

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ~~FOLLOW-UP BUDGET WORKSHOP~~**  
**May 4, 2009**

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

**PRESENT: Town Council: Chair Mike Brown; Vice Chair Kathy Wagner; Brian Farmer; Paul DiMarco; Sean O’Keefe; Town Manager, Dave Caron and Planning Division Secretary, Cathy Dirs.**

**CALL TO ORDER – PUBLIC SESSION**

**Chairman Brown opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the men and women fighting for our country.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Proclamation “Building Safety Week”, May 3-9, 2009** - Councilor DiMarco read the proclamation. Richard Canuel, Senior Building Inspector, spoke briefly about the importance of building safety all year long and the significance of performing routine inspections. He also said that he and the Fire Marshall will be participating in a proclamation signing event by our Governor this Friday declaring Building Safety Week throughout the state.

**Interviews of MAA Applicants** - Chairman Brown announced that the Council will interview four candidates and possibly appoint someone tonight. He also announced that Councilor Farmer will be delayed or absent tonight due to work commitments.

Candidate Earle Rosse - He said that he sees the key role with the Manchester airport is to represent the Town of Londonderry. Rosse expects that the airport will have a significant impact on the town in the future. He has lived in town for 26+ years and has seen the airport grow tremendously in those years, with most of the changes having a positive impact on the town. Rosse said he is a private pilot and has a “hobby” interest in the airport.

Candidate Warren Jennings - He has lived in town for about 2½ years and he works for a Fortune 500 Company (the type of company that may be attracted to the airport area). Jennings states that he wants to give back to his community. He served in the Navy and has been interested in aviation for most of his life. Jennings is encouraged by the business the airport attracts to the area.

Candidate Larry Stenger - Chairman Brown recused himself because Stenger is a neighbor and good friend. Stenger is a professional salesman (business development director for a company headquartered in FL). He travels frequently and believes he offers the town a unique perspective. He is a pilot and his wife is an air traffic controller, so this would be a perfect fit for him. Stenger believes that the airport has a lot to offer and that it attracts businesses to this area.

Candidate Chuck Tilgner - He believes that with his experience on the current Planning Board, previous planning experience and aviation experience he would be a good choice. He has been a pilot for over 50 years. He believes that the overall impact of the airport on the town is a positive one. He thinks that careful planning for the airport area would provide a tax benefit for the town.

47 Chairman Brown asked if anyone from the public would like to speak. Reed Clark, 79  
48 Stonehenge Rd, asked the Council if they had discussed in public why they decided not to  
49 interview all the candidates. Chairman Brown said that they exercised their authority to select  
50 only a few candidates to interview vs. all of them.

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52 **OLD BUSINESS**

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54 None.

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56 **NEW BUSINESS**

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58 **Karen Marchant – Review of Assessing Information**

59 Marchant gave a presentation of the proposed changes to their assessment process (see  
60 Attachment 1). She believes that changes need to be made now because we owe it to the citizens  
61 to keep assessments proportionate, and the changes need to be made in order to maintain the  
62 equity. She expects the average residential values to decline by 15% and commercial by 5%;  
63 commercial values have not declined as quickly as residential values have declined. **Councilor**  
64 **DiMarco made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Assessing Department,**  
65 **seconded by Councilor O’Keefe, Vote 4-0-0.**

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67 **Resolution 09-05 – Relative to an Amendment to the Municipal Code, Title VI, Chapter**  
68 **XXVIII, Website Policy** - **Councilor O’Keefe made a motion to adopt the amendment,**  
69 **seconded by Councilor Wagner.** Dave Caron said this should be adopted to have a better  
70 understanding of the use of the town website. **Council’s vote, 4-0-0.**

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72 **Resolution 09-06 – Relative to the Awarding of Contracts for Solid Waste/Recycling**  
73 **Collection and Disposal** - **Councilor O’Keefe made a motion to adopt the resolution,**  
74 **seconded by Councilor DiMarco.** Janusz Czyzowski, Director of Public Works, gave a  
75 presentation outlining the contracts. His recommendation to the Town Council was to choose a  
76 system of solid waste automated collection and recycle dual stream, manual for the most  
77 significant savings for the town.

