

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2019

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

Present: Chairman John Farrell; Councilor Tom Dolan, Jim Butler and Ted Combes; 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 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 who take good care of the town.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Farrell introduced the Londonderry Unified Soccer team, who recently became State Champions. Councilor Ted Combes read in a proclamation honoring the team. Coash Ashley Tebbetts spoke and said a few words about her team and how hard they have worked for their championship. The Council congratulated the soccer team on their championship.

Mackenzie Presher, 5 shadow Ridge Rd, voiced her concern about how her neighborhood is contaminated by the PFOA. Presher asked what the town is going to do to help them. Presher stated that she is concerned that their wells are contaminated and if they are not contaminated now, when will they be. Chairman Farrell stated that DES was here a few Council meetings ago. Kevin Smith stated that if they are within the ground water management zone, we can try to expiate their wells to get tested quicker. Once their wells get tested and if they come back high, they will be supplied with bottled water. Presher asked if the town wanted their results after their well was tested. Smith said absolutely. Chairman Farrell stated that we need data and we won't hold back once we have all the results. We have to work inside the legal system and we have to put pressure to expedite the testing of wells.

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Nancy Cooper, 29 Elwood Rd, asked if she could be kept in the loo. Smith said absolutely.

Thomas Carter and Bart Fromuth, Freedom Energy Logistics, made a presentation to the Council about community choice. Fromuth spoke about HB 286, which now enables the Town Council to essentially group all of the residence together who are on Eversource and put them into a one point of energy contract with a third party supplier. The point of contract comes down to the Town Council so the Council would be able to negotiate on behalf of the residents and their accounts. It gives the ability to make sure it is a customer friendly contract. See attached PowerPoint for information. Chairman Farrell stated that this is something the council would be interested in, saving the residents money and give money back. Chairman Farrell gave direction for Kevin to work with Fromuth and Carter to put together a plan. Chairman Farrell stated that he wants to bring the Council the most aggressive plan we can go, that the Council can go to the community with.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion to open Public Hear made by Councilor Combes and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Ordinance #2019-06, an Ordinance relative to the Zoning Ordinance and the rezoning of map 14, lot 45A. Town Planner Colleen Mailloux presented. Dan Gore, 8 Lane Way, presented as the applicant and is a resident of Londonderry as well, and co-owner of Ovation Theatre Company. Gore stated that they are not the owners of the property but they are the co-owners of Ovation Theatre Company. Gore went over what Ovation Theatre Company is. Councilor Dolan suggested a private partnership with the School District since they are looking to build an auditorium as well. Councilor Dolan stated that it may be a good opportunity to solve two community issues with one plan. There were no questions from the Council or the public regarding the Ordinance. Motion to approve Ordinance #2019-06 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Motion to close Public Hearing made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Combes.

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NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Farrell introduced the water resource management plan, presented by Amu Kizak, GIS Manager, and Emily Defranco from Comprehensive Environmental Inc. Kizak stated that the town was advised to update this plan which was done in 1991. With town staff, members from the Planning Board and Town Council, we worked with CEI to create the plan, which you can find on the Conservation Commission page on the two website. Defranco presented a brief overview of the plan. This is an updated of the plan which was written in 1991. Now we have the ability to make better maps and access to bigger data bases, which were brought into the plan. The plan was a recommendation from the 2013 Londonderry Master Plan. The goal is to provide recommendations to enhance water resource management and protection efforts. See attached PowerPoint.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager Smith went over the Tax Payer Relief Act and updates on the budget. Smith presented the Council with a draft of a potential Resolution that the Council can adopted at a later meeting, regarding the tax payer act. Smith stated that there are three components to this plan. The first one would be to apply one million dollars against the tax rate for the next four years, beginning in 2020 using Undesignated Fund Balance. It would appropriate two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars per year, beginning in calendar year 2020 through calendar year 2024. The Fund Balance could not fall below recommended balance during that time. The second would be that there will be no town-wide CIP request until at least FY 2024, if necessary. The third component would be no new full-time personnel request until FY 2023, unless they are at least 50% grant or other outside revenue funded in year one, expulsiing retirements or department reorganizations. Chairman Farrell stated that this is going in the right direction.

NEW BUSINESS CONT.

