

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2022

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Chairman Farrell stated that the Council will over to nonpublic under 91-A:3, II(a) in a roll call vote, motioned by Vice Chairman Green. Chairman Farrell stated that the Council will come back into session after.

Motion to come back into public session at 7:00 PM made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0 in a roll call vote. Motion to seal the minutes indefinitely made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. It was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for all first responders and their safety.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Farrell stated that he has been approached by many tax payers who live in the 55+ communities. Chairman Farrell stated that there have been some comments about house assessments and prices, and that the communities took a larger jump than other communities during the assessment. Chairman Farrell asked the Council stated that there's about one thousand 55+ dwellings in the town. Chairman Farrell asked the Council to give a consensus to have the Town Manager talk to the Assessing department with more data and information as to how this was done.

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Councilor Dolan announced that he will not be running for reelection. Chairman Farrell stated that Councilor Dolan has served on the Council for eighteen years. Chairman Farrell thanked Councilor Dolan for his service.

Dave Lundgren, 21 King John Drive, thanked the Council for everything that they do and the town has taken a turn for the better. Lundgren talked about the tax break that the Council is looking to give Woodmont and explained that he is opposed to it.

Robert McDonald, 3 Catesby Lane, addressed the Council. Chairman Farrell reminded McDonald that he received an email from him. McDonald spoke against the proposed Ordinance and he believes this is moving too fast. The development is behind schedule.

Dan Bouchard, 8 O'Connell Dr, stated that he got a call about the tanker truck that split on Route 28 by North School. Bouchard stated that the fire department used foam on that site. Is the town responsible for contamination by something like this. Assistant Town Solicitor Mike Malaguti stated that he is aware of the spill but there isn't enough information to figure out who is responsible for who. Chairman Farrell asked Malaguti to get with Bouchard and figure out a solution.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to open Public Hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0. Chairman Farrell reintroduced Ordinance #2021-03, an Ordinance relative to Creating the Londonderry Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Incentive Program, continued from 12/20. Chairman Farrell gave an update. Vice Chairman Green stated that he doesn't believe the town should rush into this and more homework should be done. Councilor Butler stated that he agrees. He has done some research and a lot of these programs don't work when they are not structured properly.

There was no new comment from the public.

Chairman Farrell asked for a consensus from the Council to direct the town staff to go back and execute what was talked about. The Council gave consensus.

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69 Motion to table Ordinance #2021-03 made by Vice Chairman green and second by
70 Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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72 Motion to close the Public Hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by
73 Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS

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77 Chairman Farrell introduced the Town Treasurer discussion. Malaguti stated that he
78 wanted to update the Council on internal discussions about the converting the elected
79 Town Treasurer position to an appointed position. Malaguti explained the reasons why.
80 The legal way to do so is clunky. The current Town Treasurer is in the final year of a
81 three-year term, it would be better to implement the change next year, if the Council
82 would like to do it. Councilor Paul stated that she opposes it and it's silly. Councilor Paul
83 stated that the Treasurer should be watched on, a third-party eye. Chairman Farrell stated
84 that it is just a discussion and not for the Council to deal with.

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86 Chief Darren O'Brien discussed the submission of the SAFER 2021 Grant for additionally
87 funded positions. Chief O'Brien stated that the department applied back in 2020 but
88 unfortunately, they were not in the final selection. Chief O'Brien stated that he got
89 notification that it is back open for 2021 so he would like to seek the Council's permission
90 to apply again. Chief O'Brien stated that he is seeking permission to apply for four as was
91 done last year. This means that four firefighters hired, their salary would be paid out of a
92 federal grant.

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94 Chairman Farrell jumped the rebate program forward. This is an NHDES rebate program
95 for removal of PFOA in private wells. This is the final funding approval. Assistant Town
96 Manager Drabik gave an update in regards to residents who live outside the consent decree
97 area. Drabik stated that the town was awarded up to \$500k dollars via a Grant to treat
98 PFAS in a private well. Since then, the town has been waiting for the various approvals
99 from the State. Drabik stated that the state decided it was a good idea, because there is so
100 much infrastructure money out there, that they wanted to put into place their own rebate
101 program. It is better than the one the town would offer. Instead of being able to apply for a
102 rebate of us to \$500, their program is going to give a rebate of up to \$1,500. It will have
103 the same eligibility requirements. It will also operate retroactively back to September

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2019. It will also allow vendors to apply to DES directly for up front cost. Londonderry can opt into the program. There will be a press release soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Farrell introduced the budget workshop. Town Manager Smith stated that the Council should go through the articles to see if there are any last-minute questions so that at the second public hearing on Thursday. Smith gave an update on the budget.

