

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
April 17, 2006

The Council Meeting of April 17, 2006 was called to order at 7:15 PM in the Moose Hill Conference Room, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH.

PRESENT: TOWN COUNCIL; Chairman, Brian Farmer, Councilors: Mark Oswald; Marty Bove; Tom Dolan; Co-Chairman, Joe Paradis; Town Manager David Caron; Margo Lapietro, Executive Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Farmer opened the meeting at 7:15 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for the men and women in the service and for those who have given their lives for this country.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Warm Homes – Kathy Wagner announced that the Warm Homes Project had ended, receiving over \$22K in donations. She proceeded to thank everyone who helped with the project, especially Carol Conley, Vinnie Curro with the Boy Scouts, the Schools and all the businesses which donated. She stated there are other organizations in Town that give aid to people in need, not everyone knows about them. Councilor Bove urged her to contact him for names of people to contact in the State.

OHD – K. Wagner stated this Thursday they were doing a live broadcast, they were announcing the Grand Marshal of the parade and the theme for this year. Budget this year was \$31K; they received \$11K in cash sponsorship. She proceeded to read the names who donated at the Platinum, Gold and Silver levels.

NH Flying Tigers – Rick Bono, the President of the NH Flying Tigers Club explained the club was made up of 50-80 dues paying members. They would like to lease a portion of the Auburn Rd. landfill for their radio-controlled planes. They would make some improvements to the area and he noted that there are 155 sites in NH that have used former landfill sites for their hobby. Town Manager Caron stated the purpose of tonight's presentation was to see if the Council was interested in further exploring this request, and if so, staff would develop a draft lease agreement and contact other interested parties such as the EPA. Councilor Paradis questioned the noise, R. Bono stated they have sound rules for the engines, but they have been located at a site in Derry for the past 25 years and have never had a residential noise complaint. Councilor Bove stated other agencies in Town were interested in the site, wants Planning and Building Departments to look into it before we commit ourselves to a long-term lease. Parks and Recreation Department has expressed interest in the property. Councilor Dolan expressed concern about increase in traffic and insurance. R. Bono replied very minimal traffic at the busiest time maybe 10-20 cars. His club belongs to a national organization

that requires liability insurance, have \$2.5M. Councilor Bove expressed concern about using public land for private use. Council directed Town Manager Caron to move forward with the subject after contacting Parks & Rec., Planning & Building.

Internet Mapping System Demo – Andre Garron, Director of Planning and Economic Development and John Vogl, GIS Manager demonstrated the new GIS system available on the Town’s website. A. Garron gave a brief history of when and how the system was developed for the Town. The GIS system has been an invaluable tool for the Town especially with the Police, Fire, Assessors Office, Planning Dept., Open Space and Conservation. Councilor Dolan thanked J. Vogl for his willingness to help and for his great sense of teamwork. Chairman Farmer suggested the possibility of mapping Historic Properties once that project gets going.

NEW BUSINESS

Order 2006-09 – Relative to the Use of West Fire District Impact Fees to Complete Purchase of Map 17, Lot 5-1 for the Future Construction of North/West Fire Station. - Councilor Paradis read the first reading, waived the second, and made a motion to adopt. Second by Councilor Bove. No discussion. Council’s vote 5-0-0.

Resolution 2006-11 – Historic Properties Preservation Task Force – Councilor Bove read the first reading, second reading not required, made a motion to adopt. Second by Councilor Dolan. Open for discussion. Councilor Oswald expressed concern about a written report being presented to Council by June 1, 2006, he stated he did not think the group would meet that time frame. They could have an interim report by that time. Amend the Charge to say, “prepare an interim report with some findings and recommendations by June 1, along with a timeframe for submission of a final report.” Councilor Oswald made an amendment to strike the word written and insert interim. Second by Councilor Paradis. Amendment open for discussion. Councilor Bove stated the June 1st report should basically be a report of the organization of members and how and what the procedure is, what the criteria is for a house to become identified. Councilor Oswald stated that if they prepare an interim report with findings and recommendations then that is what the Council will be looking for. Councilor Dolan recommended that we vote on the amendment to change #2 as amended and entertain another amendment to add a paragraph 2A for additional clarification. Councils’ vote 5-0-0. Councilor Bove added a 2A Addendum requested the committee present to Council, procedures and criteria they will use to determine what is a historic property and how it gets added to that role. Second by Councilor Dolan. Councils’ vote 5-0-0. Chairman Farmer suggested dropping the Cultural Resources and Conservation Commission from the eight-member roster and leaving those two positions open for additional “At Large” representatives. Councilor Dolan made a motion to delete Cultural Resources and Conservation Commission from the eight-member roster and have 3 “At Large” Positions. Second by Councilor Oswald. Councils’ vote 5-0-0. Councilor Oswald made a motion to adopt the Resolution with the two amendments. Second by Councilor Dolan. No discussion. Councils’ vote 5-0-0.

Resolution 2006-12 – Relative to the Sale of Tax-Deeded Property and Acceptance of Conservation Easement – Councilor Dolan made a motion to adopt. Second by Councilor Oswald. Open for discussion. Chairman Dolan summarized the Resolution. Councilor Oswald stated the Conservation Commission supported the Resolution. **Councils' vote 5-0-0.**

Draft FY07 Goals and Objectives – Town Manager Caron presented a draft of Goals and Objectives broken down into 5 Goals:

1. Customer Service
2. Planning and Management of Various Projects
3. Tax Policy-Financial Planning
4. Initiatives
5. Communication

Annual Implementation of:

1. Community Services Grant
2. Expendable Building Maintenance Fund
3. Implement Revised Capital Improvements Program Process
4. Maintain and Update Financial Management Plan
5. Provide Greater Influence for Londonderry in State Government Matters
6. Planned Updates/Meetings with Strategic Office Holders, Property Owners, Other Boards, Commissions and Agencies
7. Continue to Expand Communication Opportunities with Town Newsletters and Other Media Opportunities.

