

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

November 18, 2021 at 7 PM

FINAL Minutes

In Person at the Temple Town Hall

**Attendees:** Christine Robidoux, Keith Charlton, Dana Nowell, Bill Torphy, Jessica Hipp, Vivian Wills, Matt Cabana

The committee reviewed the Minutes from October 21, 2021. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended and accepted unanimously.

### **Broadband Update**

The bond application has been accepted. Signed paperwork must be returned by December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Jessica checked in with the State regarding grant funding from the CARES Act. Mark Laliberte, the Broadband Project Manager at the BEA responded that he would not have any clarification from the federal government before early 2022. Email string is attached.

Matt Cabana entered the meeting. Matt gave an update on a Real Estate committee he works on, which is a group of multiple players. Matt serves as a liason between SW NH and Concord, across multiple industries. He offered to help in any way he could. Christine recommended that the State re-open an application process for broadband grant funding, similar to the application in late 2020 that was too small of a window from most towns, including Temple, to apply for. Matt indicated that it was unlikely to happen. Matt left the meeting.

Jessica gave an [update on the installation](#). The last update was current as of November 8, 2021. Per the contract, CCI will provide bi-weekly updates.

Jessica gave an update on the box on the pole on West Road. It was placed in a less-than-ideal location. CCI has verbally stated they plan to move the box. It has not yet been moved. Jess will follow up with CCI regarding where other boxes will be placed, so the committee can coordinate with other residents.

Dana Nowell noted that the broadband minutes on the town website are not current. Jessica will check the status of minutes and update accordingly.

### **Board/Committee Updates**

**Planning Board** – Keith gave an update for Planning Board. The Planning Board postponed the discussion regarding the national flood insurance program (NFIP) since 2 members of the board were not in attendance at their last meeting. The Select Board would like the Planning Board to propose the zoning ordinance to voters in March. The Select Board has already voted to move forward with the flood insurance program application. The Planning Board has not yet voted this year on this issue. There are currently no floodplains in Temple. In the future, if a floodplain is determined to exist by FEMA and a property was already built, the homeowner could purchase insurance at a cheaper rate if we were participating than if we were not. The cost for purchasing flood insurance privately is currently about ~\$700/year.

Going through the flood insurance program would cost a fraction of that. The counter-argument is that construction costs could go up due to flood risk specific building requirements. Only 17 towns in NH don't participate in this program. Locally, only Sharon and Temple don't participate.

Driveway regulations – Changes will be presented.

Regulations regarding site plan reviews and subdivisions haven't been updated in a while, and some regulations have changed at the state level. Regulation updates are necessary to keep the town in compliance with the state.

Dark Sky ordinance – The Zoning board made an update recently, but some updates that came up during the Ben's hearing were not included. Further updates are needed. This will be a Warrant article in 2022.

### **Land Use Committee**

Christine gave an update on the 4 lots on Rte 45. There are 2 lots on the Peterborough Road side; one has been sold to the abutters. The other will be listed soon. The properties across from the municipal building need to be surveyed before they can go on the market.

Tax rate of \$23.40 was set earlier today. This is a decrease from last year.

### **Recreation Committee**

Christine and Vivian discussed that the CAC is spearheading a conversation with Land Use Committee to improve the recreation part of Memorial Ballfield, including the tennis courts and playground. ARPA Funds may possibly be used for this project. There is a list of priorities for the park update. The Rec Committee has minutes in their files so that residents can review.

The Welcome to Temple booklet is nearly finalized. Once it is final, it will be posted on the website.

Dana volunteered to comb through the town website for accuracy and to make sure posted minutes are current. He also suggested that other committees review their pages. Christine noted that this ties into the webinar that the CAC hosted last winter to encourage people to volunteer and/or run for open positions. Dana will draft a template to send to committee chairs. Committees are responsible for maintaining content on their own pages.

Vivian gave an update on behalf of Rob Wills, who participated in the NH Municipal Association Annual Conference today via webinar. Rob noted (to Vivian) that there were some relevant things regarding renewable energy. Rob still intends to write a letter to become part of the CAC committee.

### **ARPA Funds – Projects**

The CAC did a survey and gave a report to the Select Board. The audio/visual equipment was the highest priority. Updating the septic was also highly supported. Keith has been working on A/V updates. The SB has officially delegated the A/V task to the CAC. Bill Torphy volunteered to work with Bill Ezell and Kent on getting estimates on what needs to be done for the septic. The deadline has been moved for when the funds have to be allocated and reported on.

### **Community Advisory Warrant Article**

Christine drafted a Warrant article to establish our committee through Warrant Article – see attached. The committee discussed the draft. This committee already exists, so can and should this be acknowledged? The committee considered whether this needs to happen in the warrant article language or as part of the community education around the Article.

The committee agreed with language of no fewer than 3 committee members. The committee discussed whether there should be a cap on members. We can also set up rules of procedures, if this warrant article passes, to establish a cap via bylaws rather than as part of the warrant article. The committee agreed there is no need for alternate members. Christine will update the draft.

### **Update on Wolfeboro Charrette**

Christine had a great experience at the Wolfeboro Charrette. The volunteers were enthusiastic and creative. Christine noted that overall, the experience was better than expected. About 100 people came to the listening sessions. The community received the feedback very positively. It was noted that Wolfeboro had architectural drawings that made the process of designing recommendations much easier. Temple may need to raise funds for large scale maps. Could we use ARPA funds for this?

Christine drafted an application for a Charrette in Temple, which the committee will review at the next meeting.

### **School Update**

Jessica gave an update about the school. The Conval School Board is emphasizing consolidation in their strategic plan. Smaller towns that had previously banded together now seem more in support of consolidation. The Temple Vision Statement (part of the Master Plan) states that “The town’s public elementary school should be retained as an integral part of the community.” Because the CAC is responsible for initiatives that honor the Master Plan, Jessica proposed a subcommittee of the CAC to look at how to retain the elementary school. The leaders of the TES PTT (Parent Teacher Team) are willing to support this initiative. Mason has an independent town school and students tuition in to another district for high school. This model may be a viable option for Temple.

The CAC unanimously voted to recommend to the Select Board that a subcommittee of the CAC be formed to explore options for retaining the town’s public elementary school. Jessica will inform School Board rep Liz Swan.

Jessica also requested that the Rec Committee support any school-related meetings by helping to organize childcare, so that parents with school-age children can attend. Vivian noted that the Rec Committee is not holding a holiday fair, and would not be able to support childcare where lots of children are in the same building. She suggested exploring childcare in pods in homes. She also recommended we approach the library about childcare.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events & Updates:**

- Select Board Meetings – 6:30 PM November 23rd & December 14<sup>th</sup>

- Library Trustees – 5 PM December 9<sup>th</sup>
- Conservation Commission – December 8th at 7 PM
- Planning Board – December 7th & December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting – December 15th at 7 PM

**Webinars and Conferences**

NH Municipal Association Annual Conference (Hybrid Event): November 17th – November 19th

Progress through Partnerships

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/event/nhmas-80th-annual-conference-and-exhibition>

Next CAC Meeting: December 16 at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp