

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

January 5, 2021
Tuesday - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM Call to order

Although the Stay at Home Order has expired, Emergency Order #12 as issued by Governor Sununu remains in effect, which waives the requirement that a quorum be physically present in the meeting room; a meeting of a public body may be conducted with most or all members participating electronically. There is a contact number at the bottom of the Derry TV Cam screen with a phone number where members of the public can listen in and participate in the Public Forum and Public Hearing portions of the meeting. This access number was also posted along with the agenda and posted on the exterior doors of the Municipal Center. Please note that due to the physical absence of some Councilors, all votes taken shall be done by Roll Call.

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

Roll Call: Councilor Tripp, Katsakiores, and Chairman Foote in-person and Councilor's Bourdon, Morgan, Chirichiello, and Wetherbee by Video.
Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey(Video)

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*

Motion by Councilor Tripp to open public forum, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Corrine Dodge: Warner Hill Rd – Read a citizen's petition on the State redistricting. Volunteered at the elections in September and November and observed pre-processing. Elections in Derry went smoothly and were fair.

Motion by Councilor Tripp to close public forum, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Consent Agenda

21-01 Approve Non-Public Minutes – December 15, 2020

21-02 Approve Minutes – December 15, 2020

21-03 Resolution #2021-001 – To Approve Covenants and Commercial-Industrial Tax Relief Application for 14 Rte. 111

21-04 Resolution #2021-002 – To Amend Town Council Rules

Motion by Councilor Tripp to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Consent agenda approved

Chairman's Report – Charlie Foote

There will be a voter session Tuesday January 19th which will be the last chance to register before the Town and School filing period and the Town Deliberative session.

There was a moment of silence for Dave Udelsman, the architect that designed the Derry Municipal Center and also worked with the Adams Memorial Building.

Councilor Wetherbee informed the council that the State legislature is looking at a bill right now to move Town elections out as late as July.

Town Administrator's Report – David Caron

Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief Mike Gagnon gave a report on the Town's response to COVID-19

The Hood Park Committee has completed its data gathering work and is now preparing its recommendations to the Town Council, which will be presented in February. Staff and our grant writer met with staff at CDFA to review the recent block grant award to assist with COVID related expenses. After that meeting, CDFA staff had a better understanding of the Town's goals to address housing shortages resulting from the Pandemic, and the town is optimistic that the final grant amount will be adjusted appropriately. Staff has rolled out the Hazard Pay Recognition Program for non-first responders and approximately 150 merchants are participating in the program which will generate about \$45,000 into the local economy. The Town Clerk's office and the Tax Collector's Office have been short staffed due to medical issues, but hope is to have a readout on December tax collections by Tuesday evening. The Economic Development Director succeeding with obtaining Economic Revitalization Zone status for the General Commercial Zone along Rte. 111. This designation was made possible by the Council's approval of Resolution #2020-051 in October. The Council approved the Commercial-Industrial Tax Exemption program in October 2019 and the Town has received two applications, for which public hearings will be scheduled over the next two Council meetings.

Public Hearing

20-125 Resolution #2020-061 – Accept a NH Highway Safety Agency Grant for various traffic enforcement activities – *Police Chief Ed Garone presenting*

Periodically, the NH Highway Safety Agency distributes funds to support selective traffic enforcement patrols and or equipment. The Police Department has received a contract for seven such programs as follows;

- Speed Enforcement Patrols \$12,052.00 = (40) 4 Hour Patrols
- DUI Enforcement Patrols - \$8,959.00 = (30) 4 Hour Patrols
- Distracted Driving Patrols - \$3,888.00 = (13) 4 Hour Patrols
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols - \$2,900.00 = (9) 4 Hour Patrols
- Join the NH Clique Patrols - \$850.00 = (2) 4 Hour Patrols
- Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Patrols - \$1700.00 = (5) 4 Hour Patrols
- U Drive, U Text, U Pay Patrols - \$850.00 = (2) 4 Hour Patrols

The seven grants total \$31,199.00

The NH Highway Safety Agency will reimburse the Town for 100% of the salary-related expenses plus associated roll up costs for all hours worked under the grants. The Town is responsible for in kind cost matches for the 7 patrol grants totaling \$7,799.75. Those costs are soft match costs and are funds already budgeted for administering the grants, prosecuting any cases resulting from the enforcement efforts and equipment costs associated with conducting the patrols i.e. vehicle and fuel costs. Enforcement patrols will be scheduled throughout the grant period as one-man patrols. Officers assigned will be reimbursed at their respective overtime rate.

Motion by Councilor Tripp to open public hearing, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Councilor Tripp to close public hearing, seconded by Councilor Morgan
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Councilor Tripp MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2020-061, which reads as follows [*Read the Resolution*], seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0
Resolution attached

Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports –
No Councilor comments.

Councilor Tripp moves to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0
Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.



Town Clerk

1-22-2021
Date

Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk



RESOLUTION

Number 2020-061

To Accept a NH Highway Safety Agency Grant for
Various Traffic Enforcement Activities

WHEREAS, Section 9.15 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to accept grant funding; and

WHEREAS, funding is available through the NH Highway Safety Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Town may receive funds for various traffic enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, these activities enhance the safety of the travelling public in Derry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend \$31,199 derived from NH Highway Safety Agency grants and to enter into agreements with the State of New Hampshire as may be necessary to finalize receipt of this grant funding for the following programs:

- a) Speed Enforcement Patrols;
- b) DUI Enforcement Patrols;
- c) Distracted Driving Patrols;
- d) Pedestrian/Bicycle Patrols;
- e) Join the NH Clique Patrols;
- f) Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Patrols;
- g) U Drive, U Text, U Pay Patrols

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: January 5, 2021

Attest:

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Charles Foote, Council Chair

Date: 1/7/21

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Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

Date: 1/14/21