

Town Of Londonderry Vermont

Planning Commission Minutes

11/25/2024

Commission Members present: Jen Greenfield, Brent Bammarito, Pam Spaulding, Trevor Powers, Steve Twitchell

Visitors and concerned citizens present: Tina Labeau Treasurer, Will Goodwin Zoning Administrator, Ryan Amderson IT assistant, Paul Hendler, Patty Eisenhaur, Housing Committee, Dominic Bouton

1. Jen Greenfield Called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2.Additions/Deletions: Pam moved to have discussion with Tina Labeau, treasurer about the planning commission 2025 budget to before other business. Brent seconded and it was voted to have the discussion when she arrived.

3. Minutes approval: Pam moved that the minutes be approved with the amendments provided. Brent seconded and it was voted to approve the minutes.

4. Visitors and concerned citizens: Paul Hendler, Patti Eisenhaur and Dominic Bouton.

5. Old Business:

a. Discuss adoption of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure.

Pam handed out the final draft of the rules of procedure for each member to sign and pointed out minor changes. They were signed by each member and one copy to be placed in the vault.

6. New Business:

a. Discuss the 2025 planning commission budget with Tina Labeau, Town Treasurer.

At this point the meeting welcomed Tina Labeau to discuss the line items within the proposed 2025 Planning Commission Budget, Planning Commission members inquired if their stipends could be directed to a specific need within the town government infrastructure, The Town Hall renovation fund for example. Tina affirmed they could pending approval from the select board.

5. Old business continued:

b. Discuss Southern Vermont Comprehensive Economic Development (SVCED)

Pam stated she had received an information packet and revealed that Patty Eisenhaur had attended a forum. The forum was divided into focus groups with attendees from various towns.

c. Review and discuss Zoning Bylaws section 3 (continued)

Will Goodwin covered the changes and revisions he had outlined in the proposed bylaws. The discussion covered riparian requirements, steep slopes and erosion, junk storage, storage of unregistered vehicles, stormwater, driveways, swimming pools, temporary structures, temporary living quarters, vending/ teller machines, landscaping within right of ways and screening around commercial structures, invasive and noxious plants, commercial outdoor lighting, commercial outdoor eating areas, display areas, impervious surfaces and stormwater, front yard standards, parking and loading areas, glare, odor and particulate trespass, and waste storage. At this point it was agreed to pause until the next meeting and continue then with signs.

6. New Business (continued)

b. Appoint 2 members to the FEMA long range recovery work group.

Pam Handed out information on the FEMA long term recovery work group and informed the planning commission that the select board desires 2 members to join the work group. Steve suggested this was as important as any of the current work our town committees are doing and dovetails with efforts on town planning. Some of the discussion covered ideas being mulled in the South Derry Master plan and a property being considered for a FEMA buyout.

Jen and Pam volunteered to be members; Steve volunteered as an alternate.

7. Committee updates: Pam suggested we watch the Sep 23 South Derry Master plan task force from 23 Sep.

8. Communications: Discussion about ongoing plans for the dec 9 planning commission meeting where Stevens and Associates will present its final draft presentation relating to the South Derry Master Plan. Jen suggested if the select board could produce a chart with all committees, their members and when they meet. Some discussion on whether GNAT or YOUTUBE be used for planning commission meetings. Discussion on who should be contacted and invited to DEC 9 planning commission meeting. Pam brought up an article she read about a proposed housing project in Putney that had been mired in lawsuits brought by folks opposed to it. Pertinent to the idea that Londonderry will be looking for similar opportunities and how to message going forward.

Note: sections 6b. 7 and 8 discussions blended together.

9. Adjourn: Jen moved to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Steve seconded and it was voted to adjourn.