

Londonderry Utilities Committee Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2023

Moose Hill Council Chambers

7:00 PM

Members Present: Lynn Wiles, Martha Smith, Anne Fenn, Mike Speltz, Ray Breslin, John Ferreira, Jeffrey McGraw, Paul Ramsey

Absent: Rep Ron Dunn

I. Call to Order

L. Wiles called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

L. Wiles went over the meeting format. L. Wiles stated that whoever volunteers to be secretary needs to do minutes going forward.

A. Fenn nominated M. Smith to be Chair, since she was on the previous committee. M. Speltz made a nomination to make L. Wiles Chairman. J. Ferreira made a motion to make L. Wiles Chair and M. Smith Vice-Chair for a term of six months. Seconded by J. Ferreira. Board votes 8-0-0.

L. Wiles made a motion to appoint J. Ferreira as secretary for a term of six-months. Seconded by M. Smith. Board votes 8-0-0.

II. Public Comment

John Farrell suggested the committee members go around and introduce themselves and get to know each other.

III. Introduction of Committee Members

R. Breslin introduced himself. Breslin stated that he has lived in town for fifty years. Breslin shared that there used to be an Energy Task Force that has since subsided. Breslin stated that his main focus is the protection of water. R. Breslin stated that he does have a lot of experience with energy as well.

37 J. McGraw stated that he is newer to Londonderry. Ferreira stated that his background is in
38 mechanical engineering. Ferreira stated that he wants to give back to the community and make the
39 town a little better in some way. Ferreira stated that there's always places to make improvements.
40 Ferreira stated that last year he and his wife had a few power outages. Ferreira stated that he wants
41 to understand the issues and work toward solving them.

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43 M. Speltz introduced himself. Speltz stated that he has lived in town since 1990. Speltz stated that
44 he's served on the Conservation Commission since 1996. Speltz stated that he has served on
45 numerous task forces over the years. Speltz stated that he hopes through this Committee, we can
46 make costs more reasonable for people in Londonderry.

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48 A Fenn introduced herself and stated that she has been in town since 1992. Fenn stated that she
49 used to work at the Environmental Protection Agency for forty-two years. She has worked on
50 many projects.

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52 L. Wiles introduced himself and stated that he has lived in Londonderry since 1987. Wiles stated
53 that he is a retired engineer. Wiles stated that he thinks the regulatory environment is going to be
54 one of the key things he committee will have to tackle. Wiles stated that he has ten years plus on
55 the Planning Board. Wiles stated that he thinks there's a lot of things not just facing Londonderry,
56 but the state also, such as water, air pollution, carbon, electricity rates.

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58 M. Smith introduced herself and stated that she's lived in Londonderry since 1983. Smith is a
59 lawyer, for over 35 years, and worked as General Counsel to a national energy services company.
60 Smith stated that she went through Leadership Londonderry. After going through Leadership, she
61 wanted to get involved. Smith stated that she serves on the task force.

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63 P. Ramsey introduced himself and stated that he has lived in town for about six years. Ramsey
64 stated that he retired from Eversource after forty-three years where he managed a lot of the areas.
65 Ramsey stated that they served two hundred and ten towns and Londonderry offers a lot. Ramsey
66 stated that he would like to give back to the community with his expertise.

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68 J. Ferreira introduced himself and stated that he has been in town since 1977. Ferreira stated that
69 he designed computer mainframes, and he worked in many different positions. Ferreria stated that
70 he now manages x-ray equipment. Ferreira stated that he has done a lot of work with cable stations
71 recently as well.

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73 **IV. Discussion with Staff and Town Council Liaison on Committee**
74 **Charter and Scope (RSA 91-A Right-to-Know Basics)**
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76 J. Farrell introduced himself and stated that the Council has sent out the liaison assignments but
77 he has not sent out the Utility Committee piece. R. Dunn will continue to do the state piece. Farrell
78 went over the rules of how and when the committee can meet outside of the meeting. Farrell stated
79 that the committee shouldn't reply all on emails because that would be considered a meeting.

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81 L. Wiles discussed 91-A right-to-know basis. Wiles stated that you should never have a group that
82 is considered a quorum, which would be four members. Farrell stated that all questions should be

directed to the chair and the committee will get town emails. You should always use that email address; .

V. Officer Election Discussion

This took place at the beginning of the meeting.

VI. Monthly Meeting Schedule

L. Wiles stated that the committee needs to agree on a meeting date. The committee should meet at 7 PM. One meeting a month is good, in Moose Hill so that the meetings are recorded. The Committee established that the third Wednesday works for everyone. Farrell stated that is the date that ZBA meets. Wiles asked the committee to send him dates that work.

VII. Round Table Discussion (2023 Committee Goals)

The committee discussed what information they should release and what information they should keep within the committee. A. Fenn stated that the committee should release things because people like transparency. P. Ramsey stated that the committee needs to make sure information that is being released is accurate before it's released. Farrell stated that if it's something discussed in the room, it should go on the website. If it's a draft or something that needs to be checked or legal advice, don't put it on the website.

R. Breslin suggested forming subcommittees of people who have particular expertise.

L. Wiles stated that there are still two alternate positions on the Utilities Committee open.

L. Wiles stated that Town Manager Malaguti will summarize what the Energy Task Force completed back in 2022 at the next meeting. He will also explain the Saint Gobain consent decree area and where we are at with that whole process. A. Fenn stated that it was discussed at the Council meeting and this committee should have a copy of that decree.

J. Ferreira asked if the utility contracts could be put on the website.

R. Breslin stated that the committee has to do the homework to catch up and find out where the committee is at, and decide what the priorities are moving forward.

P. Ramsey asked if the committee is covered under insurance. Farrell stated that as long as the committee is sanctioned by the Council, it is covered under the insurance which is Primex. It is in the Charter.

The committee discussed the water problem in the town. R. Breslin shared that if your water is contaminated, NHDES offers a rebate program for water filtration systems.

127 M. Speltz stated that the committee has to work towards a work plan and eventually
128 subcommittees. What is the committee up against and how are they going to tackle it. Speltz stated
129 that there needs to be an understanding with the Town Manager about how the committee can
130 work with the staff.

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132 A. Fenn stated that the information on the website should be current as ~~the~~ we go along.

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134 **Adjournment**

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136 M. Smith motioned to adjourn. Second by M. Speltz. Committee votes 8-0-0. Meeting adjourned
137 at 8:40 PM.