

Town Council Meeting
Derry Municipal Center

TOWN OF DERRY

January 4, 2011
Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Estimated Time

Item

Non-Public Session – RSA 91A:3 II (d) (Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community)

Salute to Flag, Warning of Fire Exits, Handicap Access, Turn off all Cell Phones and Pagers

Roll Call: Councilors Milz, Olbricht, Wetherbee, Coyle, Fairbanks, Chirichiello, and Chairman Benson

Consent Agenda - Accepted

- 11-01** Acceptance of Joint Meeting Minutes with School Board, Pinkerton Academy and State Legislators – December 7, 2010
- 11-02** Acceptance of Non-Public Minutes – December 7, 2010
- 11-03** Acceptance of Minutes – December 7, 2010
- 11-04** Schedule Public Hearing – January 18, 2011 – Salt Reduction Plan & Federal Grant for Chloride Reduction Assistance
- 11-05** Schedule Public Hearing – January 18, 2011 - Certificate of Authorization: NHDES Household Hazardous Waste Agreement

Chairman's Report – Chairman Benson

Chairman Benson wished everyone a Happy New Year. He requested a Moment of Silence for all those that were lost this past year.

Mr. Benson wanted to let everyone know that there was a Fire on Christmas Eve and three Firefighters were injured it is his understanding that they are alright and returned to work today and he just wanted to thank them for service. The Charter Commission hearing is January 19th. Mr. Benson also wanted to thank Public Works for the good job they did during the last snowstorm.

There is a Workshop scheduled on the 18th with Pennichuck/Nashua and Senior Center discussion.

There was an email that everyone received from the NHDOT they have scheduled a public hearing on January 6 @ 7pm at the DMC. It is in regards to the Rte28/Kilrea Rd, Windham Depot Rd intersection project.

Councilor Coyle asked to schedule a vote on the Charter Question to be put on the ballot on January 18th. There was discussion and agreement to wait until after the Hearing.

Administrator's Report – John Anderson

Mr. Anderson has signed a contract extension with the Arnett Group to continue the towns Economic Development work through the end of the fiscal year based upon the original budget that was approved.

A follow-up to the workshop being held on the 19th, the town is mailing out a post card to every Derry Pennichuck customer to invite them to this workshop.

Chairman Benson would like to see open discussion during the Pennichuck portion of the workshop.

Mr. Anderson stated, the Town Council has received the Budget prep instructions and based on discussion with the council members his goal is to bring the budget in as either flat or down.

Mr. Coyle asked Mr. Anderson if he was planning on hiring freeze.

Mr. Anderson stated he is looking at each and every position carefully to decide if the position needs to be filled or not going forward..

Chairman Benson asked if all were agreement with a zero increased budget. All agreed.

Public Forum – Non-Agenda Items

Open Coyle/Fairbanks 7-0-0

Al Dimmock – Past year has been a pleasure and hopes everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Close Coyle/Fairbanks 7-0-0

Public Hearing –

10-154 Mundy Lane – Layout RSA 231:8

Mike Fowler presented: Based on RSA231: 8, occasion exists to layout Mundy Lane. The Public Works Department has no objection to layout. Legal counsel has provided advice relative to the test required to determine "occasion". The town has already acquired the deeded rights for passage over Mundy Lane. No immediate improvements are anticipated as the road is in fair to good conditions.

Open Coyle/Wetherbee 7-0-0

No public input

Close Coyle/Wetherbee 7-0-0

Move, the Derry Town Council has determined that occasion exists to layout Mundy Lane pursuant to RSA 231:8, Motion by: Wetherbee, seconded by Milz

Vote:6-1-1 (Coyle abstained)

10-155 Amend the Code of the Town of Derry, Chapter 150, and Traffic Ordinance Article II, Section 150-10 – Brook Street at Fordway

Mike Fowler presented: The Fordway Bridge was recently reconstructed. The Fordway/Brook St Intersection was yield controlled for Brook St traffic to enter Fordway. The reconstruction made it more advantageous to now add a stop sign. The Highway Safety Committee reviewed this in September 2010 and recommended the Town Council amend the Traffic Ordinance.

Open Chirichiello/Wetherbee 7-0-0

No public input

Close Wetherbee/Chirichiello 7-0-0

Councilor Fairbanks asked who took down the trees and if the owner was in agreement.

Mr. Fowler replied the Town took down the trees and the owner is in agreement and will remove the stumps at a later date.

Move to amend the Town of Derry Code, Chapter 150, Traffic Ordinance Article II, Section 150-10 A Stop Intersections

ADD Brook Street at Fordway

Move to amend the Town of Derry Code, Chapter 150, Traffic Ordinance Article II, Section 150-10 B Brook Street at Fordway. Wetherbee/Milz Vote: 7-0-0

Old Business

none

New Business

Chairman Benson asked to move 11-07 ahead of 11-06 all Councilors were in agreement.

11-07 Appointment of the Macgregor Library Trustee (fill a vacancy)

Chairman Benson moved to appoint Charles A. Zoeller as Trustee of the MacGregor Library (DPL) for the remainder of the term that ends in 2012. Seconded by Councilor Wetherbee. Vote: 7-0-0

11-06 Report of the Moving Derry Forward taskforce to Council

Councilor Olbricht stated this has been a process that was set up last August. Mr. Olbricht thanked Stuart Arnett and all the members, Parkland Hospital, Samina Corporation, and Cedar Point Communication who hosted meetings. Mr. Arnett will give the presentation on the report with recommendation from the committee. At the end of the presentation the Town Council is going to need to set a policy or have some decisions about the Councils role.

