

Community Services

FY 20 First Quarter Report

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The first quarter of FY20 saw the continuation of the town's Farmers' Market, with new vendors, and a growing number of visitors every week. We were able to utilize the 'Code Red' system to notify swim program participants of last minute cancellations/changes, which was an improvement from both the program's and the Fish & Game's perspective. I worked regularly updates to the Community Calendar. I began training to submit MART reports, as well as other critical Senior Services operations, in the absence of a Director. The infamous 'Rock' on Templeton Common was finally broken up and removed.

Library

The Summer Activities continued each week, with a steady stream of participants. Reading incentives provided by the Kitchen Garden were very successful. I set up a table at the Mac & Cheese Festival, which promoted all that the library offers. Preparations for the book sale were underway, and a successful sale was held on the Saturday of the Arts & Crafts weekend. Story Teller Davis Bates performed at the Farmers' Market, thanks to a Cultural Council grant. I worked on 3 reports to the Board of Library Commissioners. Story Hour resumed twice a week, in mid-September with the return of many (much bigger) children and many new faces

TCTV

Highlights

- Multiple meetings covered per week
- Heightened interest in budget issues
- Media assistants training and producing shows

New Shows

Our focus is on producing short videos of community interest for TCTV's YouTube channel. This will also serve to attract sponsorships and underwriters of additional shows.

- *Templetunes*—Local rock, pop, folk and blues musicians perform in Templeton
- *Inside!* —Detailed peeks inside local treasures
- *Local. Fresh*—Profiles from the local fresh food movement.
- *Cool Cars*—Area car collectors show off their wheels
- *Collector Time*—*Collectors of all types share their expertise and passion.*

- *Montachusett Business Journal—Chronicling developments in the local business scene.*
- *Meet the Craftspeople—Area artisans and crafters show how it's made*

Revenue Streams

Three primary revenue streams to explore now have been identified, and are being tested with initial clients.

- Video Production
- Sponsorships/Underwriting
- Digital Conversions (VHS to DVD, for example)

Partnerships in Development

- MRPC (Montachusett Regional Planning Commission)
- MWCC Workforce Development
- Orange Innovation Center & LaunchSpace
- Wachusett Business Incubator
- AVIXA Audio/Video trade association

Veterans Services

- Continued to work on the Veterans Park
- Set up & staffed an informational table at the Mac & Cheese Festival
- Continued to work on identifying gravesites at our cemeteries

Cultural Council

In the first quarter of FY 20, 7 programs funded by the Templeton Cultural Council through Mass. Cultural Council grants took place, serving a diverse group of town residents. The Templeton Cultural Council participated in four events.

The Mac n' Cheese Festival was not funded by The TCC; however, we set up our information booth and participated with Super Hero crafts table for making masks, shields and drawings.

The Kite Festival sponsored by the Narragansett Historical Society included by The William Brothers band, which was funded with TCC grant. We also participated featuring windsock crafts, drawing activities, Balsa plane building and whirlybird helicopter fun for families.

At the Arts & Crafts Festival, a TCC grant paid for the band 'Monadnock Island Sounds Tropical Sensations'. TCC also participated with booth set up and provided beginner steel drums for both children and adults to try.

At the Motorpalooza Event sponsored by the Narragansett Historical Society, a TCC grant paid for the band 'Boothill Express', and we set up a booth with car activities, including car race game and car related coloring sheets and stickers.

In the month of August we received an application for a new TCC member from Nicole Roberts. She has since been appointed by the town to serve on the Council. She took her place in August and attended her first meeting. At the August meeting of the TCC, a new chairman was appointed by the Council to replace Pat Gale – whose term on the Council had reached its maximum. The new Chairman -- Lisa Dembek accepted the nomination at the August meeting.

Senior Services

The Senior Center has seen personnel changes as well as changes in the hours of operation. This has been an adjustment, but everything seems to have calmed down and gotten back to the "new" normal.

Weekly activities such as Bingo, Cribbage, Pitch, stitching group, Stained Glass, Meditation and Yoga continue to be offered. Monthly lunches, recreational trips and special activities continue.

One monthly activity that is popular is our World Tour. Each month a new country is presented with information, pictures, clothing and other interesting objects from the chosen country. The tour ends with a potluck of dishes from the country that is being "visited".

The Seniors gave rave reviews of our Elvis Impersonator he even got a standing ovation which is a rare thing here. Edward Jones came in to give a presentation on the quality of life. They provided a free lunch to the seniors. The flu shot clinic was a success with approximately 50 shots given out. There was also a Narcan training in July.

The Seniors continue to receive information and help with medical, personal, housing issues and any other support they may require.

In this first quarter, the Senior Center have had an average daily attendance of 33 seniors, there were 1,701 signups for activities, there were 848 rides provided, 1,075 meals provided and there were 219.5 volunteer hours provided which is an equivalent of \$3,296.25 saved.

Recreation

Nothing reported

