

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday July 18, 2022: 5:00

Town Office

Committee Members Attending: Maryann Morris, Larry Gubb, Dick Dale, Elsie Smith, Sharon Crossman.

Attending: Paul Abraham, Nancy Johnson

1. Meeting was called to order at 5:05.
2. A plan for the organization of the PC and discussion for the RFP for the Housing study was added. (Sharon proposed, Dick Seconded: passed unanimously.
3. No Public Comment
4. Minutes for June 13, 2022 were unanimously approved. (Dick proposed, Elsie seconded.
5. Old Business:
 - A: While not on the agenda, Nancy asked about the progress on the waste water funding and progress since June 13. Sharon said that the group working on this has been assured that considerable funding is available from the State (4-5 million.) There has been progress in identifying suitable sites in both the North and South Villages.
 - B: Town Hall Renovation: next phase is still likely to start in August focusing on roofing and balcony repair.
 - C. Bylaws: a new contract has been signed with Brandy monitored by Shane. The Town Attorney still needs to get started reviewing the proposals. Shane to be asked again to facilitate or just not do this step and start presenting the Bylaws to public. There was considerable discussion on how to make the comprehensive changes to the public. Chester has been thru the process and may be consulted. Larry reminded all that two Marches ago, Brandy did develop a wonderful and very direct presentation, but Covid has gotten in the way. She is still under contract. Maryann suggested using Flood brook to present an overview and then using various break out classrooms to discuss the new districts.
 - D. Elsie gave a brief report on the "Community Center" initiative and the status of the "River Walk" from the Depot to the Prouty land. It is on hold because one new landowner did not give permission to cross his land. Other walks continue to be discussed. It was noted that there continues to be resistance to plans for the Community Study, the North Main Street Vision, and other possible improvements to the town which might help revitalize the Town. Elsie felt that more education about the proposals and how much in control the people will be in moving from studies and visions to achieve a consensus-based reality.
6. The four RFP proposals were briefly summarized and a list of criteria for selecting Companies to be interviewed and recommended to the Selectboard were agreed upon (a comparison of time lines, costs, how much data collection needed to be done by the PC, where the companies have experience, how conclusions and a final report will be delivered. The June 13th RFP discussion needs to be a critical point of reference.) It was also agreed that the Housing Committee should play an advisory role in the interview selection and eventually the management of the selected company. Paul, Nancy, and Patti will eb invited to the July 27th 9:30 meeting which will be in person and available remotely. The Special Meeting will also include the organization of the Planning Commission.
7. The next regular PC Meeting will be August 8th at 4:00 both in person and remotely.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Dale