

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 07, 2011**

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

**PRESENT: Town Council: Chairman Paul DiMarco; Councilors: Mike Brown, John Farrell, Tom Dolan; Town Manager Dave Caron; Assistant Town Manager – Finance & Administration Sue Hickey; Executive Assistant Margo Lapietro. Absent: Vice Chairman Sean O’Keefe.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman DiMarco opened the meeting at 7:00 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**

**Keegan Smith on behalf of Londonderry High School** - Keegan Smith, a student at Londonderry high School informed the Council that three students who parked their vehicles at the LAFA Recreation Field had their cars broken into on 1/4/11. One friend had \$2K worth of damage to his car. The other two students had a total of \$500.00 damages. He explained he is a journalist at Londonderry High School and interviewed the kids who reported the crime to the Londonderry Police Department who eventually found the alleged person involved. Officer Coyle said the best thing they could have to prevent theft occurrences would be to have surveillance cameras at the fields. He said he knows the budget is tight but it would be a good idea. He offered to conduct fundraisers to obtain the money. Chairman DiMarco stated that Keegan had sent him an e-mail regarding this problem and he had suggested that he appear before the Council to discuss. Councilor Farrell questioned if we want to look into it and try to help him raise the money to give him an idea on the price of the equipment. Councilor Dolan thanked him for bringing this to the attention of Council. Councilor Dolan said the first step is to ask the Town Manager to look into it; ask the police department how much it would cost so he would have an idea of how much he would need for fundraising. The second step is to continue the dialogue with the Town Manager and with the police department. The consensus was to have the Town Manager review. Chairman DiMarco cautioned the public to lock their doors and not keep valuables out in the open.

**Andre Garron - Economic Development Update.** Community Development Director, Andre Garron was in attendance accompanied by Greg Bartlett the General Manager of Vulcan Flex who recently relocated to Londonderry. The new facility opened up on 10/26/10. He explained why they chose to relocate to Londonderry and how things have been going. He explained they chose to relocate to Londonderry because the previous facility in Hudson was very old. Londonderry had a good reputation which was viewed as an advantage in their competitive world; the proximity to the Airport and the amenities surrounding the Airport also factored into their decision. Things have gone well their final inspections were completed with no findings, they did receive some suggestions for improvements. He said it was good that their people were establishing a good working relationship with the employees of the town. He explained that they manufacture circuit boards that go into the nose cone of a mortar shell; it is a guidance system

not mortar. Councilor Dolan welcomed him and asked how many employees they have; Greg Bartlett responded 48-49. They are doing about \$9.5M dollars; the hiring is tied directly to their business outlook. Councilor Dolan asked where most of their employees live do. He responded Manchester, Raymond and Nashua; it is equally split between Manchester and Nashua. Councilor Dolan asked if there was anything in the initial process that we as a town government could have done better to make the transition easier. Greg Bartlett responded the transition went extremely well and he has not heard of any criticisms or complaints. Looking forward the only thing that might improve their business outlook is handling water. Access fees for water coming in and how they handle the discharge of water. They have a state-of-the-art waste treatment system and microfiltration system that handles it so they are compliant with what goes out. They spent about a \$1M last year on water within a revenue stream of \$9.5M; 10% of their costs were related to water fees. Councilor Brown asked was he looking at any other areas in addition to Londonderry. He responded he had not heard of any other, the availability of the building made it easy. Councilor Brown said he would like to keep the dialogue open between him, the Town Manager and Andre Garron. Greg Bartlett responded he absolutely would keep the lines open. Councilor Farrell said Vulcan Flex came before the Planning Board in 2009, and everything just clicked, the right place, the right time and it was a good facility.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance #2011-01 – Relative to Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance & Map Relating to Rezoning Map 15, Lots 22 & 124, Rockingham Road** Councilor Dolan made a motion to accept the Ordinance with the second public hearing on 3/2/11, second by Councilor Brown. Council's vote was 4-0-0.

