

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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2 **January 16, 2017**
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4 The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth
5 Road, Londonderry, NH.
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7 Present: Chairman Joh Farrell; Vice Chairman Tom Freda; Councilors Jim Butler and Joe Green; Town
8 Manager Kevin Smith; Executive Assistant Kirby Wade; Absent; Councilor Tom Dolan
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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Chairman Farrell called the Town Council special meeting to order. Chairman Farrell led the Pledge of
13 Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for our first responders and all those who serve us
14 both here and abroad and those taking care of our community.
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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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18 John Grennon, 14 Jewel Court, expressed his concern regarding a budgetary issue with the fire
19 department. Grennon stated that he is concerned about the staffing level of the Fire Department.
20 Chairman Farrell stated that there are already a lot of warrant articles for this year. It is great to bring the
21 concern to the attention of the Council. Grennon stated that if residents are waiting thirteen minutes for
22 an ambulance in 2017, something is wrong. Chairman Farrell stated that is someone has an emergency
23 don't call 911, call the Fire Department directly a (603) 432-1124. Grennon stressed concern for the
24 staffing levels. The Council recommended for Grennon to sign up to run for Town Council if we would
25 like to get involved.
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27 Fire Chief Darren O'Brien recognized some of his employees who have gone above and beyond. Chief
28 O'Brien stated that Londonderry currently has 22 paramedics, 4 advanced EMT's and 18 basic EMT's.
29 Chief O'Brien recognized Battalion Chief Fred Heinrich, Firefighter Phil LeBlanc and
30 Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Barnett. The Council thanked those recognized for their service.
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32 There was no other public comment.
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34 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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36 Town Manager Smith stated that before we go into discussing each warrant there are a few numbers
37 changes and an addition reduction to the communications upgrade warrant article. The reduction was an
38 additional eighty-thousand dollars which slightly changes the leasing terms. There was a budget public
39 hearing. Finance Director Doug Smith helped present. D. Smith stated that a report was received today by
40 Two-Way Communications. D. Smith presented the lease and bond terms that reflect the deduction in
41 price. It doesn't make a substantial difference in the annual payments on either option but it does save the

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42 Town some money. Chairman Farrell stated that there will need to be a sixty percent approval in order for
43 it to be passed.

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45 Kristine Perez, 5 Wesley Drive, asked what the total amount is now. D. Smith stated that the new total
46 would be \$2,740,946.00 for the first year.

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48 The Council discussed the bonding options. The Council discussed the difference between a want and a
49 need. The Council came to the conclusion that it is a need.

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51 Chairman Farrell stated that there are twenty-three items to review. He will move through them and get
52 impute from the public as well as from the Council.

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54 Article # 2 – Bond Issue and Capital Lease Financing for Town-Wide Communication Systems Upgrade
55 – comments above.

56 Article # 3 - Operating Budget – No public comment.

57 Article # 4 – Police Outside Detail – No public comment and no tax impact.

58 Article # 5 – Fund Sewer Fund – No public comment and no tax impact.

59 Article # 6 – Appropriate Funds to the Roadway Maintenance ETF – No public comment and \$0.04 tax
60 rate impact.

61 Article # 7 – Appropriate Funds to Capital Reserve Fund for Fire Department Equipment. – No public
62 comment and a \$.01 tax rate impact.

63 Article # 8 – Appropriate Funds for Capital Reserve Fund for GIS – No public comment and no tax
64 impact.

65 Article # 9 – Appropriate Funds to Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund – No public comment and \$.01
66 tax rate impact.

67 Article # 10 – Appropriate Funds to the Capital Reserve Fund for Pillsbury Cemetery Expansion – No
68 public comment and \$.01 tax rate impact. Chairman Farrell stated that this is the only operating cometary
69 left in town.

70 Article # 11 – Ratify the Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between AFSCME 3657 and
71 the Town of Londonderry – No public comment and \$.07 tax rate impact.

72 Article # 12 – Authorize for Special Meeting on Cost Items – No public comment and no tax rate impact.

73 Article # 13 – Ratify the Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between Londonderry
74 Executive Employees Association (LEEA) and the Town of Londonderry – No public comment and a tax
75 rate impact of \$.01.

76 Article # 14 – Authorize for Special Meeting on Cost Items – No public comment and no tax rate impact.

77 Article # 15 – Ratify the Extension of the Collective Bargainaing Agreement Between AFSCME
78 Londonderry Administrtaive Employees Association – Public Saftey and the Town of Londonderry – No
79 public comment and a \$.01 tax rate impact.

80 Article # 16 – Authorize for Special Meeting on Cost Items – No public comment and no tax rate impact.

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- 82 Article # 17 – Ratify the Extension of the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between International
83 Association of Firefighters Local 3160 and the Town of Londonderry – No public comment and a \$.03
84 tax rate impact.
- 85 Article # 18 – Authorize for Special Meeting on Cost Items – No tax rate impact and no public comment.
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- 87 Attorney Mike Ramsdell presented the contracts and explained each contract to the Council.
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- 89 Article # 19 – Two Additional Police Officers for Police Department – No public comment and a tax rate
90 impact of \$.05.
- 91 Article # 20 – Two Additional Truck Drivers for the Department of Public Works – No public comment
92 and a tax rate impact of \$.04.
- 93 Article # 21 – Senior Citizen Transportation – No public comment and a tax rate impact of \$.01.
- 94 Article # 22 – Central Fire Station Engineering Study – There was no public comment and no tax rate
95 impact.
- 96 Article # 23 – (Citizen Petition) Litter Pick Up Along Major Town Roadways – The petitioner spoke to
97 his citizen petition. There is a tax rate impact of \$.03.
- 98 Article # 24 – (Citizen Petition) Extend Water Main Along Hillcrest Lane - The petitioner spoke to his
99 citizen petition. There is a tax rate impact of \$.06. The Council discussed options of how to make this
100 article easier for the voter’s. They added another Article, Article # 25 in which it would no longer be a
101 citizen petition and there would be no tax rate impact. The funds would come from the Unassigned Fund
102 Balance. They will cancel out the citizen petition article at the Deliberative Session. The Council
103 discussed that this would be a need. The Council amended the amount they want on the article.
- 104 Article # 25 – (Citizen Petition) Construction of Phase 4 of the Rail Trail - The petitioner spoke to his
105 citizen petition. There is a tax rate impact of \$.04.
- 106 Article # 26 – (Citizen Petition) Nelson Road Softball Field Lights - The petitioner spoke to his citizen
107 petition. There is a tax rate impact of \$.03.
- 108 Article # 27 – (Citizen Petition) Improvements to the Kendall Pond Conservation Area – No public
109 comment and no tax rate impact.
- 110 Article # 28 – Transaction of Other Business
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- 112 Councilor Green motioned to close the public hearing and Vice Chairman Freda second. Chair votes 4-0-
113 0. The Council went through a voted on whether to support each article. The Budget Committee vote
114 followed.
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- 116 Councilor Green motioned to move all the articles to the warrant. This was second by Councilor Butler.
117 Chair votes 4-0-0.
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OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2017-03, an Order relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Steve Cotton presented. Councilor Butler stepped down from motion. Motion to approve Order #2017-03 made by Councilor Green and second by Vice Chairman Freda. Chair votes 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from December 19, 2016 made by Councilor Green and second by Vice Chair Freda. Chair votes 3-0-0.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT

NONE

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Green and second by Vice Chair Freda. Chair votes 3-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by:	Kirby Wade	Date: 01/16/2017
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