

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
February 3, 2022 at 7 PM
In Person at the Temple Town Hall
FINAL Minutes

Attendees: Christine Robidoux, Keith Charlton, Bill Torphy, Dana Nowell, Jessica Hipp, Bruce Kullgren (guest)

Christine called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes from the December 16, 2021 meeting as amended. – Keith, Bill 2nd
Unanimous. Jessica abstained.

Keith gave an update for the Planning Board about tax maps and subdivisions. The hearing on the Dark Skies warrant article happened and it will be on the ballot on March 8th. There is a hearing on February 15th regarding driveway regulations.

Christine gave an update for the Land Use committee. Rob Wills and Christine drafted a letter explaining what the committee is envisioning for the lot next to TES. They suggested a site visit. Surveyors were out last week to do the lot line adjustment for the 2 lots on Rte 45. People are already interested in purchasing the larger lot.

Conservation Committee – Sean Radcliffe reports that the Con Comm wants to move forward with the National Resources inventory. The proposal was significantly higher than the budgeted amount, so there will be further conversations before moving forward.

The committee discussed open positions for Town Boards & Committees. The sign-up date has passed. There are still open positions that can be write-ins. Open positions include moderator, BAC, and fire engineer.

Jessica gave a Broadband update. The fiber backbone has been installed throughout most of town. Splicing has begun in most areas. No areas have moved onto testing yet. CCI plans to switch installation crews next week to speed up work.

Dana discussed a federal program for financial assistance with broadband. This replaces a previous program that is ending on March 1st. This new program is the long-term replacement, and it has no end date. It is unclear if people who received benefits under the first program have to reapply. Christine will mention this at the Select Board meeting on Tuesday.

The CAC unanimously voted to recommend that Brandy Urbon be appointed to the School Subcommittee. The first school subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 17.

Christine gave an update on projects for the ARPA funds. Keith and Christine are working with Rob Wills, Danny Cournoyer, and Bill Ezell for audio/visual equipment for remote viewing of meetings. An RFP was put out and we received three proposals. Two bidding companies came last week to view the buildings. The committee discussed what other towns are doing and will continue to explore what is happening locally to understand our options. Currently the plan is for remote viewing only.

Bill Torphy gave an update on the septic project, which can be funded with ARPA funds. Bill met with a consultant to understand state and other requirements. There is a question about what is state property vs town property in the town center. The existing system was built on ledge. There is a question about whether the engineering proposal needs to go out for bid. Construction will definitely

go out for bid. The engineer typically handles state approvals for the design. Bruce recommended that Bill talk with Pete Caswell, who was involved in the initial design. The next step is for the engineering firm to get Bill a list of what information they need in order to create the design.

Christine mentioned that the ARPA wording has been updated so it's now much more flexible in how funds can be used.

Jessica gave an update on the Community Advisory Warrant Article. The Select Board passed the revised version below with a 2-1 vote.

To see if the town will vote to establish a committee to be named the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the purpose of collaborating on and supporting projects that honor the Vision of the Master Plan.

The Committee shall consist of no fewer than 3 members. Members shall be appointed by the Select Board for a term of 3 years, except to fill a vacancy. Appointments shall be made every two years of one-third the total number of members, as near as possible, to stagger the terms.

The committee reviewed the NHHFA Grant DRAFT and Charrette DRAFT. Bruce talked about a Middle Housing webinar he attended. There are options for how to keep the aesthetic and still provide the types of housing (especially two-family houses) that work for affordable housing. Affordable housing has to include rentals. Definition of affordable is based on the average income in your area. The committee discussed the potential of deed restrictions and some of the leading thinking in how to incentivize builders to build affordable housing while still retaining character of rural areas. We can also look at ADU regulations.

CAC members will take the new drafts to committees as follows:

Dana – Village Green, BAC
Keith – Renewable Energy, Con Comm
Jess – Planning Board (with Bruce)
Bill – Zoning Board
Christine – Land Use

The CAC can meet at 7:30 p.m. on Feb 17th – after the school subcommittee meeting – to discuss the Charrette.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Upcoming Events & Town Meetings

- Select Board –February 8th at 6:30 PM
- ConVal School District Meetings – See posted on TempleNH.org: 21-22_first_notice.pdf
Annual District Meeting February 8th 2022 at 6:00 PM in the ConVal HS Gymnasium (CDC Guidelines apply – masks required) Go to <https://schoolboard.convalsd.net/meetings/> for ConVal Committee meeting schedules, agendas, & minutes
- Library Trustees – February 13th at 5 PM
- Conservation Commission – February 9th at 7 PM
- Planning Board - February 1st & February 15th at 7 PM
- Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting – February 16th at 7 PM
- February 10th 2022 Select Board & Budget Advisory 2022 Budget Hearing
- Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 – VOTING DAY
- Saturday, March 12th – TOWN MEETING
- Next CAC Meeting: February 17th at 7:30 PM

Webinars and Conferences

- SWRPC Annual Meeting, February 8th at 3:30 PM in Keene
- Plan NH Virtual Town Hall, February 17th at 12 PM <https://plannh.org/events/virtual-town-hall->.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp.