

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
February 16, 2021
Moose Hill Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1.) Braver Angels Presentation
Presented by Brian Macdonald
- 2.) SAFER 2020 Discussion
Chief Darren O'Brien
- 3.) Trailways/Pedestrian Access Update
Presented by Londonderry Trailways

C. PUBLIC HEARING

D. NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) **Order #2021-05** – An Order Relative to the Expenditure of Maintenance Trust Fund for Various Projects
Presented by Steve Cotton

E. OLD BUSINESS

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of February 1, 2021 Town Council Minutes

G. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- 1.) **PFAS Task Force**

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Liaison Reports
2. Town Manager Report
3. Assistant Town Manager Report

I. ADJOURNMENT

J. MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. Town Council Meeting – 03/01/2021
Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM

ORDER #2021-05

An Order Relative to

EXPENDITURE OF

MAINTENANCE TRUST FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

Reading: 02/16/2021

Adopted: 02/16/2021

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 \$7,560.00 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 \$7,560.00, 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:
02/16/2021

**Expendable Maintenance Trust TC Order Request
for Town Council Meeting "2/16/2021"**

Description	Vendor	Amount
Winter Maintenance - TH, LFD, LPD, Library, Morrison & Access Ctr. Plowing, salting, and shoveling on 1/23, 1/27, 1/28, 2/1, 2/2, 2/5, and 2/8/2021 at our various town buildings (TH, Library, LPD, Access Center, Central Fire, Morrison House). This EMTF request is for the materials and labor for winter maintenance for the parking lots, walkways, steps, fire lanes at our buildings.	Shady Hill - Invoice # 1-1149095	\$ 590.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # 1-1149100	\$ 1,625.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # 1-7005930	\$ 2,780.00
	Shady Hill - Invoice # 1-7005931	\$ 890.00
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	Shady Hill Sub-Total	\$ 5,885.00
Winter Maintenance - Senior Center Plowing, salting, and shoveling on 1/27, 1/28, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/8, 2/9 and 2/10/2021 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 # 3867	\$ 335.00
	Green Magic - Invoice # 3877	\$ 75.00
	Green Magic - Invoice # 3880	\$ 410.00
	Green Magic - Invoice # 3889	\$ 75.00
	Green Magic - Invoice # 3892	\$ 75.00
	Green Magic - Invoice # 3894	\$ 75.00
	Green Magic - Invoice # 3903	\$ 335.00
	Green Magic - Invoice # 3905	\$ 295.00
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Green Magic Sub-Total	\$ 1,675.00	
Total Town Council EMTF Order		\$ 7,560.00

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1 **February 1, 2021**

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3 The meeting took place in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Rd,
4 Londonderry, NH 03053.

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

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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. This was followed by the
13 Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for those who serve us
14 both here and abroad and for former Assessor Rick Brideau.

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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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18 Chairman Farrell stated that he has made some changes to the agenda given the large snow
19 storm.

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21 Town Manager Smith stated that he would like to express profound disappointment that he
22 feels compelled to address the editorial that was published in last week's issue of the
23 Londonderry Times. Smith stated that the employees fully expect to receive constructive
24 criticism from time to time. The inflammatory characterizations that were leveled at them
25 in the editorial are holy without merit. Smith stated that the employee's know that the owner
26 of the times is also a Town Councilor, who is essentially one of their bosses. Smith quoted
27 some of what was written in the editorial about how "no one listens", "we have excuses for
28 everything". Smith stated that it's a false distortion of the great work the employee's do day
29 in and day out to meet the needs to the residents we work with every day. Smith stated that
30 this is bullying. Smith stated that every time Councilor Paul has contacted Town Hall, the
31 Police Department and the Fire Department, she has received a timely response every time,
32 often with many follow-ups. This is all public record. Smith stated that the editorial also
33 stated that employee's should be receive wage increases, etc. Smith stated that most
34 employee's fall under contracts that the voters vote on. Smith also mentioned that it stated

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35 taxes have gone up, when in fact the tax rate has gone down on three different occasions in
36 the last seven years, during non-evaluation years. Town Manager Smith stated that everyone
37 also continued to work throughout all of Covid-19.

