

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 15, 2010

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 Chairman, 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 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for the men and women fighting for our country. The Chairman reviewed the emergency procedures and fire exits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Londonderry Police Chief Bill Hart – Byrne Grant - Chief Bill Hart explained the grant which is administered by Rockingham County. The grant total is \$11K, which will fund a motorcycle radar, 6 new cruiser consoles, 2 additional LED light bars, and \$900 in maintenance tools for building repairs. Chairman DiMarco questioned if we need a specific model for the consoles. Chief Hart responded they would be for the Ford concept interceptor patrol cars that they are currently evaluating. **Councilor O’Keefe made a motion to accept the Byrne Grant, second Councilor Brown. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.**

Chairman DiMarco talked about decorum that was brought up at the last council meeting. Councilors should wait for the Chair to recognize them before speaking; whoever is speaking, you should wait until they are finished; when you disagree with another Councilor, don’t interrupt or raise your voices; when in a public hearing he said he would like to go to the Council first for their feedback and then go to the public. If a Councilor wants to question the public then go through the Chair to ask that question. He will then bring it back to the Council for final comments and vote. If it is not a public meeting and the public wants to speak, he said he will look for a Council consensus.

Councilor Brown reminded the public about the Code of Ethics process. He said several comments on a website allegedly accused a member of the Conservation Commission of being in violation of the code. He said that one of the website contributors stated that he wanted the Council to respond to his comment. Councilor Brown stated that Council was advised by legal counsel a long time ago that they should avoid those types of exchanges on any website or internet forums. He reminded people that we have an official procedure to follow if any resident feels that an ethics violation has occurred and it is available on the website and at Town Hall in the form of a complaint form. Town Manager Caron followed this up by saying that the Council would be notified of the receipt of any complaints, and staff would assist as requested in any investigation which will focus upon what, when, where and how, then attempt to identify why it occurred and that will be reported back to Town Council for any action they deem appropriate. Councilor Brown said website comments are not an appropriate means of communication

regarding this topic. Councilor O'Keefe stated if someone has a problem follow the procedures, slandering a person's character on a website is not appropriate.

Councilor Farrell said the Londonderry Police Department (LPD) has received a letter from John Grennon a resident of Londonderry. His newborn son had experienced breathing problems and he thanked LPD for coming to his aid and saving the life of his son. He wanted the public to be aware of these kinds of things.

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilor Brown made a motion to open the public hearing, second Councilor O'Keefe. Council's was vote 4-0-0. (Councilor Farrell had briefly left the room.)

Ordinance #2010-02 – Relative to Rezoning Map 15, Lot 87, Weymouth Road - Councilor O'Keefe made a motion to adopt, second Councilor Brown. Town Planner, Tim Thompson was in attendance and explained this was a small parcel surrounded on three sides by AR-1 Residential zoning. It is currently zoned commercial because there was a commercial use in the 60's. The applicant is looking to develop the property as a single family home. The Planning Board found it is consistent with the Master Plan and recommends it be rezoned. Hearing no public input, the **Council voted 5-0-0.**

Ordinance #2010-03 – Relative to Rezoning Map 16, Lot 38, Old Derry Road – Councilor Brown made a motion to adopt, second Councilor O'Keefe. T. Thompson said this was presented as a conceptual to the Planning Board on May 12, 2010. The applicant Chinburg Builders is looking to develop a conservation subdivision. This would be the first in Londonderry since the ordinance was developed in 2005 and approved by the Council in 2008. It is split zoned AR-1 & 1-11. He cited the reasons that make industrial development on this parcel very unlikely if not impossible. The Planning Board recommended it to be consistent with the Master Plan with the two remaining conditions listed in the memo from T. Thompson dated 6/10/10. Councilor Brown talked about the conceptual plan which T. Thompson elaborated on. Chairman DiMarco received a copy of the conceptual plans and stated that it has not gone through formal Planning Board approval yet. At that point traffic studies, etc. will be warranted. T. Thompson replied that they have already held a traffic scoping meeting with all involved, they will be performing a full traffic analysis. All items will be handled through the Planning Board process. Charles Derossi, 53 Old Derry Rd. said the industrial part can be developed, it is not impossible. It will result in more traffic. The land has a lot of water; they could maybe get 30 lots on the property. There is no benefit to town by having more housing in that area. He asked the Councilors to not change the zoning to allow this volume of cluster housing. Harry Anagnos 19 Auburn Rd. asked who is paying the taxes on the conservation land. T. Thompson said the details will be worked out at the Planning Board. Mr. Anagnos stated when 93 is developed than this land will be developed. He asked how much do we get back in taxes from land that is sold in current use. He stated that the property should be 1 acre of land to pay their fair share in taxes. Councilor Farrell asked T. Thompson if Mr. Chinburg in his presentation to the Planning Board was talking about \$180 – \$230K per house. Mr. Chinberg and his engineer were in attendance. T. Thompson said the conservation subdivision ordinance that allows for these half acre lots is a modification of the former Planned Residential Development (PRD) ordinance that the town had on the books for several decades that also allowed lot sizes of ½ acre clustering of homes. It was

