

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

February 4, 2020
Tuesday - 7:00 PM

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

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

Councilor Tripp moves to seal RSA 91A:3 II (d,I), seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

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

Roll Call: Councilors Chirichiello, Katsakiores, Morgan, Foote, Bourdon, Tripp and Chairman Wetherbee

Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*

Open Public Forum – all agreed

No one from the public spoke.

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

Consent Agenda

20-11 Approve Non-Public Minutes – January 28, 2020 – **Minutes sealed**

20-12 Approve Minutes – January 28, 2020

20-13 Resolution #2020-008 – Schedule a vote to allow the operation of Sports Book Retail locations in Derry

Consent agenda approved

Chairman's Report – Neil Wetherbee

Christina Gossel, Chair of the Economic Development Advisory Committee gave a report on the Committee. The EDAC assisted with Farmer's Market and Derby Day. The EDAC continues to work with the Economic Development Coordinator on various strategic initiatives and would like to expand with recommendations to the council for downtown improvements, expanding and encouraging businesses to take part in the façade improvement program, identifying future projects to bring business to Derry, such as but not limited to: food festivals, movie nights, etc.

James Roddy, Member of the Highway Safety Committee gave a report on the Committee. The Highway Safety Committee has been working with the police department to put up flashing crosswalk signs around various areas of town. The committee looks into residents' requests for additional safety measures on the streets in town and reviews them to see if anything can be changed.

Jeffrey Moulton, Chair of the Net Zero Task Force Committee gave a report on the Committee. The goal of the committee is to reduce town costs and replace carbon sourced fuels with renewable energy wherever possible. The Town has initiated energy savings over the last 10 years that has resulted in over \$500,000/year savings to taxpayers via LED lights replacement programs, HVAC upgrades, solar at the Transfer Station, 3rd Party Supply Agreements, etc. The Derry schools Honeywell Project has seen over \$576,000/year in savings since this project was initiated in 2017.

Town Administrator's Report – David Caron

The Presidential Primary will take place next Tuesday February 11, 2020 from 7am to 8pm. Districts 1 and 4 will vote at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, District 2 will vote at Calvary Bible Church, and District 3 will vote at West Running Brooke Middle School. At the next Town Council meeting on the 18th, there will be a public hearing regarding sports betting in town and the council will decide if they want to place the question on the town ballot. There is another question already approved going on the ballot related to a charter amendment regarding the tax cap. Phase II has begun on 19 Elm Street and the results will be received earlier than expected. The Exit 4A project has a signed record of decision. NHDOT will draft an RFP and will be refilling a wetlands application. The right of way acquisitions will begin in the spring and the entrance to the Derry Police Department will be discussed. The State establishes minimum requirements on the elderly exemption program that towns need to follow. The State does allow the towns to increase the minimums. The towns cannot change the age of 65 and over and they cannot change the appeal process mandate. The resident must reside in the State of NH for the last 3 years, the property must be owned by the resident, and if they are claiming a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. The Town currently provides \$85,000 off the assessed value for residents 65-74 years old, \$125,000 off the assessed value for residents 75-80 years old, and \$165,000 off the assessed value for residents 80+.

Councilor Comments

Councilor Morgan – Discussed the memo received from the Town Clerk regarding the number of ballot clerks for the upcoming election and the pay they receive.

Councilor Foote – Requested that the polling locations be added to the homepage of the town website and was told it would be updated in the morning.

Councilor Tripp – The public hearing on the master plan is scheduled for tomorrow. The Penguin Plunge raised more than \$500,000 for the special Olympics of New Hampshire. The Pantry Plunge could get some ideas from this event.

Councilor Katsakiores – Believes Councilor's Wetherbee and Bourdon are doing a great job since no one choose to file against them.

Councilor Wetherbee – The Town Election is scheduled for March 10 and the only contested race is Derry Public Library Trustee. The school deliberative session is this Saturday February 8th at 10am at West Running Brook Middle School.

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.



Town Clerk

Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

2-20-2020

Date