

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00pm

Approved Minutes

Temple Town Hall Annex

Zoom option was available and recorded.

Attendance: Jessica Hipp, Lilliane LeBel, Christine Robidoux, Keith Charlton, Bill Torphy, Vivian Wills (arrived 7:10)

Absentees: Dana Nowell

Meeting started 7:01

1. Review Minutes from October 19, 2023 Meeting

Minutes were reviewed, Lilliane motioned to approve with minor changes, Bill seconded and approved by those present, Keith abstained.

2. Safety Update

- a) MAST Application – Lilliane, short update, application submitted and will be reviewed in December, SWRPC to respond.
- b) Radar Grant Status and Safety partnership with Police Dept.
Lilliane was on vacation and Bill Ezell was on vacation so no update currently, but Lilliane will update at next meeting.

3. Subcommittee Updates:

- a) A/V Equipment: Keith: No issues with equipment currently, 2023/2024 support budget of approximately \$1000 to be used as needed as there is no actual contract and has been submitted to the budget committee. All equipment is under warranty so no issues there, only other expense is occasional purchase of replacement batteries for remote microphones. Possibly pass to CIP committee next year. Keith asked to put the word out for greater use of the AV equipment and more volunteers.
- b. Welcome Booklet online – Planned for Spring 2024
- c. School Subcommittee
Jessica spoke to Liz Swan, suggested broadening scope, Jessica volunteered to present recent research at a town forum to show due diligence, Liz would be available to answer any questions that may be raised, but currently has been unable to review things fully with Jessica due to other circumstances. Possibly move forward to review in January. Curious to know how the latest surveys will affect the CONVAL meetings/voting. There were no public comments allowed during the meeting only public comment at the beginning. Bill listened to the recorded meeting, the latest broadcast meeting did not outline anything new, they were careful about what was presented. More announcements in December. Jessica suggested a review in January after the Prismatic presentation in December. Possible put out a “facts sheet” to try to help quell misinformation and attempt to outline the current situation with current State funding and CONVAL suit with state of NH to explain the various formulae that are used for funding as neutral as possible while also referencing the research that was

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done a little while back. There are a lot of misunderstanding about tax changes if the Temple Elementary school is closed and students bussed to CONVAL, which could also be outlined as neutral as possible. Temple would have an option of purchasing the building in such a scenario, but town residents may not be aware of all these possibilities facing the town. Possible using slides to describe each of these options. There is planned voting on the situation in March 2024.

Lilliane suggested skipping next meeting date (December 20th). Jessica suggested holding a meeting on Thursday, January 4th, 2023, and then the 18th using the Town Hall for public discussion presenting K through 12 education in Temple, to review Prismatic survey and to present past research, possibly have Liz Swan to answer questions. Something concerning this will be on the ballot. Discussions have been had with other towns, with similar concerns. Jessica volunteered to create a postcard for the event. Notification will go to Carol to place on the Town calendar.

4. Other Business

- a) Increasing Town of Temple Subscriptions to E-Alerts: The suggestion is to change E-Alerts to E-NEWS to stay away from the word "Alert" emergency misconceptions. Discussions on suggested changes, possibly add an introduction at the beginning, improvements and post card, web page, etc. Generally reviewed the draft suggestions. Christine to update for the next meeting, Keith requested Christine to check with Carol for when the Website search engine will be improved. Jessica asked if Carol was able to report the statistics for site visits.
- b) Annual Report draft
General opinion approved the draft provided by Vivian, and she asked for suggestions/corrections via e-mail. General suggestions to be kept brief due to requests in previous years for brevity. For review/approve January 4th.
- c) Other
Vivian mentioned "The River Center: Family and Resource Center" and Christine's past work with them and Christine outlined her work over the last three years on the advisory council and is requesting someone to take over that position, Christine also mentioned that Marion Gibson is now the Welfare Office for the Town of Temple. Christine requested Vivian to take over from her past work on the advisory council responsibilities, the advisory council meets approximately four times per year, Vivian happy to take over the work. Christine was recognized for her past work with The River Center.

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5. Other Board/Committee News: No updates

Documents reviewed:

- Draft Minutes for Meeting on October 10th, 2023
- Suggested changes to E-Alerts Web page and E-News post card
- Draft Annual Report

Topic: Next CAC Meeting

Discussion regarding Next Meeting Date scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2023 at 7:00pm, postponed to January 4th and following meeting and public forum on January 18th.

8:10 pm Christine motioned to adjourn, Keith seconded, with unanimous agreement. Lillian motioned, Bill seconded.