**Order #2010-02 - Relative to the Expenditure of Maintenance Trust Funds for Various Projects** – Councilor Farrell and made a motion to adopt, second by Councilor Dolan. Councilor Brown questioned if the snow removal listed in the Order was for the previous snow removal from the Senior Center, it does not include this week's removal. Town Manager Caron responded this week's snow removal at the Senior Center is not included in this Order. Council's vote was 4-0-0.

**2011 Town Meeting Warrant Signing** – Council signed the Warrant this evening.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Councilor Brown made a motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of 01/17/11, second by Councilor Dolan. Council's vote was 4-0-0.**

Councilor Dolan said at the last Council meeting a resident stated that the meeting minutes were not posted on the Town website and it was presented in almost a way that we were not in compliance with state law. He said we should review for the public the requirements of 91-A for posting minutes. There are no requirements in the law to post minutes to any website. Town Manager Caron stated they have to be available 5 days after the meeting which they are. Councilor Dolan said when it says they have to be available someone can go to Town Hall to the Manager's Office and look at them even though they are in draft form. It doesn't necessarily mean they have to be posted on the Town website; that is just a courtesy. We are in full compliance with state law, the minutes are always available. Councilor Brown said the law is

clear that they have to be available for inspection. The Council did talk about this before and they try to have it available on the website. There is no broken law if they are not on the website.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Liaison Reports** – Councilor Farrell stated the Planning Board and Elder Affairs meetings were cancelled due to snow storms. He did not attend the School Board Meeting.

Chairman DiMarco said he did not make it to the Library Trustees meeting due to the storm. He was also unable to attend the Manchester Airport Authority meeting.

Councilor Dolan asked the Town Manager if there were any structural concerns about the roof at the Senior Center. He responded they hired a contractor to remove the snow. The building inspector approved the building to reopen; they will be monitoring the roof load for the rest of the year. The building inspector has some ideas to improve the load bearing capacity. We have not had any other structural issues with our other buildings. Chairman DiMarco questioned if the Fire Department handles snow removal in the shared parking lot. Town Manager Caron responded they do maintain it now but we will have to re-schedule it when they move to their new fire station.

Councilor Brown said the Council Meeting held last Thursday conflicted with the Solid Waste Meeting so he did not make that. The anti-littering committee is kicking off on 2/23 which he will attend.

Councilor Farrell said the Planning Board is meeting this Wednesday but they are not hearing any conceptual discussions from Woodmont Orchards; that has been moved out to 3/9/11. Art Rugg, Planning Board Chairman said this Wednesday the meeting will be long so they decided to move the Woodmont Orchards plan so they can spend more time on it. He said the building at the Woodmont Orchards is open on Pillsbury Rd. Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM, and Saturdays from 9-11AM. It is a good opportunity for people to go in and look at maps, etc. Councilor Dolan asked Art Rugg if more questions are generated are the developers more open to answer them. He responded some answers will be answered as the process continues. Councilor Dolan asked Art Rugg if we are competent and equipped to handle some of the issues coming up. Art Rugg said he has spoken to staff and told them to ask for more help if they need it. Councilor Dolan stated that we should continue to assess our level of competence and expertise as an ongoing process. Councilor Farrell stated that we have well in excess of 100 hours invested in this; he explained the process that staff has gone through. Councilor Dolan said managing continuity will be a key element in the 20 year development plan. Community Development Director, Andre Garron said the level of competency for the PUD from the planning aspect is not complicated. The Master Plan is complex and the objective end design of the proposed development has to fit Londonderry. Councilor Dolan said this is the largest development taken within the state, we should continue to self-assess as we progress. This and the airport development offer us a large opportunity. We should use all resources that are available to us and strive to keep the communication lines open. Andre Garron said they are now starting to build the Master Plan for Woodmont Orchards.

**Town Manager Report –** Town Manager Caron said the next Council meeting is 2/14/11. State Representative Stella Tremblay has agreed to accept the opening as the legislative representative on the Open Space Taskforce.

**Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments –**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilor Farrell made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 P.M., second, Councilor Dolan. Council's vote was 4-0-0.**

**Notes and Tapes by: Margo Lapietro Date: 02/07/11**

**Minutes Typed by: Margo Lapietro Date: 02/11/11**

**Approved; Town Council Date: 02/14/11**