

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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2 **March 16, 2015**

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4 The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry,
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7 Present: Chairman John Farrell; Councilor Tom Dolan; Vice Chairman Jim Butler; Councilors Tom Freda and Joe Green;
8 Town Manager Kevin Smith; Executive Assistant Kirby Wade;

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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Chairman Dolan stated that he will be moving the agenda around a little bit. The Council will be doing the election of
13 Chairman and Vice Chairman. This will take place at the end of public comment.

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15 Chairman Dolan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for all those
16 who serve us here and abroad in uniform.

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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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20 Chairman Dolan introduced Liz Larocca from Eversource (formally PSNH). Town Manager Smith stated that there has been a
21 lot in the news recently about the rates height in the different utility companies in the State. Larocca presented a PowerPoint to
22 the Council. (See attached). Larocca stated that to this day, Eversource owns nine hydro power plants and three fossil fuel
23 power plants. Eversource just agreed with the State that the time has come that Eversource should sell what they have in power
24 plants. Larocca stated that in 2000, New England had a diverse fuel mix in terms of the fuel it was using to generate power. In
25 2013-2014 over fifty percent of the power plants now are operating on natural gas. New England doesn't have the pipeline to
26 support that amount of natural gas generation. Larocca stated that the PSNH energy rate is about half the bill. Larocca stated
27 that PSNH has had higher rates and because there is a lack of natural gas, it will cause an increase in price. Larocca stated that
28 if anyone ever has an issue with Eversource Energy, to call the customer service department. Larocca discussed the ways
29 Eversource goes through to check meters, etc. when someone's bill is very high.

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31 Mike spoke on behalf of Liberty Utilities, the natural gas provider for Londonderry. They are a regulated utility. All of
32 Liberty's rates are set by the Public Utilities Commission. There are two components to the electric and gas rates. One is the
33 cost of distributing and the other is the cost for the actual electricity. Mike stated that the cost of natural gas has lowered a lot.

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35 The Council thanked Mike and Liz for coming in.

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37 Gerard Adams, 54 Hall Road, stated that he would like to speak about 55 Hall Road. Adams stated that there is flapping of
38 fencing that has not been secured. Adams talked about the fire that took place a few weeks ago at 55 Hall Road. Councilor
39 Farrell stated that the Council is handling the situation appropriately.

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41 Chuck Fuller, 42 Ellwood Road, stated that he would like to voice his concern about the Kinder Morgan gas pipeline and the
42 impact it will have on the community. Fuller asked the Town Council to hold forums and information meetings to inform
43 people. Surrounding towns have held forums. Fuller stated he feels that the community hasn't been well informed. Chairman
44 Dolan stated that there have already been sessions.

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46 Councilor Freda stated that he would like to make a comment about the past Deliberative Session. Councilor Freda stated that

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47 Councilor Green wanted to present slides at the Deliberative about fire overtime. He was unable to present it because it was
48 voted down. Councilor Freda stated that this was not fair to Councilor Green. Councilor Freda stated that Councilor Green had
49 every right to present at the session.

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NEW BUSINESS

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53 Chairman Dolan thanked the Council for a successful year and for filling in during his absence.

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55 Vice Chairman Butler nominated Councilor John Farrell as Chairman. Second by Councilor Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

56 Councilor Dolan nominated Vice Chairman Butler as Vice Chairman. Second by Councilor Freda. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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58 Chairman Farrell introduced the appointments of Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector. Town Manger stated that
59 because the voters approved a few years ago the separation of Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Smith stated that he would like
60 to make a recommendation to the Town Council to appoint Kathleen Donnelly to be the Tax Collector and Deputy Town
61 Clerk. Chairman Farrell stated that because he is related to the Town Clerk he is going to step down. Councilor Dolan stated
62 that he would like to motion to appoint Kathleen Donnelly as the Tax Collector. Second by Vice Chairman Butler. Town
63 Manager Smith stated that it is the recommendation of the Town Clerk Sherry Farrell that Kathleen Donnelly be appointed as
64 the Deputy Town Clerk and it is the recommendation of Kathleen Donnelly that Sherry Farrell be appointed Deputy Tax
65 Collector. Councilor Dolan motioned and Vice Chairman Butler second. Chair votes 4-0-1.

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67 Chairman Farrell addressed other appointments. Councilor Dolan motioned to appoint Kelly Walsh as a full time member of
68 the Conservation Commission. Second by Vice Chairman Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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PUBLIC HEARING

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72 Motion to enter Public Hearing made by Councilor Green and second by Councilor Freda.

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74 Chairman Farrell introduced Ordinance #2015-02, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance relating to rezoning map 6, lot
75 37&38, 6 and 8 Mohawk Drive. Town Manager Smith stated that the immediate abutters were separately notified.

