

## **Town of Londonderry, Vermont**

### **Londonderry Housing Commission Meeting Minutes**

**March 13th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Londonderry Town Hall, 139 Middletown Rd., South Londonderry**

**Committee Members:** Patty Eisenhaur, Bill Sinsigalli, Paul Abraham, Martha Dale, Pam Spaulding, Nancy Jensen, Mimi Lines, Maryann Morris

**Community Members:** Trevor Dryden

1. Call Meeting to Order - [Google Drive of Materials](#)
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda [1 VSA 312(d)(3)(A)]
3. Financial Matters

#### Review Town Meeting

The group reviewed the results of town meeting day noting that some community members misunderstood the housing initiative's goals but that the outcome was positive.

The group acknowledged the community members present and discussed potential projects that the housing committee supports. The group clarified their housing goals: increasing housing options for full-time residents and focusing on retaining and expanding existing structures rather than building new ones. The group discussed potential lease restrictions for converted spaces. LHC clarified our role in potential projects. Trevor shared his contact with LHC so we can reach out as programs progress.

#### Pending grant applications & opportunities - Mimi & Patty

Mimi submitted a grant application for communication outreach; it is a mini-grant from the state.

Patty spoke about a Holt Fund opportunity, a three-year opportunity to do home repairs that increase the health and safety of housing in our communities. This would partner with Windham and Windsor Housing Trust and help to improve the health and safety of housing locally.

#### Recommended use of CFL funds for housing

The group spoke of the need to increase funding in a variety of ways including Investigating a local housing trust. They also discussed utilizing existing funds but no plan was determined.

4. Old Business related to strategic priorities

#### a. Planning Commission bylaw updates related to housing. Electronic drafts

The group addressed the potential challenges posed by the current recommendations for zoning regulations, particularly acre zoning, and the need for collaboration with the planning commission. They addressed lot size requirements and their impact on wastewater systems. The consensus was that permitting zoning with existing

requirements would allow for future adaptability, as evolving regulations would take precedence. The group will strive to attend the April meeting. In the meantime, they will create recommendations for housing-friendly bylaws.

- b. Village Wastewater updates related to housing
- c. STR updates

There was a discussion of the ongoing work to revise STR regulations. The STR Committee is moving closer to an agreement on major amendments with the size and use of STR registration fees yet to be agreed. The concept of a total cap on STRs was introduced and while the limits are TBD, there was a generally positive view that a cap would be a good thing for the town.

- d. Building capacity: Housing coalition updates and other capacity-building activities
  - i. Windham Regional Commission Regional Plan takeaways
  - ii. SEVT Housing Coalition - Putney housing needs assessment takeaways (Patty)
  - iii. Housing inventory - Nancy
- e. Communication and community engagement
  - i. Email list and town website

Updates on a new town website were discussed.

- ii. Distribution of remaining handouts

5. New Business related to strategic priorities

- a. Homeshare Vermont

6. Housekeeping - In the news and protocols

7. Adjourn - 7:35 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Morris*