

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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1 March 4, 2019

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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, Jim  
7 Butler and Ted Combes; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa  
8 Drabik; Executive Assistant Kirby Brown

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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 all those who serve us here and  
14 abroad.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT

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17 Richard Belinsky, 89 Hall Rd, stated that he would like to touch base on a few of the  
18 warrant articles. Belinsky touched base on the police department generator which is a  
19 warrant article. Belinskiy stated that the median amount of hours for a commercial diesel  
20 generator is 30,000 hours. Belinsky stated that we have 533 hours on ours. It is used up  
21 less than two percent of its useable life. They do maintain it and exercise it. Belinsky  
22 stated that he called downtown because there were questions asked at eth Deliberative  
23 Session. Belinsky stated that he talked with Steve Cotton and he got that we are looking  
24 to purchase a backup generator to back up the backup. We already have one over there.  
25 Belinsky asked what the town is doing with the old one. Belinsky stated that he was told  
26 the town is trading it in. Belinsky stated that we are not trading it in. if it is past its  
27 servable life, then why are we keeping it. Belinsky stated that the way the warrant article  
28 was presented is a misinterpretation. Belinsky stated that he believes we should hold off  
29 on spending the money on the generator until a full analysis is done at the one we already  
30 have.

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32 Chairman Farrell read that the primary generator is now sixteen years old and has shown  
33 its age through some of its repairs. They want to continue to supply power to the dispatch  
34 center. Chairman Farrell stated that that's not what was said at the Deliberative Session.  
35 Chairman Farrell stated that he only just found out about this. That is not what was said at  
36 the Deliberative Session. Chairman Farrell directed the Town Manager to direct the  
37 Finance Director to call DRA, explain to them what is going on. We don't know if there

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38 is a way to change things or not change things. Chairman Farrell stated that we will wait  
39 to see what DRA says. They sign off on how we do things. Chairman Farrell stated that it  
40 is a valid point to look into what's going on with the generator. If the voters decide to  
41 pass it, we can look at options.

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43 Belinsky stated that it was presented in a way that it shouldn't be.

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45 Justin Campo explained the Undesignated Fund Balance to Belinsky. Belinsky stated that  
46 the Fund Balance should be explained better to people because people think its free  
47 money. Campo stated that it is money that has already bene spent previously. Campo  
48 stated that it's the Councils way of keeping the taxes level so that way taxpayers aren't  
49 paying too little one year and too much the next. The zeros don't indicate that it is free, it  
50 indicates that there is no tax impact this year. Campo stated that if people don't  
51 understand, we should educate the public more.

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53 Tom Freda, 30 Buckingham Drive, and Sherry Farrell, 4 Hancock Drive, reminded  
54 people to get out and vote. The election is in a week. The candidates should check out the  
55 election rules for posting signs. There is a new system for checking in and people won't  
56 need to stand in line for so long. Sherry Farrell also reminded people to bring canned and  
57 boxed food items with them as they will be donated to our local families. Polls will be  
58 open at 6am.

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60 Tracey Stearns, 408 Mammoth Rd, stated that she works at the polls and stated that the  
61 ballots are put in a safe place and the ballots are placed in a sealed box and put in a vault  
62 at the end of each voting night. Stearns reminded people to come out and vote.

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64 Town manager Kevin Smith brought attention to the Police Department generator again  
65 and stated that the way the article is written is not in conflict with the CIP and that it calls  
66 for the purchase of emergency backup generator for the Police Department. Where it is  
67 confusing is if someone doesn't understand that it is a backup to the primary generator.  
68 We wil talk to DRA about the wording on the current warrant.

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### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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## OLD BUSINESS

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## NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2019-07, an Order relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Steve Cotton presented. Cotton stated that this is for winter maintenance for various facilities in the amount of \$10,325.00. Motion to approve Order #2019-07 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Ordinance #2019-02, an Ordinance relative to a zoning amendment. This is a first reading. Town Manager Smith stated that these are housekeeping items. Motion to waive first reading made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 5-0-0. There will be a Public Hearing at the next Council meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Town Manager Smith talked about the temporary portable storage units that both residential and commercial residents use. Most of the issues have to do with the containers on residential properties. Smith presented the Council with the Ordinance that is in place now and discussed if this is something the Council wants to fix. We only allow them a year at a time now. Neighbors have complained in regards to seeing them on their neighbor's property after six months when the people usually lease them for a year. Richard Canuel stated that we are getting complaints. Chairman Farrell suggested sending it back to Planning Board to see what can and can't be done. The Council agreed to send it back to see if the Planning Board can change it.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Town Council minutes from February 11, 2019 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 5-0-0.

## APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS

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## TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

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## ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

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## ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by:	Kirby Brown	Date:	03/04/2019
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Approved by:	Town Council	Date:	03/18/2019