Town Manager Smith went over elderly exemptions in the town. Smith gave all of the surrounding communities, and what their levels are at. The elderly exemption limits haven't been touched since 2011. Smith asked the Council if this is something they want to increase. Councilor Dolan stated that we have a large number of seniors in our community and we should take a look at increasing these for them. Chairman Farrell stated that he wants to have an active discussion about.

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Budget Committee Chair Tim Siekmann asked if the elections will be held in the high school gym this year and if the Council would be open to having a joint meeting with the School Board and Budget Committee. Chairman Farrell stated that all of the Councilors are tax payers and pays for that gym and the school holds their elections there to. Chairman Farrell stated that the Council has always been open to that and has suggested it with no response from the School Board. Chairman Farrell said there have been emails requesting that the Chair of the School Board meeting with a member of the Council as well. Everything has been requested in writing with no response. Chairman Farrell stated that the Council is and has tried.

Town Manager Smith reminded the residents that the first budget Public Hearing is Monday, December 9th.

Chairman Farrell took a motion to accept Ordinance #2019-07, Ordinance #2019-08, Resolution #2019-09, and Resolution #2019-10 and waive the first reading for all four. All four are scheduled to Public Hearings at the next Town Council meeting on December 9th. Motion to approve and waive first readings made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2019-26, an Order relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust Funds for various projects, presented by Steve Cotton. Cotton stated that this is to replace the fifteen year old ice machine at North Fire Station that it is beyond repair. It is an ice machine used for all departments. Motion to approve Order #2019-26 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Chairman Farrell went over community communication options going forward and how we can best communicate with residents so that they are aware of all that is going on. Chairman Farrell suggested working with a member of the School Department and work together so that we can vet all of the e-mail and find out what works and what doesn't work so we can work together to communicate with the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Town Council minutes from November 7, 2019 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Dolan and seconded by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown

Date: 11/25/2019

Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown

Date: 12/04/2019

Approved by: Town Council

Date: 12/09/2019

LINKING POWER OF CHOICE WITH
POWER OF COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY CHOICE
aggregation

Town of Londonderry

Community Choice Aggregation

Prepared By:

Bart Fromuth – Chief Operating Officer

Thomas Carter – Director of Business Development

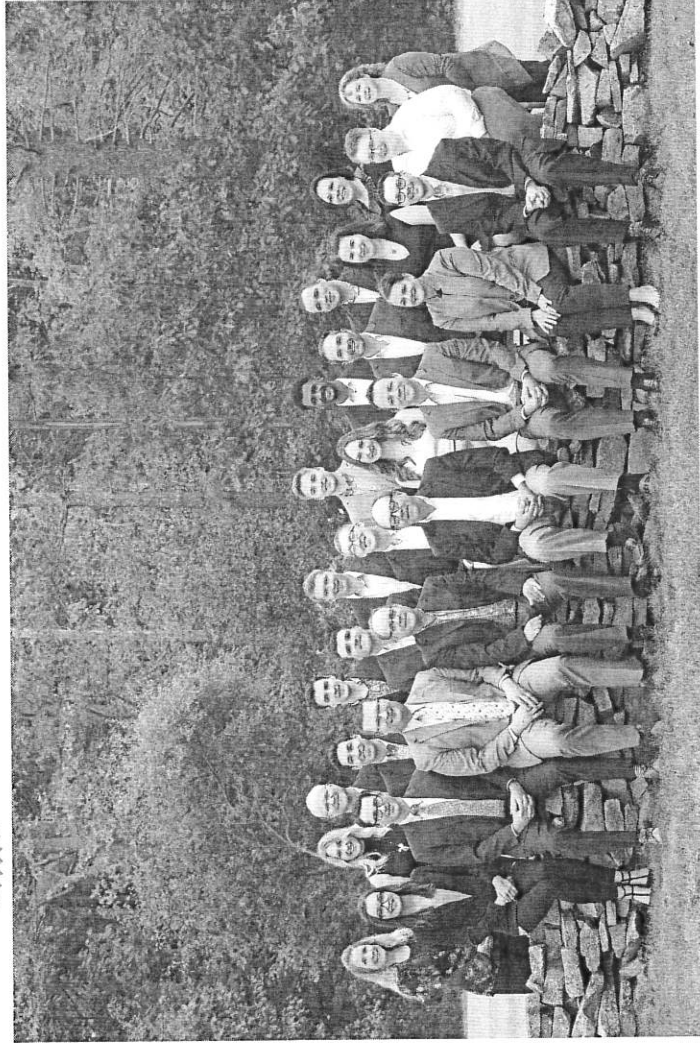


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- 2017 & 2018 Top 20 Fastest-Growing Family Owned Businesses - **Business NH Magazine**
- 2019 Business Excellence Award in Professional Services - **NH Business Review**



Who is Freedom Energy Logistics?



