

Temple Community Planning Committee (TCPC)
Minutes - Approved
November 19, 2019, 7 PM
Temple Town Hall

Attendees: Christine Robidoux, Keith Charlton, Bill Torphy, Gail Cromwell, Tedd Petro, Jessica Hipp, Ivy Bibler, Vivian Wills, Adie Krulis

Minutes from the October 29, 2019 meeting were reviewed and the vote for approval will happen at the next meeting. (Because 24 hours notice was not given for posting the meeting, no votes were taken during this meeting.)

Before and After School Care

The Rec Committee continues to work with Ms. Woods and Temple Elementary School on before and after school care. A committee member noted that Conval is looking into offering preschool for the entire district.

Broadband

J. Hipp gave an update regarding broadband. There are meetings throughout the state on topics related to broadband, including pole rights, legislative action, and regional groups. The next steps for the broadband committee are to issue a survey to Temple residents to better understand the availability and desire for internet coverage.

Affordable Housing

T. Petro gave an update from the Planning Board. The Planning Board continues to look into opportunities and methods for affordable housing. They plan to have a forum, possibly December 4, which will be open to the public.

Trail Mapping

A. Krulis provided an update from the Conservation Commission. B. Torphy connected with a former Temple resident who previously did a GPS map of hiking trails. The mapping is currently in a Powerpoint file, however the Garmin data files no longer exist. Paper maps are helpful, and A. Krulis emphasized that ultimately the committee needs GPS data of all trails for accuracy. This will involve pulling it all together from many different sources. This is a project for next year.

Community Planning Webpage Review

C. Robidoux has sent recommended changes to the webmaster for the community planning webpage, located at <https://www.templenh.org/temple-community-planning-committee>.

Physical Message Board

I. Bibler reported that she and C. Kieley have determined next steps toward exploring a physical sign for updates in the town center. I. Bibler will review the sign in Dublin, and will also talk with Peggy.

Communication Channels

J. Hipp asked the committee for resources to help streamline town communications. The goals are to make it easy for volunteers to get the word out; to work with paid staff to clarify ideal processes and workflows; and to better educate Temple residents about how they can learn about town events. The committee recommended contacting Alanna (town webpage), Marilynn (Facebook page), and Mary Amsden (newsletter).

Ladies Aid and Historical Society Collaborative Communication Events

V. Wills will discuss collaborative potlucks with Ladies Aid at the next meeting. B. Torphy spoke with Honey Hastings for the Historical Society. The Historical Society would like to do outreach, and H. Hastings will take the idea to the Historical Society board. V. Wills and B. Torphy will meet separately to flesh out plans.

Committee Name

C. Robidoux reported that there is confusion because “Planning” is in the name of the Temple Community Planning Committee. Some think we are the planning board. Should we change our committee name to clarify? The committee discussed possibilities, including Community Engagement, Community Outreach, Community Improvement, and Welcoming Committee. Does this communicate the full extent of what we’re trying to do? There are many different things this committee encompasses. We will continue to discuss.

Cornucopia/Community Garden

C. Robidoux spoke with Lauren Judd who works at Cornucopia. They do a community garden at TEX and would like to make it more of a community garden. C. Robidoux will put L. Judd in touch with V. Wills to explore gardening as an after school program. L. Judd is also connected with Vince Mamone to explore putting in a solar panel. Tim Winship and Lincoln Geiger are also good resources.

Historical Society Museum/Chestnut Trees/Pollinator Garden in Town Center

Vince Mamone is working on a Chestnut Tree project near the old schoolhouse. The project will install ten chestnut trees, and perhaps a pollinator garden. A group is also working on putting in a historical society museum at that location.

Annual Report

C. Robidoux will draft something for the annual report about the TCPC’s work. She will check with Paul on deadlines.

Community Welfare and Mental Health

The meeting occurred during Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week. There are people in Temple who are in need and do not know about available resources. How can we better connect people and the resources in our region. After several tragedies among area youth, the River Center is working on Mental Health Awareness Training. There is a grant that covers a one-day training for recognizing signs of mental health crisis. The training is facilitated by Ed Walker, Peterborough Fire Chief, and a counselor from Conval offers training specific for youth. Is this something we want to offer in Temple? No decision was made.

Upcoming Events

- Temple Planning Board Meeting, Wednesday, November 20
- Select Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 26
- Broadband Subcommittee, Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 7pm
- Community Planning Committee, Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 6pm
- Select Board Meeting, Tuesday, December 10, 6:30pm
- Community Planning Committee Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 7pm

Submitted by Jessica Hipp