

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

January 2 2018
Tuesday - 7:30 PM

6:00 PM	Non-Meeting with Legal Counsel (<i>not open to public</i>)
6:30 PM	Non-Public Session 91A:3 II (d)
7:30 PM	Call to order

Councilor Tripp moves to leave non-public session, seconded by Councilor Morgan – all agreed

Councilor Tripp moves to seal RSA 91A:3 II (d), seconded by Councilor Wetherbee – all agreed

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

Roll Call: Councilors Chirichiello, Morgan, Tripp, Katsakiores, Foote, Wetherbee and Chairman Bourdon
Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

Consent Agenda

- 18-01** Approve Non-Public Minutes – December 19, 2017 – **minutes sealed**
- 18-02** Approve Minutes – December 19, 2017
- 18-03** Resolution #2018-002 – To Accept a Gift from Tesla Corporation for the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Consent agenda approved (Councilor Foote abstained from 18-01)

Chairman's Report – Joshua Bourdon

Chairman Bourdon wished everyone a Happy New Year. The agenda item on Solar will not be a public hearing so anyone wishing to speak on that topic may do so at the public forum,.

Town Administrator's Report – David Caron

The Fire Department, in conjunction with the Library, opened a warming station this past week for people in need. The warming station was open during the day when the Library was open. Emergency management staff also checked locations known to be frequented by the homeless. The town will continue to monitor and, working with State EM officials, make a determination whether to expand services during this cold snap, which is anticipated to last through the week. The town is in the process of connecting with approximately 65 community groups to establish an email group, to which the Town can share important information and in turn, these groups may share the information with their members. There is a number of important issues planned for the January 16 agenda; a hearing to accept a gift from Tesla which will provide a majority of the funding to install EV Charging Stations downtown, the determination by the Council whether to place a referendum question before the voters regarding the School District and its possible inclusion under the town umbrella, the determination by the Council whether to participate in the age friendly initiative being coordinated by SNH Planning Commission, and a presentation by CFO on mid-year financials, including analysis of OT expenses.

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*

Open Public Forum – all agreed

John O'Connor: Arrowhead Rd – He is supportive of the solar energy project and would like someone who voted no to reconsider. The Planning Board has been trying to bring charging stations to Derry.

Corinne Dodge: Warner Hill Rd – She would like the council to reconsider the solar project.

Serge Michaud: Blunt Dr – Is in support of solar, but would like the council to do their homework first. There are pros and cons on a lease and he would like to know more details about it.

Marc Flattes: Linlew Dr – Believes the council should wait to vote on solar until the outcome of Senate Bill 193. He has seen programs in Massachusetts that help repeat drug offenders find employment and would like the town to look into something similar.

Randall Kelley: Hardy Ct – Questioned if any other methods of energy have been looked at besides solar. Asked where the solar panels are coming from. There is a 12 session course upcoming on Bipolar disorder, the information was given to the town administrator.

Councilor Wetherbee moves to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

John O'Connor: Arrowhead Rd – Believes an earlier resident was incorrect stating Senate Bill 193 will have a large impact on Derry. Said it is not a voucher bill, but a choice bill.

Motion by Councilor Chirichiello to close public forum, seconded by Councilor Wetherbee – all agreed

Old Business

17-162 Resolution #2017-082 – To approve a Supplemental Appropriation for a Solar Energy Project at the Transfer Station

Councilor Foote moves to reconsider and adopt Resolution #2017-082, seconded by Councilor Wetherbee

Councilor Foote amends motions motion to reconsider and adopt Resolution #2017-082 to reconsider Resolution #2017-082, seconded by Councilor Wetherbee

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Director of Public Works Mike Fowler and Erik Shifflett from Granite State Solar presented the Supplemental Appropriation for a Solar Energy Project at the Transfer Station. The Energy and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC) along with the Net Zero Committee have been promoting the goal of clean energy through the installation of solar panel arrays at private residences and public facilities. Initial estimates were provided to the Town Council and subsequently, an RFP was solicited in September 2017 to obtain pricing to purchase and install solar panels to be placed at the Transfer Station. The RFP process for the Transfer Station

yielded two proposals to mount panels on the southwest facing slope of the Transfer Station facility. The leading proposal is to mount 240 ground mounted, tracking – 360 watt panels.

- \$282,400 gross= \$1.82 per kWh - \$ 58,812 rebate - \$223,588 net - 9.28 year payback
- 155,200 kWh annual production REC Credits = \$3880 per year
- Avoided Utility Cost= \$20,176 per year
- *Financing costs will alter the payback equation to approximately 11.5 years.

