

Community Services FY 19 Third Quarter Report

The FY 20 budget process took up most of this quarter, initially working with the other units to make sure their efforts were coordinated, and requests were clear in the forms provided, and finally, to present those budgets to the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board at the hearing. Work on the redesigned www.templetonma.gov continued, with much research into the business listing and community calendar pages. An informational gathering will be held Monday, May 13 with local businesses and non-profits, exploring how the website can prove useful to them. After gathering information from neighboring communities, we created a packet for Farmers' Market vendors, including rules and regulations, an application, vendor inventory list and contract. Our first meeting of interested vendors was very well-attended, with lots of input. A critical need for office space was identified in both the Recreation and Cable TV departments. Possible locations investigated were: Senior Center and Scout Hall, Each location has challenges, which will need to be considered, before deciding how to proceed.

Library FY 19 Third Quarter Report

The FY20 budget request was finalized and presented to the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board. The Director attended a webinar on methods of community outreach for small and rural libraries. The library partnership with Narragansett Middle School continued with an increase in material requests by students. An international art exhibition was on display, with artwork by children from 12 countries..The library sponsored an hour-long photography program featuring 'Owls of New England' which was attended by over two dozen visitors. Story Hour continued to draw an average of 15 children on both Wednesday and Thursday mornings .An additional CWMars training was scheduled to learn about the many different statistical reports that the system retains, and how to generate them.

Recreation Department FY 19 Third Quarter Report

The Recreation Dept activities have started to ramp up in the 3rd QTR of this year.

- We successfully finished another of season of Rec Basketball that was held at the Narragansett Middle and High School Campuses. This program had well over 100 boys and girls grades K-8th from the district. They were very excited to attend Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball games. They got to see history in the making as the Boys Varsity Basketball team set many school records and made it all the way to the District Boys Championship game.

- 3 major Softball tournaments were scheduled for the spring and summer at Gilman Waite. These tournaments bring large crowds from all over New England. We encourage all who visit during these tournaments to shop local to support our businesses here in town. The dates for these tournaments are May 17,18,19th , May 25th, and June 28th 29th and 30th.
- The rec committee met with Central Mass Flag football and has allowed them to use Gilman Waite Park this upcoming Fall to host Flag Football. This program has many boys and girls from our District that take part in it as well as many surrounding city's and towns. They have up 300 players that take part. This will draw many families to the park and we will encourage them to shop local and support our local businesses here in town.
- Met with the CPC to seek funding to move the existing baseball field at Gilman Waite to a different part of the park as well as other much needed improvements to the park. This request was approved by that board along with the Capital planning board and will now go on the warrant for the spring town meeting to be voted on. The major reason for the request to move was safety. To protect the homes on Michaels Lane, the concession stand and vehicles parked at Gilman. The field has not been used since its installation over 8 years ago due the safety concerns. The proposed move will set the field further out in the soccer fields where there is a natural backstop of trees and no houses in danger of be hit by foul balls. This new field from home plate to the concession stand and vehicle parking will be over 700 ft away. If this article passes at the Spring town meeting it will segue the installation of Phase 1 of the irrigation system that funding approved at the last town meeting.
- New emergency exit is installed near Michaels lane and swing gates are scheduled to be installed in early May with a KNOX box installed on it for Fire/EMS/Police access. 2 other swing gates and another handicap access point were added to the fields. The parks and cemetery committee voted to fund these improvements using the Gilman Waite fund.
- Field clean up and green up day was scheduled for early April at Gilman Waite, and the turnout of volunteers was overwhelming. We had great support from the DPW and Park/Cemetery to set us up with manpower and equipment prior to the event as well.
- Toured the Senior/Community center with Jackie to seek office space for the Recreation Dept. We are waiting to see if this can happen, this space will be a great addition to that town building to bring the youth and seniors of our community together.
- We met with UNI bank and the tax collector to roll out UNI bill pay similar to what the Town of Templeton is currently using. Our link will be posted on the new town web site and allow users to sign up for youth and adult recreation activities and pay on line. This will be voted on at our May 21st Rec board meeting.
- We have set up and are currently using Performance Food Service to supply foods and supplies for our concession stand at Gilman Waite Park. This

partnership will allow us to offer new items on the menu and the convenience of onsite delivery. We are currently working with the Coke Cola company as well for services.

- Youth Softball registrations are complete and we have 5 teams here in town 8U 10U and 12u. The future of girl's softball looks very bright!!!
- The learn to swim sign ups are being finalized to start in June.

TCTV FY19 Third Quarter Report

Good evening.

I am sorry I cannot be here this evening to present the Cable Department's 3rd Quarter report.

As some of you know my family has been enduring some medical issues that we are still working through. I wish to thank everyone for their kindness and patience as we navigate this difficult time.

Our excellent and reliable Video Coordinator Shawn Lampert has kept the meeting train rolling and deserves much credit for recording the meetings, uploading them to TCTV's YouTube Channel and scheduling them on our Cable Channel 8. He does a lot of work that is easily overlooked. Shawn deserves a great deal of respect from the entire community for the important service he provides. He is our rock. Thank you, Shawn!

