

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
December 23, 2019
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.) Londonderry Charter Amendment Defining Default Budget

D. OLD BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of December 9, 2019 Town Council Minutes

G. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

H. OTHER BUSINESS

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

I. ADJOURNMENT

J. MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. Town Council Meeting – 1/06/20 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- B. Town Council Meeting – 01/20/20 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- C. Town Council Meeting – 02/03/20 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- D. Town Council Meeting – 02/17/20 Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM

**TOWN OF LONDONDERRY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Londonderry Town Council**

Monday, December 23, 2019 – 7:00 PM
Moose Hill Conference Room
268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH

Londonderry Residents are hereby advised that the Town Council, in accordance to New Hampshire RSA 49-B:5 will conduct a public hearing to consider a recommended change to the following Article of the Charter for the Town of Londonderry:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

CURRENT CHARTER PROVISION

Article 5, Section 5.4 Subparagraph D

The official session of the annual meeting, which shall be for the election of officers, and to vote on bonds or notes articles, and all warrant articles from the deliberative session on official ballot shall be held on the second Tuesday in March. Bonds or notes shall require a 3/5 (or 60%) majority for passage. In addition to acting upon warrant articles, voters shall choose between the proposed Operating Budget as may be amended during the Deliberative Session, and the Default Budget, which shall be calculated pursuant to RSA 40:13 IX (b). In the event that the proposed Operating Budget and Default Budget receive an equal number of votes, the Default Budget shall be considered approved.

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Article 5, Section 5.4, Subparagraph D.1

“Operating Budget” means “budget” as defined in RSA 32:3, III exclusive of “special warrant articles” and exclusive of all other appropriations voted separately.

“Default Budget” means the amount calculated by starting with the amount of the appropriations contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous fiscal year, reduced and increased as the case may be by: 1) debt service, 2) contracts previously incurred, 3) salary and other related employee costs [benefits, taxes] previously incurred, and 4) other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget,

as determined by the Town Council.

Instead of being an actual budget, the “Default Budget” is the amount that will be raised if the proposed Operating Budget is defeated. If the Default Budget is adopted because of the defeat of the proposed Operating Budget, the amount raised and appropriated may be expended for any purpose contained in the defeated proposed Operating Budget. The total amount available for expenditure when operating under the Default Budget will not exceed the default amount plus the amount appropriated by separate and special warrant articles except as otherwise provided by laws such as, but not limited to, RSA 32:9-11.

For the purposes of this Section 5.4.D.1, “previously incurred” means on or before the Deliberative Session at which the default budget is presented to voters.

The Default Budget may be amended by the Town Council based on relevant new information at any time before ballots are printed.

Purpose- This amendment would adjust how the Default budget is defined and calculated in the Town Charter for the Town of Londonderry, New Hampshire.