

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2008

The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH.

PRESENT: TOWN COUNCIL; Chairman Joe Paradis; Vice Chairman, Marty Bove; Councilors Mark Oswald; and Kathy Wagner; Town Manager Dave Caron, and Margo Lapietro, Executive Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER – PUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Paradis opened the meeting at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the men and women fighting for our country.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Mark Brewer.- Mark Brewer the new Airport Director at Manchester/Boston Regional talked about his background.. Mr. Brewer has worked eleven years at T F Green in Rhode Island, and reviewed the similarities between the two airports. He reviewed the NE Regional System Plan, which is the first time FAA took a comprehensive look at population centers, highways, rail, and transportation centers that are currently available in the six New England states. Over next 20 years there is expected to be 24 million more people flying in/out of NE airports. Expectations are that Air transportation is going to grow, doubling of passengers in next 15-20 years. MHT right now has about 4M passengers per year expecting it to go to about 8M passengers per year. Runways already lengthened to ultimate, infrastructure set for next 15-20 yrs. Expected growth will be in terminal and land side (parking, roads, etc, possibly to rail). He sits on newly created NH Rail Transit Authority. Rail service is expected to go from Lowell to Nashua then up to Manchester. Now want it to go to Concord.. Airport Access Road will open up 1000 acres of prime industrial land. Not ready until 2011–2012, he said he will try to expedite the construction. Met with FAA on 1/30/08 and talked about the airport’s next 5 year capital improvement program, (CIP). A new Master Plan will be of prime importance in the FY09 CIP. Important for MHT to have good community involvement. Some of the challenges will be traffic congestion and noise for Londonderry and Manchester. Sound Insulation Program is in Phase 9, last phase will be finished in FY08-09, he is looking to expedite it sooner rather than later. Looks forward to working close with Londonderry, will keep Council informed, he told the Council to feel free to contact him or Deputy Director J. Brian O’Neil.. Thanked Steve Young for service on MAA. Chairman Paradis said Logan Airport is a Category X, M. Brewer responded it is a security rating. Chairman Paradis said that MHT is a Category 1, asked what the difference is. M. Brewer responded the security rating is based on size of airport and perceived security threats. Logan is ranked the highest being Category X, then down 1, 2, 3, 4 level. Chairman Paradis said we will invite him back for updates. Open for discussion. Mike Brown, Carousel Court asked about the runway use. M. Brewer said he will get back to Council with figures for January runway usage. M. Brown asked when Master Plan will be underway. He responded federal fiscal year starts in October this year. Money comes from aviation trust fund through Airport

Improvement Program (AIP). AIP funding was authorized for FY08 but never appropriated, there is \$3.5B of airport planning, infrastructure improvements nationwide currently on hold, hopefully will be released in FY09. Only thing not completed in previous master plan was not to construct 4,000 space parking garage behind existing one. Wants to incorporate into Master Plan an analysis of a potential rail system, with a possible site off Brown Ave and will look at a roadway system in Master Plan. M. Brown mentioned the potential growth of 4M-8M passenger growth, will it go the way of Boston and will MHT try to add another runway. M. Brewer said it is one of the things being discussed in the Master Plan, he has not seen any plans for an additional runways. Need about 9250 ft. to get large craft to the west coast. In the future might extend runways, infrastructure already exists to handle them. Some of the aircraft currently at MHT are smaller commuter size craft, he foresees the size of aircraft will grow. Can have a significant growth without a significant number of additional flights.

Chairman Paradis announced he will have a candidate's forum next Saturday in the Moose Hill Council Chambers at 9:00AM. Invited public to attend.

Reed Paige Clark, III said that 162 people attended School Deliberative session. Reminded the citizens to attend Town Meeting on 3/15/08 and vote on 3/11/08.

