

Community Services FY22

Third Quarter Reports

Library/ Community Services

The library was closed to the public for 2 months during this quarter. Curbside circulation was available during our usual open hours. I attended FY 23 budget reviews for the library, senior services, veteran's services, recreation and TCTV. I attended 2 online training courses. After some conversations, we hope to resume Templeton Center class visits to the library in late April-early May. The 'seed library' (created by Girl Scout troop 64547) was placed on the porch for visitors to utilize. I participated in a public hearing for the CDGB food pantry grant which provided funds to support our pantry. I worked with the Templeton Lions re: a previous donation they had made for upgrades at Gilman-Waite. I held a meeting with former Farmers' Market vendors to plan for this season.

Senior Services

The Center was closed to the public for 2 months this quarter. The staff worked to convert many programs to 'grab and go' whenever possible. Transportation continued but was limited to essential medical appointments and food shopping only. Meals on Wheels continued as did monthly newsletter mailings. The center disseminated updated information about booster availability. Interviews for drivers, temporary assistant and activities coordinator were held. Cindy attended an MCOA directors meeting. The Center hosted a serve-safe training for the BOH. The COA board met once twice this quarter. The following took place once the Center reopened on March 1: Walking Group, Pitch, Mahjong, exercise class, card bingo, blood pressure clinic, armchair traveler (Ireland), Birthday social, wellness webinar, book club, jewelry class, chair yoga, creative stitchers, cribbage, grab & go meal, St. Patrick's Day concert and 2 courses: National Parks & the aging brain.

Social services interactions: 297

Activity attendance (events, volunteers): 1223

Veteran's Services

1. Continue to work on Ch115
2. Continue to work on VA claims

Recreation

The basketball season took place this quarter with over 170 children participating. Interviews for softball coordinator were held, followed by online registration, and forms distributed to students at NRSD. The Recreation Chair, Treasurer and I attended a Unipay training. The Commission made a successful effort to find sponsors. We worked with consultant Don Jacobs on draft job descriptions. The Commission met twice this quarter.

Cultural Council

The TCC met once in this quarter to discuss and extend two Mass Cultural 2021 grants. The extension requests are for Narragansett Middle School 6th graders trip to Decordova Sculpture Park and Museum and Dr. "The Machine" Jesse for Green – Chainsaws, Cheeseburgers and Rock N` Roll Live at performance at Narragansett Middle School. Both grants have been extended, but with a December 31, 2022, final cutoff date, both have been extended twice for Covid-19 related restraints.

Council members also had discussions on finding entertainment and planning for concerts on the common and the Garden Tea being held at Narragansett Historical Society.

As of February 24, 2022 grants that have been paid out:

1. Clear Path for Veterans NE Flag Workshop - Encumbered funds 2021 \$500. 00
2. Corrine Smith Center - WW2 Letters - Encumbered funds 2020 \$ 300.00
3. Winchendon Winds - \$ 200.00

Sean Fullerton entertained and had a sing-a-long of Irish Tunes for St. Patrick's Day at the Templeton Senior Community Center March 17, 2022.

Templeton Cultural Council is in need of members. Many of our members are aging out of their appointments and this will leave the council with less members. We want/need people to join so we do not lose the Mass Cultural Council funding for the area.

Thank you

Lisa Dembek

TCC Chairperson

TCTV

General

Omicron surge put us back on Zoom-only for meeting streams, and affected staff/training schedules.

We lost several weeks of staff time work due to illness, personal time, rest.

Personnel

Reassessed staff and implemented training priorities.

Established Monday 'media lab' to work on shoots, equipment use and maintenance, editing.

Training on TV server for program scheduling.

Creating and implementing back-up plans to ensure continual TCTV services.

Hiring new part-time program coordinator to focus on content for Montachusett.TV website.

Productions

Completed sponsored shows *Stay Fit with Liz* (4 episodes) and *Lucy Stone* event.

Post-production work on *Cool Cars* segments from 2021 Motorpalooza show.

Post-production work on Wachusett Business Incubator's (WBI) start-a-business show.

Logos and banner designs are being refreshed.

Business Development

Exploring potential partnership for a regional Media/Digital Lab and Montachusett.TV

Note: Comcast subscriber count of 2,153 in 2021 is down from 2,249 in 2020 = -4.3% /- 8% statewide