

Town of Londonderry, Vermont**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes****Tues., Nov. 9, 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 (left 5:30), Dwight Johnson, Andrew Rackear (left 6:05)

Others Attending: Mary Ann Morris

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. The Minutes for Oct. 20, 2020 were approved unanimously. (Moved by Sharon, Seconded by Elsie)
3. Mary Ann Morris on behalf of the Collaborative reported on the policy as it relates to healthy communities because to the new legalization and possible sales of Marijuana. She cited statistics on related drug and alcohol use and abuse in Vermont and in Bennington County suggesting a need to develop proactive policies and a plan to create zoning or ordinance polies. As Brandy had suggested that Zoning Regulations is poor method to restrict activity and Selectboard's do a much more efficient job regulating behaviors, the PC welcomed the information, but declined to regulate use by Zoning Regulation.
4. Sharon noted that Paul Abraham of the DRB has developed a comprehensive review of the Zoning Bylaws. The PC agreed that many were typographic errors, but that items identified needing clarification should be forwarded to Brandy Saxton for comments. Shane is also working his way through a detailed review of the Bylaws and those concerns should also be forwarded to Brandy for comments. Post cards are still being worked on as well as continued efforts to develop other methods like press releases and posted notices in places like the Post Office, Bank, and Market referencing the need for Citizens to comment on the Zooning Bylaws. Elsie continues to offer to organize those efforts. Because the people to be sent cards asking for comments are property owners and not renters, a substantial population of citizens will not get the cards advertising the availability of copies of the Zooning Bylaws and thus not know about them. It was agreed that the outreach for citizen input needs to happen soon.
5. It was reported that the owner of the Mountain Market Place, Rick Bobe, will be meeting with Tad, Dwight, and Andrew to discuss ways to improve the vitality of business and other possible improvements to the shopping center. Dwight agreed to work with Kelly to pass along to businesses opportunities to get funding form the State. Larry reported that work on creating the 501 C 3 application continues now directed by William Peck, a lawyer recommended by Rob Worthington because of his expertise. Elsie will increase the number of people solicited to fill out the Branding Survey to refine it prior to the VCRD communications assistance to begin in January. There is movement on the Municipal Planning Grant to help develop a Master Plan. Sharen pointed out that the Preservation Trust recently advertised a restoration grant for historic buildings of up to \$50,000 with no co-pay that might help restore the Town Hall and create a large meeting place in Londonderry. It was agreed that possible criteria and priorities associated with the Municipal Planning Grant need to be a part of the December Planning Meeting agenda.
6. There was some discussion about the next possible meeting of "Project Londonderry" on Nov. 30. It was scheduled, but if too little new information or new programing is available, there is a possibility that it will be cancelled.

7. The next meeting of Planning Committee was set for Dec 7, 2020 at 5:00.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:38

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Dale