

Minutes from Non-Public Session on 10.2.2017

At approximately 8:00 PM during the Town Council meeting on 10.2.17, a motion was made by John Farrell to enter a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91:A-3 II(d). It was seconded by Jim Butler and a roll call vote was taken, with each member of the Town Council voting in favor.

All 5 members of the Council left the Moose Hill Conference Room and moved to another conference room along with Town Manager Kevin Smith and Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik.

TM Smith briefed the Council on his confidential discussions with the Governor's office about the potential use of 2 portions of the Woodmont property located in Londonderry as the State of NH's response to Amazon's RFP (for placement of their new headquarters). Per TM Smith, Amazon is looking for a 10-year buildout of Class A office space, starting Phase 1 in 2019 and continuing with Phase 2 from 2020-2030. After several preliminary discussions with TM Smith about the potential benefits of Amazon locating in Londonderry (including Exit 4A, proximity to Boston, and shovel-ready land), the state/Governor's office would like to pitch the Woodmont properties in Londonderry as NH's #1 option in response to the Amazon RFP. However, as the allowable density of one of the two proposed Woodmont parcels would have to be increased, TM Smith was seeking the Council's input as to whether the Council could support such potential modifications and if so, whether he (TM Smith) should continue confidential discussions with the Governor's office about the Amazon RFP, with the next discussion to be had on Wednesday in Concord.

A discussion ensued about the benefits and disadvantages of pursuing the process. The Councilors decided TM Smith should continue the confidential discussions with the Governor's office, and requested that TM Smith ask Town Attorney Mike Ramsdell to accompany him to the meeting in Concord on Wednesday to have another set of eyes and ears acting on Londonderry's behalf. TM Smith mentioned that should the Governor's office decide to proceed with pitching Londonderry, the RFP response will become public on 10/19 once it is submitted to Amazon.

At 8:42 PM, the Council left the alternate conference room and returned to Moose Hill by 8:43 PM. A motion was made by Joe Green to end the non-public session, return to the public meeting, and to seal the minutes of the non-public session as disclosure would render the proposed action (decided upon in the non-public session) ineffective. The motion was seconded by Ted Combes and all voted in favor. The public meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes taken and prepared by: Lisa Drabik