

Londonderry Budget Committee Minutes August 19, 2010

The Budget Committee meeting was held at several locations through out the town to include the Northwest Fire Station, Pettengill Road location, the Central Fire Station, and the Department of Public Works Highway Building in Londonderry, NH 03053.

Committee Members present: Todd Joncas, Richard Dillon, and John Curran, Lisa Whittemore, and Dan Lekas.

Members absent: Don Jorgenson and Mark Oswald

Town members present: Dave Carron - Town Manager, Chief Kevin McCaffrey – Londonderry Fire Department, Janucz Czyzowski – Director of Public Works, and Andre Garron –Economic Development Director

5:30 PM I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Todd Joncas.

II. Public Comment

None – public not present

III. Committee Business

A. North West Fire Station

Chief McCaffrey gave a guided tour through the new Northwest Fire Station that is currently under construction. The buildings main walls are up and cinderblock framing is complete. The station will look like The South Fire Station.

B. Pettingill Road Project

The tour moved from Northwest Fire Station to Pettingill Road location. Janucz and Andre gave a summary of the area noting how important this area is for economic development. The project would connect the Airport Roadway Access Road off of Route 3/Everett Turnpike to Pettingill Road near the back side of the Airport. There are over 700+ acres of developable commercial land that could support up to 4 million square feet of business space.

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$12 Million, \$8.2 Million for the roadway and supporting drainage and

approximately \$4 Million for the Sewer pump station required to support the development in the area. The Airport access road is due to be completed by the State of NH by 2012. The state has agreed to put in a fairly large intersection that could handle heavy traffic flow off of the airport access road. The cost of building this intersection is over \$1M, saving it from being paid by Londonderry to connect to the access road.

The project has been in existence since 2003, and is a vital piece in the economic development of Londonderry. It is perfectly situated next to the airport and between two major highways. It is also the largest piece of undeveloped commercial land in southern NH.

In order to pay for the construction of this area, Londonderry has applied for two grants. The first grant, which is a federal ARA grant, will be for \$4M – this will cover the sewer pump station and is eligible because the grant is designed to build areas for economic development.

The second grant, called a TIGER2 grant, is to cover the cost of constructing the roadway (\$8+Million). If awarded either of these grants, there is a requirement that the town will pay a portion of the construction (up to 20 percent)

The estimated time to build out the area completely would be approximately 15 years. This is estimated that there would be 4 million square feet of commercial property and approximately \$4-\$5 million in annual revenues off of these properties.

After departing the Pettingill Road area, the tour moved to the Central Fire Station.

B. Central Fire Station

While at the Central Fire Station, Chief McCaffrey gave us a tour of the station which was built in the 1970's. There are currently 48 full time Firefighters and 10 on call personnel. The fire station is dated with a makeshift work out facility, paneled walls and a small training room that can only fit ten people at a time. The building is structurally sound, however, the doors are barely large enough to fit the large engine (3" space on each side and 4" on top) and roof repairs to the flat rubber roof are needed. There is a request for the CIP in 2014 to build an addition onto the Fire Station, this would take the bedrooms upstairs and put them on the first floor, and it would create an area for training, a decontamination station, storage area for gear, and a workout room that would open up space for another bay. The estimated cost of the addition is approximately 1.5M. This would include all roof repairs and the addition of two large truck bays on the north side of the building.

Upon completion of the tour of Central Fire Station, the tour moved to the DPW Highway Garage.

D. DPW Highway Garage

Janucz Czyzowski gave us a tour of the DPW Highway garage and property. The garage building is an older cinderblock building with makeshift wooden additions on the side. The building is older with several issues and updates are requested by Janucz and his staff. The buildings rest rooms are very old, very small, and require updating. The septic pipes to the facility were just replaced this week due to total failure. The employee break room and locker room is also very small for an area that holds 11 employees during snowstorms and emergency events. Janucz's three main concerns are the condition of the garage, the vehicle replacement program, and the road entranceway to the highway garage, which is in need of total reconstruction.

Janucz will be requesting the funds for an addition to the highway garage, which would build out the north side of the building, adding a hallway between the garage and offices, more office space, updated restroom facilities and a break room with a stove and appliances.

The roadway will cost over \$50,000 to repair/reconstruct using his own staff.

The vehicle maintenance program, a 7yr/10yr program, was halted last year and Janucz will be requesting that we get back on plan with the program. This program replaces vehicles before they cost a large amount of money in repairs and there is still value left in the vehicle. It avoids total depreciation of the vehicles and keeps the maintenance upkeep to a minimum.

In order to upgrade the equipment that the DPW currently has in stock, Janucz will be trading in a grader and dozer to upgrade their current backhoe.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A. A motion was made by Richard Dillon at 19:44 PM to adjourn the meeting, second by Todd Joncas. The vote on the motion was as follows.

Members	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Mark Oswald				X
Don Jorgensen				X
Todd Joncas	X			
Richard Dillon	X			
John Curran	X			
Lisa Whittemore	X			
Dan Lekas	X			

Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned. All members departed the Highway garage location.

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.