

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 23, 2010**

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

**PRESENT: Town Council: Chairman Paul DiMarco; Councilors: Mike Brown; Tom Dolan; John Farrell; Town Manager Dave Caron; Executive Assistant, Margo Lapietro. Absent, Vice Chairperson, Sean O’Keefe**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DiMarco opened the meeting at 7:04 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**

Town Clerk/Tax Collector Meg Seymour spoke about the primary elections being held on Tuesday, 9/14/10. Residents may register to vote from now until 9/7/10. Voter registration will be held on 9/7/10 from 7-7:30PM and during the week during regular business hours at the Town Clerks Office. Voters can also register at the polls on 9/14/10. The General Election is 11/7/10; polls for both elections will be 7:00AM – 8:00PM located in the High School Gym. She explained her department has been accruing e-mail address for a data base for the e-mail registration notifications. They have had some problems and are still sending out the paper version but are attempting to save money by using the e-mail version. She said if anyone wants to add their e-mail to the list or make corrections to contact her via e-mail.

**Recognition of Volunteers for “Beautify Londonderry”** - Paul Margolin, Chair of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) announced that the “Town’s Parks Department” has a new landscaper for the welcome sign on the west end of Rt. 102 which is the Shady Hill Nursery. He proceeded to introduce Joel Sadler, Kerri Stanley and Maureen Pauwels, organizers of this year’s Beautify Londonderry project and the first members of the “Town’s Parks Department”. He presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Council. Joel Sadler recognized the groups who contributed this year to the program. He stated that they had 500-600 residents who volunteered. They collected 555 bags of trash and he proceeded to pinpoint areas where the most trash was collected. Kerri Stanley was the first point of contact for the group; she handled PR and solicited donations and volunteers. Maureen Pauwels was the liaison between the Londonderry Police Department and the ALERT Team. They coordinated supply bags and handled the inventory. Jeff Stone, a member of the ALERT Team said they would become more involved and thanked all the volunteers. Certificates were passed out by Council Liaison, Mike Brown. Councilor Brown thanked the three volunteers. Councilor Dolan commented on the Shady Hill Greenhouse’s new sign and wanted to invite them to a future meeting to meet with the Council as a business in town and to thank them for taking care of the sign. Pauline Caron, 369 Mammoth Rd. said on 5/17/10 the Council posted a list of expenditures over \$15K for the first 10 months of this year. She suggested it be updated for the full fiscal year and suggested that it be put on the town website before the new budget season.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Resolution #2010-19 – Relative to renaming the Class VI portion of Spring Road located between Kitt Lane and Hovey Road – Councilor Brown made a motion to open the public hearing, second Councilor Dolan. Council’s vote was 4-0-0.**

Councilor Farrell **made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Brown.** Firefighter Jim Bilodeau explained that Spring Rd. has 3 sections that are non-compliant with the Enhanced 911 addressing system. One section is from Hardy Road to Kitt, one from Hovey Road to a dead end and another section from Trolley Car to a dead end. They suggested that the section that is Hardy to Kitt retain the name Spring Road due to the fact that it had the most residents. They recommend renaming Hovey to the dead end to “Stage Coach Lane”. They took the Trolley Car Lane section and continued the name of Trolley Car. Chairman DiMarco noted that J. Bilodeau had described both Resolutions. Councilor Brown questioned if they had a public meeting, J. Bilodeau responded yes and no one attended. Julianne Misseri, 55 Hovey Rd. asked if there is an opportunity for an alternative name instead of Stage Coach Lane. She explained there had been a tragedy in another town with the same name of Stage Coach Lane and they prefer not being associated with that name. Councilor Brown asked where the name came from. J. Bilodeau responded it came from a list that they are working with from the Historical Society; the name can be changed. J. Misseri said she has some suggestions but she would like to look at the list to make a choice. Chairman DiMarco asked what the process would be to change the name. Councilor Dolan suggested tabling the Resolution and continue the public hearing to the next meeting on 9/13/10 and have the resident suggest an alternative name off the list. **Councilor Farrell made a motion to table this Resolution and continue the public hearing until 9/13, second by Councilor Dolan. Council’s vote was 4-0-0.**

**Resolution #2010-20 – Relative to renaming the Class VI portion of Spring Road located between Trolley Car Lane and I-93 - Councilor Farrell made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Dolan.** Councilor Brown asked if there was any public input on this, J. Bilodeau responded they did have a public meeting but there were no residents in attendance. No public input was received. **Council’s vote was 4-0-0.**