78 *[ Councilor Farmer arrived at 9:03PM ]*

79 Czyzowski said that his recommendation would be for a 5 year contract. Councilor Wagner  
80 confirmed that the process does not require a public hearing. Czyzowski said the current  
81 contract is expiring and a new contract, or an extension of the current contract is necessary. He  
82 also said that the current supplier said they can extend their service until we start a new program.  
83 He said that we have 2 months at the most to start with a new program. **Vote 5-0-0.**

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86 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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88 **Minutes of the Council’s April 20, 2009 Public Meeting** – Councilor Wagner noted a  
89 correction on line 125 – the spelling of Jim Elefante’s name should be corrected as such.  
90 Councilor DiMarco noted a correction on page 1, line 35. **Councilor DiMarco made a motion**  
91 **to accept the minutes from the April 20, 2009 meeting, as amended, seconded by Councilor**  
92 **O’Keefe, Council’s vote 5-0-0**

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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98 **Liaison Reports** - Councilor DiMarco mentioned that there will be a public hearing on  
99 workforce housing at the May 13 Planning Board meeting. Councilor Farmer said that this past  
100 weekend they held the Art in Action event. Councilor Wagner said that she and Chairman Brown  
101 attended the economic development task force meeting. Chairman Brown gave a summary of the  
102 meeting and suggestions that were made. He said the meeting was to help better define for the  
103 consultant the vision the residents have for Londonderry from a development standpoint.  
104 Councilor Wagner said the consultant will move forward to create a branding/term for  
105 Londonderry to market the whole town, not just the Pettengill Road area.  
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107 **Town Manager Reports** – Town Manager Caron reported on several items. First, he presented  
108 a timeframe for consideration of a charter commission to review the SB2 issue. In summary, a  
109 petition process could be initiated at any time, and a Special Town Meeting can be avoided if  
110 either 1) a petition is not received prior to July 24 or 2) the Council does not approve an order for  
111 a charter commission prior to August 13. He then presented the Council with copies of their  
112 summary of Goals, Objectives and Action Items as approved at the April 20 meeting.  
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114 The third item Town Manager Caron brought to the Council’s attention is a request from  
115 residents at 115 Adams Road for the Town to relinquish its right of way between the two lots.  
116 Advisement from the Town’s Community Development Department is that the right of way is  
117 surplus to the Town’s needs, therefore Dave Caron asked if the Council would like to staff to  
118 prepare an order for consideration at their May 18 meeting concerning the relinquishment. Such  
119 an order would be conditioned upon the residents obtaining Planning Board approval for a lot  
120 line adjustment. The consensus of the Council was for an order to be developed and presented at  
121 the May 18 meeting.  
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123 Dave Caron then reported that the Nelson Road cell tower is operational. Equipment designed to  
124 upgrade Fire Department communications is located at the top of the tower and will be  
125 operational by mid-May. This equipment will increase the Department’s communications  
126 capabilities from Central Station throughout the community via repeaters that will supply a much  
127 broader range of coverage. Verizon Wireless is currently in the process of working with the  
128 Town to add a provider on the tower which will not only increase cell phone coverage for  
129 residents but will generate an additional revenue for the Town.  
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131 Councilor DiMarco asked if the Town has ever considered using a “.gov” address for their  
132 website which is typical for government agencies, as opposed to the “.org” currently being used  
133 which is identified more with non-profit organizations. Dave Caron answered that when “.gov”  
134 was considered previously, it involved a much lengthier web address and was deemed too  
135 convoluted. Additionally, he noted, it would be consistent for the Town to use “.org” since the  
136 School District does as well. He stated that the issue could be investigated to see if a “.gov”  
137 address would be any more simplified than it was previously.  
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139 Dave Caron announced that a crew from Home Depot performed a spring cleanup around the  
140 municipal complex as part of the annual Beautify Londonderry project headed by Carolyn  
141 O’Connor.  
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145 Lastly, Dave Caron stated that a Department Head meeting was held May 4<sup>th</sup> regarding  
146 preparedness related to the H1N1 virus. While it is not anticipated that this situation will call for  
147 emergency measures, it was discussed how services would continue to be managed and how  
148 public safety would be supported by cooperation with surrounding towns in the event, for  
149 example, that enough Londonderry firefighters were affected by the flu that Derry or Manchester  
150 firefighters were called to stand-in.  
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152 **Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments** - Chairman Brown stated that the Council  
153 can take action on the MAA appointments based on the interviews heard earlier this evening.  
154 Councilor Farmer was given the option to review the taped interviews as he had not been present  
155 for them. Since a decision was not required at this time, Councilor Farmer stated he would like  
156 to have the chance to evaluate the candidates via the recording. Dave Caron verified that the  
157 issue can be revisited at the May 18 meeting. Councilor DiMarco stated that although only four  
158 candidates had been selected for interviews, he wanted to acknowledge that the remaining  
159 applicants were also very qualified and said he hoped they would not be discouraged from  
160 volunteering for other opportunities in the future. D. Caron noted that staff had emailed the  
161 remaining candidates with that sentiment and have already heard back from several volunteering  
162 to serve on other committees.  
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165 **ADJOURNMENT**  
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167 **Councilor Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 9:40PM. Councilor O’Keefe seconded;**  
168 **Council’s vote 5-0-0.**  
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170 **Notes and Tapes by:** Cathy Dirsa **Date:** 5/4/09  
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172 **Minutes Typed by:** Cathy Dirsa  
173 Jaye Trottier **Date:** 5/5/09  
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175 **Approved:** Town Council **Date:**  
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