

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Londonderry Housing Commission Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2024 – 6:00 - 7:30 PM

100 Old School Street, South Londonderry, VT 05155

In attendance:

Committee Members: Patty Eisenhour, Bill Sinsigalli, Mimi Lines, Nancy Jensen, Maryann Morris, Paul Abraham

1. Call Meeting to Order - [Google Drive of Materials](#) 6:06pm

All documents referenced are found in the Google Drive.

2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda [1 VSA 312(d)(3)(A)]
3. Priority Strategies

- a. STR Committee update

There was a discussion on preparations for the Short-Term Rental Committee meetings. The group reviewed past processes for convening committees and the reasoning for this group's formation and meetings. There was a review of the Londonderry Housing Commission's past work on this project, the current ordinance, and a review of principles that the distributed document was built from. There was some reflection on ensuring equitable language and on what constitutes industry versus in-home business. There was discussion on where there are similar policies already in place. None seem similar to our communities.

It was determined to reach out to Shane to find out the next steps for this new group.

- b. Bylaw language check-in

The group was updated regarding the process for the bylaws and informed that a meeting was called for Monday May 20, 2024. No action was taken.

- c. Housing inventory discussion

Mimi reviewed the progress of the working group who are running the South Londonderry Master Plan. It is being led by Stevens and Associates who also produced the Main Street Master Plan. Emmett and Mimi are co-chairs of the committee. Mimi spoke about the SoLo team's desire to have sidewalks. Stevens and Associates are not interested in the sidewalk feasibility and have many other ideas. Mimi and the team plan to do a sidewalk feasibility study outside of the study.

There was a discussion about the conditions of houses and how to identify houses that could be rehabilitated and made available for homeowners. One idea was to approach assessors who may know how to approach these homeowners. Another is to reach out via a postcard to all residents providing services and information on tools to help rehab homes.

4. Financial Matters

- a. Patty shared revenue source materials and began the process of brainstorming. It was determined that LHC needs to identify a project in order to seek funding effectively. Ideas included ADUs and incentives for homeowners to and STR

owners to move to long-term rentals. We need to revisit this brainstorm for revenue sources at another meeting.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of a Housing Exchange, but no movement was decided at this time.

Agenda items for the next meetings are revenue streams and where and how to best access them.

5. New Business

a. Housing Commission Membership -

This item should be added to the next agenda

b. Village Trust Initiative -

Village Trust Initiative provides the potential for a community to be chosen for funding and tech assistance. This group wants to bolster small-town initiatives. An intake form needs to be filled out by the appropriate organization, Community Fund Londonderry is also thinking of filling out the intake form.

6. Old Business

a. Town Plan - Housing section check-in

Maryann updated that the Planning Commission is waiting on a proposal update from the Windham Regional Commission on this document. Once the PC makes a decision we will know more about our role and timeline.

7. Housekeeping - In the news and protocols

How to add a calendar event -

The Londonderry Housing Commission calendar was shared and shown to the group. Maryann will continue to add events to it so we can have a better discussion about how best to use it.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

*Respectfully Submitted,
Maryann Morris*