

Temple Community Planning Committee (TCPC)
October 15, 2020 7 PM
FINAL Minutes
Meeting via Zoom

Attendees: Ivy Bibler, Dana Nowell, Bill Torphy, Christine Robidoux, Jessica Hipp

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Christine Robidoux read the State of Emergency text. Attendance was taken via Roll Call.

The minutes from the July 21, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously. The minutes from the September public forum on broadband were approved unanimously.

Broadband Update

The subcommittee mailed out the RFP to six providers. Christine attended a Monadnock Broadband meeting on Tuesday, October 13. There was a discussion among several towns around Comcast's inadequate response to the RFI. A new law went into effect on September 20th, clarifying that if an ISP did not respond adequately to the RFI, the response would be counted as null. Temple's response occurred before the Sept. 20 date, yet is in accordance with this legislation. Temple's bond attorney was on the call. During a follow up conversation, the bond attorney expressed that she feels like we have a strong position and have done our due diligence.

One town in a similar situation is considering re-issuing their RFI. The committee discussed whether this is an option Temple should pursue. After a discussion around timing considerations and risks, a motion was made to continue on our current course, without re-issuing an RFI. The motion was approved unanimously.

Christine also updated the committee that CARES Act funding may be extended at the federal level, to allow projects to be completed by end of 2021. Local NH senators and representatives would advocate for our state to also extend funding to end of 2021, which could open up a possibility for Temple to take advantage of these funds. We would need to be in or past the RFP stage to access CARES Act funding.

Physical Message Board/Sign in the Town Center Update

Ivy Bibler updated the committee about discussions with Temple resident Tom Hawkins, who sent renderings and estimates. The committee reviewed the renderings and has requested to see updated versions with a larger sign, 2.5 inch letters. A suggestion was made for the sign to say "Incorporated in 1776." Bill will talk to the historical society about a logo for the sign. Christine will update the Select Board.

New Business

Update on Radically Rural—Christine and Adie Krulis attended the Radically Rural conference. Adie will work with the Conservation Commission on ideas that came from the conference. The TCPC is willing to support any initiatives.

Committee Name Change: The committee discussed a potential name change, since "Planning" in the committee name has caused confusion between our group and the Planning

Board. Committee members will consider possible options and discuss again at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- Select Board Meetings (6:30 PM October 27th, November 10th)
- Temple Planning Board Meeting (7 PM October 20th)
- Plan NH Conference (1 PM October 20th)
- Land Use Committee Meeting (6 PM October 22nd)
- Film: Communities & Consequences 2 (PBS, 8 PM October 22nd)

TCPC Meeting Dates:

- Community Planning Committee November 19th 7 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Hipp.