

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Tues., Oct. 20, 2020 – 4:00 (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, Dwight Johnson

Others Attending: Wallace Fischer, Nicole Wengerd, Susan Collins, Lisa Sicotte, Gail Mann, Cindy Gubb, Marge Fish, Ester Fishman, Andie Fuoco, R.T. Brown

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:05. 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. There were reports from each of the four main project Committees. Main Street reported that additional work has been done in the effort to create a 501 C-3 including some proposed statements related to mission, and vision. Larry commented on the Beautification Committee's fine presentation on the upgrade to the four Town Entry Signs. The PC has endorsed their proposal, which will be presented to the Selectboard next Monday. The Communications Committee announced the creation of a Project Londonderry Vt Facebook page and associated Instagram page. She reported on the activities of the Christmas Elves attempting to create holiday cheer and spirit. Funds have been contributed to the Rotary 501 C-3. The Okemo Chamber of Commerce has offered \$10,000 to Londonderry as part of its effort to revitalize towns. Lastly, all applauded the very positive press releases authored by Gail discussing "Project Londonderry." Dwight reported that the recent pandemic response announced by the Governor has created increased economic hardship for too many businesses in town. Increased funding support, largely by the Federal Government, is desperately needed. The Kiosk is very visible now that the bushes and two large pine trees have been cut down. The Rotary will decorate it. Finally, the lack of direct support by the Town is concerning despite the Selectboard's support for the Municipal Planning Grant and the several positive reports discussing the incredible voluntary support by over fifty citizens. The recreation group is moving forward with the mapping of available recreational activities and venues in town. The online maps and brochure should be available by early spring including hiking, kayaking, boating, both downhill and cross-country skiing, and fishing. Picnic spots and parts will also be identified. Over time, privately maintained trails will be added. The Branding group will be sending out the survey to all of the "Project Londonderry" participants. Lastly, Nicole filled the group in on two large initiatives to offer more housing and transportation to citizens in need, but the efforts are too large for Neighborhood Connections to manage as the lead player. The needs are great.
3. The next meeting of Planning Committee was set for Dec, 13, 2020 at 5:00. The next Planning Committee discussion and update on "Project Londonderry" will take place on Jan. 25, 2021 at 5:00.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Dale