

LONDONDERRY UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Moose Hill Conference Room- Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by the committee chairman Lynn Wiles.

Attendees-

Committee Members:

Joy Muller, Paul Ramsey, Anne Fenn, John Ferreira, Martha Smith, Lynn Wiles, Jeff McGraw, John Mahon, Ray Breslin, Ron Dunn

Michael Malaguti – Town Manager

I. Chairman Lynn Wiles - Call to Order- Pledge of Allegiance

Lynn, Mike Speltz is traveling so Joy Muller will vote for Mike.

Ray Breslin to vote for Anne Fenn until she arrives to the meeting.

Brief discussion on how an alternate will take the place and vote for an absent member. If that member attends at a later time during the meeting, the alternate identified to vote for that member will continue to do so until the current subject matter discussion is complete.

II. Chairman Lynn Wiles - Public comment

none at this time.

III. Administrative Work

1. Approval of October Minutes.

Motion to approve made by Martha, seconded by Paul.

No discussion, approved unanimously.

2. Discussions with staff.

Mike Malaguti nothing to report but open for questions.

Martha, status of the application to the Drinking Water Trust Fund?

Mike, discussion is ongoing. There will be a stakeholder's (DES, the town and St Gobain) zoom meeting on 14-Nov. Update to follow at the next meeting. Lynn and Martha to attend.

Ray Breslin, does the AG have authority to move this remedial action forward?

Mike, yes the AG does have the authority via the consent agreement.

Ray has a concern that the consent agreement did not include Londonderry and what can be done for people who have now been affected?

Detailed discussion with Mike explaining the decree, the town, DES and what we are doing via the water pipeline project.

IV. Sub Committee Discussions

1. Energy

a. Community Power Aggregation Plan and Next Steps

Lynn to Mike, regarding status. Mike – currently under legal review and when that is complete a public hearing will be scheduled. Lynn filed a document with the

PUC that we are moving forward with Colonial.

Question from Martha to Mike regarding that the town signed an agreement with the town with Freedom and since then Freedom has brought on Colonial as a partner and does he feel there are any concerns. Mike, “no” as the owner of any issues would be Freedom. Open Discussion on next steps.

b. Twin States Clean Energy Link

Lynn, last meeting there was a presentation from Twin States. Paul has reviewed their presentation and funding is now part of their planning process.

Lynn asked Mike is when would be a good time to bring Twin States back in for a schedule update? Mike, no hurry, this is still a long process and they did get approval for their funding request. Open Discussion.

c. Heating Oil/Propane Community Aggregation

John Mahon brought up community oil aggregation and offering from private companies. John Mahon to take a look and get more information on how this works. Discussion on this would be for next season. Possibility is the committee provide education on an informational standpoint. Mike to find out the legality or regulatory requirements may be around doing this. Mike to ask for some cursory legal guidance on this.

2. Water

a. Water Subcommittee meeting summary

Jeff, water subcommittee had a meeting on 21-October, election of officers, discussion on how we can work with the town and provide information to the town residents. Minutes with action items have been drafted and will be updated and shared with the full committee. Formulating a list of questions for Mike to review for future presentation.

b. Subcommittee / Town Manager Round Table on CATV

Lynn, discussion on status from a community wide perspective for a future presentation.

c. Master municipal water plan outline

Lynn, conversations with Ray and a need to review and update the master plan. Lynn had a discussion with Art Rugg and the town planner on our willingness to assist in updating the water section of the master plan. Discussion with Mike on what could be done in the future master plan update.

3. Sewer/Solid Waste

a. Lynn, an FYI regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Day November 18, 8:30AM-12:30PM at the LAFA Sargent Road fields.

b. Lynn, the Department of public works Waste Oil Collection has a need for volunteers. Collection is the first Saturday of the month, except January. Hours are 10:00 until noon. Contact Public Works for the opportunity to volunteer.

- c. Joy Muller, the Londonderry Environmental Risk assessment is on the Lnd'ry Conservation web page. Joy to send out the link.

4. Cable Internet
No updates

V. Round Table Discussion

John F asked about the article Lynn sent around regarding grant monies and what might be available to town – government organizations.

Martha, looking to add more articles and information on our Facebook page. Jeff looking for articles to add, we can review internally before posting.

Lynn, meeting with the school board on the 28th regarding solar.

John Mahon, CABL and Internet. Have we looked at the impact of people cutting their CABL service and moving to other types of media transmission? Mike, not sure of the answer to that. The CABL director is taking advantage of the You-Tube offerings. Revenues are remaining neutral but the Director is looking at other avenues of revenue.

Ray Breslin asked Mike M if the town has a current ground well protection ordinance. Mike was not sure but will get us an answer. Suggestions that the committee and our citizens follow what bills are being discussed in Concord. That being involved and sending email to our representatives does make a difference.

Ron Dunn, 160 POETs (point-of-entry filtration system) have been installed in Londonderry and 119 are complete. There are still 41 homes on bottled water that are on consent decree waiting for a POET system. There are 302 properties that are waiting for the water line connection and are still on bottled water. Ron also attended the Local energies solutions conference and has information he can share if anyone is interested. Information regarding other towns and their utilities committees.

VI. Next Meeting, Tuesday 5-December-2023

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by Jeff and 2nd by Martha.

Motion passed.

Respectively Submitted,
John Ferreira - Secretary