

**LONDONDERRY BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of**  
**December 27, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Budget Committee was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

**Committee Members Present:** Tom Freda - Chairman, Tom Dolan, Jay Hooley - Secretary, John Robinson

**Other Officials Present:** Dan Bever, School Board – Peter Curro, School District Business Administrator

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tom Freda at 7:10 PM

II. COMMITTEE WORK

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes of **November 26, 2007**.

A motion was made by John Robinson to approve the minutes of Nov 26, 2007, second by Tom Dolan.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Tom Freda, Chairman	x			
Sean O'Keefe, Vice Chairman				x
Mike Brown				x
Tom Dolan	x			
Jay Hooley, Secretary	x			
John Robinson	x			
<b>Totals</b>	4			2

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Town Budget and recommendations for to Town Council and Town Manager.

Mr. Freda initiated discussion of recommendations given to Town Council and Town Manager by Budget Committee. Mr. Robinson indicated that ALL input will be heard, then considered and acted on. Mr. Dolan indicated that councilors had indicated that further public input was needed.

There was discussion of economic situation in the area, the "Mortgage Crisis", and other financial burdens on taxpayers. Mr. Dolan raised the possibility of "marketing" industrial land better to reduce residential tax burden, and the possibility of professional consulting on the matter.

B. Preliminary Review of School Budget recommendations for Superintendent and School Board.

Mr. Freda presented an excel spreadsheet of the School District budget and requested that each member make recommendations and submit to him.

Mr. Hooley spoke to the ‘capital lease’ and the potential to accomplish this same activity in another manner to avoid interest payment on the purchases, since capital leases now overlap, thereby minimizing the “spreading” of the cost.

Mr. Robinson questioned Mr. Bever on the ongoing question of adequate funding for the school system, and any changes at the State Level.

Mr. Bever was questioned regarding bond warrant article and Peter spoke to two citizen petition warrant articles. It was noted that both the School and Town would likely have bonds on the ballot. Peter Curro noted that there was the possibility of savings by using the same bond counsel as the Town as a cost saving measure.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. None

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jay Hooley at 8:14 pm second by Tom Dolan.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Tom Freda, Chairman	x			
Sean O’Keefe, Vice Chairman				x
Mike Brown				x
Tom Dolan	x			
Jay Hooley, Secretary	x			
John Robinson	x			
<b>Totals</b>	4			2

VI. UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE:

- A. Please review Town Budget Workshop Schedules on Town Website
- B. Please review School Budget Workshop Schedules on School Website

V. RECORD OF MEETINGS HELD:

1. Organizational Meeting **March 22, 2007 – 7:00 PM**
2. First Meeting **April 19, 2007 – 7:00 PM**
3. Second Meeting **May 24, 2007 – 7:00 PM**
4. Fourth Meeting - Joint Meeting of the Town Council, School Board and BC, **June 12, 2007**
5. Fifth Meeting, **July 26, 2007 – 7:00 PM**
6. Sixth Meeting, **August 23, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**
7. Seventh Meeting, **September 27, 2007 – 7:00 P.M. (Budget Workshop with Town Council)**
8. Eighth Meeting, **October 25, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**
9. Ninth Meeting, **November 26, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**
10. Tenth Meeting, **December 27, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.**

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**RSA: 91-A:2 Meetings Open to Public. –**

**II. All public proceedings shall be open to the public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meetings of those bodies or agencies. Except for town meetings, school district meetings and elections, no vote while in open session may be taken by secret ballot. Any person shall be permitted to use recording devices, including, but not limited to, tape recorders, cameras and videotape equipment, at such meetings. Minutes of all such meetings, including names of members, persons appearing before the bodies or agencies, and a brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions, shall be promptly recorded and open to public inspection within 144 hours of the public meeting, except as provided in RSA 91-A:6, and shall be treated as permanent records of any body or agency, or any subordinate body thereof, without exception.**

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