**Councilor Dolan made a motion to close the public hearing, second by Councilor Farrell.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Review of Draft 2010 Open Space Task Force Charge –** Mike Speltz, 18 Sugar Plum Lane representing the Conservation Commission, reviewed the changes from the previous draft. On the second page under “Duties/Responsibilities” #2 he extended considerably the timeline for the preliminary report and final report. The preliminary report will be sent to Council no later than March 4, 2011 and the final report no later than 6/30/11. Councilor Farrell suggested the Beautify Londonderry volunteers should be in place instead of a Town Council representative. Councilor Farrell stated that under “Organization” on the third paragraph it states the Council should appoint the officers he suggested adding language that during the first meeting of the taskforce, the taskforce shall select the elected officers. Chairman DiMarco said he has no objections to the suggestions made. He noted that under “Organization” it states that the appointees should be picked in writing by June 25, 2010, that should be changed to an appropriate point in time. He suggested looking at the various boards meeting schedules so they

can have time to appoint representatives. Councilor Dolan asked when the next Master Plan will be completed, Councilor Farrell responded 2013. Councilor Brown said Phase III is appropriate. He agrees with Councilor Farrell, move Phase 3 up because he would like to know if the community still values this program and if so how do they value it, i.e. what types of Open Space do they value; what kind of approaches do they want us to take; what is the level of support they will provide; how do they want to see it executed. It should be #1 like Councilor Farrell suggested. It is an implementation step of the previous Master Plan. We should have a fresh perspective with a level of expertise such as having Conservation and Heritage members. Removing the Council and replacing it with another group is a good idea whether it is SWAC or Beautify Londonderry. Councilor Dolan agreed it does require a level of expertise, and he suggested appointing new people who have not already served on the previous Open Space Task Force. We could achieve the expertise and new blood factor if we follow this. Councilor Brown stated he is also in favor of letting the taskforce appoint their own officers, the Council should not appoint them. Councilor Farrell said it would be great to have a state representative because they could give us insight into funding. It would also be a good idea as well to have the School Board and ZBA on the taskforce Councilor DiMarco agreed. M. Speltz said getting the expertise is by having someone give ideas, he suggested that the persons with the expertise might not want to attend each meeting and voting on items. Councilor Dolan said to make the School Board member and the state representative non-voting members. Councilor Dolan suggested appointing two alternates resulting in 9 full members and 2 alternates. Mike Speltz said at the last taskforce they never voted they worked on the basis of consensus, so voting is not that critical. Councilor Brown asked if we have 11 members how do we keep it from becoming unwieldy. He said he wants the "At-Large" people to really be at-large people, citizens we don't know who really want to volunteer. Chairman DiMarco recapped the suggestions: change the 1 appointment from the Town Council and make that SWAC or a member of the "sub-committee" of Beautify Londonderry; add two additional positions one a school board member and one a state rep. Councilor Farrell asked how active is the Londonderry Trailways group, Chairman DiMarco responded there seems to be resurgence with that group. M. Speltz said they are actively pursuing a grant to protect the trolley car line through No. Londonderry. Councilor Farrell asked how they would think about deleting the Budget member because they will be busy at the time this taskforce will be in place. M. Speltz responded a lot of expertise would be lost with that. The consensus was to have 11 members. Councilor Farrell stated that moving Phase 4 to 1, moving Phase 3 to 2 is a good idea. M Speltz said Phase I is the development phase and it is what we talk to the community about. Phase 4 is to take what is developed, see how the community modifies it, then write the plan on what the community wants. It doesn't make sense to make a plan for what exists today if you are at the same time drafting a plan to change it. Councilor Farrell then asked M. Speltz for a detailed plan of what exists today. M. Speltz responded he can do it for the Kendall Pond Recreation area and the Musquash Conservation which is 80% of the Town's preservation holdings. Councilor Farrell asked for a plan of land purchased in the last 7 years. M. Speltz said he can provide him with a forest management plan but it needs more work. Councilor Farrell stated the question he is frequently asked is what we are doing with what we have today. We haven't had a bond passed in quite a while. If you want to continue with the Open Space Plan, figure out how to get back to where you were, develop a plan on what you want to do and what you can do and it will lead you to what you want to do. M. Speltz said Phase 1 will come up with the plan. Councilor Dolan said Phase 1 is taking inventory and finding out what our current management is of that inventory. Maybe it could be Phase Zero to take inventory and revue the management. Councilor Dolan asked if we need another meeting for these changes. The consensus was to finalize the charge tonight. Town

Manager Caron suggested keeping Phases 1-4 essentially as written just re-name them 2-5, with Phase I is a “snap shot” of the current inventory and current plans in place for management and stewardship. We could also add what is the current financial status of Open Space, it would give us an idea of what the Town holds in physical and liquid assets. Councilor Dolan reiterated that under “Representations” we will change the Council representative to a SWAC, and add a School Board and State representative. Under “Organization” they will change the Town Council appointing officers to during the first meeting the Taskforce shall appoint officers. Chairman DiMarco also added changing the date when the appointees’ names are given to the Town Manager. Town Manager Caron stated he will review the cycle of meetings of the various committees and establish a deadline. **Councilor Dolan made a motion to adopt the Charter as amended, second by Councilor Farrell. Council’s vote was 4-0-0 to adopt the charge as amended.**

M. Speltz complimented the leaders of Beautify Londonderry; all the volunteers were organized and did a great job.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Order #2010-14 – Relative to Expenditure of Maintenance Trust Funds for Various Projects**  
Councilor Dolan read the Order and made a motion to adopt, second Councilor Farrell.  
Council’s vote was 4-0-0.

