

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**November 1, 2021**

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

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

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Farrell called the Town Council meeting to order. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for our first responders during the upcoming holiday season.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian MacDonald, 6 Picadully Cr, spoke about Braver Angels and gave a presentation to the Council. MacDonald went over what Braver Angels stands for and how they are helping people talk through political indifferences.

Bob Rimol and Sandy Lageux, Londonderry Trailways, gave the Council an update on the school pathways project they are trying to pursue. They stated that they last spoke about pursuing Grants and other ways of funding to complete the project. Lageux stated that they are having a hard time finding funding and asked the Council if they had ideas or connections that they could pursue. Lageux stated that this is the next best project. It's in front to the school and warps in many homes.

Jeff Moulton, Chairman of Net Zero Task Force and Josh Bourdon, Derry Town Councilor and founder of Net Zero task Force, gave the Council an insight to the New Zero task Force. It is a bipartisan committee. Bourdon gave a background on the task force. Bourdon stated that the goal is to become a net zero community by 2025. Bourdon stated that he wants to help other communities find sustainable energy. Moulton went over the savings and how

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the system works. The Council expressed interest in the program. Chairman Farrell asked Town Manager Smith if they could connect with Dave and Mike and go from there.

### **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

The Council interviewed Debbie Desrochers, 25 Royal Lane, for an Alternate position on the Senior Reoccurs Committee. Motion to appoint Debbie Desrochers to an alternate position on the Senior Resources Committee made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Assistant Town Solicitor, Mike Malaguti, discussed the settlement proposal made in the Pennichuck rate case with the Council. Malaguti stated that he needs the Council role call vote to open the discussion since it's a matter that was discussed in a non-public privilege setting; Vice Chairman Joe Green, Councilor Deb Paul, Councilor Jim Butler, Councilor Tom Dolan, and Chairman John Farrell. Malaguti stated that it was a year ago that the town was notified that Pennichuck, the town's water utilities, was seeking a 21% increase in total revenue and was going to file it with the public utilities commission. At the Council's direction the town hired Sheehan Phinney Bass & Green to represent us in the PUC matter. The settlement agreement on the table is not a 21% increase, it is a 16% increase. Malaguti went over the factors found. The Council accepted the offer. Motion to accept made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 4-0-1; Councilor Dolan voted against.

Town Manager Kevin Smith discussed the 2021 town tax rate and the reevaluation year. Town Manager Smith stated that this is the lowest tax rate in 40 years. The Council will be taking \$1M from UFB to offset the taxes.

Chairman Farrell introduced the first reading for Resolutions #2021-24, relative to the Elderly Exemption Policy, and Resolution #2021-25, relative to the Disable Persons Exemption Policy. Motion to waive first reading and schedule the public hearing for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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Finance Director Justin Campo Presented Resolution #2021-26, a Resolution relative to the acceptance of unanticipated revenue under RSA 31:95-b. This is for the Arts Council and funding for Concerts on the Common, \$5,100. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-26 and accept the funds made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from October 18, 2021 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Paul. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by:	Kirby Brown	Date: 11/01/2021
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