During the quarter TCTV also recorded and produced *Talk of the Town* shows with a State of the Town, and *Story Time at the Library*. We attended and recorded interviews of fascinating collectors at the Cabin Fever Collectors' Show, and we are still working on producing videos of that.

Our high school intern Hannah Bennett has recorded and produced several productions of school events such as concerts and high school play interviews. She also helped with Cabin Fever show interviews. She has taken quickly to learning video editing. Hannah is very enthusiastic and wishes to study broadcast and film at Mount Wachusett Community College starting in the fall. I am proud to say that Hannah is an easy choice for our first part-time hire of a Media Assistant. She is excited to start recording and producing shows for TCTV, and we look forward to working with her.

My own focus during this period partly has been on keeping up with the event notices that come in, refreshing the slide shows and short videos that run between programming on Channel 8, and building TCTV's social media presence. We watch the meetings closely to objectively summarize the issues when sharing the YouTube videos to our Facebook audience. We are also sharing more event notices via TCTV's Facebook page, as well as local events of interest that appear on Facebook. When done regularly, this gives TCTV a local news-like presence on social media. Interest has

definitely picked up just by doing what we are doing, without any real marketing and promotion. TCTV's reach each week on social media is in the thousands, with hundreds of engagements possible with just a couple of shares.

By working on this, I can effectively outline the role of a part-time Marketing Assistant to help with social media and event notice coordination that engages community groups and their followings.

We look forward to working with Jackie Prime on coordinating community notices between the Town web site and those that are appropriate for TCTV. We have also produced notices for several Town government meetings, events, and deadlines like voter registration and dog licenses, bear warnings and other public health alerts, and the upcoming Farmers' Market. We will also produce videos of the Farmers' Market.

Though TCTV is experiencing significant momentum in the community, I must stress that it is still an underutilized resource. Savvy groups and organizations are seeing that they can take greater advantage of our platforms on cable TV and social media to get the word out about events and important happenings, within TCTV's guidelines, and share our social media postings. It is in their best interests to broaden their audiences in this way. I plan a series of talks to community groups to further encourage this level of interaction.

IMPORTANT:

Finally, although I have not been available for some budget discussions regarding Cable TV and TCTV, I would like to schedule a date to present the Board of Selectmen with TCTV's Business Plan. As you know, this has been in development for more than 3 years now, per your Board's request. Any "vetting" of capital expenditures that have been submitted to Capital Planning and your board should come with a full understanding of the scope of our operations and the intentions of bringing our community together to grow a stronger Templeton.

Please let us set a date for this long-overdue presentation.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Steve Castle

TCTV Director

Templeton Cultural Council FY 19 Third Quarter Report

In the third quarter of FY 2019, two programs funded by the Templeton Cultural Council through Mass. Cultural Council grants took place — serving a diverse group of town residents. In addition to seeing those state grants put into action, the Templeton Cultural

Council continued its plan for active participation in local cultural events by manning a booth at the Narragansett Historical Society's "Cabin Fever Collectors' Show" in early March.

Our presence at the Collectors' Show included photographs of past events in which the Cultural Council participated — such as kids' craft activities tables at the Kite Show and Mac n Cheese Festival — as well as Council brochures and community surveys. We spoke about the Council's work with a number of visitors to the show, and as a result of those presentations, received an application for Council membership, which we forwarded to the selectmen's office. That applicant, Lisa Dembek, has now been appointed by the town to serve on the Council and will take a seat at our May meeting.

As reported previously, we awarded 18 state-funded grants, for a total of \$6,956, for the current Massachusetts Cultural Council year, which runs through December 2019. During this January–March period, the TCC did not expend any town-allocated funds.

Programs that were funded through the FY 2019 Massachusetts Cultural Council grants and held during the third quarter of FY 2019 (January through March) were:

A Celebration of Song at Alliance Health at Baldwinville	\$200
NRHS International Club Latin American jazz combo	\$400

Senior Services FY 19 Third Quarter Report

We have art work hanging on our gallery walls and we held an open house for the kick off to the Art Show for the High School. The drawings are quite good. The previous exhibit was from Fermata Arts Foundation, which was very interesting as well. The World Tour program that we started in Jan continues to grow, it is a fun way to learn about other countries food, culture, etc. We are again focusing on healthy exercise and a healthy diet this spring. The PD and Montachusett Home Care worked together on a presentation for the seniors regarding bullying and scams. Before days end I had an elder come to me with an incident that she felt could be characterized as bullying. The situation was dealt with, that in its self-made the need for the presentation very apparent. We continue our 'Triad' meetings with FD, PD, and our local asap,. We are seeing an increase in the need for case management the last few months. One individual can take hours of our time to help navigate the system, others may only take a few minutes. The most prevalent issue is housing, we do not have enough senior housing, the waiting list to get a unit is at least 1 year. Some people cannot wait that long, so the search begins.

The siding is virtually done on the building. It gives us a great deal of pride to be able to say we "are located in the green building at the end of the street".

Thank you for your time.

Veterans Services FY 19 Third Quarter Report

- VSO attended a Winter Training Conference in February
- Held 3 successful luncheons
- VSO reached out to organizations to participate in the Veteran's Resource Fair (scheduled for April 13)- secured many donations, confirmed participation with representatives, as well as local veterans' groups