Stuart Arnett gave a slide presentation of the Moving Derry Forward. Introduced the following members in the audience : Philip Abriached Owner Metro Market Plaza, Craig Bulkley DEDC, Gent Cav G4 Communications, Jack Munn SNHPC, George Sioras Derry Planning Director, Brenda Willis Derry Cooperative School District and Gary Vandyke Chamber. He laid out the presentation selection and gave background on **How** the group was established, **who** was involved in the membership, **when** the length of the work and **what** the recommendations are.

Recommendations:

RTE 28 TIF (Jointly marketing owners and realtors the Industrial Park) (Best practices guides Eco-Commerce Park to maximize jobs and taxes)

Fix A Street

Re-brand existing industrial park with new Eco Park to "Commerce Park"

Downtown

Development a fund

Farmer's market private-sector

Improve Existing Parking

Redevelop 6 West Broadway as Tech Center

New Parking

Fix blighted building with "carrot then stick"

Performing Arts coordination

Adopt RSA 179 tax incentives

Railroad crossing redevelopment area establish a TIF

Support downtown merchants and property owners

Communicate & coordinate with Londonderry on proposed "Village"

Other Community Development Projects

A Sustainable Economic Development Capacity to "Move Derry Forward"

MDF committee should continue as council's advocate

Target an Annual investment fund of _% 1% recommend of operating budget.

Convene a Project and Client Team with the Town Administrator to lead

Establish single point of contact Economic Development Contractor or Town Employee

"First Stop" at Chamber

Communications and Marketing strategy (5 steps)

Feasibility infrastructure to Rt 28 South

Local growth industries, including Healthcare and Technology

(the entire report may be viewed online at the Town's Website and is attached to these minutes)

Mr. Chirichiello asked if the A Street fix could it be a traffic signal.

Mr. Arnett answered as a Joint effort during the widening of RTE 28 TIF but the other option was the full connect of B Street.

Brenda Willis thanked the committee as it was a really positive experience. Report showed that a diverse group of people agreed on recommendations.

Mr. Benson liked the idea of a single point of contact being the Chamber as "First Stop".

Mr. Arnett's hope is to have a library of information and meeting room and that the Chamber would be the portal to meet at. The Chamber is willing to help. Mr. Anderson would follow up. Gary Vanguard Chamber of Commerce they have been talking about ways to reach out to the community and we are located in the Opera House it's very visible.

Mr. Wetherbee asked if there have conversations with the entire owners in the TIF District. Mr. Arnett said that they had all been invited at the planning board level.

Mr. Benson asked about the RSA 179. Mr. Arnett explained RSA 179 for the Town Council. This allows for renovation to upper floors with incremental taxes to be deferred for the upgrade. It's an enabling statute. Mr. Olbricht asked if the Town Council would have to adopt this RSA.

Mr. Benson asked about the railroad crossing area what are the capabilities of the internet and cable. Mr. Cav explained the Internet connectivity of Derry. Derry has so much fiber passing through which gives Derry an advantage. Companies can tap it into. If you tried to expand this fiber to Londonderry it would be expensive. This advantage needs to be marketed. There is free WIFI at Hood Park and soon at Alexander Carr.

Mr. Milz thanked everyone involved with the report as it far exceeds all the report. The reports show coordination of everything.

Ms. Fairbanks feels that bringing tax revenue from downtown is wonderful however someone needs to take a pulse on what's wrong with the downtown as business are leaving. Is there anything as a town that we could do to increase the foot traffic.

Mr. Arnett explained that the Downtown merchants shared ideas and the shared ad which show they can work together. They will talk about what problems they foresee.

Mr. Anderson stated that the Downtown merchants were happy with lighting fix, and snow removal, we need to see what else the town can do to help you with resources to assist.

Councilor Fairbanks asked about the Birch St/Broadway intersection that it was her understanding that there were going to be three lanes there including a right hand turn lane. However it wasn't done. Does anyone know why? TA Anderson to review and provide a report to Council on the issue.

Mr. Olbricht stated the Downtown Merchants Association formed quickly and got to work. So it shows that Moving Derry Forward future should be to move groups forward.

Wetherbee thanked everyone involved. Also Mr. Wetherbee remembers in regards to the A Street light that the state said we couldn't put one in. He would like to get an answer to this. If A Street is off the table maybe we need to move onto B Street.

Mr. Olbricht asked for the MDF report be accepted by the Town Council. He would like the MDF to continue working with these groups every two months or so.

Move that the Derry Town Council accept the Moving Derry Forward Final Report Dated 12/10/10. Motion by: Wetherbee /Milz Vote: 7-0-0

Mr. Wetherbee would like to see discussion and updates on this report at future meetings.

Council Requests / Open Discussion

Mr. Coyle reminder Candidate for office sign up is January 19th – 28th

Mr. Wetherbee asked to have the report put on the Derry Website.

Adjournment 9:00 pm

Town Clerk

Date

Recording Clerk: Denise E Neale, Town Clerk
Reviewed by: John P Anderson, Town Administrator