

Temple Community Planning Committee (TCPC)
July 21, 2020 7 PM
FINAL Minutes

Attendees: Christine Robidoux, Dana Nowell, Ivy Bibler, Gail Cromwell, Bill Torphy, Jessica Hipp, Adie Krulis, Vivian Wills, Keith Charlton

Welcome

C. Robidoux read the State of Emergency Checklist. Attendees did roll call by stating their name and whether anyone else is in the room.

The committee reviewed minutes from the May 19, 2020 meeting. A quorum was not present at that meeting. The minutes were approved by all who were present at the May 19th meeting. Three people abstained.

Old Business

Physical Message Board/Sign in the Town Center Update (Bibler)

Cliff from Amherst Signs reached out to I. Bibler. Given the current uncertainties with COVID, we have decided not to proceed with raising funds for a sign at this time.

Tom Hawkins, a Temple-based sign maker, had been unavailable to discuss the sign due to a family illness. His circumstances have changed, so K. Charlton will check in with him.

Broadband (Hipp)

J. Hipp updated the committee on the RFI, which was sent to 5 Internet Service Providers. A copy of the RFI was sent to all ISPs named in the recent broadband survey, per the recommendation of bond counsel. Responses are due by Friday, August 14. The broadband subcommittee has received one response to date.

C. Robidoux provided an update from the NH bond bank. If the town pursues bonding for broadband coverage through SB-170, this would come to town meeting in March 2021.

J. Hipp updated on the CARES Act funding, of which Gov. Sununu had allocated \$50 million for broadband connectivity in the state. Internet Service Providers could respond to an RFP issued this summer. The timing and other requirements to access the funding are limiting. The Monadnock Broadband Group and others are formally responding to advocate for adjusting the terms to allow broader use of the CARES funding.

Conservation Commission (Krulis)

The commission continues work on trail maintenance and trail maps.

Recreation Commission (Wills)

A new person who is well-versed in childcare is considering joining the Recreation Commission.

The 4th of July Ice Cream drive-by event was a success. The Commission is exploring working in collaboration with the Souhegan Lion's Club for something in October. Trunk or Treat will likely look different this year, but no plans have been made yet.

The TCPC discussed the Senior Thanksgiving Dinner and how to accomplish this annual event. Conval has not yet said anything definitive about what school will look like in the fall.

Affordable Housing – Planning Board Update

C. Robidoux provided an update on current Planning Board activities. The Planning Board plans to mail a one page survey later this year. They are also doing more education about workforce housing.

C. Robidoux and A. Krulis provided updates about a recent webinar on agricultural land and the increasing demand for local food sources. The town is currently looking at a hazard mitigation plan. C. Robidoux noted that there are some places in Temple that have been identified as nationally important for food development.

B. Torphy, D. Nowell, and C. Robidoux will meet next week to talk in more detail about affordable housing, with the intent to make recommendations from the TCPC to the Planning Board.

Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee met three times and have been able to walk some properties. The next walk will explore the property behind the municipal building and the land behind town hall. Tim Fiske, Land Use Committee chair, has been exploring what the highway department would need to relocate outside of the village. Next meeting, August 24th, will start to determine next steps.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Upcoming Events

- Select Board Meetings (6:30 PM July 28th, August 11th)
- Temple Planning Board Meetings (7 PM August 4th & as needed)
- Land Use Committee Meeting (6 PM August 24th)

TCPC Meeting Dates

- Community Planning Committee Tuesday, August 18th, 2020

Respectfully submitted by J. Hipp.