Budget Chairman Chad Franz went over the 501c3 organizations that Londonderry benefits from that the Budget Committee is in charge of disbursing money to every year. See attached.

The Council went through all twenty-one of the warrant articles. Chairman Farrell read every article into the record.

Malaguti discussed the school article and the Mack's article in detail for the Council.

Finance Director reminded the public about the deadline for citizen petitions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Joe Green asked if he could be marked absent as he was not present. Motion to approve the Town Council minutes as amended from December 20, 2021 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-1-0.

BOARD/COMMITTEE INTERVIEW

Motion to reappoint Suzanne Brunelle as a member on the ZBA. Motion to appoint made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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137 Town Manager Kevin Smith read into the record to the Town Council his resignation as
138 Town Manager. Chairman Farrell stated that with a heavy heart, the Council will accept Mr.
139 Smiths resignation. Motion to accept made by Vice Chairman Green and second by
140 Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0. The Council thanked Kevin for all of his service to the
141 town.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

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148	Notes and Tapes by:	Kirby Brown	Date: 1/10/2022
149	Minutes Typed by:	Kirby Brown	Date: 12/13/2022
150	Approved by:	Town Council	Date: 1/24/2022

ID	Start time	Completion time	Email	Name	Organization Name	Minimum Qualifications	Phone Number	Amount being requested	Previous year's request	Previous year's awarded
1	8/23/21 10:13:16	8/23/21 12:35:27	anonymous		Rockingham Nutrition at	Yes	603-679-2201	\$4400	\$4400	\$3922
2	9/1/21 10:38:39	9/1/21 10:53:14	anonymous	Waypoint	Waypoint	Yes	603-518-4000	2500	2500	2500
3	9/7/21 10:02:55	9/7/21 12:29:11	anonymous		The Friends RSVP Progra	Yes	603-228-7603	800	800	800
4	9/20/21 9:57:07	9/20/21 10:19:21	anonymous		American Red Cross	Yes	802-391-6499	1000	1000	\$1,000
5	9/20/21 13:42:14	9/20/21 15:25:00	anonymous		Rockingham Community	Yes	603-431-2911	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
6	9/22/21 10:12:21	9/22/21 10:28:12	anonymous		The Upper Room, a Fami	Yes	603-437-8477	\$12,000	\$11,700	\$9,460
7	9/23/21 16:04:53	9/23/21 16:07:07	anonymous	Waypoint	Waypoint	Yes	603-518-4206	3,000	3,000	2,500
8	9/24/21 10:01:17	9/24/21 10:04:21	anonymous		Harbor Care	Yes	603-8823616	5000	15000	2584
9	9/28/21 14:02:48	9/28/21 14:50:36	anonymous		Sunshine Soup Kitchen	Yes	437-2833	\$20,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$5,742.00
10	9/28/21 14:35:00	9/28/21 15:03:05	anonymous		Home Health & Hospice	Yes	603-882-2941	\$1500	\$1500	\$1420
11	9/28/21 18:47:12	9/28/21 19:44:52	anonymous		YMCA of Greater Londor	Yes	603-437-9622	10,000	10,000	5,073
12	9/29/21 13:15:44	9/29/21 14:20:31	anonymous		Isaiah 58 New Hampshire	Yes	603-952-8000	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$1358.00
13	9/30/21 12:39:42	9/30/21 13:08:15	anonymous		Community Caregivers o	Yes	603-432-0877	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,000
14	9/30/21 12:30:22	9/30/21 16:30:42	anonymous		Big Brothers Big Sisters o	Yes	603-430-1140 ext. 1002	1,000	1,000	1,000
15	10/1/21 14:24:43	10/1/21 14:41:21	anonymous		American Red Cross of N	Yes	802-391-6499	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000