

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**March 1, 2021**

The meeting took place in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, 268B Mammoth Rd, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Present: Chairman John Farrell; Councilor Tom Dolan, Deb Paul, and Jim Butler; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik; Absent: Executive Assistant Kirby Brown and Vice Chairman Joe Green

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. Chairman Farrell reminded residents of the upcoming daylight savings time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

County Commissioner Brian Chirichiello, Derry, gave an updated the Council on two things that will benefit the citizens of Londonderry. One of them is an LNA class program. The County will pay you to go to school and pay you while you learn. At the end you will get a job at the County. Chirichiello said there is also a signing bonus of \$4,000. Chirichiello stated that they are looking for people in nursing homes. Councilor Butler asked if they had to be employed for a certain period of time before receiving benefits. Chirichiello stated that they do but he is not sure of the timeframe. Councilor Paul asked if there was a limit and how many students are accepted. Chirichiello stated that what they will do is they will have weekend classes.

Chirichiello discussed another program regarding emergency rental assistance. Rockingham County is the only county that signed up. They were given \$20M to help residents renting an apartment. It would pay the landlords directly. You can also use it for utilities. Hopefully it will be up within two to three weeks. The state will have \$180M.

Tony Defrancesco, 1 Cheshire Ct, shared that the NH Realtor magazine and Londonderry was voted #4 in the top 10 places to live in New Hampshire.

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## NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-06, an Order relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Steve Cotton presented and stated it was for winter maintenance and various projects at town buildings. Motion to approve Order #2021-07 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-04, a Resolution amending the composition of the PFAS Task Force. Chairman Farrell stated that this adds three non-voting alternates. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-04 and add three alternates made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-05, a Resolution relative to the expansion of Londonderry Housing and Redevelopment Authority for a first reading. The Public Hearing will take place at the March 15th meeting. Town Manager Kevin Smith presented. First reading is waived by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Town Solicitor Mike Malaguti gave an update about the Charter Commission to the Council. The idea was raised a few times during budget season. One resident raised the issue because the Charter Commission is not allowing the School District and the Town to work together. Malaguti stated that he doesn't feel a Charter Commission is appropriate to achieve these goals. Malaguti went over the difference of an amendment and a change. Malaguti stated that under law, the School District and the Town can't be combined. They are two separate entities. Malaguti went over some research he found and gave an update as to how everyone can move forward.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NONE

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from February 16, 2021 made by Councilor

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Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0.

### **APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Town Council interviewed Kristen Endyke, 10 Mallard Lane, interviewed for the Heritage Commission. The Council interviewed and expressed that she is happy she stepped forward. Motion to appoint Kristen Endyke as a member on the Heritage Commission with a term expiring 12/31/2023 made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-0.

The Council interviewed Brian Lockhart, 6 Partridge Lane, who works in conservation and natural resources, and David Robinson, Red Deer Rd, who is a Civil Engineer, for the PFAS Task Force. Both candidates gave an opening statement and had their wells test high recently.

Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik gave an update on the members who have interviewed so far and the Task Force. The Town's internal Environmental Engineer and Councilor Dolan will be serving on the Task Force as well.

The Council took a brief recess at 7:45 to discuss appointments to the PFAs Task Force.

Councilor Dolan recommended members for the Alternate positions. Councilor Dolan recommended David Robinson, Kate MacDonald and Brian Lockhart as Alternate Members on the PFAS Task Force. Second by Councilor Paul. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Councilor Dolan recommended Jim Doucakis, Craig Durrett, Anne Fenn, Thomas Garside, George Kadzoila, and Paul Lockwood as members on the PFAS Task Force. Second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Chairman Farrell reminded members to see the clerk to be sworn in. Town Manager Smith stated that the meetings will be televised and they will be public meetings.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

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| 105 | Notes and Tapes by: | Kirby Brown  | Date: 3/01/2021 |
| 106 | Minutes Typed by:   | Kirby Brown  | Date: 3/10/2021 |
| 107 | Approved by:        | Town Council | Date: 3/15/2021 |