

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

July 15, 2021 at 7 PM

### **FINAL MINUTES**

Attendees: Christine Robidoux, Keith Charlton, Bill Torphy, Ivy Bibler, Mike Flynn, Jessica Hipp

Christine called the meeting to order at 7:17.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the July 6, 2021 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Unanimous approval.

#### **Committee Updates**

Conservation Commission – Christine reported about the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting for the Conservation Commission. They continue trail maintenance. They are also looking at mapping conservation land to determine a percentage of conserved land. Working on a sign for the White Ledges path.

Christine presented the plan for submitting the mini-grant and the Charrette; the Conservation Commission approved unanimously.

The Community Advisory Committee briefly discussed affordable housing and the official definition. What is the median household income in Temple? The official definition of affordable housing is 30% of income – 30% includes PITI (payment, interest, taxes, and insurance). For an \$80K HHI, roughly a \$332,000 mortgage would be considered affordable. There's not a lot of inventory in this price range.

#### **Broadband Expansion**

The bond sale resulted in an interest rate of 2.35% over the 20 years. The bond bank is sending the payment schedule and other paperwork to finalize the loan and disburse funds.

Gov. Sununu signed the grant funding this week. There is federal money available for broadband expansion, but the allocation process has not yet been determined.

The broadband committee continues to iron out some language in the contract, based on the scenarios of receiving a grant, a 2<sup>nd</sup> bond, or a combination of both. The sub-committee has worked with a handful of resident concerns that are being handled on a case-by-case.

#### **Affordable Housing**

The Select Board voted for the CAC to pursue the mini-grant and Charrette applications. The CAC needs formal approval from other town committees listed below as part of the application. There are two asks of these committees: one for an affirmation of support of the mini-grant and Charrette application, and second for a person to be named as liason as we work on the application. Jessica will present at the Planning Board on Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Dana will attend the BAC meeting, possibly on Wednesday at 4:30. Keith will present at the Renewable Energy Task Force meeting on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>. Someone will present at a future ZBA meeting. Christine will ask for a meeting of the Land Use Committee.

Library – will start taking books for the used book sale on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Community Services and Care Planning Board – Vivian went to the recent meeting and established a person to stay in communication with.

“Welcome to Temple” Committee/Event/Booklet – work is progressing but there are still some pieces outstanding. The goal is to have this available for the Harvest Festival.

### **New Business**

Harvest Festival – Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

Jessica will let CCI know about Harvest Festival and invite them to have a booth. The CAC will also have a booth. Committee members are asked to volunteer for an hour. We will promote the Charrette at the Harvest Festival

Ivy Bibler asked how we get Zoom meetings for Select Board meetings and other important meetings? This is a good way to expand access and participation. How can we start with view only to get audio and video worked out?

Christine attended a smart growth webinar to discuss what’s happened over the last 25 years. The webinar was held by the Maryland Department of Planning, and it is the 1<sup>st</sup> of 4. Connecticut has also adopted smart growth principals.

Plan NH annual awards...Christine signed up to attend. It is likely to be at the same time as the BAC.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Select Board Meetings - 6:30 PM July 27nd, August 10<sup>th</sup>
- Conservation Commission – July 14th at 7 PM
- Planning Board – July 20th at 7 PM
- Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting – July 28st at 7 PM

### **Webinars and Conferences**

- Smart Growth at 25 – July 13th at 1 PM (<http://smartgrowth.org/smart-growth-at-25-webinar-series/>)
- Plan NH Annual Awards – July 21 at 4 PM via Zoom (<https://plannh.org/events/annual-awards-event>)
- Radically Rural Event in Keene – September 22-23, 2021 (<https://radicallyrural.org/>)

### **CAC Meeting Dates**

- August 4 at 7PM for grant application
- Community Advisory August 19 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp