

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 13, 2020 – 2:00

100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155

Attending: Sharon Crossman, Elsie Smith, , Larry Gubb , Gail Mann (left at 3:15), Dwight Johnson, joining at 3:30: Dick Dale, Shane O’Keefe, Brandy Saxton, Esther Fishman

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM
2. No minutes were offered from the Dec. 16, 2019 meeting.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The discussion of “Project Londonderry” continued, primarily to develop next steps for the Planning Commission survey results for future ideas and dreams for the Town, now divided into four sections: Main Street/Our Town, Basic Life Services, Recreational Tourism and Sustainability, and Basic Life Services. Each idea in the four categories was assessed as to the appropriateness of it being a part of the Planning Commission mission versus that of other agencies, groups, or committees in town that might be better positioned to address certain, specific suggestions. Mimi and Elsie agreed to work together in the next week to pare down the survey list accordingly and to suggest an alternate method for reviewing the list when the PC has its next full-group work session.
5. Brandy Saxton continued to lead the group through the first draft of Bylaw Chapter 2 by reviewing the Residential Zoning and the Rural Zoning designations. Considerable energy was expended to review each designation as to a permitted or conditional use and the associated requirements with respect to lot coverage. The map lines for each proposed new district were reviewed in detail. Brandy will update the maps incorporating the numerous changes recommended by the PC. With respect to conditional use for both rural and residential districts, several ways to assess the appropriateness of granting a conditional use were discussed: traffic patterns, proposed uses which are out of character for the area, municipal inputs like code requirement, fire and rescue access, and water and waste issues, and finally natural land issues. The balance of Chapter 2 was discussed, especially Sections 2-17 and 2-20.

It was agreed that an additional specially warned meeting of the PC would be scheduled for 2:00-4:00 PM January 27, 2020 to begin discussing the first draft of Chapter 3.

6. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will take place at the Twitchell Building from 2:00-5:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2020.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Dick Dale

Approved on January 27, 2020

Sharon Crossman, Chair