

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP**  
**January 07, 2013**

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman, John Farrell; Councilors: Jim Butler, (7:05PM); Joe Green; Tom Freda; Acting Town Manager, LPD Chief William R. Hart; Executive Assistant Margo Lapietro. Absent: Vice Chairman Ton Dolan.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Farrell opened the meeting at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the first responders, those in service here and abroad and for those in the Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Chairman Farrell explained at the last meeting he received text messages; he spoke to the Town Attorney and protocol was correctly followed. There was an editorial that questioned if it was an interruption and he received a letter from Dana Coons, 2 Aspen Circle, that he read into the record (copy attached). He explained that this Council is trying to remain completely transparent on everything. D. Coons letter was sent to all the Councilors in which he expressed his disappointment at Chairman Farrell receiving and reading an e-mail during a public meeting. He went on to say that other citizens have to come to the meeting to be heard, and he felt the town owes an apology to the people in attendance. Chairman Farrell said he allowed the e-mail to be read so if there is any apology, he apologized. It was done in full transparency and with the full consent of the Council. They believe if they can get public information from the community in any shape or form from any media method, this Council wants full transparency and full participation from the community. He apologized again if he offended anyone.

He stated that he received another letter from Ruth Bolduc, 5 Sequoia Avenue thanking Council for displaying the Nativity Scene on the Town Common.

**Public Comment**

**Londonderry Trailways** – Bob Rimol, 2 Fay Lane and Sandy Lagueux, 2 Fiddlers Ridge members of the Londonderry Trailways were in attendance to discuss the proposed Citizen's Petition to obtain \$227K on a Warrant Article to pave a portion of the rail trail. S. Lagueux explained the Rail Trail runs from Derry to Concord. There is approximately 6 miles located in Londonderry. In 2012 per B. Rimol they signed a rail trail agreement with the State of NH, DOT and the Town of Londonderry. They self-funded a preliminary engineering study that cost \$10K which was funded 100% by Trailways through private donations. They did extensive clearing, prepping and grading work. S. Lagueux said in 2012 they got a \$20K grant that requires a 20% match which was 100% funded by Trailways. She explained they have received corporate and citizen donations totaling \$22,500 from state and local grants, \$9,700 from individual donations and \$7,200 in corporate. She said recently they received an update from DOT that there are no federal funds designated in 2013, funds won't be available until 2017. B. Rimol said they got word that there was no money available a few days after the last Council meeting. S. Legueux

said the Citizen petition is for a mile of paving between Sanborn Road and Symmes Drive. Chairman Farrell asked how much where they were asking for. B. Rimol responded the estimate from their engineering firm is \$227K which includes engineering fees, paving and applying loam and seed. Councilor Green asked what is the total cost for the rest of the trail. B. Rimol responded he couldn't give an overall figure because there are two difficult crossings of Rt. 28 in the North and in the South. Right now it is easier to do the easier sections because construction is cheap. Other towns have done it segment by segment. Councilor Butler asked about the two problem areas. B. Rimol said the two Rt. 28 crossings could be problems with different ways of handling the crossings. Councilor Freda clarified the six miles will link Derry to Manchester, B. Rimol responded yes. Councilor Freda asked if we have ownership on all the six miles. B. Rimol responded all the ROW's are no problem. The ownership they do not have is in the northern segment which is owned by the Manchester Airport. The Airport has agreed to work with both us and Manchester with the rail trails – it is a non-issue. S. Lagueux also pointed out that the rail trails are in the MHT Master Plan. Councilor Freda stated that the entire cost would be about \$1.4M for Londonderry. S. Lagueux also pointed out that another segment is owned by Pillsbury LLC. Chairman Farrell asked what the ROW is, B. Rimol said it varies but it is about 25 ft. Chairman Farrell explained that would culminate in 5- 10 acres of open space. He asked if they have talked to the Conservation Commission about using open space monies. S. Lagueux and B. Rimol agreed it was a good idea and they would contact them.

Dan Watson, 10 Manasquan, said he is in favor of it. The Derry/Windham trail is great; he rides 30 miles to work in good weather on the trails. He pointed out that the trails are all around the state.

Stacy Thrall, 9 Crosby Lane supported the trails. She has a home business caring for elder adults and on good days she has taken them out to enjoy the trails.

