

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 **Januar 15, 2018**

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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 Farrell; Councilors Joe Green & Ted Combes; Town
7 Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik; Executive Assistant Kirby Brown; Absent:
8 Councilor Jim Butler.

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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Chairman Dolan called the Town Council special meeting to order. Chairman Dolan led the Pledge of
13 Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for those who serve us both here and abroad.

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15 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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17 Chairman Dolan congratulated the Londonderry Band for their performance at the Rosa Bowl Parade.
18 Chairman Dolan also recognized Martin Luther King Day.

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20 Vice Chairman Farrell made a presentation on funding everything from the town and school and explained
21 how everything is split up. See attached slides.

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23 Councilor Green joined the meeting.

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25 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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27 Motion to enter Public Hearing made by Councilor Green and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes
28 4-0-0. Chairman Dolan introduced the Public Hearing to set the Warrant Articles and discuss the budget.
29 The Council will be taking a position on each article tonight and the Budget Committee will be taking a
30 position on the warrant articles at their meeting on Thursday.

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32 Fire Chief Darren O'Brien and Steve Cotton gave a breakdown of the cost for the new central Fire Station.
33 The Council decided what kind of a bond they wanted to do. The term of length has to be decided. Finance
34 Director Doug Smith stated that there is a three year, ten year and fifteen year term as well as the tax
35 impact with each option. The interest cost is impactful. The Council discussed the best option for the
36 taxpayers.

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38 Councilor Combes motioned to associate article #2 with the 2—year bond. Second by Councilor Green.
39 Chair votes 4-0-0.

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40 Town manager Smith went over article #4 of which is the operating budget. Finance Director Smith
41 discussed the changes. The Council discussed the rest of the warrant articles.

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43 Motion to close public hearing made by Councilor Combes and second by Councilor Green.

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45 OLD BUSINESS

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47 Chairman Dolan opened up the budget workshop and setting the 2018 warrant.

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49 Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik gave an update on the CART/Green Cab program the Town of
50 Londonderry ran last year. Drabik stated the voters voted to appropriate \$35,000 to put towards a CART
51 program. Drabik went through how much of that money was spent and how much advertising was done
52 to promote the program. From July 2017 – December 2017 CART provided 1,151 trips to 31
53 unduplicated Londonderry drivers. They referred 5 rides to the Senior Center that CART couldn't
54 accommodate. Only \$1,023 was spent out of the \$35,000. The Council decided that they trust the Town
55 Manager and Assistant Town Manager decide what should be done with the rest of the money.

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57 NEW BUSINESS

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59 Chairman Dolan introduced Order #2018-02, an Order relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust
60 Funds for various projects. Steve Cotton presented. Motion to approve Order #2018-02 made by Vice
61 Chairman Farrell and second by Councilor Green. Chair votes 4-0-0. Councilor Combes asked ow old the
62 unit was. Cotton stated 2005.

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64 Town Manager Smith gave an update on the new school district building, which will be off site now at
65 Kitty Hawk Landing. Vice Chairman Farrell stated that they are signing a lease for 10 years. It will be a
66 loss of tax revenue.

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68 BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT

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70 NONE

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72 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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74 Approval of Town Council minutes from January 5, 2018 made by Councilor Green and seconded by
75 Councilor Combes. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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77 TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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79 NONE

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ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER REPORT

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Vice Chairman Farrell. Chair votes 4-0-0.

Notes and Tapes by:	Your name	Date: 01/15/2018
Minutes Typed by:	Kirby Brown	Date: 01/25/2018
Approved by:	Town Council	Date: 02/05/2018

Year 2000 -2018 Commercial Values

2000 valuation 315 million

2018 valuation 1.5 billion (4/1/18)

Total 2018 revenue 25 million approx.

Pettengill road valuation (4/1/18) 142 million

Tax revenue \$3,070,730

Car registrations have increased by 2.5 million during this period

Total new revenue approx. 27 million

Year 2000 budgets vs 2018 Town & Schools

Town 2000 total 18 million
Schools 2000 total 41.5 million

Town 2018 proposed 29.5 million
Schools 2018 proposed 74 million approx.

(This represents a 2.85 million dollar increase over the Ballot budget from last year of 71,150,000)

The School Board endorsed the Superintendent budget which is 550 K over default, plus 170K a year new district office is part of default for a 720K total

Increase in revenue vs Expenses

New Revenue Commercial & Cars 27 million

Increase expenses 32.5 million schools (78.3%) & 11.5 million town (63.8%)

Total increase 44 million dollars (residential tax made up most of the 17 million difference)

Increases for 2018

New School district office 2 million over ten years (expense added to default)

Loss of 350,000 in taxes for that location over ten years (lost revenue)

2 million dollar one time open space citizens petition (expense)

2.3 million communications Fire, Police, Public works (UFB)

6 million dollar bond Fire station (bond)