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MEMORANDUM – OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

TO: Select Board

FROM: Laurie Wiita, Director

RE: FY 20 Fourth Quarter – Development Services

DATE: August 11, 2020

COVID-19 –

What an end of FY 20! We, as a team, accomplished so much in the face of adversity. Members of every department, board, and commission participated in keeping Templeton going, acting as essential employees and providing continued service to our residents. It is unfortunate that Baldwinville Nursing Home took such a hit due to the virus, as it made its way through their residents, but the employees were doing everything within the protocols and were in constant contact with the State and the Board of Health. The pandemic supplies that were being stockpiled at the Emergency Dispensing Site (NMS) proved to be excellent secondary support during the continuing pandemic. Through the Montachusett Public Health Network (to which Templeton belongs) we were able to obtain grant money to pay Public Health Nurses to do our contact tracing for all positive COVID cases and purchase needed supplies to keep our EDS stocked. The office of Development Services had fielded many calls and complaints and addressed as received.

The Building Commissioner issued seventy-nine (79) permits in the fourth quarter of FY 20, totaling \$3,900,000 in value and collecting fees totaling \$27,390; includes nine (9) new residential building permits, three (3) commercial, eighteen (18) residential home additions, thirty-three exterior improvements, five (5) renovations, six (6) pools and five (5) miscellaneous permits (this is more than double the amount of permits issued in the third quarter of FY 20). The Plumbing/Gas Inspector issued ten (10) permits for plumbing, collecting fees totaling \$1,685 and nine (9) for gas, collecting fees totaling \$735. The Wiring Inspector issued thirty-six (36) permits for various repairs, upgrades, and remodels, collecting fees totaling \$5,979.

ZBA – From October 1st – June 30th, 2020 there were no meetings or decisions to report on.

Agricultural Commission – From February 27th – June 30th, 2020 there were no meetings or decisions to report on.

Planning Commission – Meeting held June 23rd, 2020 and reviewed and approved two ANR's for new lots on Royalston Rd and South Main St.



Conservation Commission – 19 site walks were completed for various building permit applications; many resulted in findings that required NOI's to be filed; a cease and desist order was issued at the property f/k/a 858 Patriots, member Amanda Suzzi will be working with the property owner to properly restore the wetland area.

Board of Health – Members met to discuss and vote on releasing positive COVID case numbers to the public; following the state recommended information they voted to release numbers by county, the next day the state changed their stance and the BOH followed suit releasing numbers specific to Templeton. At a subsequent meeting, members voted to authorize Templeton Police Officers to act as the BOH in matters of violations against the face covering order. The agent has assisted many residents and businesses with questions and complaints throughout the pandemic, while continuing to provide service for all other areas of the Board of Health.

