

Londonderry Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

12/14/15 at 7:15 PM ~ Town Office Building, School St.

(Attended: L. Gubb, J. Wengerd, R. Dale, P. Gordon, M. Morris)

Agenda and Minutes:

- Read and accept 12/14/15 PC Agenda: – Dick Dale made motion to accept Josh Wengerd seconded – all in favor – accepted
- Read and accept previous meeting (11/9/15) Minutes: – Dick Dale made a motion to accept as written, Josh Wengerd seconded – all in favor – accepted

New Business:

- I. Guest MaryAnn Morris, Executive Director of *The Collaborative* spoke about work The Collaborative was doing in the community with the thought of integrating that work into the Town Plan as we reviewed and updated it. As an example of some of the things that she thought would be good to try to integrate into the plan she provided us with the handout “*A Primer On Planning For Prevention*” composed by the Lamoille County Planning Commission in conjunction with several state and local Agencies, on how best to plan for substance abuse prevention, in a number of ways. She said the Windham Regional Commission will be taking a lead on this in our region and will work with Londonderry to help integrate policies and goals into our Town Plan. She spoke briefly about the connectivity trail and how some property owners still need to be contacted and signed on.

Note: Because of alarm issues and Paul Gordon having the capacity to turn the security alarm off and his follow-up with the alarm company, the Planning Commission moved on to other business until Paul was able to join us.

Old & Ongoing Business:

III. Municipal Planning Grant, WRC

- Londonderry’s application was approved and motion was made by Dick Dale for the Town of Londonderry to hire the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) for planning assistance with the review and update of Londonderry’s Town Plan, due in 2017 – Josh Wengerd seconded – All in favor- Motion passed
- Thoughts by those PC members present, for all Commission members to formulate a Town Plan Vision Outline to be reviewed at the next PC meeting, was agreed upon. There are several new considerations and committees/commissions/groups to be incorporated into the new plan that should be a part of the vision, one being the Parks Board, another CRO. We should be able to find a list of all Town affiliated organizations to ensure they are included and for planned work sessions in the first part of the coming new year.
- Thoughts were to review and consolidate PC member’s outlines to then schedule meetings or get on the agenda of the meetings of the various boards, commissions, committees, etc and proceed with information gathering to then take to and meet with Selectboard following Town meeting for their preliminary review and input from them. The thought was to then work on plan and have a first public meeting in June for preliminary review.

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- May require extra PC meetings

IV. Budget Planning for 2016

- Dick Dale reported on meeting he and Sharon attended regarding PC budget for 2016 – With Planning grant, budget was approved, but in a tentative regard and pending final approval by the Selectboard after their deliberations and adjustments.

V. ATF Update

- HEC-RAS study work is apparently completed and awaiting report submittal. Comments coming in regarding the removal of the first Genser property building have all been positive. No meetings have been scheduled as of yet with the Parks Board or the ATF committee to see what occurs next with regard to integration of the now vacant Genser property, with Williams Park.
- Dick Dale mentioned UVM engineering students may contact Selectboard to use Mill Pond Dam and Mill Pond for a study regarding silt release.
- Hazard mitigation for town sitting in flood plain is to be updated.

II. TOPP

- Paul Gordon spoke of several different alternative funding options for the TOPP project including the Local Investment Advisory Committee (LIAC) and the Vermont Municipal Bond Bank. He left us with some information and various options for financing the project. He also stated that Marble Valley Engineering's proposal was accepted and their proposal price will be on the agenda for town meeting and a vote to appropriate money for their work in addition to voting or an appropriation of money for actual construction of the work proposed an amount between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

VI. Correspondences

- Dick Dale made a motion to wish Sharon's mom a speedy return to health. Josh seconded - All were in favor.
- Comment was in favor of sorting out alarm and need for PC to have access to building.
- Wishes for Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas were exchanged by all and extended to all.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30