a re-vamp of that ordinance approved by the Council in 2008. Mr. Chinberg said the homes would be priced from low \$200K – low \$300K. Councilor Farrell said if you have 132 lots the average sale price would be \$250K. Councilor Farrell said that they are not work-force housing. T. Thompson responded that this particular builder is not proposing to utilize any of the advantage of the workforce housing ordinance. This would be a market rate development. Councilor O’Keefe asked why is the Town considering a subdivision that has less than an acre of land per house. T. Thompson responded it is allowed by our conservation subdivision. He said the former PRD ordinance which was on the books until 2008 allows less than an acre and he continued to point out the properties in town that are in the PRD. Jean Shannon of Mallard Lane asked about the impacts to traffic in that area. T. Thompson said the traffic study has just been started and is not completed. Chairman DiMarco stated it will be addressed prior to the subdivision being approved by the Planning Board. C. Derossi, 53 Old Derry Rd. said we should leave the zoning the way it is, there is no benefit to the town to change the zoning. Each cluster house will add more children to the school system. Leave the zoning as it is and if they want to develop residential housing under the current zoning as it is, then that is their prerogative. Councilor Farrell asked T. Thompson if he could envision the property as being developed as a commercial piece of property. T. Thompson responded his opinion is no. Councilor Farrell asked if the property is going to be developed is it the best use; T. Thompson said the best use for development at this point in time is residential. Councilor Farrell asked if the zoning was not changed does he have the opinion that this piece of property will never be developed. T. Thompson responded that he would assume that at some point someone in the future may look to develop it in a smaller fashion than what is being proposed. At this point it would be speculative for him to predict what would happen in that situation. Councilor Dolan asked if this zoning change is not approved what are the ultimate options; T. Thompson stated it would be a smaller development with less infrastructure. Councilor Dolan asked him how many homes could be there with the current zoning; T. Thompson responded he does not know without having some preliminary engineering or a proposal. Jonathan Ring the engineer for the project responded they did not look at that. The total acreage according to the tax map is 211, 50% will be proposed to be in conservation. Councilor Dolan asked how much of the 211 acres is currently zoned residential. J Ring responded approximately half of it. Councilor Farrell asked T. Thompson if workforce housing would be good for that area, T. Thompson responded the density could be increased using the workforce housing ordinance; it would be up to a 25% density bonus in addition to what is there today. Councilor Farrell stated that we would be looking at 180 units, T. Thompson responded potentially yes. Councilor Farrell asked if this parcel would be eligible under our new PUD ordinance as a 200 acre parcel, T. Thompson responded potentially, yes. Councilor O’Keefe said he would like to see what it could be built out to. There are impacts this will have. T. Thompson said the protections are in the two conditions stipulated in the ordinance. Councilor Brown said the Planning Board has already seen the proposed conservation subdivision conceptually. He asked what the feedback was that they got from the public when it was in front of the Planning Board. T. Thompson replied there was no support or opposition from the public. Councilor Brown asked would \$250K fit the median income, T. Thompson responded yes it would qualify for a HUD workforce housing requirement. Councilor O’Keefe questioned building in the area due to a large quantity of water and cited the Brookview development. T. Thompson responded the water in that area is not a natural water course stream, the flooding are not as great a concern but the usual analysis during the sub-division process will ensure that none of the properties will be affected by any future flooding. C. Derossi questioned why we want to increase workforce housing, we must qualify for houses under \$300K with the market prices in existence now. He said it is not right; we have to stop, leave everything the way it is. He said he is tired of the northern part of town being the

