

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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1 September 18, 2017

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

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6 Present: Chairman Tom Dolan; Vice-Chairman John Farrell; Councilor Ted Combes; Town Manager  
7 Kevin Smith; Executive Assistant Kirby Wade; Absent; Councilor Jim Butler; Joe Green

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9 CALL TO ORDER

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11 Chairman Dolan called the Town Council special meeting to order. Chairman Dolan led the Pledge of  
12 Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence those who service here and abroad and all of those  
13 who were hit with a hurricane these past few weeks.

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15 PUBLIC COMMENT

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17 Chairman Dolan invited up Jim Edwards to give a presentation on a warrant article for the town ballot  
18 for replacing the nights at the Nelson Road softball fields. See attached PowerPoint.

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21 PUBLIC HEARING

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23 Motion to open the public hearing made by Vice-Chairman Farrell and second by Councilor Combes.  
24 Chairman Dolan introduced the public hearing for the acceptance of land purchased state-owned land  
25 money, Resolution #2017-11. This Resolution was to accept the monies from the developer so that we  
26 can use it to pay the state with it for the Cross Farms Development.

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28 Ray Breslin, 3 Gary Drive, stated that we are taking money from the developer to give to the state.  
29 Breslin brought up some concerns about the development that were Planning Board issues regarding the  
30 exit.

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32 Town Manager Smith presented. Motion to approve Resolution #2017-11 made by Vice Chairman  
33 Farrell and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 3-0-0.

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35 Motion to close public hearing made by Vice Chairman Farrell and second by Councilor Combes.

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37 OLD BUSINESS

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39 Chairman Dolan stated that the Council needs to vote to amend recent Resolutions that were passed at the

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40 last meeting to read new numbers so they aren't repeats. Motion to amend Resolution #2017-04 to read  
41 Resolution #2017-08, Resolution 2017-05 to read Resolution #2017-09 and Resolution #06 to read  
42 Resolution #2017-10. Motion to approve the amendment made by Vice Chairman Farrell and second by  
43 Councilor Combes. Chair votes 3-0-0.

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## NEW BUSINESS

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48 Chairman Dolan introduced the appointment of the Town's new Tax Collector, Diane Demers. Our  
49 present Tax Collector, who is also the Deputy Town Clerk, Kathleen Donnelly is retiring on October 1st.  
50 Motion to appoint Demers made by Vice Chairman Farrell and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes  
51 3-0-0.

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## BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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57 Approval of Town Council minutes from September 11, 2017 made by Councilor Combes and second by  
58 Vice Chairman Farrell. Chair votes 3-0-0.

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60 Chairman Dolan stated that Councilor Combes has volunteered for the open position on the Joint  
61 Negotiating Committee. Motion to appoint Councilor Combes as a member made by Vice Chairman  
62 Farrell and second by Chairman Dolan. Chair votes 3-0-0.

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## TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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## ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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## ADJOURNMENT

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70 Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Farrell and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 3-0-0.

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72 Notes and Tapes by: Your name Date: 09/18/2017

73 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Wade Date: 09/24/2017

74 Approved by: Town Council Date: 10/02/2017

# Replacing the Lighting at the Nelson Road Softball Field

September 2017

Jim Edwards  
603-548-9627

# Field History

- In the early 1980's, the initial lighting was done completely using donated telephone poles and light fixtures.
- In the mid 1990's, the light fixtures were updated using the initial 40-foot poles. In addition, a new ten-foot high fence was installed around the outfield
- Over the last decade
  - A new infield has been installed
  - Warning track added to the outfield
  - Leveled left-center to right center dips in the outfield.
  - Installed a terraced seating area behind home plate for improved spectator viewing
  - Fixed the fencing around the entire field

**Over the years the leagues using the field have self-funded significant improvements to the field**

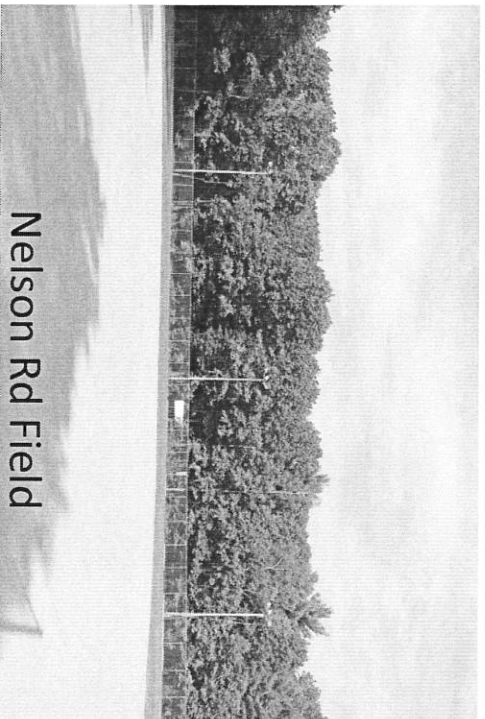
# Field Usage

- Used every week night from mid-April to the end of October
  - Londonderry Men's Recreational Softball league (9 teams)
  - Londonderry Co-Ed league (8 teams)
  - Londonderry Fall League (6 teams)
  - Londonderry 50+ Softball League (4 teams)
- There are approximately 450 players in these leagues with about 75% (350) being current town residents
- Field is also used during several weekends during the summer for youth softball tournaments and other activities.

