

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021

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

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

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 the plow drivers who have worked day in and day out to make our roads safe this winter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian MacDonald, 6 Picadilly Cr, spoke to the Council about an organization called Braver Angels. Their objective is depolarization of America. MacDonald stated that the organization helps Americans better understand each other in today's polarized political environment. MacDonald stated that everyone should join Braver Angels and help them to rebuild America back to the United States. Check out their website at braverangels.org.

Bob Rimol, Londonderry Rail Trail, presented to the Council and stated that Trailways is trying to branch out and do other things around town with trails. Rimol and Sandy Laguex presented a PowerPoint (see attached) regarding the connection of the school pathway. Rimol also gave an update on what's to come with completing the Rail Trail. Rimol stated that the goal to break ground on the construction is next year and it will be completed in 2022 or 2023. Laguex updated the Council on the school pathway and the history and what they plan on doing going forward.

Chief Darren O'Brien gave an update on the grant status for the fire department. Chief O'Brien stated that they are awaiting a reimbursement of Covid supplies during the

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34 pandemic they are waiting for final confirmation on for \$39,000. They applied for another
35 AFG for assistance for \$232,000. Chief O'Brien stated that it's something that will pick up
36 the stretcher and load it into the back of the ambulance. Chief O'Brien stated that they also
37 applied for the SAFER Grant.

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39 Ron Dunn, 12 Quincy Rd, stated that on Friday, Merrimack announced they were going to
40 sue Saint Gobain because they didn't install the air filtration systems that they were
41 supposed to install. Does Londonderry consider getting involved in the lawsuit? Chairman
42 Farrell stated that Londonderry has been actively involved with Merrimack and their
43 attorneys for three years and whenever Londonderry can join something and actually have
44 standing, the town will join.

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46 Christine Perez, 5 Leslie Dr, stated that she lives in a household that are part of a 55
47 development. There are a lot of veterans that live in the thousand households in town that
48 are 55 about above. Perez asked the Council if those who have not served during war time
49 will get a tax credit. Town Manager Smith stated that yes they can apply for a tax credit.
50 Perez stated that her community had to pay for fire hydrants, when the rest of the town had
51 theirs covered under taxes, yet her tax rate is the same. Perez asked the Council if they plan
52 to increase the veteran's benefits and to consider raising the tax benefit, above the \$500.
53 Even if it's only for \$100.

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55 Doug Thomas, 143 Mammoth Rd, gave the Council a progress report of what's happening
56 up at the State level and about a energy power bill the town is getting in on. Thomas gave
57 an update.

NEW BUSINESS

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61 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-05, an Order relative to the expenditure of
62 Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Town Manager Smith presented and stated
63 it is for winter maintenance. Motion to approve Order #2021-05 made by Councilor Dolan
64 and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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OLD BUSINESS

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from February 1, 2021 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0.

APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

The Council interviewed members for the PFAS Task Force. Chairman Farrell stated that the Council is looking to move at a rapid pace. Chairman Farrell stated that the town has the opportunity to do something great and find a long term solution for the town. The Council interviewed the following candidates:

- 1.) Doug Currie, 356 Winding Pond Rd, who's an engineer and the Director of Systems Engineering at Sunrise Labs, Inc.
- 2.) Jim Doucakis, 4 Michelle Lane, who is a Civil Engineer who is currently overseeing construction of groundwater treatment plant in Pepperell, MA.
- 3.) Craig Durrett, 133 West Pond Rd, who is a hydrogeologist and now the Town Engineer for the Town of Derry.
- 4.) Anne Fenn, 18 Partridge Lane, who has worked in the environmental field at the national, regional, state and local levels for more than 45 years. Worked for the EPA for several years; has also helped develop hazardous waste regulations.
- 5.) Thomas Garside, 2 Justin Circle, is a contractor who drills wells; works with NHDES on regular basis; experience with sampling for PFAS in Merrimack corridor.
- 6.) George Kadzoila, 236 High Range Rd, works as a product application engineer.
- 7.) Paul Lockwood, 78 Chase Road, Worked for NHDES for 20+ years in area of pollution prevention and Household Hazardous waste. Spent entire career in public health.
- 8.) Richard Lombard, 46 Calla Road, Worked for Burlington MA Board of Health and was involved with groundwater contamination issues.

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101 9.) Kate MacDonald, 140 High Range Road, Works for South Central Public Health
102 Network; serves as Assistant Public Health Emergency Coordinator.