dumping area; there are ramifications to changing the zoning. H. Anagnost asked what area is the conservation area located in. Mr. Chinburg said the open space is being proposed in both the industrial and residential. H. Anagnost asked why was the land going to conservation. T. Thompson responded it is one of the requirements of the ordinance, open space has to be protected by some means and there are four options which he preceded to list. Mr. Anagnost asked about the taxes. T. Thompson responded the only way this land would not be taxable was if it was deeded to the town, if not deeded to the town it is still taxable. Chairman DiMarco further stressed that it will be proposed when it is a formal submission to the Planning Board, right now it is only conceptual. Councilor Dolan asked Mary Soares the Vice Chair of the Planning Board who was in attendance, what were the abutter's comments that were received. She said the only comments were the concerns about traffic and that the set-back would not be appropriate. The engineer explained the set-backs and the abutter seemed satisfied. The traffic study has not been done yet but they will address that before anything is approved. Sherry Radzelovage, 34 Litchfield Road asked if the other cluster homes in town were split zoned. T. Thompson responded to his knowledge those other developments pre-date his employment with the town, there were no re-zoning associated with those. It is not unusual and it is not the first time that the town has re-zoned industrial or commercial land back to residential. S. Radzelovage asked what avenue we have to protect the good land instead of preserving the "mosquito pits". T. Thompson said that is why the Town revised the PRD ordinance which now requires a percentage of that conservation area to be viable upland area. S. Radzelovage said adding more houses create more of a burden on the town. **Council's vote was 3-2-0.**

Ordinance #2010-04 – Relative to a Zoning Amendment to Update building Code Regulations to the 2009 State Building Code – Councilor O’Keefe made a motion to adopt, second Councilor Brown. T. Thompson said the Town uses the state building codes and are updating our building code to be consistent with the state. Hearing no public comment, **Council's vote was 5-0-0.**

Councilor Farrell made a motion to exit public hearing, second Councilor O’Keefe, Council's vote was 5-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

SAFER Grant – **Councilor Farrell made a motion to allow public comment, second Councilor O’Keefe. Council's vote was 5-0-0.** Chief MacCaffrie explained that the SAFER grant allows the department to increase staffing to the appropriate levels. The federal government will pay for the first two years of the program. The Council at the prior meeting requested a financial assessment of hiring 1-8 employees. Council also requested a comparative analysis of fire/EMS services in other communities and all requests have been provided. Councilor Brown singled out Merrimack which has a population equal to Londonderry and pointed out that they have 3 less staffing; their service calls are much less than Londonderry. Chief MacCaffrie said the difference is about coding calls. The police do the dispatching for Merrimack and their service calls and fire calls are different systems than ours. Councilor Brown asked how would less than 8 improve our situation. Chief MacCaffrie responded we man 3 stations, Merrimack mans 2, 4 people would improve our operations. Councilor Brown said if we are awarded the grant it will restrict anything we can do to uniformed personnel for three years. He asked if the non-uniform division could be re-aligned. Chief MacCaffrie said the in the previous grant they did not say anything about that but he has not received any

