

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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2 **November 17, 2014**

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4 The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry,  
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7 Present: Vice Chairman Jim Butler; Councilors Tom Freda, Joe Green and John Farrell; Town Manager Kevin Smith;  
8 Executive Assistant Kirby Wade; Absent: Chairman Tom Dolan

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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Vice Chairman Butler opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Freda. This was followed by a  
13 moment of silence for all those who serve us here and abroad.

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15 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

16 Vice Chairman Butler invited up PSNH for a presentation. Liz Larocca introduced herself. Larocca works in Community  
17 Relations for PSNH and would like to pass the conversation off along through her colleges that are here from the project  
18 team. Larocca introduced Dave Plant who is the lead project manager for PSNH projects in New Hampshire.; Susan Finland,  
19 project manager for this particular project that is being addressed tonight; Sandra Gagnon is the community outreach liaison  
20 for PSNH's transmission projects. Finland thanked the Council for allowing them to present and give a briefing on this  
21 project. Finland stated that ISO New England, which is the agency that oversees the entire electrical network in New  
22 England, had a study in 2008 where they came up with two different things. One of them was that the electrical demand was  
23 going to have such growth that PSNH would not be able to meet it. Secondly, because there is an aging info structure, the  
24 reliability was going to be an issue. Those two things are driving the need for this project. PSNH is proposing a joint project  
25 with National Grid. Finland gave a handout to the Council which included a small map. Finland pointed out the proposed  
26 line, a 345 kV line within an existing right away. Finland pointed out the blue line as well. North of that is PSNH utility and  
27 south of that belongs to National Grid. [See attached]. Finland stated that the entire line is twenty four miles long. Eighteen of  
28 the twenty four is within New Hampshire and six is within Massachusetts. Finland stated that the eighteen that is within New  
29 Hampshire, ten miles of it is PSNH and eight miles is National Grid. Finland stated that out of the ten miles, which is north of  
30 the blue line, eight miles in within Londonderry and two miles is within Hudson. There is an existing right away along the  
31 entire red line. PSNH has several lines already within it. The right away is not being expanded. Finland stated that n terms of  
32 permitting for the project, it is a little different because it is a 345 kV project and New Hampshire has a requirement that if it  
33 is over 200 kV, you have to submit a very detailed application to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. The permit  
34 is an umbrella for all the local and state permits. There is not local permitting. Finland stated that one thing the SEC  
35 understands as being very important is making sure all the towns are in the loop. There are public hearings with the Town's  
36 before and after the applicant is put in. Finland stated that community outreach will be an important part of this project. In  
37 terms of schedule, Finland stated that right now it is in the planning preliminary stages. Finland stated that they are hoping to  
38 get the application package into the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee next spring (2015) and they will rake a good  
39 year or so to review it. Finland stated that assuming all goes well; there should be an approval mid-2016. Construction may  
40 take place late 2016 and into 2017. Finland stated that if the application as passed along in the spring, there would be public  
41 hearings 45 days after it is submitted. It will be there that the community can voice their impute as well as from Town and  
42 State officials. Councilor Green stated that the purpose of this project seems like reliability, but reliability in what way?  
43 Finland stated that there are two reasons, one is the need. There is a growth in need. It is also the reliability. Finland stated  
44 that up to today the reliability has been 99% in terms of success and reliability. They want to maintain that percentage.  
45 Finland stated that the infrastructure is aging and it needs reinforcement. This is the reason for the new line. Councilor Farrell  
46 asked if the lines are going to look the same as what is there now or will it be different? Dave Plant stated that in the areas  
47 through Londonderry there are two types of transition lines. The 345 kV structures are what are called a h-frame structure,  
48 two polls with a cross iron and three wires hanging from them in a horizontal fashion. Plant stated that the other structure is  
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50 lower voltage. They are 115 kV and there are three of them for most of Londonderry. They are a single pole configuration  
51 with arms on them. Plant stated that what they are proposing is another h-frame configuration by enlarged in the center of  
52 the corridor. Councilor Farrell suggested identify and notify the abutters today so that they will understand that there will be  
53 public hearings and they can be a part of the process. PSNH agreed.

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55 Town Manager Smith asked if there are any existing lines or wires that are going to be put on these poles, or are they going to  
56 be an addition to what is existing here currently? Plant stated that it is an additional circuit. There is no intention of co-  
57 locating any of the existing transmission lines and wires onto the new structures. PSNH thanked the Council for their time.

