

Town of Londonderry
Select Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 2, 2017 5:30pm
Twitchell Building - 100 Old School Street, South Londonderry

Board Members Present: Paul Gordon, Jim Ameden, George Mora, Bob Forbes, Tom Cavanagh

Staff present: Kevin Beattie, Sharon Crossman, Mathew Rawson, Kelly Pajala, Irwin Kuperberg, Tammy Long, Emmett Dunbar, Tina Labeau

Others in Attendance: Bruce Frauman for GNAT, Lyza Gardner for Vermont Journal, Dick Dale, Steve Eisenhaur, Patty Eisenhaur, Daniel Whalen, Kim Ray, Kelly Capen, Hubert Schriebl

1. Call meeting to order

Paul called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm

2. Select Board Hearing on 2017 Londonderry Town Plan.

Sharon handed out copies of the 2018 Town Plan. Paul invited her and Dick, as members of the Planning Commission, to take any questions regarding the town plan.

The question was asked about the difference between service-commercial and recreation-commercial as written in the town plan? Dick replied that all designations of land use terms are official state designations. Recreational Commercial is largely confined to the Magic Mountain area - Commercial tends to be located in the village of S. Londonderry and the expanded area up to Brown Enterprises. In Londonderry, commercial takes into account properties that were already being used as commercial properties. Dick stated the goal of the Town Plan is to preserve the rural nature of our town. No strip malls.

Dick commented on the importance of the enhanced energy plan being developed by the energy commission. We are one of three towns given a grant to find more comprehensive plans to conserve energy. He explained the process by which the enhanced plan gets passed.

Conversation then ensued regarding suggested changes to certain language used in various sections of the Town Plan. The Planning Commission members present felt that the suggested changes do not affect the substance of the plan so there is no need for another hearing. If, at the end of the hearing, there are no substantive changes, the Select Board can vote to adopt.

George volunteered to perform the necessary editing on the Town Plan. Paul commended the Planning Commission for their dedication and perseverance.

The hearing was adjourned. Paul asked for a break for 10 minutes.

3. Additions or deletions to the agenda

Paul asked the board to consider adding to New Business the voting on the Town Plan tonight including the edits that were approved.

Bob motioned, George seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

4. Minutes

- a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes - September 18, 2017
Jim motioned to approve, George seconded. Passed with all in favor.
- b. Approval of Special board Meeting Minutes - September 26, 2017
George motioned to approve, Bob seconded. Passed with all in favor.

5. **Select board pay orders:** Pay orders passed around and signed

6. **Announcements / Correspondence:** Correspondence was passed around.

7. Visitors and Concerned Citizens

Kevin shared that we are up to date on Vermont Alert. Thanks to Bruce and Dick who helped bring this to reality for the town. Jim Ameden, Kelly Pajala, Mathew Rawson and Kevin Beattie attended training and Jeff Duda may train in the future. As a town we are now approved to put out alerts. The next step is to reach out to community. 400 or so people are signed up for VT Alert but it would be better to have as many as possible for it to be a really effective tool. Kevin will take the lead with outreach. After a month or two we will do a warned town wide test. It was suggested that the town may want to establish user groups. Example - a group dedicated to shelter volunteers. Another example could be a group dedicated to town officials. Kevin will approach the rescue squad and fire departments about forming a user group in case our normal dispatch system fails. This is a viable tool for dispatch backup. If you have ideas for user groups, let Kevin know and he will set it up with the state. Paul suggested Lyza from VT Journal could write an article emphasizing the importance of residents registering for the emergency alert system.

Kelly Capen asked for help communicating with VTrans. Bears getting hit by vehicles in her neighborhood is a problem - can we support her in getting the sides of the roads mowed so bears can be seen. Matthew said unfortunately there's only one crew of 6 guys who do the entire state of VT. They're a private contractor without a set schedule so there isn't a whole lot we can do. They're also restricted as to how far they can cut back without landowner's permission. Kevin suggested that maybe the place to start is Fish and Wildlife not VTrans. Kelly said she has been in touch with them. Dick suggested a Bear Crossing sign.

Hubert expressed disappointment that many of the former views in Londonderry have been diminished by overgrowth. Conversation ensued about private homeowners having the right to allow their trees and shrubs to grow - The Select Board can't really do anything about diminishing scenery. Matthew understands the issue but it's not something the road crew is realistically able to do procedurally.

Matthew shared that our road crew continues to attend classes to learn how grading is recommended.

8. Transfer Station

- a. Update on Punch Card changeover
Tom said the first day went relatively smoothly, as expected. Paul shared praise for Esther Fishman for doing a great job getting the word out about the transfer station changes. Dick Dale thanked volunteer, Candy Bliss for her extraordinary help counting over 18,000

returnables last month. Full transfer station changes are on our website. Tom thanked the Parks Board and FBAA for helping with the returnables.

9. Roads and Bridges

Road foreman Mathew Rawson shared that mowing is finished. Kevin asked about mowing the Prouty Land, as it's been mowed by the town in the past - Matthew says he'll mow it.

Conservation commission has burned in the past. We'll mow it now.

Fuel usage for September was 692 gallons.

10. Old Business

- a. Sand/Salt Shed - Still working with All Seasons and attorneys to finalize contract. There is potential to begin building next week.
- b. Personnel Policy Updates - Smoking and leave changes - No report tonight
- c. Genser Property Update - The property has been seeded and strawed. Thanks were expressed to Kevin for his helping oversee the work.
- d. TOPP - No report tonight. Kevin asked about moving forward with the generator project at the town office. He and Paul will find the paperwork and determine how to proceed.
- e. Prouty Signage - Language for signage has been approved. Paul is waiting for a quote from the sign company.
- f. Wall Painting - No further update. Trooper Noyes submitted paperwork to state's attorney and they'll determine where this will lead.

11. New Business

Vote was held to adopt the revised town plan with minor edits as suggested during the hearing.

Bob moved to approve, George seconded. The vote passed with all in favor.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.