

Londonderry Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

2/12/18 at 7:02PM ~ Town Office Building, School St.

NOTE: Meeting scheduled for 100 min. In Attendance: SH, RD, DJ (Dwight Johnson); Guest, Mimi Adams Lines

Agenda and Minutes:

- Read and accept 2/12/18 PC Agenda _Y_.
- Read and accept the previous meeting PC Minutes _Y_.

New Business:

I. Welcome & Introductions:

- Visitors/ prospective PC members. Mary Adams Lines (Mimi) was introduced to the committee as a prospective new member. She offered a brief introduction.
- Mimi stated that she would like to join the Planning Commission and it was agreed that Sharon would forward her nomination. MAL contact info. - maryadamslines@gmail.com

II. Zoning By-Law Revisions:

- It was agreed that Robert Nied has considerable experience revising Town Zoning Regulations and will be invited to the March 12 meeting with Ester Fishman as agenda item number one to help advise the PC as to an appropriate set of points to focus on, current areas where the zoning regulations do not work effectively and are in need of revision, and a fairly defined scope of the required revisions. By the end of the approximately forty five minute discussion, the hope is that the scope of the project will be defined, a timeline developed, and possible sources of grant application can be agreed to. The full scope of the revision of the Zoning By-Laws will be finally determined at the April PC meeting with real work to commence no later than June.

Old & Ongoing Business:

III. TOPP/ 2018 Building Fund:

- Town Meeting warned article on setting aside \$100,000 per year for the purpose of providing funds to provide more regular scheduled maintenance, repair, rehab, or replace all Town owned buildings. As the transition fund of \$100,000 collected annually over the last five years, the article seeks to take advantage of an ability to save and pay for the costs to maintain, repair, rehab, or replace buildings over the next few years at the same \$100,000 per year with no increase in tax rates.
- It was noted that the article references all of the town buildings (Garage, Salt Shed, Town Hall, and Town Office) and does not just focus on the Town Office.
- Tina and Kelly will be asked to be prepared to discuss the current and evolving need for reconfiguration of the Town Office Building.
- The committee developed several positive responses as a reason for the citizens to support the article and sought to figure out responses to those who might oppose the article.
- Sharon will offer a brief statement in support of the Planning Commission's Article at Town Meeting.

IV. Act 171 (the forest corridor act) Discussion:

- Along with the continued PC objective of promoting, with the Conservation Commission, a town wide network of trails throughout the town.
- The PC felt that the Conservation Commission should take the lead with respect to Act 171.

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- Dwight agreed to research liability issues related to property owners who allow access to trails which might cross their property.

V. Lowell Lake State Park:

- There will be an open public meeting at 6 at the Town Office Meeting to discuss and respond to the effort to establish fees to access Lowell Lake, increased parking, and ten to twelve new overnight camping buildings.
- Such a plan is in philosophic opposition to the recently adopted new Town Plan. Sharon urged the committee to attend and where appropriate address concerns.

VI. "Rich Earth" with the State of Vermont:

- Proposed initiating a waste water feasibility study in five pilot projects the Windham Region.
- The PC discussed the pros and cons of becoming part of the pilot program given the need to deal with waste water in both the designated villages.
- The WRC has asked for a scheduled meeting to discuss the study and advantages to Londonderry and South Londonderry.

- May 12 at 5:30 or possibly May 19 were the agreed proposed dates. (Community Partners has penciled in a meeting on May 19 at the Twitchell Building.)

VII. Update from State Rep., Town Boards, Committees and/ or Correspondences:

- Kelly will be again offered an opportunity to share with the PC her insights as to legal issues, possible grant funding, and other matters related to the State Legislature. She will be asked to come and talk as her time permits.

Adjourn: _____ **8:42 PM** _____

***Dates to remember:**

- *23rd of each month is the deadline for submittals to the Londonderry Monthly.*
- *Next PC Meeting, 3/12/18 - 7pm, Town Offices*