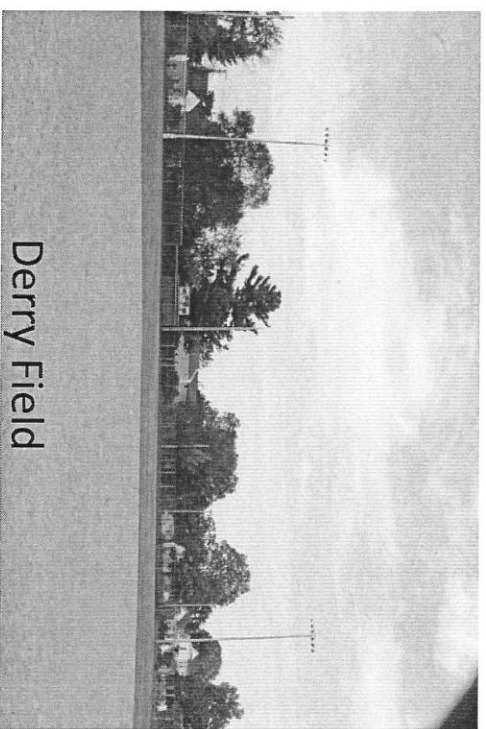
- The Nelson Road Softball Field is one of the key recreational resources in the town
- With the exception of the lighting, it is well maintained and one of the best softball facilities in the area

## Issues with current lighting

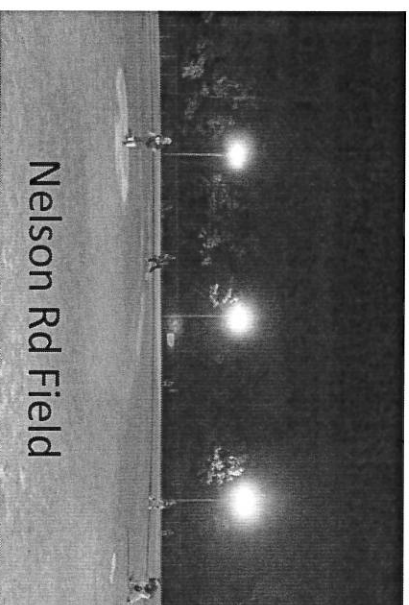
- Poles are too low, 40 foot instead of current standard of 60 and 70 foot
  - At times causes vision issues
    - Height of batted balls
    - Throws, especially from outfield during play



Nelson Rd Field



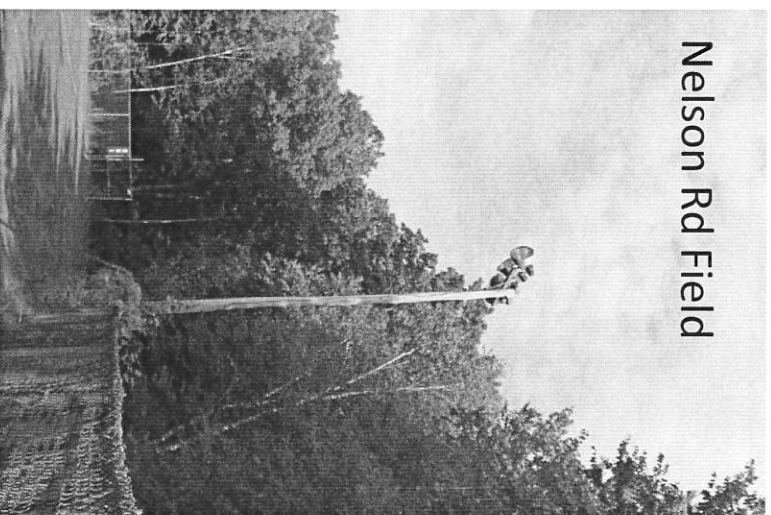
Derry Field



Nelson Rd Field

## Issues with current lighting (Cont)

- Because of age, some of the wooden poles twisted with some fixtures pointing to woods
- Poles are reaching their expected life cycle of 40 years
- Light output from 20 year old fixtures not up to current standards (Recreation 30FCinf/20FCout, ASA 50FC/inf/30FCout)



## Financial Summary

### Last year received quotes from two companies ranging from \$115,000 to \$135,000)

- Replacing the 8 40-foot wooden poles with 6 metal 60- foot poles holding 20 lighting fixtures
- Wiring to poles will be at no cost to the town and the responsibility of the leagues using the field
- Installing and wiring the poles and fixtures will be responsibility of contractor
- Lighting quotes were to recreational field standards (30FCinf/20FCout)

### Specification changes from last year

- Foot Candle rating from recreational to ASA standards
- Will be using 4 60-foot poles and 2 70-foot poles instead of 6 60-foot poles

### Currently have three new quotes

	<u>Recreational Lighting</u>			<u>Amateur Softball Asso (ASA)</u>		
	<u>Mat'l</u>	<u>Install</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Mat'l</u>	<u>Install</u>	<u>Total</u>
Musco	\$90.000	\$40.000	\$130.000	\$120.000	\$40.000	\$160.000
Stephens-Marquis	<b>\$90.000</b>	\$50.500	\$140.500	\$120.000	\$50.500	\$170.500
Qualite Sports	NA	NA	NA	\$82.000	\$48.000	\$130.000

**Current Plan is to recommend Qualite with ASA Specifications**



## **Benefits of replacing the lights**

1. Will bring lighting up to current industry standards ASA softball
2. Reduction of energy and maintenance costs by 50%
3. Reduction of spill light and glare by 50%
4. Increased lamp life from 3,000 to 5,000 hours
5. Guaranteed light (If one light on the pole goes out the others stay on)
6. Improved player safety because of less glare and increased heights of poles
7. Replacement of wooden poles which are at or close to their expected life (40 years)
8. 30 Year Product Assurance & Warranty Program
9. Quote includes a re-lamp at 5,000 hours. Based on approximately 600 hours of usage per year lighting will be maintenance cost free for approximately 17 years

**Estimated Tax Impact of this improvement is a one-time hit of \$0.04 to the tax rate**