

## **Community Services FY 22 First Quarter Reports**

### **Library/ Community Services**

The library offered a summer reading bingo challenge, with over 3 dozen participants. The Farmers' Market continued each week, with growing participation. We offered 2 performances during market days this quarter, thanks to Cultural Council funding. I worked on the 3 annual reports to the Board of Library Commissioners, as well as the Community Service job descriptions and performance evaluations. I developed a plan for the Scarecrows on the Common event and apple pie contest and presented it to the Selectboard.

### **Recreation**

A vote was taken not to hold the Swim Program this summer, as the change (lessening) of Covid-19 restrictions did not leave enough time to plan for the program. Preparations and signups were underway for the Soccer season, which began on September 11, 2021, with over 100 participants. An individual presented a plan to the Commission to construct a large skating rink on designated town property for public use this winter. After several levels of vetting and votes, the project was approved to move forward, with the location of Houghton Park in Otter River as the site for the rink.

### **Senior Services**

The Center enjoyed a 3-day grand re-opening celebration. This event included the presentation of the Boston Post Cane to Templeton's oldest resident, Rita Tkaczyk, as well as a BBQ and musical entertainment, among other things. Over 100 visitors as well as town and state officials enjoyed this celebration. The Center was utilized as a cooling center, staffed by CERT volunteers. The Center's new program 'Talk with the Town' debuted, with guest, Town Administrator, Adam Lamontagne informally answering questions from Seniors. The COA board drafted a 'Code of Conduct' for visitors to the Center. The Worcester County Sheriff's office delivered large-print house number signs, as well as Fall decorations. Plans for replacing the roof and completing the kitchen proceeded in earnest.

### **Veterans Services**

1. Worked on moving Ch115 recipients to new DVS validation system.
2. Assisted veterans with enrolling in the VA system and submitting claims to VA.
3. Starting to rev back up with community outreach to include finding locations for hosting coffee socials and monthly luncheons.

4. Worked with two high school students, Aili Byron and Christina Dennis, in identifying veterans' gravesites in the Greenwood Lawn Cemetery.
5. Reached out to the American Legion, VFW, DAV, Project Healing Waters, Building Bridges, Vet Centers, ClearPath and other veteran organizations to see how we can bring more veteran programs into this area.
6. Attended training in July and August to learn more about VA programs and veteran organizations available to this area.

## **Cultural Council**

The TCC met once in this quarter to discuss 2021 coming events for July – September, in the first quarter of 2022 fiscal year, voted on extensions of grants and planned participation with our booth set up.

Our council provided grants for several community events in the first quarter:

July 15, Story Telling & Music on the Boynton Library Lawn – Farmers Market

July 21, Dan Kirouac at Templeton Senior Community Center

July 22, Sean Fullerton at Templeton Senior Community Center

August 11, Bad News Jazz & Blues Orchestra on the Templeton Center Common

August 15, Go Fly a Kite Festival at Brooks Field, Baldwinville, Ma.

August 19, Story Telling with Davis Bates on the Boynton Library Lawn – Farmers Market

September 19, Throwback to the 60's – Rescheduled from July 25, 2021, because of rain

September 26, Motorpalooza, Templeton Center Common

Council members attended several events held, set a booth up and had suggestion pamphlets, arts and crafts supplies for children to be creative and applications for new members to join the TCC Council.

Our council is seeking new members as some of the current members will be ageing from their term. Many council members volunteer to stay for two terms and cannot stay past the second term without a break.

## TCTV

1. Staff Training
2. Audio enhancements for meeting streams
3. Program Production
  - o Kite Festival
  - o Farmers' Market
  - o Appleseed Festival
  - o Jazz concert w/sound enhancements
  - o Motorpalooza for Cool Cars
  - o Lucy Stone & Women's Suffrage
  - o Stay Fit with Liz
  - o From the Archives (8TB backup)
    - § 250th Anniversary Parade
    - § Temperance Tea
4. Sponsorship development
  - o Kros on the Common photo/video contests
  - o Cypress Physical Therapy
  - o Wachusett Business Incubator
5. Montachusett.TV website development
  - o Design briefs
  - o Logos >> Final site banner >>



6. Education
  - o Zoomtopia
  - o AV over IP
  - o Hybrid meetings/workplace trends and tech
  - o Digital marketing
  - o Social media
  - o Digital Signage + hybrid networked system = future channel and revenue stream

TCTV YouTube: 11.4K views, +25 subscribers

TCTV Facebook ~2,500 audience reach/month