Ann Chiampa, 28 Lakeview Dr. supports the project and asked what avenues they have pursued to get grant money. S. Lagueux responded they will take any and all grants. Chiampa suggested contacting the Woodmont developers and the National Guard for help. B. Rimol said they fundraise every day and expect to get more donations. S. Lagueux gave their website Londonderrytrailways.org.

Chairman Farrell said he received an e-mail about the agenda being posted to the website. Acting Town Manager, LPD Chief Hart said it has been worked out.

**Update on Planning Director Search** – Acting Town Manager, LPD Chief William Hart talked about the needs of the current position. They discussed a variety of possibilities including not filling the position at least as it was characterized in the past as a Director position. The current staff looked at different models to possibly include contracting out on a retainer basis and said that they have received a proposal. He said he and staff have talked about the needs of the Planning Department. One of the issues is going forward as we work with Woodmont and other projects that come up. We might need assistance in the planning process rather than the economic development piece. He asked staff to look at that as well. We have some ideas, and he is thinking about having staff make a presentation with some numbers based on the growth in town and the dollars involved. He said we might be able to do it for less dollars going forward. He is asking for guidance from Council and would like to come back in two weeks or come back

after the deliberative session and have an overview and discussion about what direction we want to go in. The consensus was to come back on 2/18/13.

Chairman Farrell informed the public that they have come down to four candidates for the Town Managers position. Human Resources has been directed by Council set up an interview day in January, they hope to have the interviews completed by the end of January.

### **Public Hearing**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Order #2013-01 – Expenditure of Maintenance Trust Funds for Various Projects – Councilor Butler read the order and **made a motion to adopt, second Council Green. Councils vote 4-0-0.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council meeting minutes of 12/17/12 – Councilor Freda **made a motion to accept the minutes, second Councilor Butler. Council’s vote 4-0-0.**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Liaison Reports – Councilor Butler said the ZBA has a re-hearing of 62 Perkins Rd., and 48 Perkins Road development request.

Town Manager Report - Acting Town Manager, LPD Chief William Hart said the Senior Affairs job opening got about 12 applicants. They are hoping to convene interviews this week and next week. They would like someone to start around 2/15/13. He proceeded to read a letter (copy attached) from LFD Chief MacCaffrie announcing his intention to end his 47 year career in the fire service by retiring effective 3/1/13. He explained he wanted to spend more time with his family. He thanked the LFD employees and town employees for serving with them for the past five years. Acting Town Manager, LPD Chief Hart read his response letter (copy attached). He announced that effective 3/1/13 Battalion Chief Darren O’Brien will act as Chief until a decision is made going forward. Chairman Farrell thanked the Chief and said the Council looks forward to working with Acting LFD Chief O’Brien. Councilor Butler said he hopes the acting LFD Chief can continue to work with the current staffing levels of 10. Acting Town Manager, LPD Chief Bill talked about the new SUV’s being leased by the LPD. He said they are also looking at changing their uniforms and explained why. He showed some pictures to the Councilors. Chairman Farrell suggested getting opinions at the Deliberative Session.

**Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Freda made a motion to adjourn at 7:50PM, second Councilor Green. Council's vote 4-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by: **Margo Lapietro** Date: **01/07/13**

Minutes Typed by: **Margo Lapietro** Date: **01/09/13**

Approved by: **Town Council** Date: **01/14/13**

**Margo Lapietro**

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**From:** John Farrell [jwfarrelljr@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 07, 2013 7:03 PM  
**To:** Margo Lapietro  
**Subject:** Fwd: Disappointment!

John Farrell  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dana Coons <[de.coons@comcast.net](mailto:de.coons@comcast.net)>  
**Date:** January 6, 2013, 7:00:42 PM EST  
**To:** <[jfarrell@londonderrynh.org](mailto:jfarrell@londonderrynh.org)>, <[tdolan@londonderrynh.org](mailto:tdolan@londonderrynh.org)>, <[tfreda@londonderrynh.org](mailto:tfreda@londonderrynh.org)>, <[jgreen@londonderrynh.org](mailto:jgreen@londonderrynh.org)>, <[jjbutler@londonderrynh.org](mailto:jjbutler@londonderrynh.org)>  
**Cc:** <[townmanager@londonderrynh.org](mailto:townmanager@londonderrynh.org)>  
**Subject:** Disappointment!