**Order #2010-15 Relative to Distribution of Cable Special Revenue Funds to the Londonderry School District** - Councilor Brown read the Order and made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Dolan. Councilor Farrell said the Cable Access Center will be before the CIP committee on 8/26/10 to expand the facility. Councilor Dolan asked if this was a Capital Improvement, Councilor Dolan responded yes. Chairman DiMarco clarified that this is competed every year and the monies are not funded through taxpayer money; they are cable franchise fees.  
Council’s vote was 4-0-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of Councils Public Meetings of 08/2/10.** Councilor Dolan made a motion to accept, second by Councilor Farrell. Council’s vote was 4-0-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Liaison Reports -** Councilor Farrell stated that there is a CIP meeting on 8/26. The school and town will be making presentations. He was on vacation when the Planning Board met and he understands they have decided how they are going to approach the multi-family housing and how they are going to work with the Elderly Affairs Committee. The revised proposal will be presented at a public hearing on 9/8. The Planning Board goes back to a full schedule 9/1/10. Councilor Dolan wanted to publicly acknowledge the superb job the Old Home Day Committee did this year on an event well run. He commented that the crowd at the parade was very large. Chairman DiMarco voiced his same sentiments.

**Town Manager Reports –** PSNH has completed the conversion of street lights to a more energy efficient model. The Bandstand repair project has been awarded to Drouin Construction;

reconstruction will begin shortly. Councilor Dolan asked if that money will be drawn from the Maintenance Trust Fund; he responded yes. Councilor Brown asked how many bids were received he responded 4, they ranged from \$9,963 for only one portion of the work, the successful bidder was \$20,250, next was \$33, 178 and another was \$82,900. It was suggested that the Town look at the lights on the bandstand. They were asked to look at the sound system and installing one would not be cost effective. Town Manager said the bandstand is in a critical stage now and if we don't invest now we will have to invest a lot more later. His department has sent out a RFP for the trim fascia at town hall. The N/W fire is way ahead of schedule. The Litchfield and Mammoth intersection has been completed, lights are operational. Page/ Rt. 28 is ahead of schedule. Councilor Dolan said that we should consider a few events on the common that require good sound equipment around the flagpole. If we could figure out a way to provide better sound for those events it would be good. Town Manager Caron said they are aware and staff is working on a solution. He said due to their condition, some of the mature trees will have to be taken down and replaced in the next few years.

**Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments -**

Resignation of Ruth Silverman from Elder Affairs Committee. **Councilor Dolan made a motion to accept the resignation, second by Councilor Farrell. Council's vote was 4-0-0.**

Appointment of Alternate David Howard of the Elder Affairs Committee to a Full Member, term to expire 12/31/11. **Councilor Dolan made a motion to appoint David Howard as a Full Member, second by Councilor Brown. Council's was vote 4-0-0.**

Town Manager Caron asked the Council for direction on the process to fill vacancies on the Londonderry Housing and Redevelopment Authority (LHRA). In the past the candidates have been vetted by the committee themselves first and then present recommendations to the Council; however, it is the Council's decision on the process. Councilor Dolan said he recommended that Council conduct the interviews with the Chair of the committee in attendance. Councilor Brown said he liked that idea. Councilor Farrell said the Planning Board interviewed everyone and took a ballot vote rating the candidates and made their appointment. Councilor Dolan said he would not object to that process either but we should have someone from the LHRA involved. Chairman DiMarco said the LHRA has already vetted one candidate. Councilor Farrell said if they have already started down that path then let them continue. Councilor Dolan agreed to have them interview all 4 and bring their recommendations to Council. Councilor Brown said we have a standing official policy that the Council will interview and appoint for land use boards. If this does not come under that then it is OK for them all to be interviewed by the board. Town Manager Caron said the committee was established by town meeting and their duties were further augmented by RSA. They technically are not a land use board because they do not have any land use regulatory authority. The consensus was to have LHRA interview all candidates and make their recommendation to Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Farrell made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM, second by Councilor Dolan. Council's vote was 4-0-0.**

**Notes and Tapes by: Margo Lapietro Date: 08/23/10**

**Minutes Typed by: Margo Lapietro Date: 08/27/10**

**Approved; Town Council Date: 09/13/10**