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RE: FY 21 Fourth Quarter Development Services

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COVID-19

During the 4th quarter, Templeton had a total of eighty-three positive cases of COVID-19; all of those cases recovered and cleared ten day isolation. The last of the vaccine clinics at the PACC sponsored by the local boards of health and Heywood Hospital, took place on June 24; it was estimated that approximately 37,000 area residents were vaccinated at these clinics, including individuals 12 years old and up. On June 1, town hall opened following the Governor's announcement that all orders were being rescinded with the exception of the face covering order, which was being modified to match CDC guidelines. BOH Agent participated in twice weekly MDPH meetings, once weekly TEMA and Heywood meetings; both the TEMA and Heywood meetings came to an end in June. BOH Agent continued to provide daily updates to both the Fire Department and Police Department, while reporting weekly to the Board of Health Members, Town Administrator, Selectboard Chair, and residents. The weekly report continues with added seasonal information. BOH Agent provided information for the Memorial Day Parade.

The **Building Commissioner and Administrative Assistant** have been extremely busy with one hundred five permits issued (including six new single family homes, pools, various renos and upgrades) with collected fees totaling \$22,274 and estimated construction value of \$3,268,203; fifteen occupancy permits and thirty-eight certificates of completion were issued; **Wiring** issued fifty-three permits with collected fees totaling \$5,310 and includes forty-five completed inspections; **Plumbing/Gas** issued forty-one permits with collected fees totaling \$5,235 and thirty-five inspections completed.

The **Agricultural Commission** investigated a complaint on Wellington of a chicken coop being moved to close to the property line, no violation noted; investigating a noise nuisance at 23 Pine Point caused by roosters/turkeys/peacocks, still in process.

ZBA continuance of 881 Patriots hearing to April 5 and 20, new plan received as requested by members, lengthy deliberation ending with special permit being granted with conditions; no appeal was received. Research into an application for 94 Cross to go from a Class III to a Class II that was initially denied in 2019.



Planning Director, working with Planning Chair and Zoning Enforcement Officer, researched an error on the zoning map that shows 204 Patriots as RA1, when going through all of the ATM records from 2006 in the Town Clerk's office, it clearly shows that the area is Highway Business. Further work with the Assessor will be completed and corrections will be submitted to MRPC for review and correction. ANR's for 1 Ross, 190 Dudley and 7 North Main approved and filed. New members Michael Caruso and Bruce Marien were welcomed to the Planning Board.

Conservation completed nineteen site walks with the following determinations: nine had no wetland issues, four were for proposed single family homes, three resulted in RDA's, one required an NOI filing and two resulted in certificates of completion being issued. Members followed up on two complaints of work in buffer areas; 20 Minuteman, resulting in filing with MassDEP and 11 Minuteman, no violations noted. Chair followed up on a complaint of improper storage of gas cans at 34 Albert Drive, no violations noted.

Board of Health (also see COVID-19)

Agent reviewed and approved fifteen septic plans for new and repairs; inspected thirteen septic sites for bed bottom and final; witnessed five perc tests; reviewed eleven T5 inspections and issued six certificates of compliance. Agent completed and passed two courses in order to renew Soil Evaluator license with state; inspected and issued food permits to four establishments; issued one well permit; inspected and issued one pool permit; processed one Community Septic Loan and released two liens after receiving loan payoff information from Assessor; issued beach permits to TF&G and Pinewood Shores; working with MassDOT and DPW Super, issued five ten day permits for trapping beaver. The landfill cap has been mowed as part of semiannual maintenance. Agent worked on six nuisance trash complaints, 39 Orchard, 34 Albert, 156 Hubbardston and Mountain View have all been resolved two are still in process. Due to a complaint, the agent worked with the Candlelight Café on COVID protocols, no further violations were noted; agent working with the Housing Authority resolved a water issue at 733 Baldwinville and continues to work on an issue at 457 Patriots; two nuisance animal complaints were referred to AgCom for investigation; agent continues to work with the AG's office on abandoned housing. A judgement was issued for the property on Patriots f/k/a 858 Patriots; Worcester District Court will be assigning a receiver to clear and lien the property.

