

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2012

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

PRESENT: Town Council: Chairman, Sean O’Keefe; Vice Chairperson, Joe Green; Councilors: Tom Dolan, John Farrell, Tom Freda; Town Manager Dave Caron; Executive Assistant, Margo Lapietro.

Call to Order

Chairman O’Keefe opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the men and women fighting for our country at home and abroad.

Public Comment

Citizen of the Year Award - Councilor Farrell presented Peter Misiaszek who is a lifelong resident of Londonderry with the “Citizen of the Year Award”. He cited Peter’s family who owned and operated the former ski area in town. He stated that Peter has coached in the LAFA programs and LYSA soccer for the past 10 years. He currently serves as the Vice President of softball and coaches the travel teams. He has helped to secure the Babe Ruth World Series playoff event for this upcoming spring.

Chief MacCaffrie – Fire Prevention - Chief MacCaffrie and Firefighter/Paramedic Bruce Hallowell presented PowerPoint slides on Fire Prevention recommendations for town residents, as well as the organizational structure and current staffing levels at LFD.

They proceeded to review the steps to eliminate fires in the winter in residential buildings. 70% of winter fires in Londonderry are in 1-2 family dwellings. He explained that cooking fires are the leading cause of all winter residential building fires which occur mainly in the early evening hours. Councilor Dolan questioned with a cooking fire what their recommendations for fire extinguishers are. B. Hallowell explained that fire extinguishers work on basic stove top fires. He said it is best to put a lid on a pan that has a grease fire that is burning, or squirt it with an extinguisher then call the fire department. He said to not use water on a grease fire because it displaces the oil. Chief MacCaffrie said if there is a fire in the oven, close the door; if it is a gas stove, turn the heat off. Use a lid or extinguisher if it is on top of the stove. Councilor Farrell asked when you should dispose of a fire extinguisher, how long should you keep it. B. Hallowell said it should be disposed of every 10 years and can be dropped off at NH Fire Protection or call the Londonderry Fire Department for disposal information. B. Hallowell talked about having heating sources in a residence properly maintained annually by a licensed HVAC company. Councilor Dolan asked about deep frying turkey. B. Hallowell said the fryer should be 5-10 ft. from a building, not on a deck. Keep the propane tank away from the fryer. Chief MacCaffrie said you should defrost the turkey completely and keep kids and pets away. B. Hallowell said you should have the chimney cleaned and inspected by a chimney sweep annually. Have knowledgeable repair personnel work on home heating systems, wood stoves and pellets. Test

smoke detectors every month and change batteries every six months. If they are more than 10 years old replace them. Smoke detectors should be on every level of the home, on every sleeping level and inside each sleeping area. Carbon monoxide detectors should be located on each level especially in the basement if you have gas burning equipment. They have batteries and should be changed every 6 months. Generators should be at least 5 ft. from a home and 10 ft. from any openings. Never use in a home, garage, or any opening of a house. Councilor Dolan asked what the symptoms of carbon monoxide are. B. Hollowell said you would get flu-like systems. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, call the fire department, get the family and pets out, close up the house and get out. The fire department will be able to locate the source of the leak when they arrive. Councilor Green asked about water protection for generators. Chief MacCaffrie said if you have a pop up tent that would work out to put over the generator. The newer models are better protected. The best thing is to create an overhead structure to block wind and rain or put it under a pool deck. Don't fill with gasoline until it cools down and don't add additional cords. B. Hollowell talked about reviewing exit drills in the home. Have 2 exits, have a meeting place outside so everyone can be accounted for. Chief MacCaffrie stated once the alarms go off you will have only 3 minutes to safely get out of the house. It takes them 4 minutes to get there, so don't go back in. He suggested shutting the doors which will starve the fire because houses are air tight. Chairman O'Keefe asked about programs for children and B. Hollowell explained the various educational programs offered.

Public Hearing
(None Scheduled)

Old Business
(None Scheduled)

