

# Londonderry Planning Commission

## Meeting Minutes ~ 7/14/14

PC Meeting Began: 7:00pm / Adjourned: 9:42pm.

In attendance: Sharon C., Larry G., Emmett D., Josh W. & Kevin B.

Guests: Paul Dexter & Richard Dale

**NEXT MEETING: 7pm, August 11<sup>th</sup> 2014**

### New Business:

#### I. Additions to the posted agenda (approved)

- Welcome any visitors... Paul Dexter & Richard Dale, prospective PC member.
- **Ia.** Read and accept 7/14/14 PC Agenda \_\_Y\_\_.
- **Ib.** Read and accept the previous meetings PC Minutes \_\_Y\_\_.

#### II. Sign Standards: Discussion with Town Zoning Officer, Paul Dexter.

- Reviewed Section 418. In the Londonderry Zoning Bylaws pgs. 41-43.
- Sec. A, Title Paragraph, first sentence needs to be addressed as it may not be enforceable.  
It could say “signs only grandfathered until changed in any way, i.e. redesigned, repainted reworded or substantially rebuilt.”
- Sec. E, #3, Propose a change to the word “permitted” to “allowed” in the first sentence
- Sec. E #1, Home Occupations: allows “One (1) sign... not exceeding 3sq ft.” It may be possible to combine with Sec E, # 3 Other Non-residential: allows “One (1) sign...not exceeding 6sq. ft.”
- Sec. C, #7, Portable Signs. They are prohibited.
- Sec. F, New sign exceptions, is a useful Sec for art and culture development.
- Sec. 205 pg. 12. DRB has to approve all “new structures” in flood zone? So, do any signs erected constitute a “structure” being placed in the flood zone need to be approved through the Flood Hazard Review by the DRB?
- The Sign Standards: May include the definitions of Sec. C, #7 “Portable Signs.” & Sec. B, #5 “Temporary Signs.”
- The PC needs to make a clarifying statement around signage in Londonderry’s Sign Zoning Bylaws and have specific intention with what direction we want to go in regarding consistency, fairness and enforcement. “What is our message?” Include business owners, and other members of the community that utilize signage permits.
- Schedule workshop with business owners at some point during the fall of 2014 to discuss signage... This could be combined with both The Village Center information meeting and the economic development needs and opportunities conversation with the community at large.

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### III. Municipal Planning Grant:

- No new Project ideas at this time.
- Community information meeting in the Fall, see II

### IV. ATF-Rebuilding for Us: Update on Buyouts – problems, planning, funding.

- FEMA and VTRANS continue to be at odds on the flood wall that is on the east border of the buyout property adjacent to the bridge.
- The SB will be deciding whether to continue with the FEAM buyout or begin to seek other funding at some point.
- The H.E.C. - R.A.S. Study could be done and it may be paid for by FEMA. This study would provide some scientific data about the efficacy of the flood wall. Thus, contributing to a final decision of the buyout process for this Genzer property.
- Barker, Morris (Rte. 11, Londonderry) and Backish (Main St., S. Londonderry), both of these buyout properties have a draft plan for the use that was created by Sharron Crossman. Generally, the plans are for environmentally based recreational activities like, plant ID walking trails, river access, and portage site for paddlers...
- Reviewed the final draft of the Londonderry EDA Report from Kim Smith at the WRC. Larry G. motioned to accept the final draft this of the EDA report.” The motioned 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh W. All voted in favor of accepting the report.

### V. The Village Center Designation:

- Plan for public outreach of the opportunities and benefits.

### Old & Ongoing Business:

- VI. 2014-15 Work Plan:
- Create timeline for agreed upon tasks.
- TBD at a later date...

### VII. PC Vacancy:

- Plan for volunteer recruitment.
- Richard Dale attended the PC meeting for the first time and showed his interest in becoming a contributing member of the Londonderry Planning Commission. Has recently become a permanent resident of South Londonderry. He served 14 years on the Board of Education for the town of Bloomfield, CT.

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### VIII. Dates to remember:

- New agenda items for upcoming meetings.
- Workshops & Trainings.
- Project/ funding/ general PC deadlines calendar.
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### IX. Correspondence:

- Received the Windham Town Plan Draft for review. Josh W. will read and report on it at next meeting.