103 10.) David Robinson, 16 Deer Road, works on groundwater quality projects.
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105 Councilor Butler recommended adding three more people to the Task Force. Councilor Paul
106 recommended adding Alternates. Chairman Farrell stated that the Resolution would have to
107 be amended. Councilor Dolan will be the Chair of the Task Force.
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ADJOURNMENT

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111 Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes
112 4-0-0.
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114 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown

Date: 2/16/2021

115 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown

Date: 2/20/2021

116 Approved by: Town Council

Date: 3/01/2021

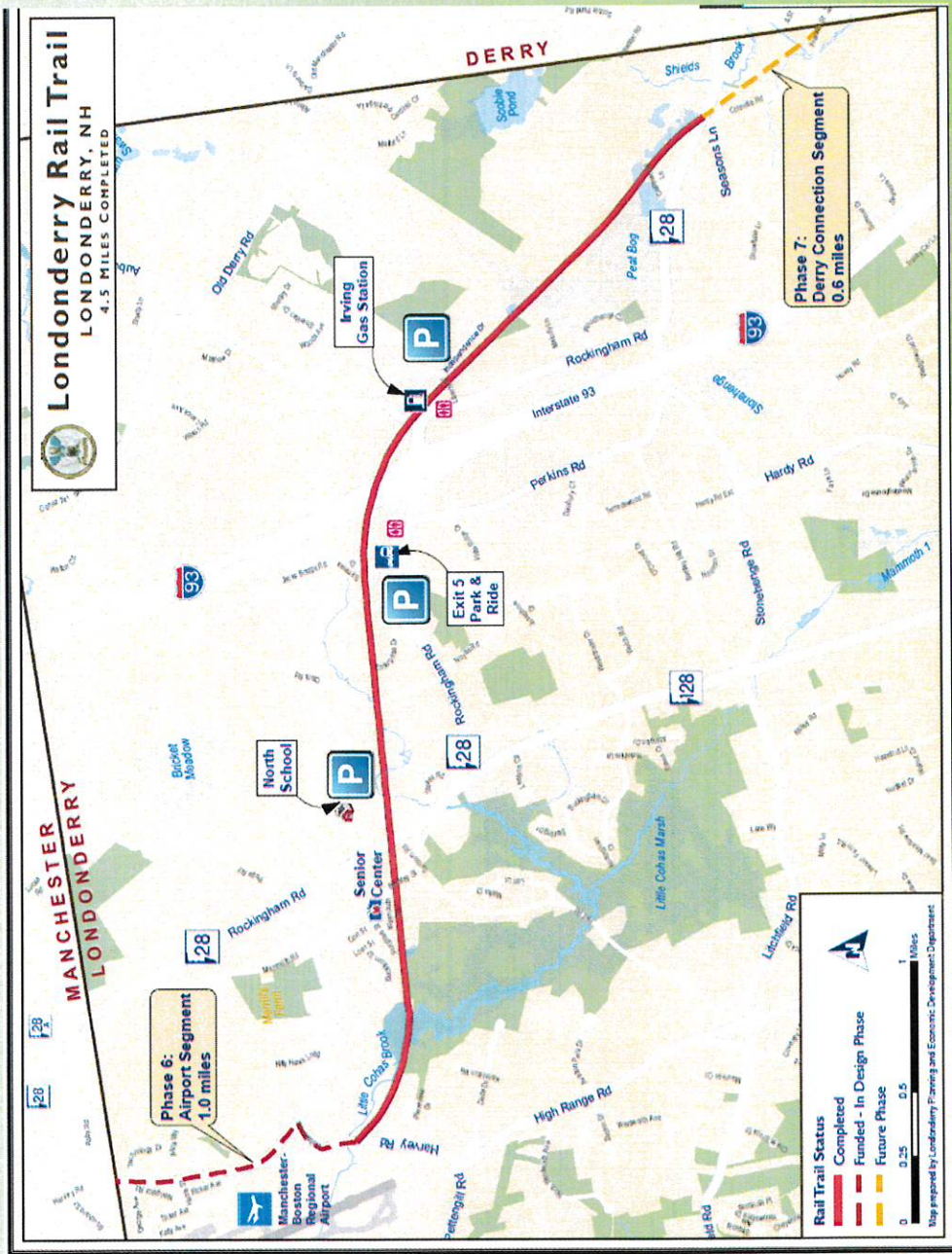
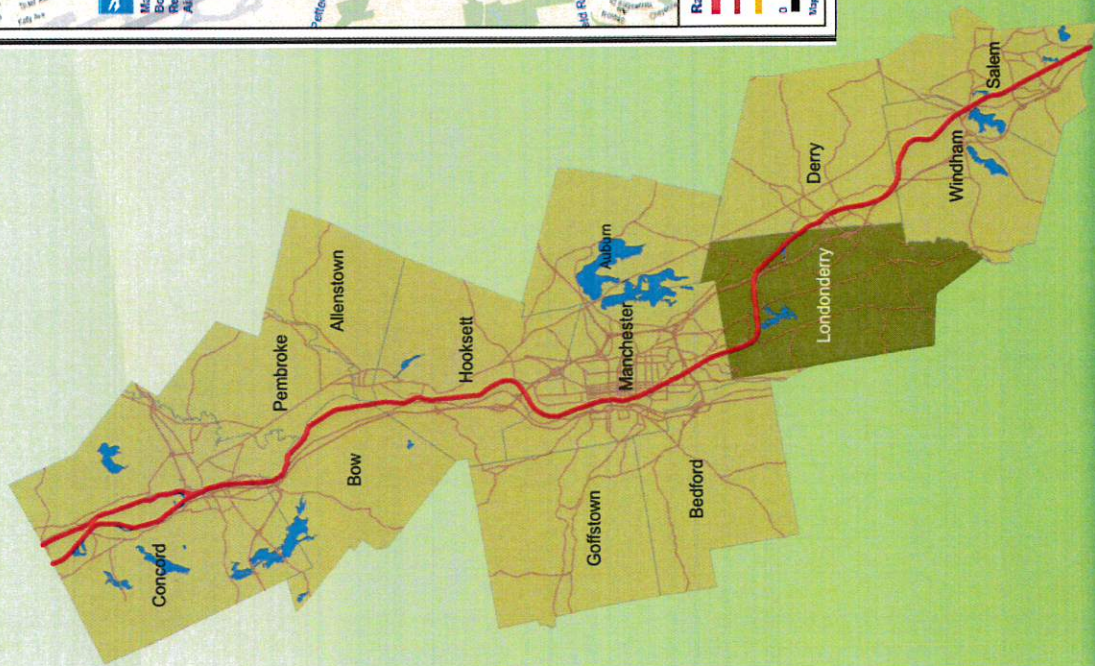
Londonderry Trailways Update 2021