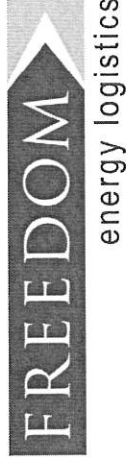
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For the *residential* energy user,
energy deregulation has had some *issues*...

- **Predatory Business Practices** – Specific targeting of the elderly, minorities, etc.
- **Sub-par Suppliers / Contracts** – Many of the best suppliers only work through broker relationships, and only over certain usage thresholds. The B- or C- list suppliers serving Residential meters often only offer contracts that allow pass-through charges, that only protect the supplier and even hide key details.
- **Limited Purchasing Power** – Small users are individually unappealing to many suppliers.
- **Limited Aggregation Groups** – Opt-In aggregation groups reached maximums of 4,000 accounts, falling short of substantial buying power.

➤ **Past Energy issues...**



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Linking the power of *choice* with the power of *community*...

- Protecting the uninformed consumer from predatory business practices
- Providing access to bulk rates for electricity
- Providing new and exciting mechanism to reach community sustainability and renewable initiative
- Educating residents on responsible energy use
- Attracting businesses and residents to the area by lowering electricity rates

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So, how would a 'base-model' Community Choice Aggregation work?

- **1. Decide on an Energy Plan :** The leadership of the community works with a consulting firm (FEL) to develop an energy plan for their community. These plans will vary by community priorities such as Cost Savings, Local Renewables, RECs, metering, DSM (Demand Side Management) or even forming your own Community Supplier (local hydro, solar, etc.)
- **2. Procurement and Rate-Setting:** FEL assembles the supplier bids via RFP, presents top options and makes their recommendations to community. Community agent chooses supplier with best overall offering and FEL, community and supplier move to implementation. (Supplier Vetting – learning from past mistakes of other markets)
- **3. Implementation:** FEL works with chosen supplier and LDC (Utility) to enroll community accounts, eliminating accounts already under 3rd-party supply and accounts that decide to opt out. (Data collection, aggregation notices & opt-out cards, public education meeting, processing opt-ins/opt-outs, enrollment)

 **3 Steps to implementation...**

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The *future* of Community Choice Aggregation

- Smart Metering
- Dynamic | TOU Pricing
- Demand-Side Management
- Load Serving Entities
- Transactive Energy | Prosumer/Consumer | Blockchain
- Community Virtual Net Metering

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Londonderry Water Resource Management and Protection Plan

Londonderry Town Council

November 25, 2019

Presented by:

