

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
May 3, 2010

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

PRESENT: Town Council: Councilors: Mike Brown; Tom Dolan; John Farrell; Town Manager Dave Caron; Executive Assistant, Margo Lapietro. Absent, Chairman DiMarco and Vice-Chair O'Keefe.

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Brown opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the men and women fighting for our country.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Reed Paige Clark, III asked when the street naming system will be done. Town Manager Caron said it will continue through the balance of the year.

Mr. Jerome McColligan, 75 Hall Rd. provided photos and spoke to the Council about a culvert over-flowing in his back yard. He asked what gave the Town the authority to install a culvert without written consent or an easement that drains onto private property. Councilor Brown asked him if he has spoken to the town's Public Works Dept. (DPW) about the issue. Mr. McColligan responded he had a number times and was told the problem was due to the erection of a home behind his property. He said when he first brought his property the culvert was dry, when the house was build behind him for two years he had no problem. Once they fixed the culvert on the opposite side of the road that is when he started having problems. The Town Engineer states it is not the responsibility of the Town and he asked who is responsible for it. Town Manager Caron said the DPW visited Mr & Mrs. McColligan last Friday. There is a culvert that discharges on the high side of the property and the water historically flows toward the south. Their son built a new home south of their home and the new home's septic is built right in the depression where the water historically flowed. The septic plan for the new home shows the old depression. Staff spoke to the McColligans and advised them to work it out with their son who owns the home behind him and create an outlet for the water. Town staff would be available to give advice and recommendations to the son. Mr. McColligan said the water has leaked into his basement. The flowing water has uprooted trees in his back yard. Town Manager Caron said he will follow up with DPW and get back to Mr. McColligan and the Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2010--14 – Relative to Renaming Anderson Circle - Councilor Dolan read the first reading, second reading and public hearing is scheduled for 5/17. He made a **motion to accept, second Councilor Farrell. Council's vote was 3-0-0.**

FY11 Budget Adjustments – Town Manager Caron explained that at the Annual Town Meeting voters approved two amendments to the Operating Budget which resulted in a reduction of \$142,852 for the FY11 budget. He plans to address the reductions as follows:

Town Manager’s Budget will be reduced by \$40K. The position of Administrative Support Coordinator will remain a part-time position rather than considering a return to full-time status in the fall.

The Legal Budget will be reduced by \$10K.

Health Insurance Expense will be reduced by \$25,628 due to the fact that the final rates were 1% lower than anticipated.

The Remaining Balance of \$67,224 has been distributed to all departments except for Debt Service, Insurances, Town Manager and Legal. He stated the Police and Fire are not impacted due to changes in the State Budget requiring funding of retirement costs at the 80% level instead of the budgeted 75%. This unbudgeted expense is estimated at \$51K for Police and \$35K for Fire.

Councilor Farrell asked how much does the Cable Studio contribute. Town Manager Caron stated the Cable Studio is not impacted by this reduction because it is a special revenue fund and that budget was approved as recommended at Town Meeting. This change will not impact Cable, police details or the sewer division. Councilor Farrell asked is that per RSA or can we re-allocate money from those funds for other reasons. Town Manager Caron responded the Council may allocate money from the Cable Fund annually during the budget process. The request at Town Meeting was a reduction in expenditures not a reduction in the tax rate. A reduction in the tax rate can be addressed by either a reduction in expenses or an increase in revenues, or a combination of both. The motion approved at Town Meeting was to reduce the budget. Councilor Brown verified the costs to be assumed by the Police and Fire Departments and confirmed that the remaining balance of \$67,224 was spread across to all other departments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Councils Public Meetings of 04/190. Councilor Farrell made a motion to adopt, second Councilor Dolan. Council’s vote was 3-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Liaison Reports – Councilor Farrell said he got an e-mail from the Chairman of the Planning Board which he proceeded to read verifying there was no meeting on 5/5. The regular meeting will be on 5/12 with a non-meeting at 6:00PM with the Town Attorney. One issue for the 5/12/10 meeting is the request to extend the site plan for Nutfield Publishing located at 2 Litchfield Road since it expires on 6/10/10. It has been operating without a Certificate of Occupancy. He said the Elder Affairs meeting was cancelled.

Councilor Brown said he had no meetings.

Councilor Dolan said the Budget Committee held their organizational meeting and elected officers. The Conservation Commission met and talked with the owners of homes flooded at the south end of town. He did not attend that meeting.

Town Manager Reports – Town Manager Caron said the Street Light Upgrade project will be starting; contracts have been signed with PSNH. This project supplies more energy efficient lighting and replaces current fixtures. The only additional lights installed are located at 22 Grenier Field Rd in anticipation of the new NW Fire station. A pre-construction meeting was held this afternoon and all anticipate starting construction around 5/17/10. An environmental assessment had to be completed; a notice to proceed from FEMA should be forthcoming shortly. Completion is due by snowfall. He asked the Councilors to review their vacations schedules to schedule meetings in July and August, which will be addressed on 5/17.

Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments -

None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Farrell made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM, second, Councilor Dolan. Council's vote was 3-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by: Margo Lapietro Date: 05/03/10

Minutes Typed by: Margo Lapietro Date: 05/04/10

Approved: Town Council Date: 05/17/10