He suggested Council a look at these Goals and Objectives and he will put it back on the Agenda for May 1st. Once it was finalized, it will be a working document for the fiscal year. Councilor Oswald suggested prioritizing, some cross functionalization in some of the tasks. Chairman Farmer agreed with Councilor Oswald, create a document like he did with the Liaison appointments so each Councilor can score each goal and objective.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Dolan mentioned the fact that it might be a good idea to have a hand microphone for elderly or disabled people. Councilor Bove stated a hand microphone might be appropriate, preferably wireless. He also mentioned that a lot of people don't speak directly into the microphone, reminded whoever was running the meetings to remind everyone of this fact.

Reed Page Clark, III suggested putting the Town Logo on the front of the dais. He also asked if he could be notified when the redesign at the intersection of Stonehenge Rd will be done by the State.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Oswald made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as amended for 03/30/06. Second by Councilor Dolan. Councils' vote 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Liaison Appointments/Reports:

Councilor Bove attended the School Board Meeting, breathalyzer machine testing was discussed.

Councilor Paradis attended the Planning Board meeting, South Station signaling devices was covered along with a development at Mohawk Drive.

Councilor Dolan stated the Recreation Commission entertained a sanction request from a Cheerleading Group. They were sanctioned unanimously by the Recreation Commission. Library Trustees want to outfit the library meeting room in the basement with the same projector as the one in Council Chamber. He suggested they get an estimate and bring it to Council to determine if there were Cable Reserve Funds. A citizen presented a request to have the Library upgrade their software so people can search and reserve books online. He suggested they do the same thing, get a quote and perhaps have it as a separate Warrant Article at Town Meeting. Availability of coffee and food was addressed, the Trustees will revisit this at their July meeting. They agreed to look at different venues.

Councilor Oswald attended the Traffic Safety Committee they discussed turning lanes on and off Mammoth/Pillsbury Road. Public Works Dir., Janusz Czyzowski said it would require some monies both from the State and Town to study it further. Tabled at the moment. Boyd and Old Nashua Road intersection were discussed. New "No Parking" ban on Nelson Road adjacent to the tennis courts, LAFA and parents should be careful. Open Space will be on Wednesday this week. MHT Authority meets Thursday afternoon. Leadership Londonderry will meet at MHT for presentations regarding I93 and Access Road. May 16 is dinner and graduation at 5:30PM at the Lions Hall.

Chairman Farmer stated he missed the Cultural Arts meeting due to flu. Other new assignments have not met yet.

Project Status Summary:

Town Manager Caron stated we have received the application form from the FAA for potential site of the cell tower. Carolyn O'Connor will be working with GIS Manager John Vogl to map them out and get them to FAA.

Expect the construction of the Fire Station to begin the first of May.

Management of the sale of cemetery lots will now be handled in-house by Carolyn O'Connor. The Trustees asked staff to manage it and the GIS will be handling the inventory of the lots in the near future. Councilor Dolan complimented Town Manager Caron on handling this sensitive issue with Town Staff. He also complimented the volunteers for their work.

Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations:

- 1. Councilor Oswald made a motion to re-appoint Robert Nichols from an Alternate Member to a Full Member on the Planning Board, replacing Dana Coons until 12/.31/08. Second by Councilor Paradis. Open for discussion. Chairman Farmer mentioned that Rob has not been on the Board that long but he has done a great job picking up things quickly. Councilor Dolan asked to send a Certificate of Appreciation to Dana Coons, he has been a long time vocal contributor to development of the Town for many years. Councils' vote 5-0-0.**
- 2. Councilor Oswald made a motion to accept the resignation of Norm Belanger from the Elder Affairs Committee. He requested a Certificate of Appreciation be sent to him for his work. Second by Councilor Paradis. Councils' vote 5-0-0.**
- 3. Councilor Dolan made a motion to appoint Gregory Descoteaux as a voting member to the Londonderry Arts Council, Ad Hoc position. Second by Councilor Oswald. Open for discussion. Chairman Farmer stated that this brings the membership up to 7 voting members, first time in four years that they have had a full membership. Councils' vote 5-0-0.**
- 4. Discussion ensued about two applicants applying for one position open on the Elder Affairs Committee. Al Baldassarro and Nancy Irwin both applied. It was decided that the liaison, Joe Paradis, would talk to Stacy Thrall, Chairman of the Committee. He would discuss with her any preference, they can decide if they want to interview the applicants and make a recommendation back to Councilor Paradis. If they don't reach a decision then we will give the candidates an opportunity to speak in front of Council.**

Councilor Dolan made a motion to go into non-public session at 9:15 PM per RSA 91-A:II(a). Second by Councilor Paradis. Aye Mark Oswald; Aye Tom Dolan; Aye Brian Farmer; Aye Joe Paradis; Aye Marty Bove. Town Council went into non-public.

Notes and Tapes by: Margo Lapietro Date: 04/17/06

Minutes Typed by: Margo Lapietro Date: 04/19/06

Approved: Town Council Date: 05/01/06