Emily DiFranco

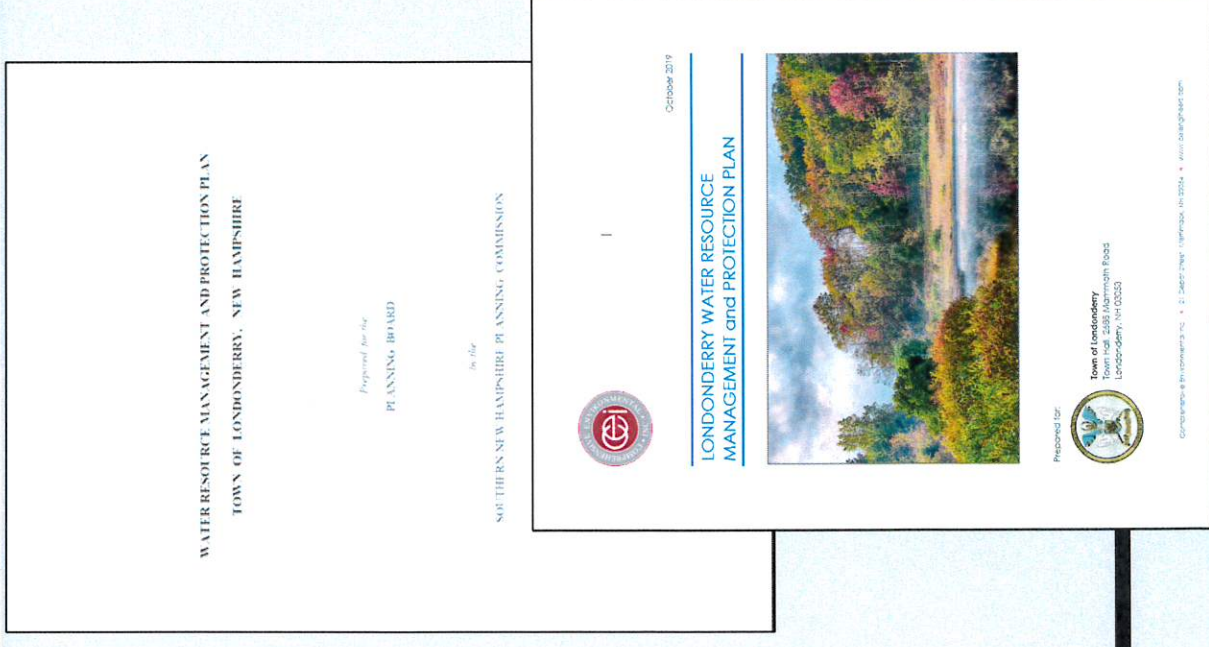
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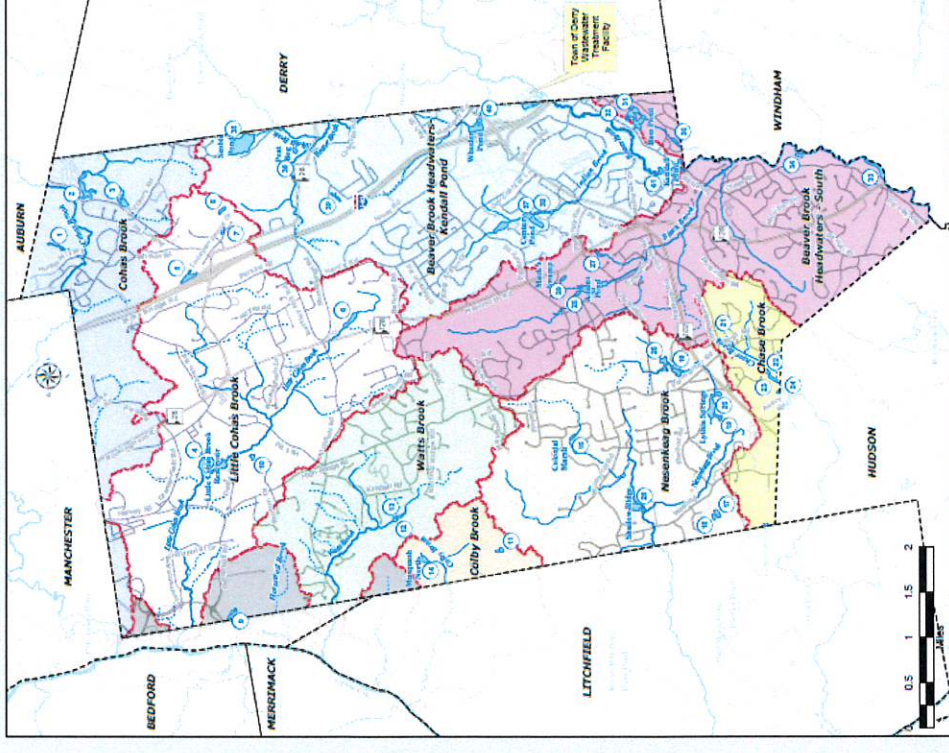
WRMPP Update

- Original plan written in 1991
- 2019 Plan Goals as recommended in the 2013 Master Plan:
 - Provide the town with updated water resources data.
 - Identify existing and new potential threats to surface and groundwater supplies.
 - Provide recommendations to enhance water resource management and protection efforts.



