

# Town of Londonderry, Vermont

## Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 1 – 5:30

100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155

Attending: Sharon Crossman, Elsie Smith, Mimi Lines, Larry Gubb, Dick Dale, Dwight Johnson, Shane O'Keefe

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:35
2. There were no additions or deletions to the Agenda
3. Shane provided progress reports on 3 active projects:

TOPP Project, Phase 1. Due to ledge, two change orders were approved, \$6,800 and \$4,200. The Project is moving forward.

TOPP Project Phase 2. Shane suggested that Chris Cole, Cole Company Inc. be retained to move forward with architectural plans and programs for the Twitchell building upgrade. PC agreed that having done prior work on this and other Town projects, Chris is uniquely qualified to complete his 2011 preliminary architectural plans and provide estimated costs. Shane will make this recommendation to the Select Board at their next meeting.

Wastewater-Water Supply Study. With funding approved, the project is ready to go out to bid, based on consultant qualifications only. Shane proposed establishing a Wastewater subcommittee review bids and supervise the project. The PC endorsed the proposal and Shane will present it at the next Select Board Meeting.

4. The PC discussed the benefit of requesting technical assistance from the Windham Regional Commission to assess the compatibility of current VT Forest, Parks and Recreation (FPR) management plans with the Londonderry Town Plan and Windham Regional Plan, in an effort to be well-informed if and when new development plans are proposed, as anticipated. The motion made by Sharon and seconded by Mimi - "Shall the PC recommend to the Select Board that the Town obtain technical assistance from the Windham Regional Commission to assess the compatibility of current VT State Parks management plans with the Londonderry Town Plan, Windham Regional Plan, and other pertinent standards, to be considered by the Town in the event of new development plans presented for Lowell Lake State Park" - passed unanimously. (It was later reported that the Select Board approved this motion at their concurrent meeting.)
5. Dwight Johnson distributed a list of questions to initiate a discussion regarding current and future economic health of our town. The PC created a list of economic strengths and weakness; vetted objectives to improve both the visual look of the Town and its economic base; and reviewed several documents relating to economic development and

'revitalization' developed (and not implemented) in 1990s. It was suggested that the initial focus be along VT 100 in Londonderry village and acknowledged that any new group formed to work with the PC will need approval/appointment by the Select Board.

Finally, members agreed that the 1990s efforts would be reviewed prior to the next Special PC Meeting set for 9:00 AM on July 17, 2019 and that a list of potential Committee members would be generated, specifically seeking younger citizens and business leaders as part of the working group. Dwight will summarize next steps and distribute issues and concerns prior to July 17, 2019.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43.
7. The next meeting will be the Special Meeting at 5:30 on July 17, 2019. The next regular meeting will be at 5:00 on August 12, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dick Dale