

<p style="text-align:center"><b>TOWN COUNCIL MEETING</b> <b>September 13, 2010</b></p>
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The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

**PRESENT: Town Council: Chairman Paul DiMarco; Vice Chairperson, Sean O’Keefe; Councilors: Mike Brown; Tom Dolan; John Farrell; Town Manager Dave Caron; Executive Assistant, Margo Lapietro.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman DiMarco opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the men and women fighting for our country. Chairman DiMarco also mentioned the tragedies that happened this weekend in Londonderry, namely the deaths of Rebecca Tenney a Londonderry High School Junior and the tragic death of four young men of which two were Londonderry High School Alumni. He reminded everyone that tomorrow is Election Day for the primary; the polls at the Londonderry High School Gym will be open from 7:00AM – 8:00PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Manchester-Boston Regional Airport – Noise Mitigation Update** – Airport Director Mark Brewer and Assistant Airport Director-Engineer and Planning Rich Fixler were in attendance. M. Brewer stated the last contours were completed in 2003 as part of their Master Plan Update; they are currently being updated to the 2009 noise contours and are being projected to what the noise contours are anticipated to be in 2018. He presented information on airport operations and compared the flight operations and passenger forecast. R. Fixler explained the integrated noise model used by the FAA. He explained the aircraft operations, existing and forecast. He explained that due to the economy there has been a large drop off in general aviation both local and non-local that equals almost 23,000 operations. He proceeded to show the actual noise contours from 2003 and 2009 and stated that they soundproofed 71 homes in Londonderry. He explained that the 65 DNL contour is the only level eligible for sound insulation, they completed a total of 1,233 living units surrounding the airport. They also worked on three schools, three daycares, a few churches, and living quarters in a fire station in Manchester. He explained the 2018 contours are not much different from today’s contours. Noise contours are smaller due to two reasons:

Stage 2 aircraft which were very noisy have been phased out. Stage 3 are being used, which are quieter. He explained that the 727 which is the noisiest aircraft used at the airport is being used infrequently. Operations are down significantly which contribute to a much smaller noise contour.

Chairman DiMarco said the cargo planes are noisier particularly the 6:00AM one. R. Fixler explained it is a stage 3 but there is very little background noise at that time in the morning so it seems louder, however it is not a louder aircraft. Councilor Brown said he is happy to see they are not using a 727 but asked if there is a federal mandate to have them eliminated. M. Brewer

said there is no mandate and they can be brought back, but which probably will not occur due to fuel economy considerations. The next quiet stage is Stage 4 engines which are already being used. Councilor Dolan asked if the airport encourages the pilots not to come in low on their approach. He suggested maybe bringing the early flights in over less populated areas in the early mornings. He said the Airport had tried that in the past. M. Brewer said the FAA determines what runway to use; he could meet with the tower manager and make that recommendation, however aircraft landing and take-off into the wind is at the pilot's discretion. R. Fixler explained they have draft noise exposure maps that were presented on 8/26/10 to the public; they have a 30 day comment period both on the Master Plan draft and the noise exposure maps. They are available to the public on the airport's website. The next step is for the airport to submit the noise exposure maps to the FAA for acceptance. M. Brewer reminded everyone that the noise exposure maps are part of the Master Plan process and it is important to get public involvement. He explained that they have had four study advisory meetings and listed the Londonderry representatives to include: Andre Garron, Steve Young, Earl Rosse and Deb Lievens. He also mentioned the Londonderry representatives on the Manchester Airport Authority are Dan Jorgenson and Warren Jennings. He said Chairman DiMarco attends meetings regularly. The Master Plan consultant will make a presentation to the airport authority on 9/23/10 which will be the result of an eighteen month process for the Master Plan update and invited the Councilors to attend the meeting. It is still in the draft mode and it is a public meeting. Councilor Dolan asked what are the plans and timeline for the Highlander. M. Brewer said it is currently MHT property, it will continue operations as a hotel and off-airport parking facility until 12/31/11. At that point it will cease as a hotel, it is located in the airport protection zone so the FAA will help them with the cost of removal. The off-airport parking operation will cease. The Master Plan is looking at the best use of that acreage. Councilor Farrell stated he could not be at the meeting on 9/23 he said he used to fly out of MHT a lot but due to economics has been using Boston because it has lower fares. M. Brewer suggested he look at fares again, Southwest is now creating fare parity with both Logan and TF Green in Rhode Island.