Major Findings

- **Inventoried all surface water bodies**
 - Five impairments
- **Inventoried the locations of groundwater aquifers**
- **Inventoried threats to surface and groundwater**
 - Land use (46% forested, 26% residential)
 - Impervious cover (10.3% impervious)
 - Sewer/septic (90% septic)
 - Landfills, Superfund sites, etc.
- **Inventoried current drinking water usage/supply**
 - Public water suppliers = 74% of residents
 - Community water supply wells = 9%
 - Private wells = 18%
- **Assessed future drinking water demand**
 - Expected to increase ~21% by 2040



Recommendations

To Address Future Water Demand

- Work with existing water suppliers
- Conduct a study to assess Town's groundwater supply
- Assess Scobie Pond



Recommendations

To Address Surface Water Quality Impairments

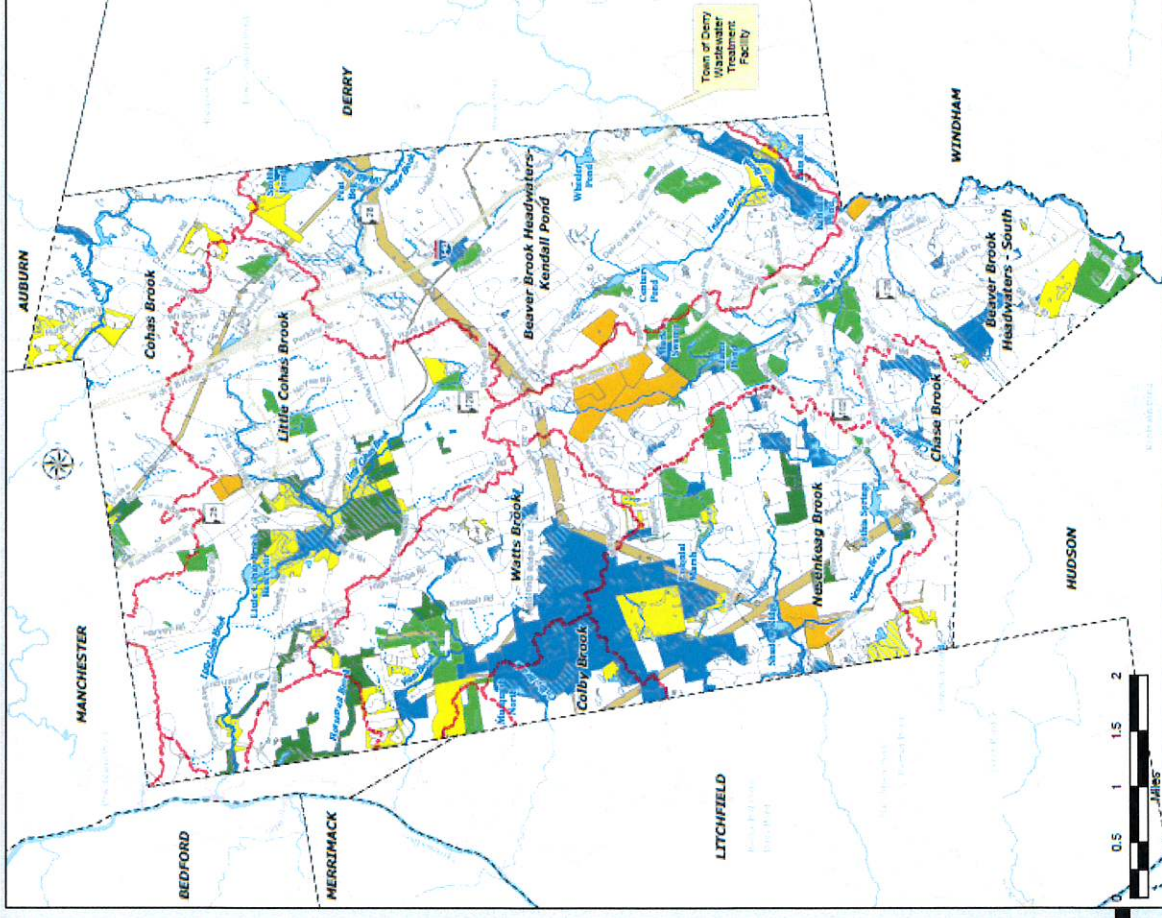
- Assess existing surface water quality data and collect additional data as needed
- Develop watershed-based plans for impaired waters



Recommendations

To Protect Water Quality

- Continue to protect land from development
- Revise existing town regulations
- Conduct a septic system assessment
- Assess areas of impervious surfaces



Questions?

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