

# Londonderry Planning Commission

## Meeting MINUTES 9/8/14 at Twitchell Building 7:00PM

Attendance: SC, LG, ED, JW, DD.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15pm

### Agenda and Minutes

- Read and accept 9/8/14 PC Agenda \_Y\_.
- Read and accept the previous meeting PC Minutes \_Y\_.

### New Business:

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

1. Windham & Windsor Housing Trust informational briefing at the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting to investigate a practical and helpful relationship that would promote a vibrant community.
  - o Please go to: [www.w-wht.org](http://www.w-wht.org) for more information about this equal housing VT nonprofit.

#### **II SB & WRC request for budget items to be included in 10 yr strategic plan & town plan zoning bylaw etc...**

- Acknowledged the need for a budgeting and partnership plan to accompany our 2014 Work Plan. The projects that we are undertaking could be listed with a “who, what, where, when and at what cost to the town.
- Q’s? Is there a deadline? When does the WRC & the SB need this information from the PC?

### Old & Ongoing Business:

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

##### 1. Update on Buyouts

- Decision on proceeding with concept plan for Barker/Morris and Bacash (So. Derry) Kim Smith w/ the WRC has been authorized to develop a concept plan. SC moved “to have WRC start the concept plan for the Buyouts.” DD 2<sup>nd</sup>, all voted YES.

Problems, & funding. (Kevin) DD will contact Kevin about status w/ FEMA.

#### **IV. Sign Standards:**

1. Discussion of Manchester Journal article ‘Unintended Consequences’: sign standard impacts.
  - It is a good read and sheds light on small biz vs. large biz. It does not directly apply to our town, however.
2. Models (Larry)
  - A village in Wales, UK has approached the hodgepodge of small signs in a good and collective way. LG will email PC a copy of the article about it and sign codes.
3. Further planning for workshop with biz owners.
  - PC to create a questionnaire/ survey on signage in the town. Gather information about how the biz owners feel about signage in town today. Get an expert on signage to be present at the meeting to convey what works and does not work with onsite/POS signage. The meeting needs to be open and holistic. There does not need to be a top down paradigm. This could be a very mutual effort of, for and by those that benefit, the community at large. – Q’s? When is it? Where is it? Why should I attend?

#### **V. Village Center Designation (VCD)**

##### 1. Plan for Main Street?

- We will begin planning in October.

#### **VI. Municipal Planning Grant**

1. Green Infrastructure Planning Project - per WRC consult (Kim & Sharon)
  - postponed to 2015

#### **VII. PC Vacancy: recruitment**

1. Dick Dale was appointed to the PC by the SB.
  - Congratulation’s and Welcome Dick!
2. Additional seat remains open.

#### **VIII. Correspondents:**

- VLC&T Newsletter promoting gatherings like “TOWN FAIR 2014”.

#### **Items/ Dates to remember:**

- *October 9, 2014 – Town Fair, Essex Inct. Champlain Fairgrounds Expo Ctr.*
- *October 13, 2014 – next regular PC meeting*