

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Weds., Sept. 28, 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, Dwight Johnson.

Others Attending: Marge Fish, Martha Dale Geoff Hathaway, Nicole Wingard, Cindy Gubb, Richard Phalen, Lisa Sicotte, Greg Kleiman, Esther Fishman, Justin Maciak, Kristi Nelson, Gail Mann, Melisa Brown, Jennifer Greenfield-Snowd, James Wilbur, Kelly Pajala

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. There were no members of the public in attendance.
2. There were a series of "Project Londonderry" working group updates. Sharon reported that the Selectboard authorized reenrollment in the Okemo Valley Chamber group in order to join the four town \$10,000 each marketing initiative. She reported that the Selectboard and Vtrans have agreed on a Route 11 Main Street Safety Audit especially focusing on pedestrian safety, traffic calming, and intersection safety. The Selectboard has authorized the Planning Commission to apply for a Municipal Planning grant for \$22,000 to develop a Master Plan for Main Street. She reported that an additional grant for \$3000 for help with a marketing campaign and enhanced website improvements. Richard Phelan has been working with Shane to help upgrade and make more useful the Town Website that has not been updated in eight years. Elsie Smith reported that the Recreation Group has met several times and is working with WRC to develop maps of town parks, to be completed in a brochure published in May of 2021. She reported the Rotary is working with the group to map and maintain trails in town. Finally, she reported on the pop-up skating event planning. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month. Dwight reported that the Business Vitality group has added Gail Mann and Nicole Wingard to the group who continue to focus on supporting local business especially bars and restaurants with respect to staffing, child care, and affordable housing. He reported that septic issues continue to inhibit the addition of new businesses. Richard Phalen and Elsie reported on the ongoing effort to tell the story of "Project Londonderry." Larry Gubb reported that the Main Street group continued to gather information with respect to the ownership of roads and adjoining structures. They continue to gather information relative to the 501 C-3 initiative and other sources of funding for various projects and economic development. The Development group continues to move forward with both the public and private initiatives. They reminded the group of the four sketches of a master plan. The Beautification committee reported that there continues to be work on the designs and themes associated with the four Town signs at the town borders and some progress gathering potential costs. The Branding Committee has continued their outreach to the community for reactions to some proposals. Everyone appreciated the effort to link a town letterhead and other official publications with a similar branded message. Finally, Kelly responded to the suggestion that the electricity in town needed to be relocated underground by saying that GMP was looking into it for many towns. The future of the Dam was discussed without any resolution.
3. The next meeting was set for Oct. 26, 2020 at 5:00.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Respectfully Submitted, Dick Dale
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