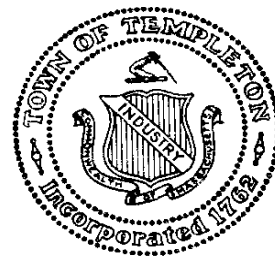


MEMORANDUM – OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

TO: Select Board
FROM: Laurie Wiita
RE: FY 21 Second Quarter Development Services
DATE: January 12, 2021



DIRECTOR:

The second quarter of FY '21 has been incredibly busy with the added full-time job of COVID, for all.

COVID-19

The second quarter of '21 saw COVID really change the way we operate; the Lion's Club successfully held their Halloween event and sale of Christmas trees with no transmission or clusters; the Town was able to allow Trick or Treat, again without transmission. BOH Agent continued to participate in Tuesday and Friday MDPH calls/webinars, providing links for information to the general public as the information became available. Alliance Health at Baldwinville Nursing and Rehab and Narragansett Regional School District have been working closely with the BOH, to date there has been no transmission within the schools. The general public was advised to obtain a flu vaccine to help tamp down COVID symptoms if contracted. Fall town meeting was conducted successfully at NMS in the auditorium without any transmission and with the cooperation of the Town Clerk, Moderator, Select Board and BOH; special thanks to CERT for their dedication and help throughout! All of our businesses and residents have been cooperative throughout, complaint follow-up has gone well; unfortunately, it did not stop the State from instituting a roll back to Phase III, Step I due to surging positive cases. Thankfully, Templeton has remained under 1% for positive cases throughout the quarter.

Director –

Continued work on 10 Pleasant, made safe/secure by DPW; no bids were received for property and AG's demolition grant was exhausted. AG's office believes there will be another round and we will advise at that time. TA and Director participated in Green Communities kick-off meeting with MRPC and State. Prepared for and participated in fall town meeting; submitted request to Capital Planning for vehicle; provided information to Sen. Gobi and Rep. Whipps pertaining to 15 Carruth w/follow-up on many complaints; departmental budget work.

The **Building Commissioner and Administrative Assistant** have been extremely busy with eighty permits issued (including five new single family homes, various renos and upgrades) with collected fees totaling \$32,965 and estimated construction value of \$2,962,429 (includes new commercial building at Templeton Municipal Light); **Wiring** issued 59 permits with collected fees totaling \$5,725; **Plumbing/Gas** issued 24 permits with collected fees totaling \$3,525.

The **Agricultural Commission** began an investigation into a nuisance noise complaint caused by roosters on Pine Point including re-education of owners; situation was resolved with the moving of the roosters.

ZBA application received for a variance request for 131 Dudley; application for an appeal for the project on 15 Carruth.

Planning approved ANR (approval not required) for an additional parcel on Brooks Road, Lot D for Matusiewicz; ANR approved for Phillipston Road, Lot 3 for Drouin; ANR approved for Rice Road change to boundary line; site plan hearing for TMLP for equipment building approved; issue at Ross Road referred to Chair, property owner contacted and consulted.

Conservation completed 9 site walks, approved the request by TF&G to lower pond for repairs and weed control; voted on and signed Farnsworth Road Conservation Restriction, forwarded to Select Board; after final inspection, issued certificate of compliance for Brooks, Lot A; members working with DPW on complaint at Brooks.

Board of Health (see COVID-19)

Agent reviewed and approved five new septic plan applications and five repair septic plan applications and completed seventeen septic inspections; six Title 5 reports were reviewed and approved; one well permit issued; twenty perc tests witnessed; one three bedroom deed restriction filed with the Worcester Registry of Deeds. Agent attended Housing Court for the disposition of 21 South Main with AG's Office, approved and work to commence within 60 days. Processed permit renewals for septic installers and haulers, rubbish haulers, food establishments, tobacco and nicotine; completed four food establishment inspections. Agent worked with DPW on regulations for the disinterment from the cemetery, completed by DPW without incident. Agent completed three pre-rental inspections for SK Management at Heatherwood. Attended MEHA fall seminar (webinar) earning continuing education credits; responded to seven complaints (including housing, noise, trash, heat and outdoor wood burner issues). A significant amount of time has been dedicated to 15 Carruth, working with the Fire Department, Agent has responded to several nuisance calls, to date none have resulted in any violations; there have been multiple conferences with Andrea Briggs of MassDEP with regard to the concerns, again, no violations noted at this time.