Once the financing is paid off after ten years, these divisions will obtain electricity from the solar panels at no cost, avoiding approximately \$20,000 in utility costs, based on 2017 third party supply contract costs. The Town will incur maintenance costs as the owner of the panels but the panels are expected to produce power for at least 25 years.

Councilor Foote MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2017-082, which reads as follows [*Read the Resolution*], seconded by Councilor Tripp

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Resolution attached

New Business

18-04 Resolution #2018-003 – To Authorize a License Agreement for Timber Harvesting

Town Administrator David Caron presented the Authorization for a License Agreement for Timber Harvesting. The Town previously purchased land for conservation purposes at 42.5 Faith Drive. Prudent stewardship of the 122 acre tract requires occasional timber harvesting of the property. The Town was approached by Arthur Caras, an abutter, to grant permission to the Town to access the conservation land over properties located on North Shore Road owned by Arthur and his wife Diane. This access is deemed preferable for this purpose instead of entering the property from Faith Drive. RSA 36-A:4 requires Town Council approval for the Conservation Commission to enter into any land transactions, including licenses and easements.

Councilor Wetherbee MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2017-075, which reads as follows [*Read the Resolution*], seconded by Councilor Morgan

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Resolution attached

Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports -

Councilor Chirichiello – Asked if the open office for the upcoming Town Election could be posted on the website and was told they would be put on the homepage. The Planning Board has a meeting tomorrow where they will be discussing rezoning in industrial areas.

Councilor Foote – Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Thanked everyone for all the emails for and against the solar project. There are still people that are against. He would like the information to be available on Derry television. Residents' voices do matter that is why the solar agenda item was reconsidered.

Councilor Katsakiores – Friday January 19th at Calvary Bible Church there will be a blood drive from 11am to 6pm hosted by the Derry Police Department.

Councilor Tripp – There will be a public hearing on the school budget on Tuesday January 9th.

Councilor Wetherbee – There are 3 opportunities to have input heard on the school budget; the public hearing, the deliberative session, and the final vote at the town election in March. He wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked everyone on the council for keeping an open mind and reconsidering the solar vote.

Councilor Morgan – He would like the Town Administrator to provide more information on the electric box that was recently installed in the building, what the numbers are and how successful it was. He asked if there was any progress on the library furnace and was told that it should be in the FY19 budget as it is a major project. Thanked State Representative John O'Connor for speaking about the solar project.

Chairman Bourdon – Thanked the 3 councilors who previously voted against solar for reconsidering.

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.



Town Clerk

1-23-18
Date

Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk



Resolution #2017-082

To Approve a Supplemental Appropriation for a Solar Energy Project at the Transfer Station

WHEREAS, Section 9.6 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to approve appropriations not included in the annual budget as adopted; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council supports renewable energy and further supports a Town goal of energy independence; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been received to install solar panels at the transfer station which is anticipated to result in energy savings for the Public Works and Wastewater Budgets; and,

WHEREAS, the project can be financed through a lease-purchase contract which will be funded through energy savings, and will also receive energy rebates to further reduce the local costs of the project;

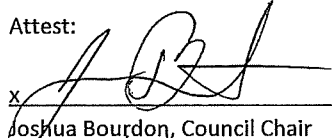
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Derry Town Council hereby appropriates Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the installation of solar panels at the Transfer Station to be financed through a lease-purchase contract which includes a fiscal funding clause; and,


FURTHER, RESOLVED that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to execute all contracts and documents necessary to construct and finance this project.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire Council.

Adopted: January 2, 2018

Attest:

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Joshua Bourdon, Council Chair
Date: 1/2/2018

x 
Daniel Healey, Town Clerk
Date: 1/2/2018

Archival Ref: Agenda #17-162



RESOLUTION

Number 2018-003

To Authorize a License Agreement for Timber Harvesting

WHEREAS, Section 5.1 of the Town Charter designates the Town Council as the governing and legislative bodies of the Town and, as such, it is empowered to conduct land transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Town previously purchased conservation land at 42.5 Faith Drive; and

WHEREAS, proper stewardship requires the occasional harvesting of timber; and

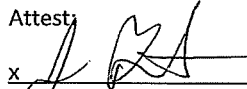
WHEREAS, an abutter has offered a temporary license to the Conservation Commission to facilitate the timber harvest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Conservation Commission is hereby authorized pursuant to RSA 36-A:4 to enter into a temporary license agreement with Arthur and Diane Caras to traverse over their properties to access 42.5 Faith Drive for timber harvesting.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

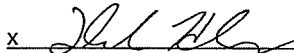
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Josh Bourdon, Council Chair

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Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

Date: 1/2/2018

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