of the particulars about this grant yet. Councilor Brown asked how many non-uniformed personnel we have, the Chief responded 8. Councilor O'Keefe asked the Town Manager how short is the funding from the state. Town Manager Caron responded the Town will receive \$110K less in room and meals tax revenues, plus the increased retirement cost share is about \$200K, half of that has to be absorbed in the police budget. Councilor O'Keefe asked State Representative Al Baldasaro if he foresees anymore losses. A. Baldasaro responded yes on the school side we stand to lose about \$1.7M. On the town side the school will get hit with more on the retirement. Councilor O'Keefe questioned if it was a good idea to respond to the Elliot which had 300 calls because it takes the ambulances out of commission. Chief MacCaffrie responded they are a taxpayer like everyone else who is entitled to a service; we have been trying to accommodate them as best as we can. The airport is the same except we don't transport as much. Councilor Dolan asked if the comparative numbers by community of the revenues is the net cost, Town Manager Caron said they are budgeted on a gross basis. Councilor Dolan asked if we have a feel for what revenues we generate? Chief MacCaffrie said based on EMS calls the revenue generated is about \$500K. Councilor Dolan compared the budgets between Merrimack and Londonderry and ours is a little under \$26M, Merrimack's is over \$34K more on their town budget. Often the "bucketing" of expenses can be very unique in each community, with Merrimack spending 30% more on their budget than we are they are finding more ways to "bucket" fire and EMS expenses that we are not seeing in these numbers. Chief MacCaffrie said their police do all the dispatching, they do have a lot of roads but they don't have an airport, a power plant, a lot of industrial business, their locations are easily covered. Councilor Farrell asked the Chief if he would be happy with 4, the Chief said he is happier with 8. Chief MacCaffrie stated that it is the decision of the Council how many additional personnel he can apply for. According to the percentages there is a better chance of being awarded a grant if the Town applies for 8. Councilor Farrell asked if you receive funding for 4 will it allow to put a third ambulance on the shift, will that increase our revenue. Chief MacCaffrie responded it will allow us to staff our second ambulance on a full time basis. Councilor Farrell asked if our mutual aid calls drop under that scenario, he responded it will drop and will increase our revenues. Councilor Farrell asked if we get the grant can we can say no to it, the Chief responded yes we can. If we turn it down there is a likelihood we would not be considered for future grants. Councilor O'Keefe asked the Town Manager how much time staff spends getting collections for ambulance calls. He responded very little, the Town contracts with a firm to manage collections of ambulance fees. Carol Connolly, 18 So. Parrish Dr asked what the tax rate will increase to if we hire 8 additional fireman. Councilor Brown said for 8 firefighter/EMT's, for a \$350K homeowner it will be \$58, for 8 firefighter/paramedics it would be \$73 for the same home assessment. The impact would be \$29 and \$36 for 4. She said it is a "no brainer" to get 8 firefighters, go for it now. Mary Soares, 17 Gail Road questioned if the taxes will go up for the first 2 years. Town Manager Caron said there will be some minor expenses but the impact will be in the third year. M. Soares said we are paying for it in our taxes that we pay to the federal government. She said for two years we are getting the training, let the government pay for it, we will be picking up the cost for people already trained. She encouraged Council to go along with hiring 8. Chris Navarro, 2 Woodbine Drive said she is not in favor of hiring 8 firefighters. She said she looked at it as an adjustable rate mortgage, it looks good now but when the full cost comes up in two years on top of other losses in state revenues, losses of business revenues we can't afford 8 additional people. Sherry Radzelovage, 34 Litchfield Rd said after the two years the 8 employees will be our

responsibility. She questioned the need if we are existing fine with what we have now. If we are unable to reduce the union force for the first 3 years per the government, the union will be in control and we will be unable to reduce staff. If we add 4-8 will we be asked for additional cars and trucks, how will having 1 more person per call make a difference? Councilor Farrell said at the last presentation the Council asked what the attrition rate was because we know we will have people retiring. This grant allows for the Chief to plan for the future to be prepared at the least cost to have more people. The Chief said this is an opportunity to gain future employees and increase our services to the town. He said they handle priorities on a day-to-day basis. He explained how many simultaneous calls they get and said the NFPA standard is 4 employees per engine. Councilor Farrell said we have 3 years to get 4 people trained, we will lose people to retirement and injury. S Radzelovage said once they are hired, they are there forever, this is not good timing, the money per year does not include soft costs. She suggested just hiring 2 people rather than hiring 4 as required for the grant. Kathy Wagner, 7 Fiddlers Ridge Rd. said she does not want her taxes to go up but she does not want to be the 3rd call waiting for back-up. She asked the Council to be pro-active. Elijah Mistovitz, 5 Leland Circle said we should focus on the 3rd year for the rest of our lives we will be paying for these employees. We can't afford the salaries, the benefits package, the retirement is not sustainable there is increased tax liabilities to taxpayers. We should not be considering hiring additional firefighters; it is not realistic in this economy. Jim Boller, 57 Mammoth Rd. said this year the National Institute of Standards and Technology released a study on firefighter safety and resourced deployment. He quoted the study and running a 4-5 person crews is more effective and safer than less. He said the baseline for a minimum crew number which would yield the highest safety factor is a 3 person crew. Our fire department would be adequate based on the safety standard. He spoke about response time and said that the engine is out of service in some cases because of staffing levels. He is in support of the SAFR grant with 4 additional firefighters. Jim Radzelovage, 34 Litchfield Dr said he is pleased with the service being provided for the budget that is being used. He said he does not see any reason to commit to the grant because we are performing OK as it is. Martin Srugis, 17 Wimbledon Drive asked if we currently are running unsafe shifts. Chief MacCaffrie responded the Town is currently operating under the standard. M. Srugis asked how much the population increased from 2002 to now. Councilor Farrell said the school enrollment has gone down and the population has been flat. M. Srugis asked if the current response time will increase with additional staff. Chief MacCaffrie said they meet the national standard requirements and the additional staffing will allow them to move pieces around in a timely fashion. Councilor Farrell asked what is the change in call volume from 2002 to now. Chief MacCaffrie responded he only went back to 2005 and they responded to 2,586, in 09 they handled 3,113, in 2010 they have responded to 1,772 through 7/1/10. M Srugis asked if we increase employees will it give us better insurance rates. Chief MacCaffrie responded yes it will reduce insurance by \$9.00 for residential \$30.00 for commercial. M. Srugis said he would prefer not going with the SAFR grant and go through the regular budget process to ask for additional personnel. Al Baldasaro, 41 Hall Rd, said he does not support the grant because the town can't afford it. He said we should get out of the ambulance service and go back to volunteer call firefighters. Manchester is saving thousands of dollars by using a private ambulance service. He also said we should stop routinely sending out fire trucks with ambulances. Pauline Caron, 369 Mammoth Rd. said last year the Town Council did not approve the SAFER grant because of the economy, this year it is worse. A level funding budget will not happen