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59 Vice Chairman Butler invited up Chief Bill Hart and Bob Ramsay to present a Traffic Safety Committee update. Chief Hart  
60 stated that they would like to give the people an update as to what the Traffic Safety Committee is and how it came to be and  
61 what it does. Chief Hart stated that they meet quarterly. The next meeting is going to be in the first week of January. Chief  
62 Hart stated that it is posted with the Town Council meetings and on the Town website. Ramsay stated that the Committee  
63 started in the beginning of 1993 in response to a stripping problem that was happening in Town where a road was stripped  
64 and the citizens were upset about it. There was a Traffic Study Committee that was started in 1993 to take a look at stripping  
65 and a number of other things. Ramsay stated that on November 21<sup>st</sup> of 1994, it became a Traffic Safety Committee and they  
66 were charged with the response of keeping traffic devices inventory's and stripping and anything having to do with traffic  
67 that affected the Town. Board was made up of the Highway Department, Chief of Police, Fire Department, School  
68 Superintendent, Town Manager and a liaison which right now is Vice Chairman Jim Butler. Ramsay stated that they started  
69 out as a sounding board for citizens who had problems that concerned them about the safety of their neighborhoods or the  
70 parking. Ramsay stated that it is also an advisory committee to the Town Council. Ramsay stated that when it was set up, the  
71 Chamber was the business liaison and there is a citizen liaison, which has taken time to fill because sometimes the Traffic  
72 Safety meets are boring. Chief Hart stated that the problems they deal with are traffic related. Chief Hart stated that the  
73 problems are brought to the committee and often times they are not able to solve the problem directly, but indirectly. The  
74 purpose of this is to advise the Council and to let the people know that if you do have those kinds of issues, please bring them  
75 to the Traffic Safety Committee's attention. They meet quarterly. The Council thanked Ramsay and Hart for the update.

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77 Glenn Douglas, 6 Overlook Ave, stated that he has a question about the process of the appointment of the Recreation  
78 Commission open position. Douglas stated that he asked at the last meeting if the Recreation Commission was going to have  
79 any say. Douglas asked the Council if the Recreation Commission will have any input on it. Councilor Farrell stated that he  
80 would encourage the Recreation Committee to have input. Councilor Farrell stated that his understanding from the Town  
81 attorney was there was no provision for the Recreation Commission to go into non-public to discuss it. Douglas stated that  
82 before the meeting the Recreation Director told him that it is still up in the air. Councilor Farrell stated that generally when a  
83 committee gets a new member, the committee would make a recommendation for who they would like and then the chairman  
84 would communicate that to the Council and that is how it usually goes. Vice Chairman Butler stated that he will table the  
85 appointment to the next meeting. Douglas also brought up that the appointment is for an alternate position. Douglas stated  
86 that if the alternate is being appointed, the full position which was vacated by Mike Boyle has been filled? Town Manager  
87 Smith stated that he believes the present alternate moved up to a full member. Art Psaledas stated that is correct. Douglas  
88 stated that he will wait until it goes back to the Recreation Commission before he asks more questions. Vice Chairman Butler  
89 stated that both alternate and full time members have to come to the Council for approval.

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91 Richard Bielinski, 89 Hall Rd, stated that on October 6<sup>th</sup>, Murrays Auto Recycling's license was granted. Requirements were  
92 put in place. Bielinski stated that the cars over the fence have been in violation constantly. Bielinski shared photos with the  
93 Council. Vice Chairman Butler asked Town Manager Smith if there have been any other complaints besides what is being  
94 presented here and has the Code Enforcement Officer been down to verify them. Smith stated that the Code Enforcement  
95 Officer has been down there to verify it. A notice of violation was sent to Murray's a number of weeks ago. Bielinski stated  
96 that he was given a license on the 6<sup>th</sup> and at the time the Town knew he was in violation but he was given it anyways.  
97 Bielinski asked why didn't Code Enforcement go down and tell him he needed to fix the violations. Councilor Farrell  
98 referred to e-mails sent out recently that talk about the Code Enforcer going out to Murray's and making sure that all the  
99 notices are going to the right place and that things are getting done.

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101 Gerard Adams, 54 Hall Rd, stated that he wanted to echo what Bielinski said. Adams stated that regarding the additional  
102 fence at the right hand side of the gate, it was done three days late. He had twenty-five days to do it. Adams stated that

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103 regarding the visibility of the cars coming from Mammoth Road, it is obvious that you can see. Adams stated that things are  
104 noncompliance. Adams stated that he hopes what was said tonight will change that and more pressure will be put on  
105 Murray's.

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107 Eric Hubbard, 12 Overlook Ave, stated that he sees the names of the people applying for the Recreation Commission.  
108 Hubbard stated that he would like to comment on something that has happened. Hubbard stated that he doesn't feel one of the  
109 people that is going for the position should be considered based on current events that have happened. Hubbard stated that  
110 both his kids cheer for the Blue Lions. A couple of months ago there was some discussion about the Blue Lions joining  
111 another organization which would have disposed the Blue Lions.

