

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Minutes

Thursday, March 23rd, 2023

Temple Town Hall

Zoom Option was available and recorded.

Meeting Commence: 7:03

Attendance: Christine Robidoux, Jessica Hipp, Lilliane LeBel, Keith Charlton, Dana Nowell

Absentees: Bill Torphy & Vivian Wills

1. Review February 16th, 2023 Meeting Minutes (these were reviewed at the end of the meeting to allow discussion of Forum Planning taking priority)

Minutes were reviewed with one minor typo correction, motioned by Jessica seconded by Lillian, unanimously approved by those present.

2. Plan NH Temple Charrette Report Review

- a. Parking & Safety in the Village Center :-

Christine reminded everyone present of the Safer Streets webinar

NHMA Webinar Wednesday, March 29th from 12 PM to 1 PM:

Stepping Up for Local Road Safety - Actionable Guidance for Safer Streets

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/events-training>

Jessica: We need to reengage the residents after reviewing the Charrette. Particularly now that the site on the Skladany land has been approved for initial investigation to allow for a “shovel ready engineering study”. Lillian emphasized that this is only an “engineering study” not approval for “construction” on the land, which would take many further discussions and forums with a final Town Meeting Warrant at a later date. From the Charette: What are the safety and parking concerns? What did people like and/or dislike about the Charrette options presented?

- b. Public Forum Planning

The forum is scheduled for March 30th at 7:00 pm. Ken Caisse has volunteered to show support and moderate if necessary. Jessica suggested a Zoom viewable presentation with the initial ideas from the Charrette, for example:

- ☐ Increasing Lighting, with notes highlighting that any changes will need to be approved at a public hearing, hosted and approved by the Planning Board.

Temple Zoning Ordinance, Section 30: Lighting/Dark Skies Protection

VI. Public Area and Roadway Lighting

Installation of any new public area or roadway lighting fixtures other than for traffic control shall be permitted only by decision of the Planning Board, following a duly noticed public hearing.

- ☐ Complete Streets design – Thinking through who uses the village center, visitors, vehicles, horses, heavy vehicles. Several towns in our region have already adopted a policy. Temple would work with SWRPC, our regional planning commission.

Complete Streets references:

<https://www.swrpc.org/greenville-complete-streets-project/>

<https://www.swrpc.org/marlborough-complete-streets-project-input-opportunities/>

<https://harrisvillenh.org/transportation-committee-of-the-planning-board/>

General Traffic Planning Assistance and Grant opportunities:

<https://www.swrpc.org/programs-services/transportation/>

Monadnock Alliance for Sustainable Transportation (MAST): <https://www.mastnh.org/>

□ Reorganizing parking, see Charrette report for examples. For example, one suggestion was to use inset cobble stones to outline parking in front of Town Hall.

All suggestions need to be presented as very preliminary, costs come later once supported areas of interest have been identified. Keith stated that it is important to emphasize this is not a new subject, the Temple Town Vision Statement, Master Plan and various previous committee meetings have touched on this subject for many years. Some residents may not be aware of this fact if they have not been attentive to these documents and past meetings, hence the need to repeat these “facts”.

Parking areas of consideration (from Charrette Report)

Village Green/Common – Collect historical data

Fire-House Lane - Collect historical data on past proposals for Fire House Lane, maybe ask the state to run a new survey for vehicle traffic counts for the village.

Side of the Town hall/Library

Rear of the Town Hall

Adding special event parking

Adding green space behind the library

Attempts to minimize traffic on other road ways

Jessica suggested a “Penny Exercise” system to put pennies on various options that are displayed on posters lying flat on a table.

Then an open forum, we hope to get at least 50-60 people, possible horse-shoe shape for chair set-up to allow for open dialog.

Christine: Should we talk about the Temple Master Plan to remind people that boards and committees are guided by what is in it and that there is current update review underway that will involve resident participation at various times before being presented at the 2024 Town meeting?

The consultants working with the Planning Board and Steering Committee to update the Master Plan will be at the meeting to LISTEN, not participate. Jessica will provide visuals & facilitate the forum, Keith to host the Zoom Meeting and step through presentation as needed.

Suggest hosting a special meeting for a Focus Group of Village Center residents and businesses.

Emphasize during and particularly at the end of the meeting, “The Next Steps” which will focus on feedback from the public forum. Possibly a survey, once all the ideas supported have been explored. All Temple committees are encouraged to participate in the forum.

We need to reference how much work has been done in the past towards this subject. Perhaps hand out some historical information about the Village Center public areas.

3. Subcommittee Updates

- a. A/V Equipment – Keith: The issues concerning the projection screen not automatically deploying after a recent power failure events appears to be resolved, with a manual override switch installed as an additional feature should the unlikely event occur in the future. It is encouraging that more groups are seeking training to make greater use of the AV equipment, namely the Library performed a recent event that was displayed locally in the Town Hall realizing that “Zoom” is only an option, not a requirement for presentations.
- b. Broadband – Jessica: Exciting update! 95 % completion – Stonegate residents needed conduit to be laid to deliver the fiber connection, their Home Owners Association has approved this requirement. Payment schedule is on track and the final payment will likely be approved once “Stonegate ” work is complete, this is all overseen by the Select Board and Budget committee. The committee thanked Jessica for her dedication through this challenging process.
- c. School – No update
- d. Housing Forums – Jessica: Working with Bruce Kullgren, first forum in a series of three. First forum on the 4th of April, tentatively titled Zoning 101, reviewing current Zoning Ordinance and setting the lay of the land to see what questions arise. Lillian suggested it should be explained that the process of the following forums will be based on what is learned at the initial forum. Christine stated we have outlined meetings but leaving them open to modify for community input. Lillian suggested posters at the village store, post office, library, website, etc.. Christine went to the Housing Academy session on Wednesday and shared several handouts with information about Community Engagement Tools. The committee discussed key informant interviews, storytelling, focus groups, and other ways to engage people. It was helpful to meet people from other similar size towns with similar concerns and experiences.

Dana left the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm.

4. Other Business

- e. Other Board/Committee News - None mentioned.

New Business:

Good Roads day – The Renewable Energy Task Force is not available to help with sorting the trash and recycling that is collected. The CAC helped with this last year and has been asked to help again this year. Christine will send an email to CAC members to sign up to volunteer by a certain date. Good Roads Day is April 29th, which is at the end of School Vacation week.

Keith proposed Meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Lillian, unanimously approved by those present. Meeting closed at 8:04 pm,

Next CAC Meeting: April 20th 2023

The CAC meeting was recorded and was available for viewing at TempleNH.org under the Zoom Meetings Archive.

Please send your questions or comments to TempleBroadband@TempleNH.org