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39 Councilor Paul addressed the issue and stated that the editorial wasn't based toward
40 Londonderry totally. Councilor Paul stated that she is sorry Town Manager Smith took it
41 personally. Councilor Paul stated that she covers five towns and there are a lot of things
42 going on in different towns and that editorial was covering and pointing out a couple issues
43 that were going on in another town. Councilor Paul stated that she is a strong believer that
44 if you are not guilty of something, you shouldn't take it that it's toward you. That editorial
45 was for all five of the towns, Derry, Sandown, Chester, Hampstead and Londonderry.
46 Councilor Paul stated that if someone asked, she would have gone into detail about which
47 town that was about. Councilor Paul stated that she can't write five different editorials
48 specifying five different towns. Councilor Paul stated that she spoke in generalities.
49 Councilor Paul stated that it wasn't geared toward Londonderry. It was geared toward
50 another town. Councilor Paul stated that in terms of tax rates going up, it may not be tax
51 rates and maybe that was the wrong word, but the tax bill, the amount you pay every year
52 does go up in some fashion. Councilor Paul stated that the tax dollar amount that she pays
53 every year does go on a constant move upwards. Councilor Paul stated that she believes
54 what she said was correct.

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56 Vice Chairman Green stated asked Councilor Paul if that editorial was seen in all of the
57 other newspapers the exact way. Councilor Paul stated that yes it is. It's the same editorial
58 in all of the papers and she doesn't have time to write separate editorials for separate papers.

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60 Councilor Butler stated that being a Town Councilor and an owner of the town newspaper
61 indicates that she has a platform and it's a conflict of interest. Councilor Butler stated that
62 she should have been sensitive enough to qualify the statement. Councilor Butler asked what
63 town had the problem. Councilor Paul stated Hampstead. Councilor Butler asked why that
64 wasn't clarified in the article. Councilor Paul stated that everyone has an opinion. Councilor
65 Butler stated that the paper is a platform.

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67 Chairman Farrell stated to Councilor Paul that in the future she should just be a little more
68 careful and qualify some things when you put them in the paper. Councilor Paul stated she
69 only gets 480 words so it's hard to. Chairman Farrell stated that even if she puts "I'm a

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70 Town Councilor and this isn't about Londonderry", just so we don't run into this issue again.
71 Councilor Paul stated that she is a firm believer of it you are not guilty of something you
72 shouldn't take it personally. Councilor Paul stated that if the town employees are doing a
73 great job they shouldn't take it personally because it's not them. Councilor Paul stated that
74 she has one day to write them.

NEW BUSINESS

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77 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-04 which is an Order relative to the expenditure
78 of Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Town Manager Smith presented. Smith
79 stated that this is for two winter maintenance items. Motion to approve Order #2021-04
80 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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82 Assistant DPW Director John Trottier and Environmental Engineer Bob Kerry presented
83 the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the Town of Derry and the Town of Londonderry
84 wastewater service. Trottier stated that this IMA is for the area near exit 4 where the sanitary
85 from Londonderry flows to Derry. Derry has a wastewater treatment plant that has a
86 capacity of four million gallons a day. Trottier went over the new calculations. It's a fifteen
87 year term with a five year automatic renewals. That hasn't changed from the existing IMA.
88 We will be billed quarterly, the same rate as any other Derry user. The second cost is the
89 capital cost. In July 2021, we will be charged annually for 25,000 gallons per day addition.
90 Current rate is \$3.40 per gallon. It's not coming out of the General Fund, it's coming out of
91 the Enterprise Fund that handles the sewer bills. Motion to adopt the agreement made by
92 Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to
93 authorize the Town Manager and Chair to sign it made by Vice Chairman Green and second
94 by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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96 Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-03, a Resolution relative to creation of the
97 PFAS Task Force. Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik presented. Chairman Farrell stated
98 that he is hoping to move swiftly with this. Councilor Dolan Motion to approve Resolution
99 #2021-03 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-
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OLD BUSINESS

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NONE

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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110 Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from January 18, 2021 made by Councilor
111 Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

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115 Resignation of Snehal Patel from the Heritage Commission made by Councilor Dolan and
116 second by Councilor Butler. The Council thanked Patel for his service.

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118 Motion to re-appoint Krys Kenney to the Heritage Commission made by Vice Chairman
119 Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

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123 Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair
124 votes 5-0-0.

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126 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown Date: 2/01/2021

127 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown Date: 2/08/2021

128 Approved by: Town Council Date: 2/16/2021