

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 24, 2020

The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH.

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farrell called the Town Council special meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for all of those who serve us both here and abroad and for the first responders in Londonderry, and those working on the recent virus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Farrell opened up public comment to the audience.

Chairman Farrell invited up Chief Bill Hart and Lt. Jason Breen to give a brief overview of how the security went at the Presidential Primary and what the next steps are for the General Primary in November. Chairman Farrell stated that the town is planning for 15,000-16,000 voters. Chief Hart stated that things went well on the LPD end. Chief Hart stated Lt. Breen did a great job with security. Lt Breen stated that there were about 9,000 plus voters this time around. Chairman Farrell stated that Londonderry is the largest polling place in New Hampshire and the Council wants to be very public about how everything is going to go.

Tammy Siekmann, 89 Hovey Rd, shared some pictures with the Town Council regarding a vendor for Trump who set up a tent selling items. Siekmann asked how the vendor came about without any of the public's knowledge. See attached images. Chairman Farrell stated that he wasn't at the elections due to work travel but his understanding is that this vendor contacted Town Hall, the Town Clerk and asked if he could put a vendor tent. The vendor was told no by the Town Clerk and that the Moderator has the final call. Chairman Farrell stated that the Moderator was contacted and he also said no. Chairman Farrell

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37 stated that it came to his attention that Sean Gill from the AG's Office was on site, there
38 had been a discussion with him, and that the property owner has the final say on whether
39 the vendor could be on site or not. The property owner, Mr. Curro, was contacted, and the
40 vendor was told he could put his tent on the property and sell his gear. Siekmann stated
41 that the School Board didn't know it was going on. Chairman Farrell stated that it was his
42 understanding that they did not. Siekmann stated that the elections should be done in a fair
43 manner. Siekmann also stated that there was a rally with the political candidate that people
44 should have been notified about as well. Chairman Farrell stated that the Moderator and
45 Town Clerk do a great job and have a lot going on during an election day. Chairman
46 Farrell stated that they all do their best.

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48 Tom Freda, 30 Buckingham Drive, Town Moderator, stated that there is no prohibition
49 against the vendor setting up and it's not a Moderator issue, it would be up to the owner of
50 the property.

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52 Town Manager Smith stated that the vendor did go to the Building Department and he was
53 informed because this was a one day event, he didn't need a permit, just permission from
54 the property owner.

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56 Mack Leathurby, 7 Charmarand Rd, gave the Police Chief and Officers a shout out to the
57 wonderful job they did during the elections with the traffic. Leathurby stated that the
58 voting process also went very well, was extremely faster and efficient. Leathurby
59 mentioned that there were also political party supporters who were chasing people across
60 the parking lot about their candidate. Leathurby stated that there were also people who
61 pulled up in big cars that blocked the entrance, but the police did a great job at keeping the
62 traffic moving.

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64 Adriana Komst, 5 Manasquan Cr, agreed that there have been a lot of traffic and interior
65 improvements over the last few years. Komst stated that in the upcoming workshops, it
66 should be focused on what does go on in the parking lot and area, where the parties stand
67 on either side, and how to keep good security.

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PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to enter Public Hearing made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 3-0-0.

Finance Director Justin Campo, assisted by Chief Hart, presented the rescission of the Police Outside Detail Special Revenue Account. Campo stated that this needs to be done in order to establish the revolving fund which allows us to access the money for the purpose they were intended for. This has no tax impact. This is funded by outside details and organizations that pay our officers to be there. Campo stated that it does require a 2/3 vote by the voters. No vote is needed. There was no public comment or questions.

Town Manager Kevin Smith introduced the operation of Keno Games in Londonderry and stated that this is a petition warrant article for the ballot in March and it does require a public hearing. It does require a majority vote on the ballot from the voters. There was no public comment or questions.

Motion to close public hearing made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Combes.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2020-06, an Order relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Steve Cotton presented. The Order is for \$10,027.08. Motion to approve Order #2020-06 made by Councilor Combes and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There was not a quorum to approve the February 3rd minutes so they will be approved at the next meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

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111 Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Combes and seconded by Councilor Butler. Chair
112 votes 3-0-0.

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115 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown Date: 02/24/2020

116 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown Date: 02/27/2020

117 Approved by: Town Council Date: 03/02/2020

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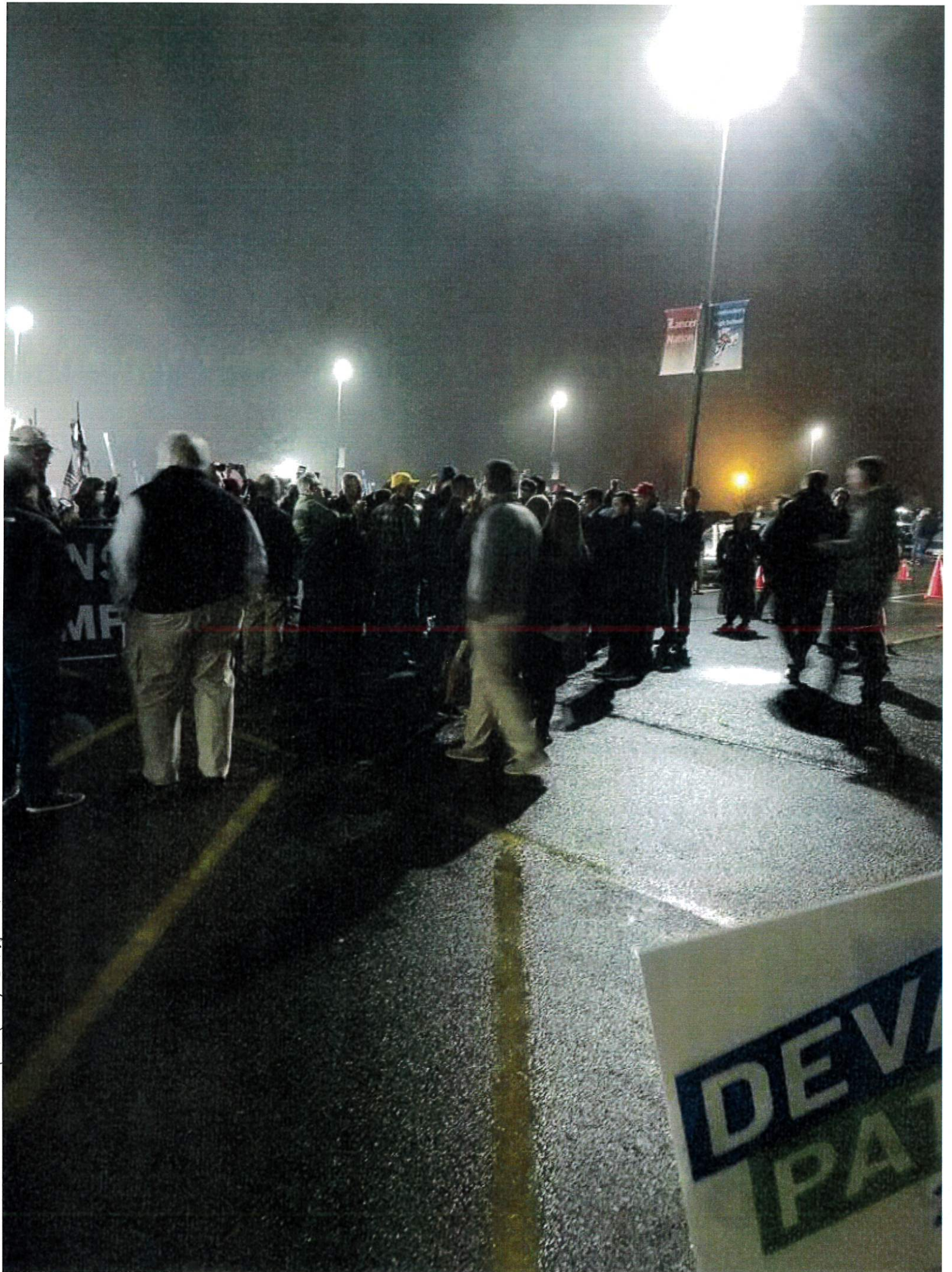


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