

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

April 27, 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: Councilors, Katsakiores, Foote, Chirichiello, and Chairman Morgan (In-person) and Councilor's Bourdon, Spencer, and Wetherbee by Video
Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

Public Hearing

21-44 Resolution #2021-021 – Adoption of the FY 22 Town Budget

Section 9.4 of the Town Charter vests in the Town Council the responsibility to enact the Town Budget by May 31st. The Town Council has reviewed and made revisions to the budget as proposed by the Town Administrator and will act upon Resolutions necessary to effectuate various services and programs within the budget. The Town Council is scheduled to adopt a FY 22 Town Budget in the amount of Fifty-One Million Seven Hundred Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$51,730,543) on May 4, 2021 pending public input and any proposed changes by the Councilors.

Motion by Councilor Katsakiores to open public hearing, seconded by Councilor Wetherbee

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

No one from the public spoke.

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

21-45 Resolution #2021-022 – Adoption of the FY 22-27 Capital Improvements Plan

Section 9.8 of the Town Charter vests in the Town Council the responsibility to adopt the Capital Improvements Plan by May 31st. The Planning Board has reviewed the plan and proposed no revisions. Pursuant to RSA 674:5, the plan is a budget tool to assist the Town Council in their consideration of the annual budget and the Town Council has reviewed the proposed plan and made any amendments to the plan as proposed by the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator has recommended a revised implementation process to account for potential

revenue losses resulting from the Pandemic. The Town Council will adopt the FY 22-27 Capital Improvements Plan on May 4, 2021 pending public input and any proposed changes by the Councilors with the understanding that the Town Administrator shall implement the plan to the degree anticipated revenues become available.

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

New Business

21-46 FY 22 Budget Review and Workshop

FIRE

The addition of a 64th first responder for the fire department was discussed. The position would be funded for half of the fiscal year with a start date of January 1, 2022 and then in fiscal year 2023, the position would be fully funded. This would bring the staffing levels back up to the pre-2015 levels. The full-time position versus overtime was discussed to present the council with a better understanding of the cost associated.

TRANSFER STATION

Construction and Demolition (C&D) for out of town residents was discussed. Surrounding and comparable communities were studied to see what their rates were. Dover charges 10 cents for residents and 15 cents for non-residents. Currently, the Town charges 2 cents more for non-residents and would like to explore charging 5 cents more for non-residents.

HIGHWAY

Road paving long-term costs. It was discussed if there should be a set amount put aside each year for a portion of the roads to be maintained instead of doing a set list of streets per year.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilor Bourdon had inquired on the cost to pave the road leading up to Rider Field and the parking lot. It was estimated that it would cost \$60,000 for the parking lot and \$65,000 for the access road for a total cost of \$125,000. Southern New Hampshire Water funds may be used for a portion of this project as it is an access road for the water tower.

HEALTH

Staff has recommended that the part-time health officer become a full-time position. The increase would be \$60,472. It was asked if part of the position could be funded out of the TIF District.

RETIREMENT IMPACT

The Derry taxpayers will need to fund 1.26 million for the retirement fund instead of the amount coming from the State. Taxes would be 7% lower if the State maintained their responsibility.

21-47 Economic Development Summit – *Economic Development Coordinator Bev Donovan & Planning and Economic Development Advisory Committee Chair Christina Gossel*

The goals of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) that were established in 2016 were presented along with their strategies to achieve these goals. Since that time, a full-time Economic Development Coordinator has been hired. The focus of 2021 will be on emerging from COVID-19 and new development strategies.

Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports –

No one spoke.

Councilor Katsakiores moves to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0



Town Clerk

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5/19/2021
Date