with the SAFR grant. The soft costs for the first 2 years for 8 firefighters will cost the taxpayers. She proceeded to list the yearly costs. She suggested contracting out the ambulance services. Tom Freda, 35 Buckingham Dr. asked the Town Manager about a grant to hire police officers that was decided at town meeting. He asked why this is any different. Town Manager Caron said that grant went to town meeting for two reasons: there was a required local match and the Council at that time decided to put the issue to the voters on a separate warrant article. T. Freda questioned the Chief about the 200-300 calls this year to the Elliot. He questioned if the Elliot has caused a disproportionate increase in ambulance service, the Chief responded yes. T. Freda asked if we can tell them to get a private ambulance. The Chief responded the Council could have a discussion with them. Councilor Farrell said those conversations came up on the Planning Board, people show up there, they should have called 911 or should have gone to an emergency room. If the Elliot contracted out their own services they would get there slower than we would get there. T. Freda asked about the shift coverage and the use of over-time. Rich Murphy, 14 Hardy Rd. asked how a call is covered. The Chief said they send the closest engine, the ambulance responds from Central. R. Murphy asked if the police respond as well, he said they do. R. Murphy asked the Town Manager if the ambulance generates profitable revenue. Town Manager Caron stated that if you make the presumption that you are going to not transport, the own will still be sending firefighters to medical emergencies. The only cost is staffing the ambulance and buying and equipping the ambulance. Under that scenario it is a profitable venture for the town. If we do respond but do not transport then we would save money by not buying ambulances. R. Murphy suggested the town look at contracting out ambulance services. Daniel Bouchard, 8 O'Connell Rd. said he hasn't seen the Londonderry Fire Department ever get a grant for personnel, the Londonderry Police Department has. For \$75.00/yr he said he has no problem. James Shannon, 12 Meadow Lane said 8 additional firefighters is a 20% increase in the force. By year three the salary for the 8 firefighters will exceed \$700K. 20% of citizens are struggling to pay taxes they don't need the added burden. Keith Tharp 245 Winding Pond Rd. said he is in favor of hiring 8 firefighters. He asked if it is Derry's responsibility to provide mutual aid. Chief MacCaffrie said it is a mutual aid agreement with surrounding communities. Councilor Dolan read an e-mail received from Steve Young. He was not in favor of the grant. George Herrmann also sent an e-mail stressing accepting the SAFR grant and offered ideas as to how to cut costs. Helen Maynard, 10 Wilson Rd. asked the Chief how many people does he anticipate retiring in the next 3 years, he responded 6 will be eligible. She questioned if the anticipated increase on taxes was just salary, the Chief responded it included salary and benefits. H. Maynard asked what is the town's responsibility if that person leaves, is laid-off or retires. Town Manager Caron explained if a person is laid-off the town would have some unemployment compensation responsibilities. He explained that the town pays a certain percentage of employees salary towards retirement; once they are no longer employed the Town is not responsible to further pay into the system. Kathy Wagner, 7 Fiddlers Ridge Rd asked if the 200 calls to the Elliott generate revenue, the Chief responded yes. K. Wagner asked if they pay taxes and how much it is, he responded they do pay taxes and generate revenues. K. Wagner said she is not comfortable telling the Elliot we will not provide service. Al Baldasaro asked the Town Manager if we are in the black operating the ambulance service; he responded if you consider the amount of money the Town actually collects, that no staffing reductions would take place, against the cost to buy and maintain the ambulances, yes the service is profitable. Councilor Farrell answered K. Wagner's question about Elliot paying taxes, they are assessed at \$16M generating

