

**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY, VT**  
**WILLIAMS DAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY JULY 17, 2023**  
**100 OLD SCHOOL ST. LONDONDERRY, VT**

Committee members present: Rich Phelan, Bob Forbes, Jim Ameden, Paul Hendler

Others present: Tom Cavanagh, Selectboard Chair, John Spencer, engineer

Meeting was called to order at 4:50 p.m.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda (1 VSA 312(d)(3)9A)): None

Old Business: none

New Business:

1-John Spencer an engineer formerly with DuFresne, Henry and former head of Renewable Energy sites for the State of Vermont spoke about the feasibility of a hydroelectric installation at the Williams Dam. He estimated the cost to the Town to be about \$350,000 with estimated revenue of \$10,000 per year. He determined that this cost/revenue structure would make a hydroelectric installation economically unfeasible.

2-Rich Phelan expressed concerns that Vtrans may force the issue on the dam based upon concerns of damage to the Route 11 bridge abutments from erosion. He also stated that the State of Vermont has notified the Town that they will be doing an additional dam inspection in the very near future.

3-A discussion was had where the question of whether the Committee should contract to have a study done to be able to determine what the flooding situation would be if the dam were to be removed. Would flooding be the same, better or worse. It was felt that this would be an important factor in making a final recommendation to the Selectboard.

4- Rich Phelan requested that Paul Hendler contact Ron Rhodes of the Connecticut River Conservancy to see about his availability to address the Committee about his group's viewpoint of the dam and what their organization does.

Rich Phelan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Hendler. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hendler