

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
October 21, 2021 at 7 PM
FINAL Minutes

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

Christine Robidoux called the meeting to order at 7:02.

The committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from September 16th. Dana abstained.

The committee discussed the minutes from the September 2nd forum around the Charrette. There was a technical issue and the minutes were lost. The committee discussed how to re-create the minutes. Christine will contact Plan NH for the PowerPoint they used. Jessica will re-create the minutes using the powerpoint. CAC members in attendance have already debriefed. Christine will ask non-CAC members for their comments.

The committee brainstormed who was in attendance at the Sept. 2nd forum: Rob Wills, Cam Lockwood, Honey Hastings, Gail Cromwell, Christine Robidoux, Connie Kieley, Jessica Hipp, Dana Nowell, Keith Charlton

Broadband Update

Jessica Hipp gave an update on the Broadband project. Installation is going well. We are in Phase 2, construction of the fiber network. The State has now hired people to oversee the broadband grant funds. Jessica spoke with them and they advised that they do not expect to have more information on what funding is available and how to disburse it before the end of the year. They recommended that we move forward with bonding for the remaining 50%. Jessica updated the Select Board about this development at their last meeting. They expressed support of us moving forward with bonding for the remaining 50%.

Jessica made a motion to approve moving forward with the application to bond for up to \$355,217, which is the remaining 50% of the broadband funding that passed by an affirmative vote at Town Meeting under Warrant Article #2. A motion to approve will allow the CAC Broadband Committee to continue pursuing Bond funding under RSA 33:3-g Broadband Infrastructure Bonds. Christine seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The bond bank sent over an updated application, and Christine will review. Jessica will contact the Select Board to get on their next agenda.

Community Care Board Discussion

The committee discussed implementing a Community Care Board in Temple, similar to what was done in Antrim. What is a Community Care Board? RSA 678:3 permits municipalities to create a Community Services and Care Planning Board that is empowered to prepare and amend a CSMP (Community Services Master Plan) to guide the development of community services and support systems and the provision of health and social services and community supports to residents.

Establishing a Community Care Board will require a warrant article. Doing so would establish the committee as a board that can be dissolved only by a warrant article. This would be similar to Antrim, which is the first town to have a Community Care Board. There's a lot of responsibility that covers a wide range like mental health, community services, etc. The CAC could become the Community Care Board, or it could be a separate board.

The committee discussed how this relates to our mandate of Affordable Housing. We need a group to hold the overall health and sustainability of the town. Affordable housing is part of this. Childcare, broadband, communication and collaboration between boards would also be covered. Several members commented that this is a very broad scope. Is it too broad? Would short-term issues overshadow longer term projects?

The committee also discussed the benefits of getting the CAC established by a warrant article. We need to look into the process for this. We are an advisory committee, which is focused on the big picture, specifically around affordable housing. Warrant articles are due in January. Jessica and Christine will draft something for review at the next meeting.

Debrief on Temple Harvest Festival

The committee discussed the Temple Harvest Festival. Overall, people felt positive about the CAC participation. Some members expressed a wish for more people to stop by the booth. A lot of the people who stopped by the booth were people who were newer residents or lived out of town. The festival overall was well attended. It was good to have CCI next to us. Several residents expressed appreciation for having CCI there. CCI signed up about 25 people. Some people from other towns took info as an example for their town.

The following feedback was received from the "How do you want to see Temple grow?" activity:

- Community Center
- Multi-generational living
- More kids at elementary school
- Multi-Use trails on the Skladany land
- Change time frame for town hall meeting (like 2021)
- Trail system connecting school to ballfield
- Child care
- More hayrides
- Affordable homes for young families
- Dog Park
- Longer municipal office hours for people who work all day
- Water testing
- Temple Farmers Market
- Agrihood
- Town meetings streaming

The committee discussed ways to let residents know about the ideas submitted.

NHHFA Grant and Charrette Applications

Christine is participating in the Wolfeboro Charrette to better understand the process. Christine will send a copy of the Wolfeboro application for CAC members to review. The

application is 2.5 pages, significantly shorter than our draft application. They also submitted a map and photos. They are trying to reimagine a space that needs to be reinvigorated.

The committee agreed to revisit both applications at the next meeting, after Christine participates in the Wolfeboro Charrette.

Christine and Bill updated the committee on a residential land use regulations webinar. NH is one of the worst in the country for housing development, and the webinar covered practical things that can be done to enhance residential housing developments. Road frontages can be revisited and also look at setbacks. The webinar didn't mention looking at lot size, but it did look at the soil and form-based zoning, which means if the outside character fits in with the area, then the inside can have more flexibility. For example, if the building looks like a single family home on the outside, inside it could be multi-family. The government land survey can be used to give guidance. It's a nasty cycle that people come into an area, build bigger houses, the restrictions go up, it results in keeping bigger properties there and people can't afford to come in.

School Board Update

Tuesday was a School Board meeting. Tonight is a School Board strategic planning meeting. People are encouraged to attend.

Committee Membership Updates

Ivy Bibler resigned from the CAC committee. Rob Wills plans to submit a letter to join the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Vivian made a motion, and Keith seconded.

Upcoming Events & Updates

- ConVal School Board Meeting – October 19th , November 2nd & November 16th at 7 PM
- Select Board Meetings - 6:30 PM October 26th & November 9th
- Library Trustees – 5 PM November 11th
- Conservation Commission – November 10th at 7 PM
- Planning Board – November 2nd (Election Day) & November 16th
- Renewable Energy Task Force Meeting – November 17th at 7 PM
- Trunk or Treat: October 31st at 4 PM on the Town Common (Recreation Committee)
- Library Book Sale: November 6th from 8:30 AM to 4 PM in the Town Hall

Webinars and Conferences

- NH OSI Planning Lunches at Noon (PLAN) Webinar: October 21, 2021: Taking a Look at the New 2020 Census Data for New Hampshire Communities
To register, please e-mail your name, title, and affiliation/municipality to planning@livefree.nh.gov by October 15th
- NH Listens: Creating Group Agreements for Facilitating Across Differences -
Wednesday, October 27th from 12 PM to 12:30 PM Online
<https://carsey.unh.edu/calendar-event/67467>

- 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: November 18th at 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp.