

Town of Londonderry, Vermont**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes****Mon. Jan 11, 2021 – 5:00 (Zoom Meeting)****Meeting held remotely via online video with no physical presence**

Commission Members Attending: Sharon Crossman, Elsie Smith, Larry Gubb, Dick Dale, Mimi Lines, Andrew Rackear, Dwight Johnson

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:02. Sharon read the State mandated procedures and protocols and rules for a warned Remote Electronic Meeting and called the role of all attendees participating remotely. As required by law, the meeting was recorded using the Zoom recording feature. There were no members of the public in attendance.
2. Minutes of the Joint Selectboard—PC meeting of Dec. 3, 2020 were approved. (Dick Moved, Sharon Seconded)
3. Sharon reviewed status of the Zoning Bylaws. It was agreed that Shane had completed his reading and “redlining” of the Proposed Bylaws and should be asked to post a corrected version on the Town Web Site as soon as possible as Brandy Saxton seems to be no longer available to the Planning Commission. It was agreed that Mimi would head up the effort to finalize the post card to the town and work with several others in designing a process to accept and respond to citizen input. It was moved by Dick and seconded by Elsie that Jeff Nugent of the WRC be hired to produce a finished version of the zoning maps as those currently in the Zoning document are rough sketches. Finally, the VCRD will be contacted to assess if and how the need to get public input on the Bylaws and their proposed schedule to engage citizens in “Project Londonderry” might best be orchestrated. The Steering Committee will meet on Jan 13 at 6:30.
4. The proposed Planning Commission Budget as it currently exists beginning July 1, 2021 was reviewed. The Communications line for \$1300 includes a Zoom Account for the PC, the creation of a PC Website being worked on by Gail Mann, and other communication efforts to get citizen input. The Commission was reminded that there is about \$4000 in this year’s budget available before July 1 which might be spent on several projects and initiatives currently being studied and not yet completed. The stipend will remain, but all the rest of the items in the proposed budget might need to be adjusted in light of new priorities.
5. The status of various grants both in process and awarded were reviewed. The Paul Bloom Restoration Grant for Town Hall will be reapplied for because there is considerably more data on what is need than last year’s application, the application is due by Jan. 15. Sharon is working with the Park’s Board to jointly apply for grants for lighting and other improvements for William’s Park and the Geisler Properties. Mimi reviewed several promising grants for Water Conservation, The Trust for Public Lands, The VORAC recreation grants and several others. A working meeting of the PC to discuss the plans, priorities, and details of the RFP for the Municipal Planning Grant was set for Jan. 18mat 3:30/Lastly, Sharon reported that the Waste Water/Water study is not getting results and Shane will be looking into getting that study back on track.
6. Dick asked on behalf of the Taconic and Green School Board if the PC would participate in a brief survey on the long-term objectives of and for education for the students from our town similar to the strategy and objectives created recently by Burr and Burton. The members agreed to participate. Other groups in town will also be approached.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:11.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Dale

