

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Aug 19, 2021 at 7 PM
FINAL Minutes

Attendees: Christine Robidoux, Bill Torphy, Ivy Bibler, Dana Nowell, Jessica Hipp

Christine Robidoux called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The committee reviewed the minutes from July 15, 2021 meeting and approved unanimously. Dana Nowell abstained.

Broadband Update

Jessica Hipp gave an update on the broadband project. The bond money is in the bank. Contract is nearly finalized. No information has been released as to how to apply for a matching grant. CCI plans to attend the Harvest Festival to answer questions. Once the contract has been signed, Jessica will coordinate a kickoff meeting with key stakeholders, including CCI project management team, a Selectboard member, and the police chief.

Plan NH Charrette on Housing in Temple

Christine spoke with Robin LeBlanc from Plan NH. There is no way they can do a Charrette this year. Plan NH is catching up from last year, and the earliest they can do a Charrette with us is March/April 2022. This gives us more time for conversations with various committees and to apply for the mini-grant.

Robin has offered to do a presentation for the CAC committee on Thursday, September 2nd at 7pm. The CAC will invite reps from other boards and committees. Several committees have already submitted letters of support to include with the Charrette application.

The committee reviewed the draft of the NHHFA mini-grant application. The mini-grant will cover the cost of the Charrette. Members expressed support for the content. The committee voted unanimously to send the application to George Regan for review.

The committee brainstormed responses to the questions on the Plan NH Charrette Application. After the Sept 2nd meeting with Robin LeBlanc, we can get more input from other committees.

The committee discussed options for getting a projector, which Robin requested.

New Business

Jessica Hipp updated the committee on school board conversations about consolidating some of the small elementary schools, including TES. Liz Swan, the schoolboard rep, wants to have a community conversation so she is accurately representing the desires of the town. The CAC discussed ways to support Liz and TES. As a next step, we recommend and would be willing to host a conversation between key stakeholders to determine possible approaches.

The committee briefly discussed the Harvest Festival. Christine will bring a sign-up sheet to the next meeting. Jessica will talk to Ken about a table for the CAC and for CCI, including whether we will be under the tent, etc.

Christine requested a volunteer to proofread the presentation from January 2021 about participating in boards and committees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm

Upcoming Events:

- Select Board Meetings - 6:30 PM August 24th & September 14th
- Conservation Commission – September 8th at 7 PM
- Planning Board – September 7th at 7 PM
- Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting – September 15th at 7 PM

Webinars and Conferences

- Radically Rural Event in Keene – September 22-23, 2021 (<https://radicallyrural.org/>)

CAC Meeting Dates

- Community Advisory September 2nd at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp