking that if a suitable proposal is not forthcoming, this year's funds could be awarded with next year's and therefore give town groups more time to formalize their plans and also allow the Fund to have more dollars to contribute.

Our next meeting has not been scheduled but will most likely occur in mid to late fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Submitted by: Vince Mamone, Minute Taker