New Business

Resolution #2012 – 01 – Relative to a Rail Trail Agreement with the State of New Hampshire - Councilor Green made a motion to adopt, second, Councilor Farrell. Londonderry Trailway members Bob Saur, Bob Rimol and Matt Caron were in attendance. B. Saur explained they are requesting permission to enter into a rail trail agreement with the State of NH. It is a 6 mile trail that runs from the north end of town from the airport down to the area of Seasons Lane off Rt. 28. It is the abandoned Manchester/Lawrence railroad bed. Other towns have already completed or are working on their sections, eventually it will connect for 22 miles from Salem to Concord. Resolution 2011-11 allowed them to investigate fund raising opportunities as well as to coordinate the development of a rail trail use agreement. To get grants they needed two things in place to rate higher in obtaining grants. They need a preliminary engineering study for the rail trail and Trailways is privately funding that through donations. They are 75% complete on raising those funds; they expect to have the funds in a month. They have chosen VHB engineering who has a lot of experience with rail trail lines and that costs about \$10K. They need a use agreement with the state and property owner which is the NHDOT, which they have. This resolution will authorize the Town Manager to complete the agreement. Councilor Freda questioned the charges from the state. B. Rimol said costs for fees get added into the grants. Councilor Freda asked the Town Manager if we needed extra insurance, Town Manager Caron responded the Town's current insurance meets the grant requirements. Councilor Dolan thanked them for their work. Councilor Green said people are excited that the Council supports this project and asked how long it will take for it to be built out.

B. Rimol said actual construction will be done in segments, they have to work on the engineering aspects and then on grants, it will take at least 10 years. The first phase will be completed in 3-4 years. He said we have permission from the state for grading and clearing, some parts are already usable for a dirt trail. The total amount of miles in Londonderry is 6.4 miles. B. Rimol said all the towns around us are involved. **Council's vote was 5-0-0.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes of 1/16/12 and 1/23/12 – Councilor Dolan made a motion to accept, second Councilor Farrell. Council's vote was 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Liaison Reports: Councilor Farrell reported that the Elder Affairs Committee is having programs about a multitude of subjects including home health care and how to write a will.

Councilor Dolan attended a meeting with the Merrimack Water District; the City of Nashua is now operating Pennichuck. They are working on paying back some of the dues they have been paying over the years to the district – he said he will update Council at some point in time. Londonderry is in the Pennichuck East District, and the Town Administrator from Pelham was elected to represent us.

Councilor Freda attended the Planning Board meeting last week, and they were waiting for the balance of the money due for the third party review of Woodmont. Town Manager Caron stated the check for the balance was received Friday.

Councilor Green attended the Library Trustees meeting and reportage readership and usage is up. They had budget commentaries for the Council.

Chairman O'Keefe asked the Town Manager about Mr. Falvey's, et al, petition. Town Manager Caron said a good number of those questions have to be answered by the developer; The Planning Board hasn't gone through the review process yet and cannot answer those questions. Now that the escrow has been submitted the Town can sign a contract with the review consultant and when the application has been accepted as complete that is when the Town will be in a position to receive answers on the questions posed by residents. Councilor Farrell suggested posting the questions on the town website listing who can answer the question and list a timeline on when it can be answered. Councilor Green said that the Community Development Director said he is going to do that. Town Manager Caron stated it will be three categories: information provided by the developer; decisions approved by the Planning Board; and citizen input. Chairman O'Keefe said it is important for Council to be up to date on the project. Councilor Freda said he has received comments that there are zoning changes; he stated that there are no proposed zoning changes at this time. Councilor Green posed the question if there is anything else we can do. Chairman O'Keefe said we are doing everything we can with a representative from the Council and legal representation at the Planning Board meetings. Town Manager Caron replied that the Council has already directed that the Planning Board be provided adequate resources to complete their review.

Town Manager Report – Town Manager Caron reminded everyone that there is a Council meeting next Monday night and getting back onto the regular meeting cycle of meetings on the first and third Monday of each month. All budget items will be voted on Tuesday 3/13 by ballot at the Town Meeting. A sample ballot is on the website. The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold their final session to register voters this Saturday in the Town Clerk’s Office from 10:00AM – 11:30AM. You can still sign-up on Election Day but if you do sign up either day you should bring a birth certificate or passport; a photo ID and proof of residency. Councilor Green asked when is the Council’s organizational meeting, the Town Manager responded 3/19/12. Councilor Dolan said he was not available and asked if the organizational meeting could be postponed to 3/26/12, to which the Council concurred.

Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments - Appointment of Alternate Jay Hooley to a Full Member position on the ZBA to replace Vickie Keenan, term to expire 12/31/14. **Councilor Farrell made a motion to appoint above, second Councilor Dolan. Councils vote 5-0-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O’Keefe announced Council was entering into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA 91-A: 3 II,(a) at 8:27 PM.

Aye John Farrell, Aye Tom Dolan, Aye Sean O’Keefe, Aye Tom Freda, Aye Joe Green. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.

The Council exited Non-Public Session at 9:05 PM on a motion from John Farrell and second from Tom Freda. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by: Margo Lapietro Date: 02/27/12

Minutes Typed by: Margo Lapietro Date: 02/29/12

Approved by: Town Council Date: 03/05/12