

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 03, 2013

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

PRESENT: Chairman, John Farrell; Vice Chairman Tom Dolan; Councilors: Jim Butler; Joe Green; Tom Freda; Acting Town Manager, LPD Chief William R. Hart; Executive Assistant Margo Lapietro.

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 all first responders and for those serving our country.

Public Comment

Councilor Dolan stated that he continues to be disappointed in the performance of PSNH; we continue to have power outages in town. Their unreliable service is becoming remarkable and, instructed the Acting Town Manager to get feedback from them. Chairman Farrell asked the Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief Bill Hart to ask the fire chief to contact our liaison at PSNH. Open for discussion.

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2013-07 – A Resolution Relative to the Acceptance of Grants and Donations

Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief Bill Hart asked that this item be withdrawn; it needs to have a publication in a newspaper prior to being voted on by the Council. This item will be brought back at the next Council meeting under the Public Hearing section.

Order #2013-19 – Expenditure of Maintenance Trust Funds for Various Projects – Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief Hart explained that it has come to his attention that the rooftop unit at the police department may have to be replaced. They are doing everything they can to forestall replacing it if that is what will be required. Councilor Butler asked how old the unit is. Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief responded it was installed about June or July of 2004. Chairman Farrell waived the reading of the Order. Councilor Green **made a motion to accept, second Councilor Freda. Councils vote 5-0-0.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes of 05/20/13 – Councilor Dolan made a motion to approve, second Councilor Freda. Council’s vote 5-0-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Liaison Reports – Councilor Freda attended the Eagle Scout ceremony on Sunday for Joseph Conti who built a kiosk at the Musquash.

Chairman Farrell said he attended the CIP meeting tonight. The paperwork for projects is due back to the Planning Department by 7/15/13. The next CIP meeting is scheduled for 8/12/13 where the projects will be scored and forwarded to the Planning Department. He said the LAFA group has expressed interested in building rest rooms at the fields and dispensing with the port-a-potties that are in use now.

Town Manager Report – Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief Hart said the Council directed him to begin to look at old/outdated Ordinances. He said he will come back on 6/17 to re-work them. Some Ordinances will include the Pawnbrokers and ambulance fees as well as a re-worked alarm ordinance. He explained that former Town Manager Caron had started this process and had completed most of them, but they are being reviewed and once that is complete he is aiming to bring everything before the Council at the August meeting. He announced that the LPD is having their annual hiring process on 6/15/13. They expect to receive about 100 applications to fill 2-3 positions that are open. A new position will be open on 7/1/13. The LFD is hiring a part-time dispatcher; the position has been open since 2011 and has been largely filled with overtime. Acting LFD Chief Darren O’Brien had said that is one of his primary goals, and he stated that we will be saving about \$20K annually in overtime costs by making this hire. Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief Hart also informed the Council that he has received a number of poems from the civics class at LHS and they will be in Council packets for the 6/17/13 meeting.

Councilor Green said he attended the Elder Affairs meeting and he needs guidance on a few items. During emergencies the pet issue keeps coming up, how do we go forward? How can we get a pet shelter going in town like other towns do? Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief asked if he meant a separate shelter for pets. Councilor Green explained people want to bring pets to the shelter with them. Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief Hart said he thought we had dealt with this issue in the past and it was allowed in certain circumstances; he will follow up with it. Chairman Farrell said the last he heard was that the former fire chief would make accommodations in the kennel as best he could and the last piece was left with School Superintendent Greenberg. Councilor Green said the second thing is the site plan for senior housing at Sanborn Rd. He was asked if the site was cleaned up. He explained a Phase I Site Assessment was done in 2011 that indicated more clean-up was needed. Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief Hart said that Councilor Dolan had brought that issue up and he will follow up on it at the 6/17/13 Council meeting. The question is what is the status, and what clean-up is needed. He apologized to the Council for not getting that information to them earlier. Councilor Green said he will make an appointment with the Public Works Director to go look at the property. Councilor Butler said he asked the question of exactly where the location is, Councilor Green said it is 30 Sanborn Road near the North School.

Councilor Dolan suggested since we are coming to the end of the fiscal year we should have a “legal refresh”. He suggested refreshing the various Chairs on the Right to Know Laws. He further went on to say that we had some confusion the past year. He explained the ZBA has an important role in legal matters; the town attorney could give them a special review as well as the Planning Board since they are entering into a critical area with Woodmont. He said this practice should be done on an annual basis pending funds in the legal expenses. Chairman Farrell said he is fine with making sure we do things correctly. The consensus of Council was to do this. Chairman Farrell asked the Acting Town Manager/LPD Chief Hart to have the department heads look at old Ordinances and get rid of them. Town Manager/LPD Chief Hart responded they are looking at them now, it is part of the full review of Ordinances as explained earlier in the meeting and he hoped to have them available by the August meeting.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

None

Chairman Farrell stated the Council is starting the process of interviewing the 4 final candidates for the Town Manager position.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Farrell announced that Council will enter into a Non-Public Meeting according to RSA 91-A: 3, II (b) at 8:21 PM. Aye Joe Green, Aye Tom Freda, Aye John Farrell, Aye Tom Dolan, Aye Jim Butler. Councils vote 5-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by: Margo Lapietro Date: 06/03/13

Minutes Typed by: Margo Lapietro Date: 06/06/13

Approved by: Town Council Date: 06/17/13