

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16th, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Temple Town Hall Annex

Zoom Option was available but a technical problem caused a loss of sound for a portion of the meeting.

Note: It was discovered that the A/V equipment had been interfered with to a minor degree, this was fixed temporarily and will be fully checked out during the East-West visit next week.

Meeting Commence: 7:01

Attendance: Christine Robidoux, Jessica Hipp, Bill Torphy, Lilliane LeBel, Keith Charlton, Vivian Wills arrive at 7:15 pm.

Review Minutes: November 17th 2022 meeting minutes approved with minor amendments to text and sentencing.

The committee did not meet in December due to the holidays, and the meeting on January 19th was cancelled due to bad weather, so no minutes.

New Business

There's been a lot of talk in the community about the proposed Highway relocation and the related flyers that were mailed out to residents. Christine proposed we discuss expectations for "Land Use Committee Forum", and Tim Fiske was invited to attend our meeting to get feedback and suggestions. Keith Charlton will be assisting with the remote option set-up, working with Scott Hecker and Christine.

Discussion on what we expect from the forum, Keith asked should we concentrate on the safety aspect as a preliminary issue while we understand it may take a considerable time to resolve what to happen with the highway Department, since feedback heard focuses on Charrette suggestions related to safety in the village center.

Tim: suggested safety should definitely be concentrated on initially particularly lighting as a lot of people do not realize the full extent of the safety aspects of the road in front of the Town Hall. Would it be possible for the CAC to spearhead this issue at a future forum, and provide recommendations to the Select Board based on community input and further research into the options presented?

Jess: At the Charrette DOT grants were suggested for things like cobble stones which would be more aesthetically pleasing and the rumble sound would also warn drivers.

General question from most present "Do we keep the two subjects separate? Safety & Highway Department".

Tim: Now is the time for the highway facilities move, in his opinion, because we are always delaying decisions like this. The land that was sold provides funding, so we have a significant amount of seed money to get started. There is also more tax money coming in from new houses and the new commercial property. Initial research tells us that there is lots of money out there for grants. Mentioned Jean Shaheen's recent state proposals. Christine mentioned the "Complete Streets" grant opportunities.

Keith requested we keep safety as a priority for this committee.

Christine is preparing a slide presentation and asked about the order of the slides. Jess suggested to talk about the money first, since for some that's the most important issue. She cited the example of how the Broadband solution was presented.

Tim: Right now our hands are tied as far as grant applications. The first question is always "are you ready to go with a project". We need to have a "shovel ready" plan.

Bill: Do something to get things started, "plant a seed", maybe just lighting, initially. Lillian & Jess: Propose to the Select Board to respond to the safety aspects of the Charrette. Tim; Charette has some good ideas, the select board is the ideal committee to take some action now in meetings. Lillian; Can we use a CAC Forum to guide the Select Board.

Christine: Timing for a CAC Safety Public Forum March 30th at 7 PM. Mention at the Town Meeting. Add slide to the TLUC presentation.

Other CAC suggestions for the TLUC forum: Set parameters for time limits for speakers and for decorum and control the repetition that many times happens. Encourage people to take notes. Gail will be taking minutes, Scott to control and keep order of zoom questions. The order of questions should allow for individuals to initially talk once before allowing second round of questions.

Jess/Vivian Wills suggested we remind attendees that Temple has been fiscally responsible in the past and the Forum should state the intent to continue with this.

CAC members were encouraged to attend the forum next week and share the information about the forum with their neighbors and friends in town.

1. Subcommittee Updates

A/V Update - Keith: There have been a few hiccups recently with the projection screen not deploying after a power outage. The issue was thought to be fixed as it was isolated to a relay module, but a recent repeat issue requires a visit by East-West to provide a permanent fix, currently planned for Monday February 20th.

Broadband – Jess: Schedule is on the downhill slope, Stonegate Farm needs underground conduit, scheduled for April. The HOA is managing that directly. The invoice we are expecting in March for the 2nd 25% after the initial 50% will be delayed until such time The Select Board will give the final approval for the sign-off letter.

It was at this point that it was pointed out that the Zoom sound was not on and was corrected.

School Update – Jess: ConVal is hiring a consultant for restructuring the whole district. Looking for balance from external source rather than just the committee's ideas.

Housing Forum – Christine/Keith: Last Planning Board meeting we discussed providing a Zoning 101 presentation to outline the current Zoning Regulations as a lot of residents are likely unaware of many of the regulations. This would provide a basis for future public forums. We also need to review the 2020 survey. Proposed timing for Public forums is for one in April, May and June, Subjects: Upcoming surveys and public input related to the HOP Grant and potential updates to the Vision Statement and other chapters of the Master Plan and the regulatory review as part of the grant award. Bill suggested explanations for certain buzz words. Lillian asked about the CAC position on these things, Keith stated the CAC is careful to show we are an “advisory” committee to report back and give advice to other boards and committees when asked.

2. Other Business:

Christine stated she was advised the CAC Annual report was too long, so asked Jessica to trim it back. The revised version was presented to the committee for review.

Vivian mentioned that the Rec Committee recently did a NHMA “On demand” workshop to understand funding organization and best practices and procedures. It was in person and was well worthwhile. Gary Scholl and Peter Allen were also present. Could be useful for other committees / subjects. Trying to expand, looking for new members.

Add to Next Agenda: Linda Bollinger is looking for support for Good Roads Day. Rob Wills and the Renewable Energy committee typically help with this, but were not able to last year. This may also be the case this year. Vivian believes it will be on Saturday April 29th. The CAC helped with sorting recycling last year.

Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, March 16th 2023

Bill motioned to Adjourn, Lillian seconded. Time: 7:47.

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