

One Londonderry Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 4 PM at Neighborhood Connections and via zoom

Present: Mimi Lines, Gail Mann, Stuart Osnow, Martha Dale, Larry Gubb, Bruce Frauman, Elsie Smith

The meeting was called to order at 4: 03.

Working Group Updates:

Economic Vitality and Communications:

Stuart Osnow reported that two local businesses, the West River Coffee Bar(n) and the candle shop, are finalists in the BDCC Idea Jam. Stuart will send them letters of congratulation and offer the help and support of OL as they make their final appeal.

Stuart is renewing his efforts towards building the Londonderry Business Alliance. He will be asking OL SC committee members for help.

Stuart plans to attend the annual meeting for BDCC. The committee thanked him for representing One Londonderry.

Housing: No report this month.

Main Street:

Mimi Lines and Larry Gubb reported that the Main Street working group plans to meet in person, with refreshments, at Neighborhood Connections, to assign volunteers to one of 8 main project areas:

- 1). Ideas for/Viability of the Green Space/Flood Mitigation Site for Williams Park @ Rt. 11 & 100 (former Clothing Barn property) Review wetland/floodplain regulations for allowable uses;
- 2). RiverWalk on the Northside of West River, Bridges, and other Walkable Spaces throughout Stevens Design;
- 3) Research for the proposed Amphitheater/Burton Sledding Hill opposite intersection of Rt. 11 & 100. Investigate other Green Spaces and Pocket Park Opportunities within the Stevens Plan;
- 4) Design Selection & Site Locations for Streetscape Furniture;
- 5) Brainstorm/Research Design Ideas for & the Retaining Wall on former Shoe Barn property now owned by Gary Kleiman, Kristin Nelson, and partners;
- 6) Relocation of Electric Utilities and Communication Networks Underground in coordination with the Redevelopment of Village Main Streets & Rt. 100 Identify approximate locations and costs;
- 7) Research & Implementation of Traffic Calming Measure, Creating Walkability/Connectivity, Accessibility for Residents & Visitors along Village Main Sts;

8) Historical Research for Mill History and Building Types/Facades, Pedestrian Walkways, Bridges, and other Structural/Architectural Town Elements
Appropriate to Londonderry.

Since some of this work overlaps with the Planning Commission's North Village Main Street Study & Master Plan , maintaining a strong interface with the PC will be paramount.

The Main Street working group has been working with Gary Kleiman and Kristin Nelson who are redeveloping the Shoe Barn property as the West River Coffee Bar(n). In particular they have been focusing on the wall and assisting with the application of a Better Places funding grant for the wall. A Main Streets Working Group (or MSWG) member has particular expertise in concrete construction and rehabilitation; and consideration is being given to engaging a local artist to design the wall face. Many pieces need to fall into place before the "pre-fight application" for the grant can be submitted at the end of September. It is a very tight timeline.

Recreation:

Martha Dale reported that the skating rink is being relocated off the leach field thanks to the collective efforts of Carl Westberg, Tad Kinsley and Chaves. The committee has reached out to Hunter to do the excavating and leveling. The committee plans to place a 14'x10' shed on the property for storage and for people to use when putting on skates. Jamaica Cottage is kindly underwriting a large portion of the expense. The committee has asked Gary Barton to explore the lighting options at the rink. All improvements are being coordinated with the zoning administrator Will Goodwin. Martha said the committee has a big list of volunteers to help maintain the ice this winter; she plans to create a volunteer grid to assign responsibilities. Lastly Martha reported that the committee may need to do some additional fundraising.

Martha reported that the Ways and Trails brochure is nearing completion. This has been a much harder project than anticipated. Approvals on content have been secured from all property owners. QR codes with links to the maps for each trail are being finalized.

The Conservation Commission and the Recreation group are planning to walk the Shamburg Property to discuss trail development. Balancing the desire to conserve the land with enabling public access is delicate.

The Londonderry Development Group:

Gail Man reported that BDCC is involved in helping explore brown field remediation for the Center Merrill property. Funding sources need to be identified.

A team of volunteers is working to mount a snowboarding exhibit, possibly at the Londonderry Arts and Historical Society. The exhibit will include oral histories with some of the early players in the industry as well as memorabilia. The committee applied for a grant from the Vermont

Community Foundation and is awaiting a decision. (Post-meeting update: Gail reported that they did not receive the grant).

Website Updates: Elsie said the Community Center tab on the website needs to be updated to reflect that the project is on hold and in search of new leadership. All working group heads are asked to look at their pages and provide updates, including photos.

Gail said she had posted some photos on facebook about the Mountain Energy Market which yielded some new business for Donna. The group applauded Gail for her efforts and re-committed to doing this for other local businesses as well.

Selectboard Presentation on September 26: Mimi Lines will present a request for ARPA funding for the resource guide (on where to go for what in our region) to the Selectboard.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 3 PM at Neighborhood Connections and via zoom.