

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**November 22, 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 the safety of our children this holiday season.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chief Bill Hart stated that last Friday, the Londonderry Police Department had their last interview with the Commission on Accreditation on Law Enforcement Agencies, a Nationwide organization that gives standards of best practices to law enforcement agencies and Londonderry passed with flying colors. The Chief thanked the Council for their support.

Ted Combes, 6 Bancroft Rd, asked if there will be comment tonight on Ordinance #2021-03. Chairman Farrell stated that tonight is a first reading and they will be accepting comment at the Public Hearing but if he would like to say something tonight that's okay. Combes stated that he understands that this will be directed at mostly properties in the Woodmont area. Combes stated that he was thinking of extending it to other areas of the town, up toward the airport. Chairman Farrell stated that they will take a look at it.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion to open Public Hearing made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green.

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Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-24, a Resolution relative to the Elderly Exemption Policy. Steve Hamilton presented. Hamilton stated that when a revaluation occurs, there is no adjustment to the amount for an exemption, then there may be a decline in the effectiveness of that exemption. This is an attempt to make an adjustment to the benefit amount so that there is the same “bang for the buck” to those who qualify for the exemption. Motion to approve Resolution #2021024 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Paul. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2021-25, a Resoling relative to the Disabled Persons Exemption Policy. Steve Hamilton presented. Hamilton stated that this is a lot less complicated, it’s just one category. It has a similar qualification standard. Motion to approve Resolution #2021-25 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Motion to close the Public Hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-16 and Order #2021-17, Orders relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Dave Wholley presented. Wholley stated that these are for a backup generator at Fire Station number two and there needs to be a repair of a leak. Motion to approve Order #2021-16 made by Councilor Paul and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0. Motion to approve Order #2021-17 made by Councilor Butler and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-18, an Order relative to the distribution of the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Funds. Chief Darren O’Brien presented. Chief O’Brien stated that this is for the remaining components that the department needs to outfit their apparatus and different equipment that us on the apparatus through the Grant process they got. This is different components the Grant did not cover. Chief O’Brien went over the components. Motion to approve Order #2021-18 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2021-19 and Order #2020-20, two Orders relative to

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the expenditure of Reclamation Trust Fund for recycling barrels and recycling barrel parts. Presented by John Trotter. Motion to approve Order #2021-19 and Order #2021-20 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0.

Chairman Farrell introduced the first reading for Ordinance #2021-03, an ordinance relative to creating the Londonderry Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Incentive Program. Town Manager Kevin Smith presented. Motion to waive the first reading made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 5-0-0. The Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2021.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from November 1, 2021 made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

### **BOARD/COMMITTEE INTERVIEW**

Vice Chairman Green motioned to appoint Lynn Wiles as a full-time member to replace Chris Davies on the Planning Board. Second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

The Council interviewed Ron Dunn for an alternate position on the Planning Board. No appointments will be made until all the interviews are completed.

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Finance Director Justin Campo went over a handout regarding the budget. Town manager Smith stated that the budget has actually gone down. In total, the Operating Budget went down \$30,064.00 due to hiring and personnel adjustments. It affects both the Operating and Default budget. The Council and the Budget Committee went over the line items. The Council discussed looking at energy rates coming up.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

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| 106 | Notes and Tapes by: | Kirby Brown  | Date: 11/22/2021 |
| 107 | Minutes Typed by:   | Kirby Brown  | Date: 12/01/2021 |
| 108 | Approved by:        | Town Council | Date: 12/06/2021 |