

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2021

The meeting took place in the Londonderry High School Cafeteria, 295 Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH 03053.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for those who serve us both here and abroad and that all goes well in the Nation's Capital.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Green, 22 Sugar Plum Lane, read a citizens petition into the record urging the NH General Court to redraw the maps and political districts within the state to ensure fair and effective representation of NH voters to make it fair and transparent. Chairman Farrell stated that the town attorney has reviewed it and it will be discussed as part of the public hearing and have it go to the ballot. No questions from the Council.

Tony DeFrancesco, 1 Cheshire Ct, stated that communication is weak and the Council is doing good work and no one knows it. DeFrancesco suggested doing a newsletter mailing or promoting the Council more on social media.

Chairman Farrell stated that at the last meeting when DES was present, it was disturbing to hear that there wasn't a solid plan in place. Chairman Farrell stated that he contacted Commissioner Smith at DES and asked for a meeting. Chairman Farrell went over what is to be expected and happening in the next few weeks.

The Council stepped out into non-public in a roll call vote 5-0-0 at 7:19 PM.

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The Council returned from non-public in a roll call votes 5-0-0 at 7:28 PM. Minutes have been sealed. Motion to seal made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Motion to vote 5-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to enter public hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

The Town Council discussed the warrant articles and voted on moving each article to the ballot. Finance Director Campo presented the new tax rate calculations. The Budget Committee votes took place after the Council meeting.

1.) Election of Officers

2.) Operating Budget in the amount of \$36,105,292 with Sewer Enterprise Fund appropriation of \$2,809,544. Councilor Dolan stated that we should be below default budget. Councilor Dolan motioned to adopt a proposed budget of \$150,000 under the default budget. Motion on the Article 2 amendment made by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to move Article 2 in the amount of \$38,864,136.00 (inclusive of sewer fund) made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 2 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

3.) Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund in the amount of \$180,000 with \$90,000 coming out of UFB and \$90,000 being raised. Motion to move Article 3 to the ballot made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 3 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-1. Councilor Paul opposed.

4.) Roadway Maintenance Trust Fund in the amount of \$650,000. For the repair and funding of local roads. Motion to move Article 4 to the ballot made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion in support of Article 4 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-1. Councilor Paul opposed.

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68 5.) Capital Reserve Funding for Geographic Information Systems in the amount of
69 \$28,000. Motion to move Article 5 to the ballot made by Vice Chairman Green and
70 second by Councilor Dolan. Motion to support Article 5 made by Councilor Dolan
71 and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 4-0-1. Councilor Paul opposed.
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73 6.) Capital Reserve Funding – Pillsbury Cemetery expansion in the amount of \$75,000.
74 Motion to move Article 6 to the ballot made by Vice Chairman Green and second by
75 Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 6 made by Councilor
76 Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.
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78 7.) Capital Reserve Funding – Fire equipment in the amount of \$100,000 for the small
79 equipment. \$50,000 paid out of UFB and \$50,000 raised by the taxpayers. Motion to
80 move Article 7 to the ballot made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman
81 Green. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 7 made by Councilor Dolan and
82 second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.
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84 8.) Department of Public Work Leases – for 3 vehicles in the amount of \$55,645. Motion
85 to move Article 8 to the ballot made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor
86 Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 8 made by Vice Chairman Green
87 and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-1. Councilor Paul opposed.
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89 9.) Capital Reserve Funding – Master Plan in the amount of \$35,000, the paired down
90 Master Plan. Motion to move Article 9 to the ballot made by Councilor Dolan and
91 second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 9 made
92 by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.
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94 10.) Capital Reserve Funding for Recreation - in the amount of \$5,000. Motion to move
95 Article 10 to the ballot made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan.
96 Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 10 made by Councilor Dolan and second
97 by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.
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101 11.) Capital Reserve Funding for Cable Equipment – in the amount of \$32,500. Motion
102 to move Article 11 to the ballot made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor

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Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 11 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

12.) Purchase Mack's Apples Land Adjacent to Town Hall – in the amount of \$250,000. Chairman Farrell stated that there is an item coming up on the agenda about the Conservation Commission purchasing the land adjacent to the Grange. Once you purchase land with Conservation money, it has to stay Conservation for the rest of time. Councilor Paul asked if the land would remain maintained. Chairman Farrell said as far as he knows, it will be. Motion to moves Article 12 to the ballot made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 12 made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

- A motion to authorize Town Manager Smith to sign the purchase and sales agreement for the municipal parcel. Motion made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

13.) Extend Water Main to Residents Behind Apple Tree Farm – in the amount of \$250,000. Motion to move Article 13 to the ballot made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support Article 13 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

14.) Urge the New Hampshire General Court for Transparent Redistricting (citizen petition). There is no money to this article. Motion to move Article 14 to the ballot made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. The Council doesn't take positions on non-monetary items.

15.) Transaction of all other business.

Finance Director Campo stated that he gave the wrong number for Article 2. It should be \$38,914,836. Councilor Dolan adjusted his motion and Vice Chairman adjusted his second. Chair votes 5-0-0. Still \$150,000 below default. Motion to move to the ballot with the new number made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to support the new number made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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139 Chairman Farrell introduced the approval of the Town's purchase of a portion of land at 114
140 Pillsbury Road (Tax Map 9, Lot 49) for the purpose of placing it into Conservation. Town
141 Solicitor Mike Malaguti presented. Motion to accept the Town's purchase made by
142 Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0. There was no
143 public comment.

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145 Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-01, a Resolution amending and extending
146 Resolution #2020-03 relative to the expiration date of the Town of Londonderry's
147 Temporary Leave Act. Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik presented. This would change
148 the expiration date of the policy put in place. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-01 made
149 by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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151 Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-02, a Resolution relative to the acceptance
152 of unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-02 made
153 by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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155 Motion to close public hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor
156 Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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NEW BUSINESS

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160 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-02, an Order relative to the expenditure of
161 Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Steve Cotton presented. Motion to approve
162 Order #2021-02 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes
163 5-0-0.

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165 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-03, an Order relative to the expenditure of funds
166 from the Reclamation Trust Fund. Presented by Assistant Public Works Director John
167 Trottier. Motion to approve Order #2021-03 made by Councilor Dolan and second by
168 Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

169 The Council discussed the Charter Commission concept. Councilor Paul asked what we are
170 looking to do. Tony DeFrancesco presented his ideas to try to get the Council and the School
171 Board be able to work together, because right now the Charter is now allowing that to

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172 happen. Chairman Farrell stated that this can be accomplished in a Task Force.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

180 Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from January 4, 2021 made by Councilor
181 Dolan and second by Councilor Paul. Chair votes 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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

188	Notes and Tapes by:	Kirby Brown	Date: 1/18/2021
189	Minutes Typed by:	Kirby Brown	Date: 1/22/2021
190	Approved by:	Town Council	Date: 2/01/2021