

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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1 November 19, 2018

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3 The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall,  
4 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH.

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6 Present: Chairman John Farrell; Vice-Chairman Joe Green; Councilor Tom Dolan; Town  
7 Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik; Executive Assistant Kirby  
8 Brown; Absent; Councilors Jim Butler and Ted Combes.

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10 CALL TO ORDER

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12 Chairman Farrell called the Town Council special meeting to order and led the Pledge of  
13 Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for those who serve us both here  
14 and abroad.

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16 PUBLIC COMMENT

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18 Tom Freda, Londonderry Town Moderator addressed the Council regarding some  
19 statistics and issues that came up during the elections this year. There was a democratic  
20 candidate for State Representative, Alex Reggo, who was a Londonderry resident and  
21 moved away without informing anyone which left a blank space that the town had to fill  
22 on the ballot. Freda stated that he tried reaching out to Reggo but never heard anything  
23 back. Martha Smith filled in the open position. There was a change in the ballot the same  
24 day the ballots should have been in the Clerk's office. They had to strike out Reggo's  
25 name on some of the ballots and put Smith's name on it. It messed up the ballots and  
26 votes for Smith. Freda also suggested getting comfortable chairs for the workers at the  
27 elections going forward since they spend so long helping out. Freda presented the cost of  
28 what it would be for thirty chairs, which would run about \$2,600. Freda thanked all of  
29 those who helped during the day from Town Hall employee's to volunteers from the  
30 residents. The Council stated that they will work toward a solution and take a look at the  
31 chairs.

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33 Executive Councilor Elect Ted Gatsas, 105 Birchwood Rd, Manchester, addressed the  
34 Council and gave thee public his contact information if anyone ever needs to reach out to  
35 him.

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37 Moira Ryan, 2 Snowberry Hallow, asked the Council to consider increasing the Veterans  
38 tax credit, specifically for combat and disabled veterans. Chairman Farrell stated that the  
39 legislation went through at the state level and the Council will be discussing the tax credit  
40 during the meeting later on.

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42 Chairman Farrell read a Resolution #2018-13 into the record renaming the Londonderry  
43 tennis courts after Skip Burbine who recently passed away. Burbine was a long serving  
44 tennis coach and trainer in Londonderry. The Council presented the Resolution to  
45 Burbine's family.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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49 Motion to open Public Hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor  
50 Dolan. Chair votes 3-0-0.

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52 Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2018-12, the acceptance of non-monetary  
53 donations under RSA 31:95-e. Doug Smith presented. Smith presented a property from  
54 an owner in town who is looking to donate a piece of land, 6 Evergreen Circle. Councilor  
55 Dolan stated that it doesn't really add much conservation equity to the community. Dolan  
56 stated that he wonders if it's worth it, we would have to maintain and look after it.  
57 Chairman Farrell asked if it is a buildable lot. Smith stated no. Chairman Farrell asked  
58 how it ever got approved on a site plan. Farrell stated that we would have to talk to the  
59 abutters and do a lot line adjustment and split the land with the two abutters. Farrell  
60 stated there isn't really any use for the town. Councilor Dolan stated that we should  
61 accept the donation. Chairman Farrell stated that the Council will table it until abutters  
62 are notified and work with the Assessor and the Planning Department.

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64 Motion to table Resolution #2018-12 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by  
65 Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 3-0-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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68 Chairman Farrell introduced the first reading of Ordinance #2018-03, an amendment to the  
69 reorganization and update of the Londonderry Zoning Ordinance. Motion to waive first  
70 reading and schedule Public Hearing for December 3<sup>rd</sup> made by Councilor Dolan and second  
71 by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 3-0-0.

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73 Chairman Farrell introduced the discussion of the disabled veteran's tax credit. Assessor  
74 Rick Brideau presented. Brideau stated that Senate Bill 341 was amended. It is increasing  
75 from amount from \$2,000 to \$4,000. That's a town option and will go into effect January 1,  
76 2019. Currently we have 35 veterans receiving this credit. That would mean an increase of  
77 \$70,000 to the town's bottom line. Brideau stated that he recommends postponing this.  
78 Councilor Dolan stated that he supports it but he believes it should be phased in. Vice  
79 Chairman Green stated that he thinks the full amount is appropriate. The Council discussed  
80 their options. Chairman Farrell suggested going half way and meet in the middle at \$3,000.  
81 Councilor Dolan motioned that it gets increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 with the intention  
82 of going to \$4,000 in the next year. Vice Chairman Green used his Councilor privilege to  
83 table it until next meeting. Chairman Farrell stated that either way it is going to go up, but  
84 they won't know how much until the next meeting when the additional Councilors are at  
85 the next meeting.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

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89 Finance Director Doug Smith presented the Council with a budget update and discussed the  
90 changes that were made to the default budget law. Smith stated that he can't share the  
91 changes on the default budget but he believes it will be significant. Town Manager Kevin  
92 Smith explained a little more in detail the budgeting process with the new law and how the  
93 town is going to budget going forward. Chairman Farrell discussed that we have to be more  
94 transparent with what money is going toward what specific fund and project in order to  
95 provide the services we do in Londonderry.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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99 Motion to Approve Town Council minutes from November 19, 2018 made by Councilor  
100 Dolan. Second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 3-0-0.

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### **APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS**

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### **TOWN MANAGER UPDATE**

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## **ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER UPDATE**

Lisa Drabik gave an update on the Pool Study Committee and what they plan on doing going forward and the information they have collected from surrounding towns.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Farrell stated that the Council is going to adjourn into non-public so they are not going to come back. Chairman Farrell stated that pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3(II)(a). The Council took a roll call; John Farrell, Joe Green, Tom Dolan.

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