

Town of Londonderry, Vermont

Londonderry Housing Commission Meeting Minutes

April 10th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Londonderry Town Hall, 139 Middletown Rd., South Londonderry

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

Patty will ask Tina for the current budget details so LHC can understand total spending and remaining needs. Mimi hopes the funds will support the communication plan or related efforts.

4. Old Business related to strategic priorities

- a. Funds for Housing: Pending grant applications & opportunities - Mimi & Patty

The application for the Holt Foundation, requesting \$100,000 over three years, has been submitted. Separately, Mimi submitted a \$1,000 mini-grant from the Fair Housing Project - Champlain Valley Office of Economic Service. Originally intended to be spent by June, these funds are now able to be spent anytime.

- b. Planning Commission bylaw updates related to housing.

LHC should begin the draft write-up regarding housing-friendly bylaws. Section 2 has not been finalized. Next Monday, LHC is on the Planning Commission at 6 pm at the Londonderry Town Hall. It was determined that it is too early for us to attend these meetings, so we asked to be taken off the agenda. Paul will reach out to Will to see if we can get section 2.

Ned S, can provide a river corridors presentation for several of the commissions. This presentation will impact how we think about housing. All agreed that LHC should be included in the presentation.

- c. Village Wastewater updates related to housing

Nancy and Patty met with this group to discuss the current housing inventory and potential infill opportunities. They noted some capacity within Phase 2 (pretreatment phase), and several participants expressed interest in long-term and commercial rentals. It was mentioned that state funding for a pretreatment facility in Phase 2 could potentially be linked to an affordable housing mandate.

The group discussed LHC's role as an advocate and supporter for new housing, emphasizing the need to ensure dedicated resources. They also expressed a desire for a position statement prioritizing local housing over short-term rentals.

Abandoned homeowners did not indicate interest in participating.

d. STR updates

This group has made a lot of progress and is getting ready to submit proposed changes to the selectboard by the April 21 meeting. Currently, there are 91 STRs, 18 hosted, 73 unhosted. Some may be working in the shadows. The fees from the 91 STRs currently pays the STR director.

e. Building capacity:

i. Housing inventory - Nancy

Nancy spoke about creating an action plan for addressing the housing inventory opportunities that come up.

f. Communication and community engagement

i. Email list and town website

ii. Update on website

The website is in process and will take some time to get off once contracted, 12 - 24 weeks.

The Flood Resiliency group is starting the newsletter up. It will include regular events and specific due dates (dog license, property taxes).

5. New Business related to strategic priorities

a. LHC Roles - next meetings agenda

b.

6. Housekeeping - In the news and protocols

Pay attention to the Education Reform and its effect on our town and housing.

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7. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted, Maryann Morris