

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Mon., Feb. 13, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Twitchell Building

Attending: Commission Members: Sharon Crossman, Elsie Smith, Dick Dale, Heather Stephenson, Maryann Morris, Mimi Lines, and Guests: Paul Hendler

1. Meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM
2. Additions to the Agenda: adding to the minutes the approval of the PC Nov. 10, 2023
3. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting Jan. 9, 2023 and special meetings Feb. 2, 1023 and Feb. 10, 2023 were unanimously approved. (Dick proposed, Mimi seconded).
4. There were no visitors and Concerned Citizens comments.
5. Old Business: 1.Mimi reported that there was a group of people organized to take advantage of investment opportunities exercising a great deal of creativity. She is involved with a group organized to improve on the town owned property owned by the town at the corner of Route 100 and Route 11. They are working with Mark Wright to design paths and plantings and natural rock seating to enhance the use of what they currently call the Gensler lands, but might be renamed the after Jake Carpenter Park. The group recognizes the limitations imposed by the FEMA restrictions. Discussion on how to exploit and publicize the small pocket parks in both Londonderry and South Londonderry ensued. Elsie reported on the steering committee of One Londonderry where projects continue to advance. The Bob Perry Lane project has secured its funding to erect the shell in April. The trails group has produced maps to various bike, walking, and running opportunities in an almost completed brochure. The Conservation Commission continues to work with the group, but decided to not allow biking trails near the Shamburg property to protect the Herons, but agreed that walking trails would be OK. The recreation group assisted by a great group of volunteers (Mark Mullen, the Abrahams, Carl Westberg, and Lisa) has successfully opened the ice skating rink and cleared the snow off the ice. The resource guide is in the process of being printed and distributed. The approval of the grant to reprise the Visioning of Min Street in Londonderry for South Londonderry will be announced soon. Sharon reported that the WRC has signed the contract to guide the Wastewater Committee thru the tight timeline guidelines to stay on schedule to receive the funds. The Committee is interested in engaging the community in both being excited about the opportunity and get much more involved. Several ideas were discussed. Mimi reported that Chris Cole has done a good job moving ahead with contractors to replace shingles, save windows, and stabilize the balcony. Mimi has begun to work with a Wisconsin company to restore the balcony wooden seats and cushions in an effort to preserve as much of the history of the building as possible. The Housing study is nearing the production of its final report. Mary Ann an Sharon reported that they have offered terrific data and some suggested next steps. Since the committee is a Selectboard Committee, it is hoped that will receive a brief but powerful presentation by the consultants.
6. There was no new business.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.
8. The next meeting of the PC will be a Special Meeting with Brandy Saxton on Feb. 22, 2023 at 2:30. All of the meetings will be a Hybrid meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dick Dale

Approved Draft 2 Feb 13, 2023