

## **Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**

December 16, 2021 at 7 PM

FINAL Minutes

In Person at the Temple Town Hall

**Attendees:** Christine Robidoux, Keith Charlton, Dana Nowell, Bill Torphy, Jessica Hipp, Vivian Wills, Robert Wills, Kristen Reida

The committee reviewed the Minutes from November 18, 2021. Keith Charlton made a wording amendment on page 3. A motion was made by Christine to approve the minutes as amended seconded by Keith Charlton and accepted unanimously.

The committee reviewed Broadband minutes. A motion was made by Christine to approve the minutes as amended seconded by Keith Charlton and accepted unanimously.

### **Broadband Update**

Jessica reports that the bond has been approved and funds to be received in February. CCI is aware of all of the timing and approves.

Most of the cable is laid at street level town wide and ready for splicing. Jessica won't send installation updates town wide as the progress is happening fast and information often does not match up with what work the linemen have done. It appears that the work is getting done according to schedule.

Vivian and Rob Wills reported that the box on their property was moved to a more acceptable location.

Christine reported that the Monadnock Broadband Group spoke of improving cell phone coverage on a statewide level instead of each individual town having to pursue the means to upgrade their broadband access to all.

### **School Subcommittee Update**

Jessica reported that the Select Board approved a subcommittee to be formed to look at the elementary school issue and are on board with support. Two people have written letters expressing interest to be on the committee, Gail Cromwell and Kristen Reida. Jessica has also voiced her desire to be on as well. It would be set up similar to the Broadband Committee and its relationship to the CAC.

Jessica made a motion to accept both Gail and Kristen to the subcommittee seconded by Dana and accepted unanimously.

Jessica is suggesting a goal of a minimum of 5 people serving on the committee. Vivian expressed interest. Christine made a motion to appoint Jessica as the chair seconded by Dana and accepted unanimously.

Jessica added there is a lot of support for a K – 6 grade independent school. The town of Mason made changes several years ago and learning more about their model is part of the information to be gathered for community discussion. Cindi Connolly is very knowledgeable about this and will report and comment about the Mason school initiative and connect us with the right contacts that can help us learn more about their process and details.

Rob Wills asked about the land transfer from Conval back to Temple. He also commented that if this happened it would greatly improve the scenario for the affordable housing. Jessica confirmed this is a vital piece in the picture. Discussion also continued about Jessica's communication with Liz Swan, our School Board Rep, who keeps us informed about how things stand at district level regarding the consolidation which appear heavily leaning in favor of that outcome.

## **Board/Committee Updates**

### **Recreation Committee**

Vivian reported having done a lot of work on their webpage. She was in touch and worked with Carol Mamczak to accomplish some updates and worthy changes to the function and readability of their page. Vivian suggests hosting a "workshop" for all committees and boards to be able to participate in and learn more about how to enhance the exposure of their groups activities on the web. The subject of email contact info was brought up and discussed. Dana commented that a more secure way to access the group email is through clicking onto a link to a form for inquiries. He also raised the question of how our system is backed up.

Vivian would like to announce on the town website about the latest updates to the Rec page. She also reported that Rec will not prepare a Warrant Article for the upcoming Town Meeting about the issue of having a fund for receiving donations. The committee still needs advice and direction about the best way to create the proper channel and Christine recommended different avenues to pursue getting input on this subject.

### **Renewable Energy**

Rob Wills reported that the committee has reached out to Eversource about the existing service at the location near TES with suggestions to upgrade the 100 amp service to 200 to 400 amps. A work order would need to be written and Select Board advice on next steps taken in the process. There are no financial obligations at this stage, just budgetary quotes. They are also working on getting quotes and estimates for photovoltaic arrays at the site of the ballfield. Rob spoke with Conval rep about the idea of a solar array and was told it is not on their agenda right now.

### **Land Use Committee**

Christine reported that Tim Fiske has pursued speaking to various state agencies about the land swap of the triangle piece owned by Temple for the road frontage lot owned by the state along the reservoir.

The 2 lots on Rte 45 Peterborough Road side have been moving forward. One is to be sold to the abutters and the other has interested parties making bids on them. Surveyors are working on the lots on the other side of the abutter to do a lot line adjustment so that there would be one large parcel and smaller parcel with a trail easement. The larger piece then would be about 7 acres to sell.

LUC is preparing a Warrant Article to propose the sale of the properties and have proceeds of sale go to the Highway Dept Trust Fund. Another Warrant Article will be presented to see if the town wants to proceed with moving the town garage to the property across from the Town Office building. Rob Wills comments that these proposals are helpful when leading into the Charrette.

## **Planning Board**

Keith gave an update for Planning Board. The flood plain insurance has been in discussion and Planning Board voted and passed that the item be put on the Town Meeting agenda for voters to decide. Dana asked about the possibility of holding education and information sessions for the public. Christine and Keith confirmed that at least one and possibly two events will be held in the beginning of the year to provide facts and information.

Keith spoke about the Dark Sky ordinance and stated that rules and regulations are updated. A hearing will be held on the first Tuesday in January addressing this. This hearing will also include the proposed Floodplain Ordinance.

## **ARPA Funds**

Rob Wills asked about status of the livestream installation. Keith reported that the Select Board approved the A/V Request for Proposals. The deadline for the RFP is at the end of January. Rob said he has an engineer out of Portsmouth to recommend they consider for getting an estimate from for sound abatement. Christine and Keith recommended Rob forward the RFP to this person.

There is much to be considered for planning this to be done in the Town Hall. Coordination and contact with the Town Hall Advisory committee is essential. Christine will contact them.

Bill Torphy reported on the septic. There are issues with the leach field which is going to go at any time. Tim Fiske spoke with Pete Caswell about repair and the fact that ledge is involved. They will be in contact with Fieldstone Land Consultants, a professional engineering company. Other bids will be sought for this in our local area.

Tim suggested that the Library be split off from the others. There was discussion regarding the town road in front of church and Town Hall. Questions about whether the church is its own entity were brought up. Rob Wills says there is ledge 6 inches down and parking established in the back could be a big help. Rob offered to be a contact with the church regarding this issue.

### **Community Advisory Warrant Article**

Christine sought advice from Town Council and she discussed each point that was used to make recent changes. Keith asked about the subject of committee appointments. Dana suggested rewording about filling vacancies and discussion between members

Bill Torphy made a motion to present the Warrant Article as edited to the Select Board seconded by Dana and accepted unanimously. Christine will present it at their next meeting.

### **Annual Report**

Christine handed out copies of the draft Annual Report she wrote. Committee members mentioned including mention of our presence at the Temple Harvest Festival. Dana mentioned specifically stating that the A/V proposal for ARPA funds is moving forward and to highlight outreach efforts we have made. Christine points out some of this is basically covered and will also consider more work to emphasize the outreach.

### **Charrette application**

Christine handed out copies of the updated application and it was reviewed by members. Keith mentioned having edits and will email these to Christine. Vivian asked about the wording of two town owned undeveloped properties and there was discussion about this between members. Christine will review this and include in edits for review at our next meeting.

**Next CAC Meeting:** January 20, 2022 at 7 PM

Keith motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Dana and accepted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Minutes taken by Vivian Wills and edited by Jessica Hipp. Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp.