

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center
14 Manning Street



Tuesday October 5, 2021
3rd Floor Meeting Room

MINUTES

6:30 PM Non-Public Session – RSA 91A:3 II (a)
7:00 PM Call to order

Motion by Councilor Katsakiores leave non-public session, seconded by Councilor Bourdon
Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0

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

Roll Call: Councilors Chirichiello, Katsakiores, Foote, Spencer, and Bourdon
Absent: TA David Caron, Councilor Wetherbee and Chairman Morgan
Present: Acting TA Mike Fowler, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*

Motion by Councilor Foote to open public forum, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

Richard Tripp: Windham Rd – Attended the State of the Region forum put on by the Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, quite interesting. Wonders if higher density will be allowed in the downtown. Hopes in the future the Town Council could share notices like the chamber event with local representatives.

Motion by Councilor Katsakiores to close public forum, seconded by Councilor Foote – all agreed

Consent Agenda

21-121 Approve Non-Public Minutes – September 21, 2021 – **Minutes Sealed**
21-122 Approve Minutes – September 21, 2021

Councilor Katsakiores moves to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Bourdon
Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0

Chairman's Report – Brian Chirichiello (Chair Pro-Tem)

Jeffrey Moulton, Chair of the Net Zero Task Force Committee gave an update on the solar project at the old landfill site.

Town Administrator's Report – Mike Fowler (Acting Town Administrator)

The Towns of Derry and Londonderry have partnered with the NH Department of Transportation to permit, design and construct a new interchange from I-93 which will include a new connector road and improvements to various roads in Derry, culminating at the intersection of Tsienneto Road with NH 102. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2022, segmented into three distinct

construction contracts, with overall completion targeted for 2026. A remaining task is to name the connector road within the project corridor. After reviewing this matter, staff recommends that the road naming responsibilities belong to Londonderry; the Town presumes that the Town will retain its current road names along the corridor, predominantly Folsom and Tsienneto. Should the Council concur, then only 900' of the unnamed corridor will be located in Derry, as the new connector road terminates close to the Derry/Londonderry town line.

NHDOT is scheduling a public information meeting on Thursday October 28th at 6PM at the Derry Municipal Center to present design information on Phase I of the project and to review the status of Phases II and III. Executive Councilor Stevens will be hosting a hearing on the State's proposed Ten-Year Highway Plan; that hearing will be at the Derry Municipal Center on Tuesday October 26 at 7PM. Derry projects include the Rail Trail from North High Street to the Londonderry Line costing \$951K with engineering in FY24-26 and constructing in FY27-28 and also Exit 4A & Corridor costing \$85M with construction in FY23-25. The next council meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 21 from 6-7PM where the council will act on tax deeded properties.

Public Hearings

21-115 Resolution #2021-064 – Approve a Supplemental Appropriation to fund Hood Park Improvements – *Chief Financial Officer Mark Fleischer*

In 2018 the Council authorized a multi-purpose bond to fund improvements for dam repairs, Exit 4A and Recreation Facility improvements. The Town connected with UNH to study its recreation facilities and after reviewing UNH's report, a Steering Task Force was created to identify specific opportunities at Hood Park. The result was a list of recommended improvements valued at about \$500K. In 2019, the Town Council approved the expansion of the former Rte. 28 N TIF District to the Downtown area, rebranded as the Derry Commerce Corridor. The confluence of these two major events highlighted the importance of amenities and recreation opportunities to economic development. After having built the Town's fiscal capacity for capital projects and economic development, the Town now has two major resources available from which to fund the Hood Park improvements. The Council reviewed this project at its September 14 workshop and concurred to fund the improvements from the Restricted Fund Balance available in the Derry Commerce Corridor. This investment will help attract visitors to the Downtown, and by funding with TIF funds, frees up bond money for other recreation needs throughout the community. Allocating \$500K to Hood Park would reduce the funds available for redevelopment within the DCC TIF to \$2.6M. The annual DCC TIF budget raises and allocates about \$260k to a redevelopment fund for future improvements and public/private partnerships throughout the Corridor.

Motion by Councilor Foote to open public hearing, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Councilor Katsakiores to close public hearing, seconded by Councilor Foote – all agreed

Councilor Bourdon MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2021-064
which reads as follows [*Read the Resolution*], seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0
Resolution

Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports –

No Councilor had comments/liaison reports.



Town Clerk

Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

10/27/2021

Date



RESOLUTION

Number 2021-064

To Approve a Supplemental Appropriation to Fund Hood Park Improvements

WHEREAS, the Town Charter establishes the Town Council as the appropriating authority of the Town and as such it is empowered by Section 9.6 of the Charter to make supplemental appropriations after the annual budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, goals of the Town Council include improving Town recreation facilities and supporting economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Council authorized a study of recreation facilities by UNH and later a community engagement process for Hood Park improvements; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations to improve the Park will generate additional economic activity in the Downtown in support of Goal #1 in the 2020 Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, funds in the Derry Commerce Corridor TIF Fund are available for this project, which garnered widespread support during the Reimagining Downtown Visioning process; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council previously authorized the Town Administrator to implement Phase I of the Recreation Facilities Plan pursuant to Resolution #2020-031;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) is hereby raised to implement the Hood Park Improvement Plan, and to authorize a withdrawal from the Derry Commerce Corridor Restricted Fund Balance to finance these improvements.

This Resolution has been adopted by a two-thirds majority of the entire Council as required by Charter and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: October 5, 2021

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Chirichiello".

Brian Chirichiello, Council Chair ProTem

Date: 10/5/2021

Archival Ref: TC Agenda Item #21-116

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Healey".

Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

Date: 10/5/2021