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77 Andy Prolman, Attorney from Prunier & Prolman, Nashua, is here on behalf of Riverview LLC. His client, Cornelis de Jong
78 is here as well. What he plans to do is a small wine bistro. With the rezoning, moving from a C-IV to a C-I will allow greater
79 opportunity for development.

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81 Councilor Freda asked if any abutters appeared at the Planning Board. Prolman stated no.

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83 Cornelis de Jong stated that he is not trying to cause tension. His original intent was to do something beautiful and good. He
84 plans to put in a building that is 35 feet tall, which is ten feet shorter than the last one. De Jong stated that he would like to
85 make it appealing with gardens and a beautiful outside. His intent is to building a wine bistro that is neither a bar nor a
86 restaurant. The land was a C-I for many years and slipped into a C-IV by the previous owner. Chairman Farrell asked De Jong
87 if he has spoken with an architect about the appearance. De Jong stated that he has. The COuncil discussed the logistics of what
88 de Jong is proposing.

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90 Tom Aylesworth, Attorney with MEEB, representing Kendallwood Condo's, the complex behind the land. Aylesworth
91 presented maps to the public and Council. The Council discussed the lay of the land based on the maps presented. Aylesworth
92 stated that this is the wrong lot for a development like this.

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94 Richard Flyer, 9 Isabelle Drive, stated that this is a good use and it will soften the area.

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96 The Council continued to discuss the land layout and the difference between a C-I and C-IV zoning. Which would best fit this
97 lot of land.

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99 Councilor Dolan motioned the Council table Ordinance #2015-02 to the April 6th Council meeting. Second by Councilor
100 Green. Chair votes 5-0-0. Chairman Farrell stated that this will be the only notice.

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102 NEW BUSINESS

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104 Chairman Farrell introduced Kinder Morgan survey document. Town Manager Smith stated that a few weeks ago a
105 representative from Kinder Morgan gave Town Hall a survey to survey the land the town owns upon the proposed route. This
106 has been provided to all abutters. Smith stated that by signing the form and giving them permission to survey the land and after
107 checking with Attorney Ramsdell, when signing the survey it is not showing support, just allowing Kinder Morgan to survey
108 the land. No comments from the Council. The consensus is to sign the survey.

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110 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2015-08, the expenditure of the Maintenance Trust Fund for various projects. Town
111 Manager Smith stated that this is for winter maintenance at the Town buildings. Motion to approve Order #2015-08 made by
112 Councilor Green and second by Councilor Freda. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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114 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2015-09, to expend from the Special Revenue Funds for the Londonderry Police
115 Department. Captain Chris Gandia presented, requesting money to equip the ford F-150 pickup truck to be utilized as an
116 emergency vehicle. Motion to approve Order #2015-08 made by Councilor Freda and second by Councilor Green. Chair votes
117 5-0-0.

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119 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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121 Motion to approve the Town Council minutes from March 2, 2015 made by Councilor Dolan. Second by Councilor Freda.
122 Chair votes 5-0-0.

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124 BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENTS

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127 Bonnie Ritvo, 35 Chapparel Drive, introduced herself. She is presently a full time member on the Elder Affairs Committee
128 looking for re-appointment. The Council had no question. Councilor Green recommended Bonnie to the Elder Affairs. She
129 does a lot of work with the Committee and the Senior Center. Councilor Green motioned to re-appoint Ritvo as a full member.
130 Second by Vice Chairman Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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132 Tam Siekmann, 89 Hovey Road, stated that she is interested in getting involved on the Elder Affairs Committee. Siekmann
133 introduced herself. Siekmann stated that she has helped out at the Senior Center a few times.

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135 Doug Thomas, 143 Mammoth Road, stated that he is interested in getting involved in the Elder Affairs Committee. He is
136 looking to give back to the community. He has been to the Senior Center a few times.

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138 Councilor Green motioned to appoint Dolores Stoklosa and Bonnie Roberts as full time members to the Elder Affairs
139 Committee. Second by Councilor Freda. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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141 The Council thanked the candidates for stepping up. Chairman Farrell mentioned that there is still an alternate seat that needs
142 to be filled. There are four candidates to pick from. Vice Chairman Butler suggested waiting to make the appointments until

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143 the next meeting on the 6th of April.

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145 The Council recommended Liz Larocca and Steve Young to be re-appointed to the Manchester airport Authority. Motioned by
146 Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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150 Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Green and second by Councilor Dolan. **Chair votes 5-0-0.**

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153 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Wade Date: 03/16/2015
154 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Wade Date: 03/19/2015
155 Approved by: Town Council Date: 04/06/2015
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