

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Londonderry Housing Commission Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2024 – 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Neighborhood Connections, 5700 Vermont Rte 100, Londonderry, VT 05154

**Members In Attendance: Patty Eisenhaur, Bill Sinsigalli, Nancy Jensen, Pam Spaulding, Mimi Lines
Community in Attendance: Maryann Morris**

1. Call Meeting to Order - [Google Drive of Materials](#)
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda [1 VSA 312(d)(3)(A)]
3. Priority Strategies
 - a. 4-Town Housing Collaborative - discuss event with WRC and UMass team held September 24-26
 - i. [UMASS article](#)
 - ii. [GNAT Coverage](#)
 - iii. There were 2 very good meetings, lots of enthusiasm and the UMass team will produce a final report. The group spoke about the uniqueness of each community involved. The final presentation included two housing possibilities for each town. For Londonderry, they presented a sketch about using an area of the town property by town offices and an area by the Mill. They spoke of S. Londonderry as the civic hub and the north village as the commercial hub.
 - iv. The group spoke about the Community Heart and Soul organization to help support some projects.
 - b. South Main St. Master Plan - housing stock review
 - i. Mimi provided an update of this work including some training that she will take part in. The group heard some ideas presented from Stevens and Associates.
 - c. STR's
 - i. The STR committee has not met yet but Bill and Paul are keeping in touch with the STR administrator.
 - d. Education campaign, website, mailing list
 - i. No discussion
 - e. Building capacity: Assessing housing opportunities
 - i. Nancy and Patty have been following real estate listings and are interested in learning more about how developers evaluate properties. Patty reminded us that one of our goals is to increase workforce housing and perhaps include senior housing as a component. Nancy noted that small steps may be needed.
4. Financial Matters
 - a. Proposal/presentation to SB for option tax appropriation request

Patty is working on a Selectboard presentation about what the Housing Commission has done and where we are headed. These are town strategies and not just Housing Commission strategies. The Commission is also considering requesting the Select Board place an article on the 2025 Town Meeting agenda to appropriate funds from the

1% Lodging and Meals tax to the Community Economic Improvement Fund, with a portion or all to be used for housing. She is still honing the presentation.

2. Old Business

a. Proposed change to commission charter

- i. Patty moved and Mimi seconded a motion to request that the Selectboard amend the charge for the 7-member Londonderry Housing Commission, originally approved on 6/19/2023, by replacing the Selectboard representative with another appointed member. The Selectboard could then appoint one of its members as a liaison to the Commission. All in favor, motion passed.

5. Housekeeping - In the news and protocols

[Movie in Bellow Falls](#) 'Just Getting By' Kingdom County productions, Oct 12, 7pm.

6. Adjourn

7:33 pm