

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday Sept. 12, 2022: 4:00 PM

Town Hall

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

Attending: Patty Eisenhour

1. Meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.
2. Adding a discussion of the Storm Water Master Plan and volunteers to New Business passed unanimously (Motion by Dick, seconded by Mimi)
3. Approval of the Minutes for July 18, 2022, Special meeting of July 27, 2022, and August 8, 2022 as presented on the Town Website were unanimously approved. (Dick moved, Elsie seconded)
4. No Visitor Concerns or comments.
5. Old Business:
 - 1: Main Street: A discussion on priorities listed in the Main Street Plan focused on three next steps: Getting traffic under control, appealing to legislators, town officials, and citizens to inform and prioritize next steps, a possible funding thru grants, ARPA funds (\$40,000 already set aside by the Selectboard for traffic calming efforts throughout the town.) As the Plan suggests, there are multiple improvements like the future of the Dam, the implementation of more effective waste water, and other decisions about landscaping and other improvements to make the town safer that need to happen before road work improvements to calm traffic can be attempted. The PC felt that it needs more help in setting priorities with considerable help in engaging the public. Mimi agreed to contact WRC and VCRD for help and it was agreed that some of the original consultants like the BDCC and VCRD and WRC be updated as there are many new people staffing those organizations and they proved useful in guiding the PC in setting up the mechanisms to finish phase 1 as it gets ready to start planning for phase 2.
 - 2: Report by One Londonderry: Elsie reported on the considerable number of activities by the many initiatives of the many committees like the new Main Street initiative to harness the forty or so members to reengage in planning, the hockey rink group, the Trails group, the multiple Housing Efforts including the Perry Lane Project and the excitement over the beginning of the housing study, and finally the ongoing effort to fund the various projects. She stated that the Community Center Project is on hold.
 - 3: Waste Water Project: Progress continues to be made as outlined at the August 8th meeting of the PC.
 - 4: Town Hall Renovation: Shane reported that Chris Cole has been trying to move the project along by regularly contacting VMS for progress. It is moving forward more slowly than projected earlier in the summer. There was a setback because the basement bathroom flooded with mold reappearing. Chris is working with the drainage contractor to find the cause and fix the problem.
 - 5: Bylaws: Information meetings have been scheduled for Oct. 13, 17, and 27 at Neighborhood Connections from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Mimi and Elsie agreed to create a Poster and news articles within a week once the focus of each meeting is confirmed by Brandy.
 - 6: Housing Study: The Selectboard will determine the status Committee or working group for the Housing group working with the Consultants. Paul Abraham, Melissa Brown, and Maryann Morris with Patty Eisenhour as a spare. A meeting with the group and consultants will occur on Thursday by Zoom from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.
 - 7: Village Designation: Elsie, Larry, and Mimi agreed to assist Sharon in completing the application. Sharon is working on the answers to the questions using the last application for the designation.
 - 8: Recruitment for the PC continues with several applicants considering applying.
6. New Business: The new State sponsored Storm Water Master Plan was discussed. No meeting date has been determined, but Dick and Elsie volunteered to serve if the meeting dates do not conflict with their other commitments.
7. The next regular PC Meeting will be October 11th at 4:00 in person at the Twitchell Building.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Dale

APPROVED ON October 11, 2022