\$320K in taxes. Councilor Dolan said he was struggling with a 25% increase in the call rate and the ability to still have a safe work environment. Chief MacCaffrie said staff works smarter and harder at adapting and overcoming those issues every day. Councilor Dolan said in the third year and beyond we can stop or reduce the number of vacation substitutes to reduce the over time. He is in favor of going to a 4 person grant with the plan that in year three and beyond we will make this as close to revenue neutral as possible through additional revenues and additional reductions in other parts over time even in other departments in the town. Public Safety is most important, it can be revenue neutral. Councilor Brown said there is no more expensive items to add to our budget than additional personnel. If there is a consensus with the current Council to apply for the grant and it is approved without offering the taxpayers with an offset is not good. We should be looking for a reduction in personnel, services, and out sourcing ambulance services. We should direct our Town Manager to start looking at outsourcing. 8 is not reasonable, 4 is difficult. The \$340K in year three which will be in 2012; that Council will be faced with making the hires revenue neutral. If we receive the grant we should give direction to the Town Manager to come up with the \$350K in three years. Councilor Farrell said he is in favor of 4, we need to look at other alternatives, our responsibility is to protect lives. Our community is growing older which is evident by the calls. Councilor O'Keefe thanked the people who spoke tonight. He said he is fiscally conservative, the Council has directed the Town Manager to come in with a level budget. He said there has to be an offset we can't keep adding salaries. He said he is concerned about doing something; this Council has to act and be responsible to the people who elected us. Chairman DiMarco said his highest priority is public safety, 4 is better than 8, he would prefer 8 but he said they will not reach a consensus on that number. He said he does not think that private ambulance service will work, but it is something we should look to in the future. We might not be able to level fund this year without significant changes. He said he is open to discuss where the \$350K offset will be found. **Councilor Farrell made a motion to authorize the Chief to apply for a grant for 4 additional personnel, second Councilor Dolan Council's vote was 5-0-0.** A recess was called at 10:25 PM. The meeting reconvened at 10:30PM

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Draft 2010 Open Space Task Force Charge – Mike Speltz from the Conservation Commission said that the 2001 Open Space Plan was a request to find what properties were available to buy and what the priorities were. The 2005 plan focused on natural resources; where is it in town and how do we connect it together. This charge asks the question how much is enough and what other services we need. Another question is how do we secure them which is a mixture of three things; regulation, incentives and disincentives, and funding programs. Councilor Dolan said he was looking for a more technical interchange with the presenter and the commission. The public comment could be a subsequent meeting. He said he would rather have a technical review and another meeting to devote that to the public. Councilor Brown asked if the new charge is coming about because of the goal that this Council agreed to in March. The goal was about forming a brand new Open Space Taskforce that was a lot more than a new charge. We agreed to a goal of a review of the taskforce. M. Speltz said they responded to what they read in the newspaper about a review of the Open Space Plan. The Open Space Plan calls for a review every 5 years and that is what it was intended to do. Town Manager Caron said he will forward the Council's goal to Mike Speltz.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Solid Waste Disposal Options - Public Works Director, Janusz Czyzowski and Donna Limoli, Administrative Assistant were in attendance to provide information on an extra pick-up at Christmas, the cost of a bulk pick-up and the possibility of having 96 gallon containers available. A one time pick-up at Christmas would involve about 120 tons of material at a cost of \$10K just to dispose of the material. The cost to pick-up and dispose would amount to approximately \$23K for the one pick-up. Allied said they have had no experience with bulk pick-up one time around town, however it could be in the range of \$100 -\$153K. The Town is under agreement with Allied for 65 gallon barrels. Currently there are 7,615 households who receive 65 gallon barrels and 30 families purchased additional barrels. The additional cost per barrel could be \$105.00 – \$110.00. Councilor Farrell clarified that to upgrade to a single 96 gallon barrel it will approximately cost \$105 the first year, and \$41.18 the following years. J. Czyzowski cautioned that the 96 gallon barrel is very substantial. Paul Margolin, Chairman of SWAC said so much was discussed tonight dealing with how do we make cuts. He asked if there is an appetite for spending money for more services. Councilor O’Keefe clarified that Council talked about getting a cost associated with the larger barrel as an option because it was brought up by many residents to get the 96 gallon barrel. P. Margolin asked if the Council supported having an extra week of trash and a bulk waste pick-up. Councilor Farrell said nobody wants to spend an extra \$2K for an extra pick-up. The consensus was to support the last option of a 96 gallon container. P. Margolin said it was the consensus of the committee not to do options 1 & 2. The object is to reduce trash; by offering the larger containers you are encouraging more trash. It is revenue neutral. He brought up the issue of providing additional barrels to larger families. He said a family of 6-8 members would get the 96 gal free. He said he has doubts that 20% of the population would be willing to pay for the 96 gallon, he said that is highly unlikely.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2010-18 – Relative to Awarding a Contract to Expand Pillsbury Cemetery – Councilor Dolan made a motion to adopt, second Councilor O’Keefe. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.