Dear Councilors,

This is to express my disappointment with the way a situation was handled during a recent Town Council meeting. A text message was received by one of the council members from a member of another board regarding the discussion of the town budget. While the text was read to the public and the person that sent it was identified, I do not believe that this was appropriate. At the very least this was an interruption of the public meeting. This also showed a lack of courtesy to the citizens that took the time to come for the public meeting. This also indicated to the general public that members of other boards in town have preferential treatment in that they can text in a message or question while other citizens have to come to the meeting to be heard.

At the very least, I believe that the Town Council owes the citizens of Londonderry an apology for this as well as taking steps to prevent this from happening again in the future.

Respectfully,

Dana Coons

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**Ruth A. Bolduc**  
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*Reviewed WRH  
1/7/13*

December 31, 2012

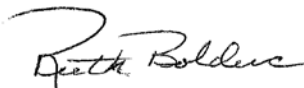
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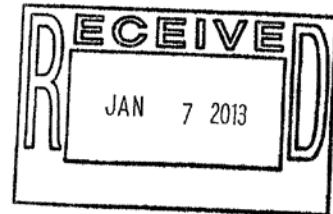
Dear Town Council Members,

*I have been meaning to write this letter for years but each year time gets away from me and then it seems it is just too late BUT I wanted to get this to you to thank you for having the courage and fortitude to continue to display the Nativity scene on the Town Common. When most towns and cities have abandoned the custom in order to be "politically correct," it is gratifying to see that you realize that there is a "Christian" constituency in Londonderry that appreciates the displaying of the Nativity – after all, Christ is the reason for the season – right?*

*Again, I just wanted to let someone know that some of us appreciate the Town of Londonderry continuing to display the Nativity scene on the Town Common. I hope this tradition will continue for years to come.*

Very truly yours,

  
Ruth Bolduc





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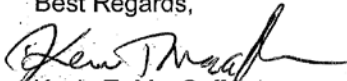
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To: William Hart  
Acting Town Manager  
From: Chief Kevin MacCaffrie  
Date: January 2, 2013

Dear Bill,

Please accept this letter notifying you and the Town of Londonderry of my intentions to end my 47 year career in the fire service by retiring effective March 1, 2013. It is time for me to spend some quality time with my family and enjoy what life brings. It has been my honor, privilege and pleasure serving the citizens of Londonderry for the last 5 years. I wish to thank all the town staff for their friendship and support during my time here. I especially want to thank the men and women of the Town on Londonderry Fire Department for their support and dedicated professional service to the town. In my remaining time here I will assist in making a smooth transition to the next management change.

Best Regards,

  
Kevin T. MacCaffrie  
Fire Chief



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January 07, 2013

Dear Chief MacCaffrie:

I am in receipt of your letter of last week indicating your intention to retire from the Londonderry Fire Department on March 1<sup>st</sup>, this year. Even as I accept this letter on behalf of the Town Of Londonderry, I find I am of mixed emotions.

Most importantly, I know that I, along with others wish you well in retirement; after a career devoted to the noble purpose of public service, it will be good to focus on the reward of your lengthy years of devotion to duty.

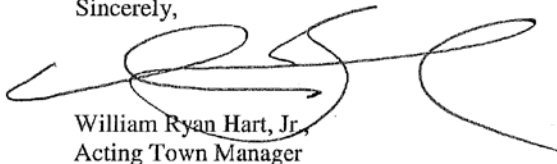
Those rewards are clear: time with family & friends. No more late night calls, the result of which can only be upsetting. No more conversations with those people who live with us, but are besotted by grief and loss. The budget will be negotiated by someone else; the tough personnel calls will be left to others. For you those rewards will be well deserved and no doubt enjoyed fully.

And yet before the end, it is well to pause. You will miss this work that ultimately gives only one purpose to every day: helping those who are in trouble. These days helping those who need help is a calling that many only regard positively at parades and honorifics. Yet the nobility of giving to others, who need only help cannot be understated. I know you will miss it; and, it will miss you. Few were as graceful in tough circumstance. Even fewer handled the rising and ebbing tide of political uncertainty as well as you have.

I know that I speak for our residents, for the members of LFD and for myself when I say thank you for a job well done. You left LFD better than you found it; you conducted yourself in all circumstances with grace and decency; and you were always a professional.

Thank you, Chief. Fare well in all you do. Count us as friends when you stop by.

Sincerely,



William Ryan Hart, Jr.  
Acting Town Manager