OLD BUSINESS

2008 Town Meeting Warrant – Signatures on 08 Warrant were complete.

NEW BUSINESS

Firearms Range – Chief Joe Ryan spoke about ammunition training. Lt. Chris Gandia, Sgts. Russell Goodnow, Ryan Carey, and Ofc. Joseph Bellino were in attendance; they oversee the Department's current training and have researched the subject. The Chief explained they have had conflicts at the various firing ranges they have used.. Some times they have to travel to Concord. The officers have located suitable land free of charge, and the Director at MHT has donated fencing. Area is located near the Fish and Game Club and located a distance from residences. Berms will be constructed to standard, perimeter fencing and interior fencing will be locked and secured. The Department has received a grant to send one of officers to range master's training school. Councilor Oswald asked if there were standards for firing ranges? Chief Ryan said NRA has guidelines. Obtaining grant money and range master trainer will make sure the program meets standards. Councilor Paradis verified that it is entirely outside, Chief Ryan said yes wanted training conditions for year round use. Officers in this department are exceptional well trained in use of force. Councilor Oswald asked Town Manager Caron if Council accept gifts tonight is there a process of approval as in a public hearing, does it go to the Planning Board. Town Manager Caron responded that staff will next review the required approval process. Councilor Oswald said it should go to a public meeting for input, regarding distances, noise, etc. Councilor Wagner asked how often the police department is required to qualify for firearms, Chief Ryan said they are required at least once a year for qualifications. His department tries to train anywhere from 4-5 times a year, more than what is required by the state. Councilor Wagner asked how it is done now, do they book another range He responded yes, use Fish and Game, not always accessible, membership costs \$2,000. He would like to use that money towards maintenance of new range. Councilor Wagner questioned how much travel time was entailed using other ranges. Chief Ryan explained they have used Pelham Fish & Game which is 16 plus miles, Hudson and the Police Academy in Concord. Councilor Bove questioned access to the proposed range. Chief Ryan said there already is a road there it is maintained by

the owner, it is a private road. Lt. Chris Gandia gave exact mileage and times involved with the use of the other ranges. The location of the proposed range makes it convenient for LPD as well as officers positioned at MHT. Councilor Wagner asked if they will let other departments use the facility, Chief Ryan responded yes. Will have liability forms and will reciprocate with other Police Departments like Hudson and Pelham. Councilor Oswald questioned if other police departments charge fees to use ranges, he responded no. Councilor Oswald asked if he had an estimate of annual operating costs for area. He responded at this time there should be none, maybe some upkeep but owner of property willing to help. Chairman Paradis asked how many Police Departments have their own ranges, Lt. Gandia mentioned Hudson, Nashua and Manchester. Town Manager Carom said tonight Council could give guidance to accept the gifts of land and fencing, get a time frame for completion of improvements. Chairman Paradis asked if a public hearing is necessary. Town Manager Caron responded if it is required under the governmental review process. Paul DiMarco, Holstein Avenue, said he is on the Board of Dir. of Pelham Fish and Game. They used to make departments join as a corporate member. They went to a new program a few years ago whereby they charged the police departments by the day but it was \$600-\$700/day. Salem Pelham, Nashua and Windham Police Departments use it. Berms are typically made of sand or dirt, with snow they degrade, every couple of years have to re-address berms. Lt. Gandia responded that Continental will be paving the range, bass pick-up will be taken care of. P. DiMarco also said that citizens will be concerned with the direction of the shooting. Mike Brown, said the public will hear and read about it, Council should have a hearing to allow people to know what is going on. People want to know hours of operation. Councilor Oswald said it could even be an agenda item at a Council meeting. Councilor Wagner asked how often will it be used. Lt. Gandia said they do it on a quarterly basis, takes about 2 weeks. Do training 95% of times Monday - Friday during regular business hours, for most part don't train on weekends. Noise impacts less during that time. Night training is in November, windows closed that time of year so noise not an issue. Councilor Wagner suggested posting a notice that training is in session. Lt. Gandia said the area is close to Londonderry Fish and Game so not a new noise for that area. Councilor Oswald said might be an opportunity to use reverse 911 to notify neighbors. Chief Ryan stated they can put a notice on cable TV. Councilor Bove said that looking at the map the location is half a mile away from homes, safe area. Chief Ryan encouraged any of the citizens to contact him or the other officers for more information. Councilor Oswald suggested putting information on town website. Rick Olsen, Pres. of Londonderry Fish and Game Club, said he is sorry to see them leave, and described the area which is next to his club. Gun fire can be heard on a daily basis from their club. He said LPD can feel free to contact him for any help he can give. **Councilor Oswald made a motion to accept land and fencing. Second Councilor Wagner Council's vote 4-0-0.** Chairman Paradis said he still would like to have a time frame on the project and suggested that the Chief come back to Council with that information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Council's February 4, 2008 Public Meetings. **Councilor Oswald made a motion to approve with the following edits. Edits line 18 change spelling of Amercore to Americorp, line 90 change Councilor Farmer to Councilor Oswald. Line 92 change Councilor Farmer to J. Czyzowski, Dir. Of PW. Council's vote with noted edits, 4-0-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Liaison Reports – Councilor Bove attended the School Board Meeting, 162 people showed up.
No other reports.

Town Manager's Report – None

Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations - None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Bove made a motion to adjourn. Second Councilor Wagner. Council's vote 4-0-0. Adjourn at 7:55 PM

Notes and Tapes by: Margo Lapietro Date: 02/11/08

Minutes Typed by: Margo Lapietro Date: 02/20/08

Approved: Town Council Date: 03/03/08