

Town of Bath Planning Commission

Minutes: December 2, 2022

1. **Call to order:** Larry Landon @ 2pm
2. **Roll Call:** Larry Landon (x), David O'Connell (), Susan Webster (x), Scott Merki (), Steve Keith (x), Guest: Gail Shade (local mental health counselor)
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Nov. Minutes not available (David O'Connell Absent)
4. **Comprehensive Plan Development Discussion**
 - a. Working Group Update: Water Works analysis

Larry: Provided an update on the Water Works tour with Ron Janniey, and how this would impact the Comprehensive Plan.

Larry: Ron agreed to list upcoming repairs & projects with prioritization.
 - b. Update of Historic Landmarks Commission

Susan: Discussed the "Certificate of Appropriateness" which contained some surprising requirements.
 - c. Risk/Benefits assessment of Lotus Treatment facility in Town-of-Bath Mental Health/Drug Treatment (discussion w Subject Matter Expert)

Larry: Confirmed the Drug Treatment facility does not need a Certificate of Need (CoN).

Gail: Stated that she believes that CoN should be required for Drug-Treatment.

Larry: Referenced parts of Lotus Certificate-of-Need application.
(The Certificate-of-Need calculations are based on Mental Health not Drug Treatment.)

Gail: Pointed out that substance abuse problems become a comorbidity of a psychiatric diagnosis.

Larry: Noted that the initial CoN proposed 18-Psychiatric and 10-Medical.
Later the CoN dropped the 10 Medical beds and raised the Psychiatric beds to 28.

Gail: Lotus will likely take probation status patients sent by court, ~~possibly admission~~
Lotus may refer PT from Sharp State Mental Hospital.

Gail: Seriously Ill people do not commit themselves so we are only talking about court ordered admissions.

Gail: Lotus will not be able to hold patients who choose to leave the facility regardless of admission type.

Gail: Insurance companies impose policies on medical facilities.

All: General discussion about housing criteria and funding sources of the Homeless Coalition relative to Lotus.

Gail: Should understand Lotus's discharge plan and understanding with the Homeless Coalition.

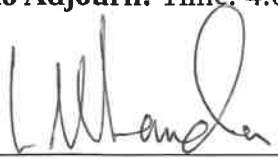
Gail: Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) may follow for local residents.

Gail: "We need to know what will happen when patients leave, both before or after treatment program"

Gail: "What percentage of patients are court ordered?"
5. **Status of Tasks:**
 - a. Drafting a letter to IRT of Lotus
8. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 5th 5:00 PM
9. **Motion to Adjourn:** Time: 4:00pm approved with common consent.

Attest:

Chair:



Recorder:

