

TOWN OF LYNDON
PLANNING COMMISSION
January 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Approved 2/14/18

Planning Commissioners: Chris Thompson, Sylvia Dodge, Evan Carlson, Sean McFeeley

Public Official(s): None

Public: None

Chris Thompson chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Evan made a **motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2017 as amended** (the date in the last paragraph of the Dec. 13 meeting minutes should be changed to Jan. 10 instead of Jan. 8). Sylvia **seconded the motion**. The Commission **voted 4-0**.

Agenda Item 4 – Chris reported attending a selectboard meeting to discuss the former town garage property. Chris envisions 2018 as being a preparation/planning year for the project. Chris will apply for a planning, assessment, inventory and monitoring grant from the Vermont Watershed Program, with a maximum award of \$3,500. Sylvia reported talking to Len Gerardi of Passumpsic Valley Land Trust (PVLТ) and to Liliас Ide of Kingdom Trails about the plan to turn the old town garage property into a greenspace. Gerardi indicated that PVLТ has the capacity to own the site in the future, if it were gifted for long-term management purposes. He said PVLТ would support the project for river protection and flood mitigation purposes. He said PVLТ would also be amenable to future recreation trail development. Liliас Ide also favors trail development, but noted there would be a challenge to find a connection that works. It was suggested that a spring site visit be organized, including the various groups who might partner on the project. There was discussion about informing the public about the project with a display at Town Meeting. Evan volunteered to do some drawings, and Sean said he will put together a quick survey to garner public opinion about future recreational uses of the site. In a related matter, Evan reported that the Downtown Revitalization group has recently been considering the construction of a bike trail that would link Powers Park with the Sanborn Covered Bridge. He suggested that the two projects might be complementary.

Agenda item 5 – Various methods were discussed to recruit new members to serve on the Planning Board. Ideas included: creation of a flyer or poster, use of Facebook forums, and announcing the openings at Town Meeting, Rotary meetings, Democratic/Republican committee meetings, etc. Chris suggested looking into the creation of youth positions on local boards.

The next planning commission meeting will be on Feb. 14, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

--minutes written by Sylvia Dodge