

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Planning Commission SPECIAL Meeting Minutes – DRAFT

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Attending: PC members Sharon Crossman Chair, Larry Gubb Co-Chair, Mimi Lines, and Elsie Smith. Stevens & Associates Cory Frehsee, Mark Westa, Taylor Shulda, GNAT Andrew McKeever, GNAT Bruce Frauman, Neighborhood Connections Nicole Wengerd and +/- 80 members of the public.

1. The first of two meetings scheduled for the same day with the same agenda, was called to order at 3:37. This meeting was held remotely online via zoom from the Town Office, as the designated physical location where the public could attend and participate in the meeting.
2. The second meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM at Neighborhood Connections. This session was held entirely in-person at Neighborhood Connections.
3. Upon opening each meeting, the Chair announced that the purpose of Main Street Study and Master Plan Community Meeting Round 1 was to share information and gather community input regarding the North Main Street Study in progress. Consultants Stevens & Associates of Brattleboro, hired by the Town to undertake and complete the study, and eventually a Master Plan for Main Street, were introduced as the meeting hosts.
4. Additions to the Agenda: None
5. At both the online and in-person meetings on this date, the S&A team first described the overall intent of the project, shared six base maps and provided basic information about the study area. They then responded to questions and concerns from members of the public on the subjects of community water and waste water, flooding, the Williams Dam, multi-modal traffic safety, pathways along the river, housing availability and affordability, local services and support for new and existing businesses.

In each session, the final discussion was focused on collecting ideas and preferences from attendees regarding specific types of services and attractions that could contribute to the revitalization of North Main Street overall including mixed uses in the village center, public green space for community gatherings and events, safe connections to essential services and the river, places for social gathering and more. No decisions were made at either meeting.

In closing the consultants agreed to provide the visuals from the meeting (maps of the study area and image boards of potential uses) to be locally displayed for further community thought until the next presentation by S&A. Community Meeting Round 2 is tentatively set for November 4, 2021. Details to come.

6. Before closing each meeting, the Chair announced that video recording of the meetings would be publicly posted by GNAT and also be available on the Town of Londonderry website when available.
7. The meetings were closed at 5:03 PM and 8:01 PM respectively.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Crossman, Chair