

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Agenda

Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 7:00pm

Temple Town Hall Annex

Meeting Commenced: 7:00

Attendance: Christine Robidoux, Jessica Hipp, Lilliane LeBel, Keith Charlton, Bill Torphy & Vivian Wills

Absentees: Dana Nowell

1. Review Minutes from May 18, 2023, Meeting

Motion to approve by Christine, seconded by Jess, all present approved.

2. 2023 Project(s) to Consider:

- a) Narrowing of Route 45 towards center of town
- b) Traffic Study Update - Bill
- c) Safety partnership with Police Dept.

Jessica suggested grouping of a-c, all agreed. Lilliane stated that narrowing of the town road was mentioned on the Temple town web site under Charrette Report., Lilliane mentioned an article in the Ledger describing how in Lyndeborough the Police Dept will be applying for a state grant for road narrowing and other safety features with 75 % paid by the state 25% town, at an approximate total cost of \$12,000. Everyone appeared to agree that narrowing the road through the town should be explored. Lilliane is working with Bill Ezell as he is working with the police board; she asked Bill to request a monthly update People on the temple town Facebook site have listed speeding as a concern.

Vivian mentioned that the Select Board also listened to concerns last evening, where several members mentioned commercial delivery trucks have been observed speeding; suggestions were made for how we could ask residents to be more vigilant and reporting to the police. Possible ways of helping the police include making them aware of problem areas, particularly the town center and West Road which has become a thoroughfare for businesses out towards Jaffrey and Rindge. Vivian and Bill mentioned there was an incident just recently on Memorial Day in the town center which appeared to be from excessive speed. board We can ask Bill if we should request Another question was raised on what kind of information would be useful to the police, like specific repeat problem areas/roads. Lilliane volunteered to create a draft survey, also to research traffic calming grant to check for suggestions, possibly taking advantage of the SWRPC, but the committee would have to apply by mid-July (it appears to be a Pilot scheme). They may be able to supply information on grant sources.

Bill Torphy provided a Traffic study update: Henry Underwood gave Bill some ideas on potential studies based on recent Town resident forums and the Charrette report (refer to printed document attached to these minutes). Briefly, he mentioned various "turning movement studies and speed studies". Jess mentioned that residents have recently pressed for more information

on this type of town issue. Jess also suggested using the latter part of this year to investigate grants for traffic study for possible traffic study spring of 2024. Keith suggested approaching the Select Board for 25 mph signs for small roads / dirt roads, as there has been major increase in using these roads for “drifting,” leaving obvious evidence on the curves of these roads in addition to the observed excessive speed on these roads. Jess stated we really need the data to help guide suggestions. Keith asked Bill if he could check local towns that have done this type of work to get a more realistic budget. Vivian mentioned moving or adding a second sign on Route 45 where it changes to 30. Christine and Jess mentioned Visuals on entering the “The Historic Town of Temple”.

d) CAC Forum: topics, possible dates

e) Jess – what is the best way possible for listing of open positions, how do you encourage residents to participate, Christine gave an example from 2020 for an outline of what the committees do and the advantages of joining the committees. The presentation was run during first part of Covid utilizing Zoom. It was highlighted that the ZBA currently needs two volunteers. Jess suggested “Meet the Candidates Night” as a time to discuss the need for volunteers and encourage new residents as well as established residents to take a greater interest to influence what they would like to see happen in the town. Vivian mentioned we also need to highlight difference between the elected positions, and voluntary positions. Jess mentioned the Harvest Festival / Fall 2023 to poll for an article in early 2024.

3. Plan NH testimonial request

“Plan NH” was responsible for the Charrette report and have requested a testimonial for how the Charrette has helped focus ideas for investigation. They asked for a brief video if possible; Jess will work on this to put some ideas together.

4. Harvest Festival

Harvest festival is on 24th September. Dana may be interested in organizing the CAC table event. Possibly Jess to help by giving brief breaks to those at the table. Keith and Christine volunteered for shifts at the table, Vivian is a possible helper. Possibly having rec committee next to CAC to share shifts. Time for surveys? Think up some fun activities.

5. CAC Annual Calendar

Jess has distributed a draft calendar for review. Welcome booklet was mentioned,

6. Subcommittee Updates

a. A/V Equipment: Keith – The annex system still has a glitch to be fixed, currently planned to be fixed next week. Vivian commented that The Temple Drama Club utilized the AV equipment (for the now annual event restarted after covid). The recordings were

reviewed by them and highlighted they may want to invest in another form of microphones which has been discussed as an option that could be considered for various funding options. Vivian has a suggestion for AV technical backup for Keith and will send contact information.

b. Welcome Booklet online – Christine is waiting on Dana to get back to her on formatting.

c. School - No updates for when there will be community input.

7. Other Business

Jess: Planning for the Fall, 250th Anniversary Fund Advisory Committee discussions for awards, and funding projects outside the normal budget, e.g., bike racks for the library, motion lights for the parking area behind town hall, and village center. But possibly ask about ARPA funds for lighting as it would appear to be relevant use that would qualify.

Vivian: signed up for a webinar for NHMA, found it really informative for her position on the rec commission for understanding funding, “Right to know” law, all aspects of organizing, legislative help, and the bulletins have been very helpful in addition to the webinar. “Learn more about the NHMA” was useful to find out about on demand workshops, cost etc.

8. Other Board/Committee News

None mentioned...

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 7:00pm

Lilliane motioned to adjourn, Vivian seconded, all in attendance confirmed, Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.