

**Temple Community Advisory Committee (TCAC)**  
**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Thursday, April 15, 2021, 7:00 PM**  
**Via Zoom per Gov. Sununu Emergency Orders #12 & #16**

Attendees: Christine Robidoux, Keith Charlton, Vivian Wills, Bill Torphy, Dana Nowell, Jessica Hipp, Adie Krulis  
Guests: Alan Fox, Leona Davis, Rob Wills

Christine read the SOE text. Attendance was taken via roll call.

Minutes from March 18, 2021 were approved unanimously. Jessica abstained.

Alan Fox joined the meeting to discuss agrihoods. Alan grew up in Temple. He studied permaculture, ecological design, and sustainable resources. An agrihood combines residential communal housing with growing food. The idea is rooted in New England history. Nubanusit in Peterborough is a good example. Some agrihoods are not affordable for people to work the land. If there's an opportunity for people in the community to have places to grow, there would be economic opportunities for growing food without the tax burden of land ownership. This is also a way to bring younger people into a community like Temple.

The committee discussed how to gauge community interest in the agrihood concept and explore options for Temple. Adie Krulis updated the committee on plans for the agrihood under consideration in Amherst, NH. The project is spearheaded by Transformations. Another option is to work with people in the community who have a significant amount of land to allow other residents/individuals to farm that land. Goal-setting and understanding community priorities is the best place to start. What the final outcome looks like should come out of shared goals and priorities.

Rob Wills, chair of the town energy committee, spoke about the mandate to take the town's buildings carbon neutral by 2030. The first step is to cover town's current electric usage. Second step is to move all buildings onto carbon-free energy sources. The committee has been looking for a site to put a solar array. There are significant benefits in co-locating a PV array with sustainable housing. The energy committee is also looking at potentially creating a model that would allow residents to purchase power locally.

The CAC will continue discussing these ideas at the next meeting to determine next steps.

Christine gave an update on the new Community Board in Antrim. The website is: <https://www.antrimnh.org/antrim-community-board> Christine has reached out to connect with their board to better understand their goals and current projects.

## **Broadband Update**

CCI has sent a draft of the contract and we are redlining it. The Monadnock Broadband Group shared suggested changes that we will review and incorporate as appropriate. Once the committee and CCI are in agreement, we will send the contract to atty John Ratigan for review. Would the SB like to review the contract at any point during this process? Or do you want to wait until after legal review?

The contract will not be signed by either party until after the vote at Town Meeting.

There are several possible additional funding opportunities at the state and federal levels, and we are watching these closely. Most notable is SB85, which is a matching fund for broadband infrastructure. It has passed and is in the queue for funding. Temple is in a prime spot to take advantage of this funding, since towns have to be ready to install but cannot have signed a contract. Many towns that have voted yes for the bond are waiting to sign the contracts to see what happens with SB85. The bond bank may adjust their scheduled bond based on towns wanting to take advantage of SB85 and funding updates.

The committee is working with CIP to complete the application for the bond bank. It is due April 30th.

We have a list of residents who have concerns about possibly needing to install new conduit in advance of the CCI buildout. The committee is collecting names and contact info for concerned residents. CCI has a dedicated employee, Eddie, who has already reached out to the five residents on the list, and we have heard positive feedback about residents' experiences.

The next broadband public benefit hearing is April 22nd at 6:30 pm. The broadband committee will present and CCI reps will be there to answer questions. This is a good opportunity to ask questions. If anyone has questions in advance of the meeting, please email [templebroadband@templenh.org](mailto:templebroadband@templenh.org). All questions should go through the broadband committee so we can help with consistency and follow-up.

Once the contract is approved, CCI will set up a webpage where residents can get updates on progress. Residents can also pre-register for service through this website. The town will be installed in zones. For most residents, service will be turned on by the end of Q1, 2022. CCI would like to get into town buildings and see how we want to set things up. Per the proposal, CCI offers free install, free setup, and free service for one line in each town building. If we need dedicated IPs or multiple IPs, there could be a cost for that.

## **Conservation Commission**

Christine encouraged the committee to read the minutes from the Conservation Commission.

**Recreation Commission**

Vivian gave an update that town owned outdoor spaces are now open for use. The committee has also been looking at childcare options in general and also for town meeting. There is still a need. Parents have concerns about the impact of COVID. The committee is still looking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

**Planning Board**

The Planning Board is working on updating procedures and ensuring that it is clear for board members and the general public. Site planning application is also a priority. Affordable housing continues to be an active conversation. Keith will bring the agrihood conversation to the next planning board meeting.

**Land Use Committee**

Forum is next Wednesday, April 22.

Christine will meet with Linda Bollinger in May to discuss a Welcome to Temple booklet. It will likely be electronic and paper.

Christine went to a Plan NH webinar that discussed community building ideas, including games, temporary displays, etc. Two resources were mentioned: DIY Community Cookbook, AARP's Pop-up placemaking toolkit

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp