

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
January 20, 2020
7:00 P.M.

The Town Council meeting will be held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. Regular meetings are cablecast live and videotaped for the convenience of our viewers at home. 7:00 PM.

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- C. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 1. **Budget Public Hearing, Adoption of FY 2021 and Final Vote on Warrant**
- D. **OLD BUSINESS**
- E. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Order #2019-02 – An Order Relative to the Expenditure of Maintenance Trust Fund for Various Projects
Presented by Steve Cotton**
 - 2. **Resolution #2020-01 – A Resolution to the Elderly Exemption Policy (First Reading)
Presented by Lisa Drabik and Rick Brideau**
 - 3. **Resolution #2020-02 – A Resolution Relative to the Disabled Persons Exemption Policy
Presented by Lisa Drabik and Rick Brideau**
- F. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - Approval of January 6, 2020 Town Council Minutes
- G. **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**
 - 1. **Appointment of Brian Battaglia and Suzanne Brunelle as Alternate Members of SNHPC**
- H. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Liaison Reports**
 - 2. **Town Manager Report**
 - 3. **Assistant Town Manager Report**

I. ADJOURNMENT

J. MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. Town Council Meeting – 02/03/20 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- B. Town Council Meeting – 02/17/20 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- C. Town Council Meeting – 03/02/20 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- D. Town Council Meeting – 03/16/20 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM

ORDER #2020-02

An Order Relative to

EXPENDITURE OF

MAINTENANCE TRUST FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

Reading: 01/20/2020

Adopted: 01/20/2020

WHEREAS voters since 2003 have approved funding for the maintenance and repair of public buildings and grounds in the town; and

WHEREAS by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to expend \$6,043.84 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the aforementioned repairs and improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to expend \$6,043.84, from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the aforementioned repairs and improvements.

John Farrell, Chairman
Town Council

Sharon Farrell
Town Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
01/20/2020

**Expendable Maintenance Trust TC Order Request
for Town Council Meeting "1/20/20"**

Description	Vendor	Amount
<u>Winter Maintenance - TH, LFD, LPD, Library, Morrison & Access Ctr.</u> Plowing, salting, and shoveling on 12/27, 12/28, 12/29, 12/30, 12/31/2019, 1/1, and 1/5/2020 at our various town buildings (TH, Library, LPD, Access Center, Central Fire). This EMTF request is for the materials and labor for winter maintenance for the parking lots, walk ways, steps, fire lanes at our buildings.	Shady Hill - Invoice # 1-1126094	\$ 1,290.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # 1-1126095	\$ 2,730.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # 1-1126097	\$ 660.00
		\$ 4,680.00
<u>Overhead Door Remotes/Openers - South Fire Station</u> The four overhead door electronics and remotes were installed in 2006, and either worked intermittently or not at all. This EMTF request is for the replacement of the four overhead communication logic controllers, four remote controls, programming, and testing of the system.	DOOR UP - Invoice #2725	\$ 1,163.84
		\$ 1,163.84
<u>Winter Maintenance - Senior Center</u> Plowing, salting, and shoveling on 1/5, and 1/9/2020 at our senior center. This EMTF request is for the materials and labor for winter maintenance for the parking lots, walkways, steps, fire lanes at our senior center.	Green Magic - Invoice #3528	\$ 125.00
	Green Magic - Invoice #3530	\$ 75.00
		\$ 200.00
Total Town Council EMTF Order		\$ 6,043.84

RESOLUTION #2020-01

A Resolution Relative to the

ELDERLY EXEMPTION POLICY

First Reading: 01/20/2020
Hearing/Second Reading: _____
Adopted: _____

WHEREAS The Londonderry Town Council, at its meeting of February 24, 1997, adopted Resolution 97-2, which enacted Chapter XII - the Elderly Exemption Policy; and

WHEREAS The Town Council is desirous of reviewing benefit levels and making adjustments to insure that the exemption amounts are appropriate for current economic conditions; and,

WHEREAS The Town Council may, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:27-a consider and act upon the question in accordance with its normal procedures for passage of resolutions, ordinances and other legislation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry, that the provisions of ***Title VI - Town Policy, Chapter XII - Elderly Exemption Policy*** are hereby adopted and modified as set forth herein and shall become effective _____ and reviewed periodically thereafter.

John Farrell – Chairman, Town Council

A true copy attest:

Sherry Farrell - Town Clerk
Dated: XX/XX/2020

(TOWN SEAL)

Chapter XII - ELDERLY EXEMPTION POLICY

SECTION I PURPOSE

- A. To adopt the provisions of RSA 72:39-A and RSA 72:39-B and establish qualifications for the optional adjusted elderly exemption.

SECTION II QUALIFICATIONS *and* DEFINITIONS

- A. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least three (3) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least three (3) years.
- B. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$40,800 if single or widowed, or if married, a combined net income (as defined in RSA 72:39-A I (b)), of not more than \$50,300 and own net assets not in excess of \$137,000, excluding the value of the person's residence up to two (2) acres.

SECTION III BENEFITS

- A. The elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Londonderry based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be as follows, and shall be reviewed annually:

For a person of 65 years of age, up to 74 years	\$ 98,900 \$121,153
For a person of 75 years of age, up to 79 years	\$ 123,600 \$151,410
For a person of 80 years or older	\$ 164,800 \$201,880

- B. The exemption under this section shall apply only in taxable years on the residential real estate for which the exemption is claimed on April 1 in any given year.
- C. Whenever the selectmen or assessors refuse to grant an applicant an exemption to which he/she may be entitled under this section, said applicant may appeal the decision in accordance with RSA 72:34a.
- D. An exemption granted under this section shall have no effect on an applicant's eligibility for other exemptions as authorized under this chapter.

~~End of Policy~~

RESOLUTION #2020-02

A Resolution Relative to the

DISABLED PERSONS EXEMPTION POLICY

First Reading: 01/20/2020

Hearing/Second Reading: _____

Adopted: _____

WHEREAS The Londonderry Town Council originally adopted the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, on October 7, 2002, with the Exemption for the Disabled becoming effective April 1, 2003; and,

WHEREAS The Town Council is desirous of reviewing the benefit level and making an adjustment to insure that the exemption amount is appropriate for current economic conditions; and,

WHEREAS The Town Council may, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 72:27-a, consider and act upon the question in accordance with its normal procedures for passage of resolutions, ordinances and other legislation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that *Title VI - Town Policy, Chapter XIX - Disabled Exemption Policy* is hereby revised as set forth herein, with its provisions to become effective _____ and reviewed periodically thereafter.

John Farrell – Chairman, Town Council

A true copy attest:

(TOWN SEAL)

Sherry Farrell - Town Clerk
Dated: XX/XX/2020

Chapter XIX – DISABLED EXEMPTION POLICY

SECTION I PURPOSE

- A. To adopt the provisions of RSA 72:37-b and establish qualifications for the exemption for persons with disabilities.

SECTION II QUALIFICATIONS and DEFINITIONS

- A. The disabled exemption from property tax in the Town of Londonderry shall apply to any person who is eligible under title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act for benefits to the disabled and is applied on a yearly basis in an amount to be shown by the Town.
- B. The exemption by be applied only to property which is occupied as the principal place of abode by the disabled person. The exemption may be applied to any land or buildings appurtenant to the residence or to manufactured housing if that is the principal place of abode.
- C. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person’s spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years.
- D. The taxpayer’s net income and assets levels shall be the same as specified in the Londonderry Elderly Exemption Policy, Chapter XII of Title VI of the Municipal Code.
- E. The term “residential real estate” shall mean the real estate which the person qualified for an exemption or a tax credit thereunder occupies as his principal place of abode together with any land or buildings appurtenant thereto and shall include manufactured housing if used for said purpose.

SECTION III BENEFITS

- A. The disabled exemption from property tax in the Town of Londonderry, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be ~~\$98,900~~ \$121,153.
- B. The exemption under this section shall apply only in taxable years during which the person with a disability on the residential real estate for which the exemption is claimed on April 1 in any given year.

~~ End of Policy ~~

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 January 6, 2020

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3 The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall,
4 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH.

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6 Present: Chairman John Farrell; Vice Chairman Joe Green; Councilor Tom Dolan, Jim
7 Butler and Ted Combes; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa
8 Drabik; Absent: Executive Assistant Kirby Brown

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10 CALL TO ORDER

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12 Chairman Farrell called the Town Council special meeting to order and led the Pledge of
13 Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for all of those who serve us both
14 here and abroad and for the first responders in Londonderry who take good care of the
15 town.

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17 PUBLIC COMMENT

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19 Jada Bernard, 403 Amherst St, Nashua, made a statement about Presidential candidate
20 Tulsi Gabbard and how the people should do their research on her before voting.

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22 Peter Fredrick, 407 Amherst St, Nashua, made a similar statement regarding candidate
23 Tulsi and how it is important to vote but do your research first. Fredrick handed packets of
24 information to the Council.

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26 PUBLIC HEARING

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28 NONE

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30 OLD BUSINESS

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32 Town Manager Smith stated that there are just a few items under the budget workshop.
33 Town Manager Smith went over part of the Default Budget. Smith also went over a revised
34 tax rate calculation sheet which hasn't had any significant changes to it. Smith also
35 reminded that there is another budget public hearing on the 20th of January. It will be the

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

36 last time the public can make any comments about the budget before it gets moved to the
37 ballot before Deliberative Session. Smith stated that our proposed budget is up 1.75% over
38 the current budget.

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NEW BUSINESS

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42 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2020-01, an Order relative to the expenditure of
43 Maintenance trust Fund for various projects. Steve Cotton presented. The Order is for
44 \$8,345.00. Motion to approve Order #2020-01 made by Councilor Combes and second by
45 Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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49 Motion to approve Town Council minutes from December 16, 2019 and December 23,
50 2019 made by Councilor Combes and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

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54 Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Green and seconded by Councilor Dolan. Chair
55 votes 5-0-0.

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57 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown

Date: 01/06/2020

58 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown

Date: 01/08/2020

59 Approved by: Town Council

Date: 01/20/2020