

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

June 17, 2021 at 7 PM

FINAL Minutes

Attendees: Christine Robidoux, Ivy Bibler, Gail Cromwell, Dana Nowell, Keith Charlton, Mike Flynn, Vivian Wills, Jessica Hipp, Rob Wills

Christine Robidoux called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The committee reviewed the Minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve by Charlton, 2nd by Wills. Approved unanimously.

Committee Updates

Conservation Commission

C. Robidoux updated that trail maintenance will occur at the Chris Weston property on Rte 45 at 8am on Saturday. The commission has been working on trails at the town forest.

Recreation Commission

V. Wills updated that the next event is 4th of July at Memorial Field. Getting together with the TVFD to coordinate. More events will be planned going forward. The Pony Farm has moved, so will no longer participate. Flyers went home with TES kids. More info will go out soon.

There is now a Facebook Live yoga class that has been regularly accessed each week. Kitty Quinn grew up in Temple and teaches the class. There is no charge. Now that in-person is a possibility, the Recreation Commission is working with Kitty to look at additional opportunities. Felicia Sartell and Kitty coordinated on a chair yoga class with the animals at Sartell Farm.

Library

The building will open on June 28th. Appointments are encouraged. Curbside pickup will continue. The library is hosting a "No Two Tales Alike" live animal presentation on the Town Common on August 13th at 6pm in partnership with Squam Lake.

Broadband Expansion

The Broadband vote passed at Town Meeting 213-9. The Broadband committee met with the Select Board Thursday morning, June 17th to sign the certificate of vote and the loan agreement. Christine Robidoux is completing the final items needed for the bond bank, and will send everything by FedEx on Friday, so it arrives by the Monday deadline.

The Broadband Committee met on June 17th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss potential grant funding as it relates to the bond. SB85 provides a matching grant of up to 50% for broadband projects. It has passed, but has not yet been funded. Funding and further eligibility requirements will be available toward the end of the summer, at the earliest. This is after the bond sale in July.

During the morning meeting with the Select Board, the broadband committee discussed the options of bonding 100% during the July bond sale versus bonding only 50% in the July bond sale. CCI has said for the towns they are working with, about half will bond for the full amount in July and the other half will bond only 50%. They will work with the town whichever way we decide. The primary advantage of bonding only 50% in July is to leave open every possibility

to receive grant funding, should it become available. The primary disadvantage of bonding only 50% now, is that interest rates may be higher in January. The maximum Subscriber Fee of \$14/month will remain regardless of interest rates.

In consultation with the bond bank, legal counsel, and state senators, the Broadband committee recommends bonding for only 50% of the total \$710,435 in July. If the town receives less than 50% grant funding, any remainder can be bonded in January in a second tranche.

Affordable Housing and Renewable Energy Committee Update/Agrihoods

Christine Robidoux provided background. This conversation came up because the Land Use committee recommended holding onto the 18.5 acre plot near the school for potential use for affordable housing. The Renewable Energy Task Force started looking at the plot for a possible solar array. Having a residential aspect to the solar project would open up the potential for grant funding.

The initial charter is to cover the town municipal building, which would be covered by 25 kilowatts. Switching to heat pumps would bump that up to 50 kilowatts. Electric vehicle charging would significantly increase the amount.

Gail Cromwell asked about the Skladany land on General Miller Hwy. The system needed to cover the existing needs of the municipal buildings is quite small. That array could be fit at the back of the ball field, and it could potentially be removable. Land clearing would be more expensive. If the garage is moved, a solar array can be included on the new building.

Community Power would allow municipalities to become the wholesaler or reseller of the energy. This is being actively pursued in Hanover, Lebanon, Keene, and other towns. We can join together with these other towns to manage customers and electricity, and use some of that cash stream to dramatically reduce the cost of living in town.

Doing affordable housing and solar together reduces costs and allows the potential for grant funding. The energy committee has been planning to walk the accessible parts of the property near the school using plotted coordinates and an app.

Lincoln Geiger lives in town and is supportive of the agrihood initiative. Carter Scott attended the last CAC meeting (a quorum was not present). He discussed agrihoods he has worked with, and talked about options and process for exploring an agrihood on the 16 acre property. Carol Ogilvee is willing to help pro bono. She will help explore how to do a feasibility study. She also suggested that an Overlay District may be a good option.

A next step would be to host public forums. A subcommittee could also be formed to shepherd the exploration. Rob Wills volunteered. Adie Krulus is willing to assist as well. Ivy Bibler will volunteer. Several other committee members expressed interest. The energy committee is meeting on Monday. It would be good to jointly present.

One of the concerns is that the property abuts the reservoir. The State owns the reservoir and Greenville leases the pump sites. Email back from the water supply says there are no restraints from building on the property other than typical setbacks from water bodies. If we

tapped into the water that would need to be coordinated with Greenville. The school gets water from the reservoir.

Christine Robidoux will update the Select Board to make sure they agree that this is a project our committee should explore.

Antrim's Community Services and Care Planning Board

See RSA 678:

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/LXIV/678/678-mrg.htm>

<https://www.antrimnh.org/antrim-community-board>

This is a community building committee, formed in response to some mental health crises experienced in Antrim. These are elected positions, not appointed. Vivian Wills is interested in attending. There is a set of data in our town reports that can help us track what kind of services people are getting and needing. We have several outside agencies already providing services. There has been significant work over the past years to have Temple included in community services. We would not want to replace what they are already doing, but supercede and enhance.

Temple could benefit from coordination of needs and services. The church sees a lot of needs. Is there a way for Iphi (Welfare Officer) to be involved? Can this become the coordinator? The River Center has a provider network meeting monthly, which Christine attends. Christine has shared this information with the EMD, the Welfare Officer, and the TVFD. The River Center Fact Book has information for all the services available. We will continue to discuss this topic.

"Welcome to Temple" Committee/Event/Booklet

The Harvest Festival is ON, September 19th. Christine Robidoux and Linda Bollinger are working to have the Welcome Booklet available at the Harvest Festival. They have info from most committees and boards, and are working to get info from non-profits. Having information available by the fall allows time for residents to evaluate if they want to run for an elected position.

Plan NH Pop-Ups Summary

Christine sent an email with this information.

Committee Membership

Christine Robidoux asked if anyone wants to make changes in their committee membership or focus on this committee. Committee terms are typically three years, and we are beginning year 3 of our committee.

Mike Flynn asked about exploring how to increase participation at Town Meeting and committee service. Is this something that can come under the CAC? There was discussion about how to use technology. Currently, there is no legal way to have virtual votes. Vivian Wills suggested doing investigation as to how other towns (in NH and elsewhere) approach ways to increase participation.

Ivy Bibler noted that a thread that runs through many of these topics is economic development.

Attendees who are able to continue expressed interest and willingness to Christine Robidoux.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

New Business

Upcoming Events:

- Renewable Energy – 7 PM, Monday June 21st
- Select Board Meetings - 6:30 PM June 22nd, July 13th
- [Small Solutions: Tiny Houses in NH webinar](#), hosted by NHHFA – June 24th at 12pm
- Radically Rural Event in Keene – September 22-23, 2021 (<https://radicallyrural.org/>)

CAC Meeting Dates

- Community Advisory Committee - July 15th 7 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp