

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**August 16, 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 all of the Americans who are trying to get out of Afghanistan and trying to get home.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Hamilton, Town Assessor, made a presentation about the revaluation letters going out to residents in the future. Hamilton went over the real estate market, the revaluations, and the proactive approach of communicating with the home and business owners about what's coming in December. Hamilton stated that the total value of the town in the last two year has gone up by approximately 14%. Hamilton stated that it is a significant increase. A notice will be mailed to every taxpayer. They will be sent out to the mailing people soon and people should get them around the end of August. Hamilton stated that they will be holding informal hearings where people will be able to call into a number on the notice and they will be able to schedule an appointment with someone from the Assessing Department to discuss their increase and tax bill. The Council thanked Steve for the update.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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Chairman Farrell introduced the acceptance of unanticipated revenue pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, III for the American Rescue Plan Act. Finance Director Justin Campo presented. Campo stated that the town is anticipated to get \$2.7 million with the American Rescue Plan Act. The deadline is August 18<sup>th</sup>. Campo stated that the town already received \$1.3 million of it. Campo introduced Resolution #2021-22 to accept the unanticipated revenue.

Chairman Farrell introduced the acceptance of unanticipated revenue pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, III for the Stanton Grant. Campo stated that this was to obtain another K-9 unit for the Police Department. They were awarded the grand for \$27,000 which covers three years of expenses as well as the cost for outfitting the cruiser, and purchasing the dog itself. Councilor Butler stated that the Police Department already has one dog so is another dog necessary? Town Manager Kevin Smith stated that he's been told it's a successful program and it is the departments desire to have a second dog. Chairman Farrell stated that the current dog is three. Life of service is usually six or seven. So by the time the other dog is up and moving, the dog we have now will be heading toward retirement. Campo introduced Resolution #2021-20 to accept the unanticipated revenue.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-20, a Resolution relative to the acceptance of unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b for the Stanton Foundation. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-20 and accept the funds made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-21, a Resolution relative to the acceptance of unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b for the Rae Andreano donation. Finance Director Campo presented. Campo stated that Rae Andreano is going for their Eagle Scout badge and in doing so the offered to assist in building a 9/11 memorial at Central Fire. Motion to accept Resolution #2021-21 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-22, a Resolution relative to the acceptance of unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b for the American Rescue Plan Act. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-22 and accept the funds made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from July 19, 2021 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0. Vice Chairman Green abstained.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Town Manager Smith stated that its Old Home Day week. Lots of events planned. Looking forward to a great year back.

Town Manager Smith also gave an update on Article 14 which was passed by the voters last March on urging NH general Court on transparent redistricting. Smith read the article. Smith stated that following the vote of the article, a letter was transmitted to the House Representatives as well as Senator Carson on April 6<sup>th</sup> letting them know that the vote passed 1449 to 550. In addition, there was also an email that went to each representative and Senator Caron. Smith stated that he received acknowledgement of receipt from Representatives Lundgren, Dolan and McKinney, and also from Senator Carson.

Assistant Town Manager gave an update on Leadership Londonderry and stated the next class starts September 16<sup>th</sup>.

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: 08/16/2021
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