

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 **December 6, 2021**

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

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

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10 Members of the Budget Committee: Chairman Chad Franz; Members Jen Kenney, Jonathan
11 Kipp, Steve Breault, Tim Siekmann.

12 **CALL TO ORDER**

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15 Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. This was followed by the
16 Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the safety of our
17 children this holiday season.

18 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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21 Bill Hamilton, 3 Carrier St, stated that he spent some time with the Tax Assessor because
22 his bill went up 25%. Hamilton stated that he is going to sit and listen o the budget
23 information and see what we can do so people don't get that king of an increase. Chairman
24 Farrell asked Hamilton is going to attend the School Board meeting as well since they are
25 a separate form of government. Hamilton stated that he is.

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27 Ray Breslin, 3 Gary Drive, stated that he wanted to discuss Ordinance #2021-03, the
28 property tax incentive program for Woodmont. Chairman Farrell stated that there will be a
29 public hearing on the Ordinance this evening.

30 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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33 Motion to enter Public Hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor

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34 Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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36 Chairman Farrell introduces Ordinance #2021-03, an Ordinance relative to creating the
37 Londonderry Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Incentive Program presented by
38 Town Manager Kevin Smith and Mike Malaguti. Smith stated that this is to take advantage
39 of an economic development tool that the state has put into place in municipalities to take
40 advantage of, to accelerate commercial and industrial development in town. Smith stated
41 that Londonderry has excelled in the commercial and industrial phase, which has kept
42 municipal taxes low. This program is specifically designed for commercial and industrial
43 construction. It's to accelerate construction in the Woodmont areas. Smith stated that those
44 are small scale developments. Malaguti stated that in order to qualify there has to be a public
45 benefit.

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47 Councilor Paul stated that she would like to invoke her Town Council privileges due to
48 posting of the Public Hearing. Councilor Paul stated that she spoke with Town Manager
49 Smith and she feels that more people weird have attended, and we should be consistent on
50 where we put the notices. Councilor Paul stated that she has offered before, and she will
51 offer again, for the notices to be put in her paper, the Londonderry Times, for free. Chairman
52 Farrell stated that a procedural way to go about it would be to have the staff address
53 questions, and since people did come, to allow the public hearing to continue tonight and
54 invoke her Councilor privilege to continue. Councilor Butler stated that he will vote to
55 continue it.

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57 Councilor Paul asked a question regarding the ten years, does it have to be ten years. Smith
58 stated Derry does do ten years. Smith stated that ours states five years for the projects that
59 are less of an investment and the ones that are the larger investments (\$5M or more) we did
60 ten years. Smith stated that it doesn't have to be ten years, we can change it to five.
61 Councilor Paul asked if the decision goes to the whole Council. Malaguti stated that the
62 decision would go to the whole Council publicly.

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64 Ted Combes, 6 Bancroft Rd, stated that if this is kept with in the future, look at the Mills in
65 Manchester, they revitalized the city, it is a good way of looking at this. Combes stated that
66 he would like to throw his support behind this because it's a good way to bring new business
67 in to Londonderry. Combes asked if the Council would look at what they're spending, or
68 would be the assessed value but the Assessor? Malaguti stated that it would be the assessed
69 value. It would be 50% of whatever the assessed value is, Smith stated.

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71 Ray Breslin, 3 Gary Dr, asked what is the benefit to the citizens of Londonderry. Town
72 Manager Smith stated that the town is trying to get development in Woodmont and this is a
73 tool to do so.

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75 Councilor Paul asked what the shelf life for this program be. Malaguti stated that it is a 5
76 year program.

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78 Motion to continue the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-03 to the next meeting on
79 December 20th made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes
80 4-0-0.

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82 Chairman Farrell introduced the acceptance of unanticipated revenue pursuant to RSA
83 31:95-b for ten thousand dollars for sensory playground equipment on the current town
84 playground. Ryan Buker, President of the Londonderry Police Association, stated that the
85 donation is actually for fifty-two hundred. Motion to accept the donation made by Vice
86 Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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88 The Town Council held the first FY22 budget public hearing. Town Manager Smith
89 presented the Council with updates. Finance Director Justin Campo was absent. The Council
90 went out to the public. No questions from the public.

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92 Chief Bill Hart presented an update on the cyber security at the Police Department and what
93 they're looking to do.

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95 Bill Hamilton, 3 Carrier St, wondered why there is a budget being presented when there was
96 also discussion on ways to save more.

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98 Motion to close public hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor
99 Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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NEW BUSINESS

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105 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-21, an Order relative to the expenditure of
106 Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Dave Wholley presented. Wholley stated that
107 they felt it would be easier if they had the money as the bills come in, in the amount of
108 \$17,000, so that way we don't have to keep going back to the Council for every single
109 expenditure for winter maintenance. Motion to approve Order #2021-21 made by Councilor
110 Paul and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 3-1-0. Vice Chairman Green voted against
111 due to the fact that he believes Orders should go in front of the Council each time for review.

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113 Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-26, a Resolution relative to the acceptance
114 of unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b, which was the public hearing for the sensory
115 playground. Malaguti stated that the Finance Director texted him and said that this
116 Resolution is to accept the full amount of donations, up to \$12K. Motion to accept
117 Resolution #2021-26 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair
118 votes 4-0-0.

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120 Assistant Town Solicitor Mike Malaguti gave an update on DOT Exit 4A land takings.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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124 Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from December 6, 2021 made by Vice
125 Chairman Green and second by Councilor Paul. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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BOARD/COMMITTEE INTERVIEW

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129 The Town Council interviewed Ted Combes, 6 Bancroft Rd, for an alternate position on
130 the Planning Board. They interviewed Ron Dunn at the last meeting. Motion to appoint
131 Ted Combes as an Alternate Member on the Planning Board made by Councilor Butler
132 and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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134 The Council interviewed David Heafey, 19 Sugarplum Lane, for a full-time position on
135 the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission recommended Heafey for
136 the position. Motion to appoint David Heafey as a full member on the Conservation

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137 Commission made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Paul. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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ADJOURNMENT

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141 Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair
142 votes 4-0-0.

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144 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown Date: 12/06/2021

145 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown Date: 12/12/2021

146 Approved by: Town Council Date: 12/20/2021