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113 Ryan Ouellette, 8 Tanager Way, stated that the events that the gentleman stated before happened, but no in the way he had  
114 discussed. Ouellette that he has been working with his board over the past few years to merge with the Blue Lions. They have  
115 offered them several things including things that bent the rules of AYF. Ouellette stated that they were not interested in  
116 merging. Ouellette stated that the decision from the Tournament to not allow organizations like the Blue Lions affected more  
117 than the Blue Lions. There are more organizations that have no local or national affiliations. They create an LLC and they  
118 call themselves something else. There is no jurisdiction over rules and the coaches don't necessarily need to be trained.  
119 Ouellette stated that that is what the tournament talked about and were concerned with so that is the decision that was made.  
120 Councilor Freda asked Ouellette if he was a member of the board that sent an email to the Blue Lions regarding the decision  
121 of removing them from the tournament. Ouellette stated that he is president of the Londonderry Wild Cats. Councilor Freda  
122 asked if there was a vote form the individuals included in the email. Ouellette stated that he is on the tournament committee.  
123 Ouellette stated that the problem started in Derry. Ouellette stated that all the meetings where it was discussed were  
124 prescheduled. Ouellette stated that he has all email proof that it was scheduled. Councilor Freda asked Ouellette if he excused  
125 himself from the vote. Ouellette stated that he did not. Councilor Freda asked again if Ouellette participated in the vote  
126 resulting in the Blue Lions and other teams being removed from the tournament. Ouellette stated that it was not an official  
127 vote, it was a discussion. Ouellette stated that there are several other cheer competitions within the State. Ouellette stated that  
128 there are a lot of other competitions they can go to.

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130 Keith Gagne, 84 Hall Rd, stated that during the last meeting he made a comment about the soccer situation. Gagne stated that  
131 he made a comment about it being 'fishy'. Gagne stated that he was on the record and it was a clear implication that everyone  
132 up there was colluding against us. Gagne stated that he would like to publically apologize for that. Councilor stated that his  
133 apology is accepted.

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## 135 NEW BUSINESS

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137 Vice Chairman Butler introduced Resolution #2014-06, a Resolution relevant to establishing a Task Force to study target  
138 shooting in the Musquash. Councilor Freda read the Resolution into the record. Councilor Freda motioned to adopt the  
139 Resolution. Second by Councilor Green. Town Manager Smith went into discussing what and who the task force will be  
140 made up of. Councilor Freda read in the rest of the Resolution. The Londonderry Task Force on Target Shooting in the  
141 Musquash and other Town-owned Conservation Land is tasked with studying the issue of target shooting in the  
142 aforementioned areas, and making recommendations to the Town Council as to what changes, if any, should be made to  
143 current Town ordinances governing such. The "Task Force" shall consist of ten (10) members, nine (9) of whom shall be  
144 voting members, to be appointed by the Town Manager: Londonderry Chief of Police or designee, Chairman (non-voting  
145 member), one (1) appointed representative from the Conservation Commission, one (1) appointed representative from  
146 Londonderry Trailways, one (1) appointed representative from Londonderry ALERT, one (1) appointed representative from  
147 the Londonderry Fish and Game Club, one (1) appointed representative from the Londonderry Fire Department, two (2)  
148 appointed representatives from the Hunting/Target Shooting community, two (2) appointed representatives from  
149 neighborhoods abutting the Musquash. The Town Manager and the Planning & Economic Development shall provide  
150 administrative and technical support to the Task Force. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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## OLD BUSINESS

NONE

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 made by Councilor Green and second by Councilor Freda. Chair votes 4-0-0.

## BOARD & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT

Vice Chairman Butler invited up the candidates for the open Recreation Commission opening.

Ryan Fragala, 5 O'Connell Dr, stated that he coaches, his kids included. He has coached recreation soccer and baseball. Fragala stated that he also coaches basketball last year. Councilor Green asked Fragala if he has a conflict of interest. Fragala stated he does not but he is involved in whatever sports his kids are. Councilor Freda stated that sometimes there is a lot of controversy on this Commission. Councilor Freda asked Fragala a how he would deal with situations. Fragala stated that it is about the kids. Always keep the kids in mind when making decisions. Councilor Farrell asked Fragala if he has a unique skill that would help him. Fragala stated that he is on a few boards and the President of Hudson Chamber. He has a unique skill of bringing two sides together.

Kevin Derhak, 1 Westminster Dr., stated that he has been a resident for a few years. Derhak stated that his children have all gone through the recreational sports where he has coached. Derhak stated that he is working on his level three certificate for lacrosse. Councilor Farrell asked Derhak how he would handle situations brought to the Commission. Derhak stated that the best way to handle situations is to sit down and have a sense of humor. Derhak stated that it comes down to the fact that at some point a compromise needs to be made. It should be the responsibility of the Recreation Committee to view the Charter. Councilor Green asked if he has any conflicts of interest. Derhak stated he does not. Councilor Freda asked Derhak is he sees any problems with the Recreation Commission. Derhak stated it is too bad things get to a point where people stop talking. Derhak stated that he would reach out sooner to the parties who do have situations.

Rick Morgan, 3 Willow Lane, stated that he does not have any conflicts. Morgan stated that he would like ot be on the committee because his kids and his family have all gone through recreation programs. He has worked with recreation travel teams and clubs. He is not a voting member of any committee or organization in Town. Morgan stated that with his resume he believes he can bring his experience as a parent and an outside perspective to the board and make it all about the kids. Councilor Green pointed out all of Morgan's certifications and experiences list on his resume. Morgan stated that he is also a member of the adult softball league.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Farrell and second by Councilor Green. **Chair votes 4-0-0.**

Notes and Tapes by:	Kirby Wade	Date: 11/17/14
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