

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Weds., August 10, 2020 – 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

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:03. 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.
2. There were no members of the public in attendance.
3. The minutes for July 13, 2020 and August 5, 2020 were unanimously approved. (Dwight moved; Elsie seconded.)
4. The PlaceSense website was consulted. It is found at www.placesense.com/Londonderry/ and contains the information promised, except for a connection to the Town website so it has not yet been advertised. It lacks the video of PC members comments. Brandy will be contacted. Elsie will assign the prepared comments to individual unless a member contacts her with a specific choice. The discussion on how to actively engage the public continues. Elsie agreed to design a poster to be printed at express copy; to draft press releases and a post card to be mailed in the first week of September or so, and posted on the Londonderry Community Forum, and Front Porch Forum, together with the website and other details. Sharon will talk to the Selectboard to bring them up to date on the planned public outreach and accept preliminary questions. The PC noted the 30-acre requirement is related to providing a homestead lot along with State mandated conservation lot size. It was agreed that copies of the Bylaws will be produced for the DRB and Selectboard shortly with an invitation to review the website data as an introduction. Both groups will be invited to ask questions at a designated meeting when they are ready to ask. Additional outreach efforts will be needed, but more likely to take place in September and October.
5. There was a follow-up discussion of the August 5 meeting. Topics included the need to be inclusive as far as outreach and membership of the four working groups. The questions of public notice of Steering Committee meetings, when they will become independent of the PC, funding, and professional training and a consultant were discussed in detail without a complete resolution.
6. The next meeting of “the Project Londonderry” working group was reset for August 31 by Zoom at 5:00. The next regular Planning Commission Meeting was set for September 14 at 4:30.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Dale

Approved on xxxx 2020