Resolution #2010-19 – Relative to renaming the Class VI portion of Spring Road located between Kitt Lane and Hovey Road - Councilor Dolan made a motion to accept and schedule the public hearing scheduled for 8/2/10, second Councilor O’Keefe. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.

Resolution #2010-20 – Relative to renaming the Class VI portion of Spring Road located between Trolley Car Lane and I-93 – Councilor Dolan made a motion to accept and schedule the public hearing scheduled for 8/2/10, second Councilor O’Keefe. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of Council’s Public Meetings of 06/21/10. Chairman DiMarco said he contacted M. Lapietro and made some changes. Councilor Dolan made a motion to accept as modified, second Councilor O’Keefe. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.

Chairman DiMarco stated he had Non-Public Meeting Minutes from 4/14/10, 6/7/10 and 5/24/10. **Councilor Farrell made a motion to approve all the meeting minutes as presented and to seal the minutes indefinitely. Second Councilor O’Keefe. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.**

OTHER BUSINESS

Liaison Reports - Councilor Brown said the Londonderry Arts Council sent him information about repairs needed at the bandstand and he forwarded them to the Town Manager. The Town Manager will come back with a summary of repairs to be funded by the Maintenance Trust Fund.

Town Manager Reports – Town Manager Caron said the Manchester/Boston Airport is seeking proposals for a law enforcement contract effective 7/1/11. The town is engaged in that process to have the Londonderry Police Department continue servicing the airport. The consensus of the Council was to pursue the proposal. He said Old Home Day is coming up and he keeps getting calls to see if we are spraying for mosquitoes. He said in the past if a threat for EEE and West Nile Virus exists then spraying will take place. Spraying cost approximately \$3,600. The consensus was to not spray unless a health threat presented itself. The N/W fire station project is proceeding smoothly, and he explained the reimbursement process. Margo Lapietro questioned if the Councilors wanted her to spend \$250 for American Flags to be passed out during the Old Home Day Parade. The consensus was to buy the flags.

Chairman DiMarco talked about the airport purchasing the Highlander Inn and the fact that the town will be losing \$25K in property taxes, do we have a concern that land will not be taxable anymore. Town Manager Caron said the Town is concerned with the loss of revenue but is outside of the Town’s control.

Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointments -

Resignation of Marilyn Hamm as Town Historian – Chairman DiMarco thanked her for her many years of service. The possibility of a successor was discussed and it was decided to contact Marilyn for her feedback. **Councilor Farrell made a motion to accept the resignation, second Councilor O’Keefe. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.**

Chairman DiMarco said he was asked to participate in a memorial to Matthew Thornton in Merrimack. It was suggested that they contact Carol Mack the principal of Mathew Thornton School to see if she would be interested in attending the memorial.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor O’Keefe made a motion to adjourn at 11:23 PM, second Councilor Farrell. Council’s vote was 5-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by: **Margo Lapietro** Date: **07/15/10**

Minutes Typed by: **Margo Lapietro** Date: **07/20/10**

Approved; **Town Council** Date: **08/02/10**