

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center
14 Manning Street



Tuesday October 4, 2022
3rd Floor Meeting Room

MINUTES

7:00 PM **Call to order – Chair Bourdon**

Motion to come out of Non-Public by Councilor Katsakiores, seconded by Councilor Foote – all agreed

Motion by Councilor Foote to seal the minutes indefinitely, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

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

Roll Call: Councilors Katsakiores, Foote, Flood, Spencer, and Chair Bourdon

Present: Town Administrator Dave Caron and Town Clerk Tina Guilford

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*

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

Steve Trefethen, North Shore Drive, wants to give attention to WRB/Humphrey Road Project as information is out now about it. The intent is to construct a 22,000 sq ft commercial building 100 Residential units, 4 stories high and expect the developer to do this all at once with no phase in anymore in this district. There is a Davis Report that says 100 units will add 4 to 7 children to the school system. This is a joke because we have no fact checkers for Economic Development. This is for 60 apartments and 40 Townhomes. Right now we have 3126 children enrolled in 2022 and 12,500 households currently in Derry. That is 1 child for every 4 households. Derry's math makes this at minimum 25 children in this development and at \$18,000 per child it is a cost to Derry taxpayers of \$350,000 just to educate these children. The Town needs to understand this, the Town Council needs to understand this. The Town Council Liaison needs to speak to this because it feels like no one is watching for the taxpayer.

Richard Tripp, Windham Road, wants to speak to the letter on cannabis that the Town Council keeps speaking about. You need to communicate these goals. Cannabis should be a user tax and you need goals as to why this should be legalized.

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

Consent Agenda

22-109 Approve Non-Public Minutes September 20, 2022 –
Minutes Sealed

22-110 Approve Minutes – September 20, 2022

22-111 Resolution #2022 – 072 – BVP Grant Program – Public Hearing
October 18, 2022

Councilor Katsakiores motion to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Spencer – 7-0-0

Chair Report – Joshua Bourdon

There will be a Candidate Forum for the Candidates for the November election. The forum is on October 17, 2022, at 6 PM at the Derry Opera House.

Chairman Bourdon presents a third request for a letter to be sent to all the State Representatives running for election showing the Town of Derry's support for the legalization of cannabis in the non-binding question on the Town ballot in March of 2022. Councilor Foote would prefer the wording to be changed from "advocate" to "to consider". Chairman Bourdon takes a poll, Councilors Flood, Spencer and Katsakiores agree with Councilor Foote. While Chairman Bourdon does not and prefers the stronger language, he will agree with the majority and have the language changed for the letter to be signed.

Town Administrator's Report – Dave Caron

FY23 Goals Update

The Skateboard Park is complete, and the Town will do the landscaping in the spring.

The Town has selected TF Moran as the design consultant for the Hood Park Improvement project.

Expending municipal sewer into the Ryan's Hill Area is in the Federal budget thanks to Representative Pappas.

Proceeding with the Abbot Court development is working its way through the judicial process. Superior Court ruled in the Town's favor, but it is being appealed to the Supreme Court.

State legislation on cannabis now has a letter of support from the Town Council.

We are moving forward with our plans for a New Firehouse.

Complete development of 19 Elm Street is in discussion with developers.

The Town Council has sent a letter to encourage Pinkerton to explore solar.

Exit 4A project there was a public meeting last week focusing on Contract B, while there are a lot of issues, this meeting because a one issue meeting and the State will be reaching out to the direct abutters to see if they have any questions.

We will continue to monitor opportunities for EV implementation. The Police Department is looking into hybrid cruisers and waiting on supply chain issues.

We will continue to develop our Rabies Clinic for residents which will be a joint effort with Councilor Spencer and the Town Clerk.

Regarding interest rates, the Town has exceeded its revenue estimates for the entire year at this point which is good news. Title revenue is down a little so we will continue to keep an eye on that.

The Tax Rate information is into DRA and we are awaiting the Tax Rate to be set.

Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports –

Councilor Spencer looking forward to the Skatepark Grand Opening, but it is already open to skate.

Councilor Foote – Harvest Fest at the Taylor Library was a wonderful event.

Motion by Councilor Katsakiores to Adjourn, seconded by Councilor Foote – all agreed

Adjourn: 7:44 PM


Town Clerk

10/18/2022
Date

Recording & Transcription by: Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk