

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

April 30 2019
Tuesday - 7:00 PM

7:00 PM **Call to order**

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

Roll Call: Councilors Chirichiello, Foote, Tripp, Morgan, Katsakiores, Bourdon (7:40) and Chairman Wetherbee

Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey, CFO Susan Hickey

Public Hearings

19-39 FY 2020 Budget – *Town Administrator David Caron*

- Fully funds fourth year of Collective Bargaining Agreements as approved by the Town Council in FY 2017
- Adds on position to DPW Building Maintenance, with an immediate focus on fire facilities
- Expands Route 28 North TIF District to Derry Commerce Corridor to support Council economic development and downtown revitalization goals
- Reallocates expenses properly to function area, i.e. Downtown; Capital Projects, TIF Districts
- Maintains CIP funding transition from Fund Balance to a blend of a Fund Balance/budget support
- Limits tax rate to \$7.22, \$0.01 below level authorized by the taxpayer approve Tax Cap (Section 9.4 – Town Charter), despite an overall flat revenue stream as the economy moderates
- Positions the Town to manage future expenses and liabilities as revenue growth forecasts flatten

Projected Town Tax Rate	
Gross Appropriations	\$48,485,999.00
Less Estimates Revenues	\$(24,562,608.00)
ADD Veterans' Credit	\$533,000.00
ADD Overlay	\$300,000.00
To Be Raised	\$24,756,391.00
Estimated Valuation	\$3,205,000,000.00
Projected Town Tax Rate	\$7.72

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

Steve Trefethen: Windham, NH – Read off numbers on how many people rent and own in town and what they can afford. Asked the town council to really go over the budget and see if there was anything else that could be cut or spread out over a few years.

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

19-40 FY 2020 – FY 2025 Capital Improvement Plan – *Town Administrator David Caron*

The Town Charter requires a six-year CIP which is a planning tool to assist with budget stabilization. Items within the CIP are all funded by Capital Reserve, grant, or bond revenues. Water and Wastewater projects are ultimately funded by customers. Cable projects are funded through franchise fees paid by cable customers. A vast majority of capital projects are funded through various capital reserve funds or trusts, which are replenished through a transfer from Unallocated Fund Balance (General Fund Surplus).

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

19-37 Resolution #2019-012 – Amend the Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Rte. 28 North Tax Increment Financing District – *Town Administrator David Caron*

Route 28 North TIF District currently generates revenues far in excess of current obligations. Expansion of the Route 28 North TIF District to include the entire Derry Commerce Corridor which includes Crystal Avenue and portions of Birch Street, East Broadway, and West Broadway. Some of the operating expenses from the Department of Public Works budget will be transferred to the TIF District budget to more accurately identify direct expenses for Downtown and Commerce Corridor activities. The proposed development plan includes infrastructure improvements, acquisition of property or sale or lease of property for private development, investment in physical assets, programs and operations to enhance commerce, health and safety which would constitute a public benefit.

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

Steve Trefethen: Windham, NH – Asked for a clarification on the TIF District meaning.

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

19-38 Resolution #2019-014 – Create an Expendable Trust for Derry Commerce Corridor Redevelopment and Infrastructure Activities – *Town Administrator David Caron*

This resolution would establish a redevelopment and infrastructure expendable trust fund to finance investments within the corridor; including those programs recommended at the

Reimagining Downtown Derry Workshop. It will initially be funded at \$235k. As part of the FY 2020 goals, Council is to develop a Derry Commerce Corridor CIP and determine funding allocation.

Motion by Councilor Katsakories to open public hearing, seconded by Councilor Bourdon – all agreed

No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Councilor Morgan to close public hearing, seconded by Councilor Tripp – all agreed

Councilor Comments

Councilor Katsakories – May 1st there will be a meeting by the Department of Health & Human Services State Plan on Aging from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm in the 3rd Floor meeting room.

Councilor Tripp – On April 29-30th 1975, North Vietnamese tanks enter Saigon and the last of the U.S. Marines guarding the American embassy take off in a helicopter. Councilor Tripp requests a moment of silence for the 52,000 Americans who lost their lives.

Councilor Morgan – Suggests assigning the Property Maintenance Committee the task of tightening up the blight ordinances and then sending their recommendations back to the Town Council. After completing the tour of the different fields in town, he would like a meeting with soccer, lacrosse, and baseball to discuss what needs to be done to have tournaments take place in Derry. Mr. Trefethen made some good points earlier and the goal of the council is to tighten up the budget and find ways to stabilize it.

Councilor Foote – Congratulated Fire Chief Michael Gagnon on 30 years of service and Assistant Fire Chief James Richardson on his promotion. Thanked everyone involved on the fields tour for their efforts.

Councilor Chirichiello – There will be an Opportunity Zone update Wednesday May 15th, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am at Tupelo Music Hall.

Councilor Bourdon – Loyalty Day will take place at the VFW in Derry on Sunday May 5th. Honorees will include emergency personnel, firefighters, teachers, and police. The Net Zero Task Force Committee is co-hosting a New Hampshire Business Solar Summit with Tupelo Music Hall on Wednesday June 5th from 5:30-7pm. Thanked Town Administrator Dave Caron, Parks & Recreation Director Eric Bodenrader and Director of Public Works Mike Fowler for the fields tour this past Saturday

Chairman Wetherbee – Thanked Town Administrator Dave Caron, Parks & Recreation Director Eric Bodenrader and Director of Public Works Mike Fowler for the fields tour this past Saturday. Thanked the staff for their work on the FY 2020 budget.

Adjournment: 8:00 p.m.



Town Clerk

5-23-19
Date

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