

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Minutes

Thursday, April 20th, 2023, at 7:00 PM

In Person at the Temple Town Hall Annex

Zoom Option was available and recorded

Meeting Commence: 7:00

Attendance: Christine Robidoux, Jessica Hipp, Lilliane LeBel, Keith Charlton, and Bill Torphy

Absentees: Dana Nowell & Vivian Wills (Vivian did attend the meeting for a short time at the beginning of the meeting to notify she needed to be at another meeting and returned shortly before the end of the meeting for brief comments)

1. Review Minutes a. April 20th, 2023

Approved with minor cosmetic corrections.

2. Election of Officers

Keith agreed to continue as Secretary if the committee wished, Christine motioned to appoint and Jessica seconded, all present approved. The Chair and vice-chair under consideration.

3. Review Lilliane Lebel's Charrette Topics Analysis

Lilliane: Revisited the Charette notes due to some general comments that were made questioning the topics that were listed in the Charette and presentation and final report. Lilliane provided a statistical analysis of the various topics discussed at the public listening sessions.

Main Topics - by Score	Score
Green Space	34
DPW	11
Housing	11
Historical Society	9
Safety	9
Character	8
Parking	8
Recreation	8
Community	7
No change	6
Ballfield	4
Renewable Energy	4
Utilities/facilities	4
Other	4*
School for meetings	3
Elderly	2
Jobs	2
Lighting	2

Library	1
School	1
Town Hall	1
Water	1
Total	140

It was agreed that this statistic summary should be presented at the next forum along with explanations for some of the terminology used in the Charette for clarification.

Since “Green Space” was a dominant theme, it was suggested that we share the comments with the Conservation Commission. They may wish to follow up and bring this data to a future forum in conjunction with the Natural Resources Inventory section of the Master Plan.

It was also suggested that the CAC should share the results with the various committees.

4. Parking & Safety Forum Discussion

Christine mentioned that Nate Sartell has been asked to consider joining us as he expressed an interest in helping with the traffic calming options in the Village Center.

Christine: Commented on the positive feedback on the forum. Christine asked Lilliane to do an analysis of the public comments, similar to the Charrette topics analysis. Lilliane agreed. Jessica provided statistics on the “Penny Count” which appears to have worked out quite well.

Jessica provided the results:

Topics	Score	Comments
Don't change anything	11	
Pedestrian Path by Town Hall	6	
Parking Area in DPW	10	
Reclaim Firehouse Lane	12	
Narrow Rt.45	13	
Improve Lighting	3	
Create Event Parking on lower common	2*	New Well Negates Option
Define Parking Next To Village Green (7 head-In)	3	
Complete Streets	3	
Reclaim Green Space in front of Church	5	
Move Historical Society Location	3	
Courtyard Green Space	1	
Define Parking Town Hall/Library	0	

We further discussed the traffic study data shared at the Charrette. Bill Torphy volunteered to follow-up with SWRPC on a new traffic study. Christine will connect him with Henry Underwood at SWRPC.

Money has not been budgeted for a new study this year. If no grant funding is available, we could approach the Select Board or put forth a warrant article to voters in 2024. Since Route 45 and General Miller are state roads, it may be partially covered by the State.

People commented on liking the “round table” approach of the forum.

Keith proposed asking Rob Wills his opinion for lighting options. Lilliane suggested also working with the Historic District Commission, to get more people involved.

We were all reminded to move slowly and with consideration for concerns raised about too much change too fast in the community.

5. Subcommittee Updates

- a. A/V Equipment - Keith: More groups / committees have been requesting training. The screen deployment in the Town Hall appears to be finally resolved, however the Annex TV has developed an issue since the last power outage where it does not automatically turn on/off from the touch pad.
- b. Broadband – Jessica reported an April/May deployment for Stonegate after trenching and conducing is completed. Payment of 75% is now complete, and 25 % will be held in reserve until confirmation of final complete Town available is confirmed. Keith raised the issue of a new charge on his bill due to the current discount expiring, it had been suggested by Consolidated that new discounts would likely be available after the first year billing, but Keith was told no current discounts would apply, Jessica will check her contacts to see if this is true. Jessica also posed the need to close the broadband committee once payment and minor details are resolved. This will be raised at a future CAC meeting.
- c. School – No update at this time.
- d. Planning Board Housing Forums - Christine shared information about the May 2nd Forum. The topic is the Master Plan. She also shared data that she received from Steve Concordia who assisted with analysis of the Vision statement survey conducted in 2017. CAC members are encouraged to attend the forum.

6. Other Business

Good Roads Day – Some members of the committee will be assisting similar to last year.

Good Roads Day is April 29th.

Other Board/Committee News - None

Next CAC Meeting: May 18th 2023

Christine motioned to adjourn, Keith – seconded, all members present confirmed approval to adjourn.