

TOWN OF DERRY

Legislative Task Force Workshop
Derry Municipal Center

March 29 2018
Tuesday - 6:30 PM

6:30 PM Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance, warning of fire exits, handicap access, & turn off all cell phones

Chairman Morgan gave a brief introduction stating that he respected all sides and that teamwork will be necessary to move Derry forward.

Roll Call:

Chairman Town Council James Morgan

Councilor Joshua Bourdon

Councilor Neil Wetherbee

Councilor and State Representative Phyllis Katsakories

Councilor and State Representative Richard Tripp

Councilor and State Representative Brian Chirichiello

Town Administrator David Caron

New Hampshire State Senator Regina Birdsell

State Representative David Milz

State Representative John O'Connor

School Board Member and State Representative Brenda Willis

Superintendent of Schools MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian

Chairman School Board Lynn Perkins

School Board Member Derick Anderson

School Board Member Erika Cohen

School Board Member Dan McKenna

School Board Member Michelle McKinnon

School Board Secretary Jane Simard

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6:45 PM School Board Information Sharing – Dan McKenna

MaryAnn Connors-Krikorian took over last March as Superintendent of Schools. This is the first time that there have been set goals to meet, focusing on strengthening literacy and math. There is now a district data team instead of just school teams. Programs are in place to help struggling students. As a result of the enrollment numbers, there has been discussion of possibly closing one school.

7:15 PM Town Council Information Sharing – David Caron

Town Administrator David Caron discussed the town's budget including the services and revenues associated. He highlighted services provided by Derry to surrounding communities that have brought in revenue. Derry has one of the highest tax rates in the State and the purpose of this workshop is to try and find a way to fix that. It has been

noted many times at council meetings that Derry needs to follow what is going on with State legislation in Concord and any bills that may end up helping Derry's tax rate.

7:45 PM Legislators and Senator comments or questions

Regina Birdsell - The house just today passed HB539 which is relative to the distribution of occupancy revenues under the meals and rooms tax to towns and cities. There is a budget coming up next year, Senator Birdsell did put in an amendment to get back the stabilization grant and it has failed a few times.

John O'Connor - There is a community engagement program people can join, it's a 3-day seminar for downtown development and enhancement discussing the various steps in development. The cost is \$200. Representative O'Connor just received the information today and will forward it to Town Administrator David Caron.

8:15 PM Closing remarks; set next meeting

Chairman Morgan – The tax rate is not one departments responsibility and it is time to start working together. This meeting is a great first start. If there are any direct questions, please email the Council Chair or the School Board chair

Adjournment 8:30 p.m.



Town Clerk

4-20-18
Date