

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Thursday, September 15th, 2022, at 7:00 PM
Minutes - Temple Town Hall Annex

Meeting commenced at 7:02 p.m.

Attendance: Christine Roubideaux, Dana Nowell, Jessica Hipp, Keith Charlton

1. Review Minutes

- a. August 18th, 2022 – Approved with minor corrections.

2. Broadband Update: Jessica: A meeting was held with Fidium on August 31st to get current status. The area served by TDS has all the agreements in place with TDS, and both TDS and Fidium are moving forward with ‘make-ready’, which means installation can proceed. But... the current holdup is Eversource. They own the poles, and it seems they are going to want to replace several poles to provide mandatory clearance of all the power and fiber lines from each other and from trees, the ground, etc. Nothing can happen until Eversource schedules and completes their work. Fidium expects this to happen soon, but they have no control over it. The Fidium people the town works with have been very responsive.

For those that have had issues with business lines, there are two business units in Consolidated that are involved. One is Fidium, which is residential fiber. The other is Consolidated Business, which provides old-style copper lines to businesses. Since they are independent business units, communication between the two is not great and their service plans do not overlap. However, Fidium is preparing to roll out their business side which will be modern fiber using the same fiber that’s already been run in town. That should eliminate the issues some that are classified as businesses are experiencing.

Public comment: Bill Walker: Apparently, TDS has run lines to the end of Converse Road. The monastery has requested the lines to be run over the hill to the property. Some preliminary work may have been done to mark the positions of new poles.

Dana explained the potential issue with pole use with the various signoffs that’s required.

Public comment: Connie Kieley asked about payments to Fidium. Jessica confirmed Comcast/Fidium – The town does not have to pay the final 50% until the issues are resolved, so Fidium does have an incentive.

Questions came up concerning the alarm system issues for both the Library and the Town Hall. These issues are being investigated and to be resolved by Bill Ezell, Select Board.

3. ARPA Projects Update

- a. A/V Equipment: Keith/Christine: East West is coming next Thursday to program the system for the full features. Tonight, while testing the HDMI / screen working we also tested the ADA Listening Devices and found out there is no Bluetooth capability. After checking the original request for proposal, a quote has been requested from East West Media for addition of Bluetooth capability.

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- b. Septic – No update at this time.
 - c. Recreation Area – No Update at this time.
4. Plan NH Charrette Update – October 14th & 15th
- Christine discussed the basic out lines for the timings and schedules to clarify a question from Connie. All the committee members have been notified of the timings for the various sessions on Friday.
- a. Harvest Festival – A few problems manning the table, talking points. Expected subjects for members covering the CAC booth/table
 - i Talking points
 - ii Volunteering
 - iii Broadband
 - iv Land use
 - v Parking
 - vi Safety
 - vii Community Activities
 - viii Proactivity on affordable housing
 - b. Food/Lodging update – Lodging arrangements still need to be confirmed by the Charette team, but all contingencies are covered currently.
 - c. Logistical Planning: Christine is currently writing up articles for the Harvest festival to have print outs available along with talking points for expected questions.
5. Other Business

Upcoming CAC meetings & events:

September 21st and 22nd – Radically Rural (Keene)

September 25th Temple Harvest Festival

October 6th at 7 PM

October 14th and 15th - Plan NH Charrette

Next CAC Meeting: October 6th at 7 PM

8:45 p.m. Motion to Adjourn by Keith, seconded by Dana, unanimous agreement.

Approved 2022/10/07:

Motioned by Vivian, seconded by Dana, unanimous approval (Vivian, Dana, Christine, Jess.)