**Andre Garron – Radek Maly, Falling Waters Development**- Postponed until 9/20/10.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Resolution #2010-19 – Relative to renaming the Class VI portion of Spring Road located between Kitt Lane and Hovey Road – Councilor Farrell made a motion to open the public hearing, second by Councilor O’Keefe; Council’s vote was 5-0-0.** Firefighter Jim Bilodeau explained the road's name was changed from “Stage Coach Lane” because a resident of the street requested it be done. The new name is “Dragonfly Way”. Councilor O’Keefe made a motion to amend the Resolution to note the name change to “Dragonfly Way, second by Councilor Farrell. Council’s vote as amended was 5-0-0.

**Councilor O’Keefe made a motion to close the public hearing, second Councilor Farrell. Council’s was vote 5-0-0.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of Council's Public Meetings of 08/23/10.** Chairman DiMarco made a correction to the date on line 20 for the date of the general election of 11/7/10; it should be 11/2/10 and was corrected. **Councilor Farrell made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, second by Councilor O'Keefe. Council's vote was 5-0-0.**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Liaison Reports -** Councilor Farrell reported on the last CIP meeting. They have had one public meeting with the Planning Board; they will have a final meeting with the Planning Board when the tax rates are done, it is on schedule. He stated that the Planning Board activity has picked up.

Chairman DiMarco said he did not have any meetings; he does have the Manchester Airport Authority next week.

Councilor Dolan said he attended some of the design charrette sessions at Woodmont Orchards and it was good to see so many citizens participate.

Councilor Brown said he attended the SWAC meeting late last week. A woman from Tokanel Dr. spoke about posting "no litter" signs around town. He said there were some other folks who attended and came they came up with a lot of ideas some that might involve town resources or town funding. Action items will be written and given to the Town Manager.

**Town Manager Reports -** Town Manager Caron said the project at the town common has gone extremely well. The town owned property being leased to the Lions Hall has been undergoing a roof replacement, along with new plywood attached as the existing roof is rotted in many locations; the Lions Club has assisted with the repairs. The final coat of asphalt at Page and 28 has been applied, the traffic signals should be activated this week. He informed the Councilors that December is the expiration date for the various terms served by the volunteers on the various boards/committees/commission. He questioned if the Council wants to interview the land use members whose terms expire and wish to continue serving on the various boards/committees/commissions. Last year the directive was to interview all land use candidates including incumbents who desired to be re-appointed and advertise for interested citizens for boards/committees/commissions where there are incumbents wishing to retain their positions. Councilor Farrell stated he has no interest in interviewing current land use people who have served and been interviewed. Councilor Dolan agreed and said we should only interview new candidates. Both Councilor Brown and O'Keefe said they still want to re-interview land use board members. Chairman DiMarco said this is the only opportunity we have to talk to them, but he wants to re-interview land use people and Councilor O'Keefe agreed with him. Chairman DiMarco said that this is the only time the Council has any say in appointing a person to a board, especially the land use boards because they have powers delegated to them per RSA's. He said he would like to continue doing that. Councilor O'Keefe said he thinks we should advertise the openings on land use boards because there might be someone who would like to get on the

boards. Councilor Farrell said we are interviewing people who are already serving. Unless we find them not able to serve, he does not see any reason to advertise. He does not like the idea of making them compete; they have volunteered and have served the community. Councilor Dolan agreed, he stated that we might lose some of them if we make it unpleasant for them. They have already been vetted by this Council and previous Councils and noted that it is an expense to advertise. Chairman DiMarco said his only concern was with the expense of advertising. Town Manager Caron stated that Margo has been successful asking the media to publish news articles on vacancies, which elicit a better response than placing a legal ad; the vacancies will also be listed on the Town's website. Chairman DiMarco said he would prefer that and we should note that there are incumbents that will continue their role. He said he just wants to let people be aware of the positions and if we have an opening we can use those interested folks for future openings. Town Manager Caron said Margo will communicate with the various land use boards to determine who wants to continue so it will give us an idea if there are any vacancies. If there are than Margo will highlight those positions and also mention we have other boards that other folks can volunteer for. Town Manager Caron also informed the Council that by 10/1/10 the Open Space Taskforce members will be named. The at-large positions (2) will be mentioned again by using the media, hopefully the interviews for those two positions will be scheduled for the 10/4/10 meeting.

Town Manager Caron said that Mr. Maly was ill and could not attend this evening, he stated he will be here next Monday or on 10/16/10. Councilor Farrell spoke about the Bella Tucker house reconstruction and the possibility of seeing what the tax impact will be on the newly expanded home. He inquired if the town can give them some relief. Town Manager Caron said any additional assessment will become effective 4/1/11 and if the Council would like he can look at different options on how to manage the additional tax burden.

**Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments -**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Farrell made a motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM, second by Councilor O'Keefe; Council's vote was 5-0-0.**

**Notes and Tapes by: Margo Lapietro Date: 09/13/10**

**Minutes Typed by: Margo Lapietro Date: 09/14/10**

**Approved; Town Council Date: 09/20/10**