

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**April 5, 2021**

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 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.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Skudlarek, 21 Woodbine Drive, stated that at the town Election, there was Article #14 which urged the New Hampshire General Court to be fully transparent in the redistricting process. It won by a 3-to-1 margin. Skudlarek stated that the record of the vote shall be transmitted by notice from the Town Council or Town Manager to New Hampshire Legislatures informing them of the request from constituents within 30 days. Skudlarek asked if this has been transmitted yet. Chairman Farrell stated that it will be sent by the Town Manager when we plan to comply. Smith stated that it will be taken care of this week.

Marge Badois, 189 Litchfield Rd, Conservation Commission, spoke about the state drought conditions. Seventy-two percent of the state is abnormally dry right now. Badois stated that we should put into place water restrictions now to get people into the right frame of mind. Assistant Town Manager Drabik stated that she monitors the drought map daily and it is dry right now. Drabik stated that she has a call with DES tomorrow.

Sherry Farrell, Londonderry Town Clerk, reminded people that April is dog registration

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month and reminded people to register their dogs. Farrell also announced that the town is doing a vaccination clinic this Saturday, only \$15 per dog.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

There was no public hearing.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-08, a Resolution relative to the extension of the Town of Londonderry's Temporary Leave Act. Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik presented. This does not require a public hearing. Drabik stated that this is to extend it from March 31<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-08 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Councilor Butler called for a roll call votes. Councilor Paul, Butler and Dolan, and Chairman Farrell made a motion. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced the appointment of the Tax Collector. Motion to approve Erin Newnan made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Dolan. Councilor Butler called for a roll call votes. Councilor Paul, Butler and Dolan, and Chairman Farrell made a motion. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Smith provided the Council with a document and stated that he is looking for consensus in moving forward with a proposed TIF district in the future exit 4A area and the land is currently owned by Woodmont Commons. Smith state that the land is developable. Smith stated that major costs will be involved for it to be developed. There have been a lot of inquiries for this land. The current value of the land would be retained and continue generating taxes for the town. Smith stated that if there in consensus, he will bring a Resolution forward at the next meeting for a fire reading and public hearing the meeting after.

Councilor Paul asked Smith to explain what a TIF is and how it work. Smith stated that TIF stands for tax increment financing. As soon as you declare and area of land to be in a TIF, any amount of taxes that are generated above the baseline, go into a side account, so it doesn't get added to the tax base until the town decides to add it back to the tax rate. The

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Council gave a consensus to Smith to move forward.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from March 15, 2021 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Paul. Chair votes 4-0-0.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilor Dolan gave an updated on LHRA and invited them to come to the Council meeting and present some recent projects, who they are, what they do, so people are more familiar with them. Councilor Dolan also gave an updated on the first PFAS Task Force meeting that took place. Councilor Dolan stated that things are moving along.

Vice Chairman Green entered the meeting at 7:45 PM.

### **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

**NONE**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Notes and Tapes by:	Kirby Brown	Date: 4/05/2021
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