

# Londonderry Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

7:00PM, 8/11/14 at Twitchell Building

**Attendance:** Sharon C., Larry G., Emmett D., Dick D., Kim Smith.

- **NOTE:** 6:25 PM Pre-planning Site Visit with Kim Smith, WRC Planner, at Barker/Morris buyout parcel(s), Route 11, across from millpond.

## New Business:

### **I. Additions to the posted agenda**

- Agenda and Minutes

- Read and accept 8/11/14 PC Agenda \_\_YES\_\_.
- Read and accept the previous meetings PC Minutes \_\_YES\_\_.

### **II. Guest: Kim Smith, WRC, Planner –**

#### **A. Green Storm water Infrastructure & Low Impact Development**

- Discussed opportunity for planning assistance to review Town Plan and Bylaws, develop recommendations for updates and additions, in consideration of Town's challenges and interests.

- Discussed WRC assistance with CDBG-DR application for funding completed buyout project – deadline 8/30/14. (Kim Smith, WRC)

- Londonderry has been selected to be a recipient of this State grant \$. Will need to look for development challenges in relation to storm water runoff. Possible town plan changes and language adaptations.
- To introduce Green Storm-water Infrastructure (GSI) & encourage low impact development through zoning and town by-law adjustments. Bio swales, rain gardens, forest development ordinances, reduce steep slope development, natural vegetation and architecture to reduce and direct run off waters.
- **LG made a motion** to accept the WRC's CDBG-DR work and proposal of doing further study on Londonderry's storm runoff and water system challenges. ED second; all present voted **YES**.
- Kim Smith, WRC will come for another meeting to update the GIS grant application.
  - The proposed meeting date is **6/25 or 26/14.**

#### **B. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust:**

- Help with low interest loans, fixing homes and creating affordable housing in the community. They would like us to know more about them and spread the word about their organization. We suggested they send a PR to the Town publication. They wanted to know what people do and how they live through the winter with costly commuting to the limited service industry jobs.

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## **Old & Ongoing Business:**

### **III. ATF-Rebuilding for Us:**

- Update on Buyouts - problems, planning, funding. (Kevin B.)
  - The FEMA application for the buyouts needs to be amended and resubmitted to deal with the wall issue. Any FEMA funding are contingent on the data from wall study, yet wall staying means, no FEMA \$, but they will pay for the study regardless. There needs to be a budget line item corrected for the \$15-20,000 to fund the HECRAS Study.
  - VTrans needs to make a decision about wall. Stay or go! Still no movement.

### **IV. Sign Standards: (next meeting)**

- Discussion of Manchester Journal article 'Unintended Consequences' re: sign standard impacts
  - An interesting article that addresses important issues around sign laws in a small town.
- Workshop with business owners in the fall is going to be planned for late October.

### **V. Village Center Designation:**

- Plan for public outreach of the opportunities and benefits –
  - Meeting will be in early October in the evening with the help from and a presentation by the State Agency reps. Richard and Catlin.
  - Will make a plan to communicate with all business owners within designation and real-estate offices and potential investors in the area. Email list will be comprised.
  - A pamphlet about the event and the VCD advantages to the Designation will be made and distributed. This would be the document used for the PR also.
- The application was accepted and now have 2 village center designations one in the N & S villages each.

### **VI. Municipal Planning Grant: (Next meeting)**

- Project ideas – per WRC consult (Sharon)

### **VII. PC Vacancy position:**

- Letter of Interest from Dick Dale – review and act upon

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- Q's from board: 1. Very interested in this town and the future of it. He has served on many education boards and was an officer of them as well. 2. He has worked on some dysfunctional boards that needed much work. He has patience and diplomacy that are assets to any board member.
- **LG made a motion** to recommend Dick Dale to the Londonderry SB as the newest member of the PC. ED seconds the motion. All voted **YES.**

**VIII. Correspondents:** None

**Adjourned:** 10:10pm

**Items/ Dates to remember:** *September 8, 2014 – next regular PC meeting*

APPROVED