- Rail Trail Update
- School Pathways Update

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Rail Trail



Rail Trail funding Sources since 2013

- ♦ Individual donations: \$ 84,541
 - ♦ Cons Comm donations: \$ 200,000
 - ♦ Local & State Grants: \$ 275,083
 - ♦ Business donations: \$ 624,178
 - ♦ Federal Grants: \$ 800,000
- \$1,983,802
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- ♦ Town Warrant Articles: \$ 971,000



2021 Rail Trail Project Status

- ♦ Phase 1 - 5
 - ♦ Completed 2013 - 2019
 - ♦ 4.5 miles, enjoyed daily by many
- ♦ Phase 6:
 - ♦ Connection to Aviation Museum and Manchester town line
 - ♦ Funded from Federal Grant & Town match
 - ♦ Managed by Town Planning Dept & follows Federal Grant procedures
 - ♦ Longer time line due to Federal regulations & procedures
 - ♦ Est construction start: 2022

Rail Trail Q&A



Late summer view of Cohas Marsh from Rail Trail

School Pathway History

Approximately:

- ♦ 2001 – Applied for Federal Grant, in a partnership between Town Public Works & Eng, Town Planning & Trailways
- ♦ 2002 – Fed Grant award notification: \$550,000
- ♦ 2004 – Town Warrant: required match \$130,000
- ♦ 2005 – Federal funds released / received
- ♦ 2007 – LMS to Moose Hill completed



Kings
neighborhood



Wilshire
neighborhood



Google

2020 School Pathway Actions

- ♦ 2020 -Trailways hires Brown Engineering for new updated design & engineering plans
- ♦ 2020 -Trailways met with Town Public Works & Engineering for input & feedback on new plan
- ♦ 2020 -Trailways obtains new cost estimate based on new plans from American Excavating \$400,000
- ♦ 2020 -Trailways met with Town Manager to provide update & receive input on next steps

2021 The way forward

- ♦ Feb 2021 update Town Council
- ♦ Feb- Dec 2021 Trailways works with town grant writer
- ♦ Oct 2021 Trailways comes back to Town Council to report on:
 - ♦ Grant funding progress
 - ♦ Delta if any to \$400K
 - ♦ Discuss 2022 Town Warrant Article if needed

School Pathways Q&A