

## **TOWN OF DERRY**

Town Council  
Derry Municipal Center  
14 Manning Street



Tuesday April 26, 2022  
3rd Floor Meeting Room

### **MINUTES**

**7:00 PM Call to order – Chair Pro-Tem Spencer**

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

**Roll Call:** Councilors Katsakiores, Chirichiello, Spencer, Wetherbee, Foote, Flood, and Chairman Bourdon (Video)

Present: TA Dave Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

#### **Public Hearing**

**22-39** Resolution #2022-028 – FY23 Budget– *Town Administrator Dave Caron and CFO Mark Fleischer*

- Limits tax rate to \$7.43, half the potential increase authorized by the taxpayer-approved Tax Cap (Section 9.4 - Charter).
- Fully funds collective bargaining agreements approved in FY22.
- Adds no additional full-time positions unless funded outside of the property tax base.
- Adds one f-t Parks position beginning January 1 to sustain the community's \$2.0M investment into recreational facilities, funded by the DCC TIF and Alexander-Carr Park Trust.
- Continues to position Tax Increment Finance Districts for additional economic development growth and to fulfill service responsibilities.
- Maintains CIP funding transition from Fund Balance to a blend of Fund Balance/budget support at FYI 8 Debt Service Levels.
- Continues to utilize resources from the Derry Economic Recovery Trust for the multi-year stabilization of town finances.
- Absorbs \$489K in unanticipated inflationary increases in obligations and essential commodities.
- Although some minor revenue streams are trending toward pre-Pandemic levels, other major sources anticipate stagnation due to supply chain issues and other economic conditions.

**Motion by Councilor Chirichiello to open public hearing, seconded by Councilor Foote**  
**Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

No one from the public spoke.

**Motion by Councilor Wetherbee to close public hearing, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores**

**Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

Councilor Chirichiello withdrew his flagged item relating to Planning Board expenses. If additional money is needed for training, it can always be brought to the Council for a supplemental appropriation.

**22-40** Resolution #2022-029 – FY 23-28 Capital Improvements Plan – *Town Administrator Dave Caron and CFO Mark Fleischer*

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 23-28 Capital Improvements Plan.

**Motion by Councilor Foote to open public hearing, seconded by Councilor Chirichiello**  
**Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

Karen Lincoln: Craven Ter – Questioned if there are any pedestrian ways in the budget.

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

**New Business**

**22-49** Workshop for proposed fire station facility

To address aging and inefficient fire facilities, to decrease Fire/EMS response times to more populated areas in Derry, and to address service access concerns, all in a manner which understands and respects the fiscal impact upon Derry taxpayers.

Councilor Chirichiello – Still would be under the tax cap, staying under the cap is fiscally prudent. 2.17 acres is already town owned, 1.83 acres trying to purchase has no road frontage and is land-locked.

Councilor Wetherbee – Imperative that the council move forward with the timeline. Alexander-Carr park would be getting back 4 times the land that they have making this a win-win.

Councilor Foote – Agreed with the previous Councilors and stated 8 minutes is still a long time for response. This is a perfect storm being under the cap, having land available, and giving land back.

Councilor Spencer – Agree that the safety of the residents comes first.

**Motion by Councilor Foote to open public input, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores**  
**Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

Maureen Rose: Windham Rd – Believes the Town of Windham can respond in 4-5 minutes to that area of Derry. Would like the Council to look at land downtown if available to build a Fire Station there. The Alexander-Carr park land was left for the children not for the town employees.

Tina Guilford: Beaver Lake Rd – Great that the town is looking at this but questions the condition of the remaining fire stations.

Lisa Hultgren: Warner Hill Rd – Long overdue, amazed that the town let it go this long. Still does not think that the location is right. There are plans to add many more developments and people to this area of town.

Tom Cardon: Cunningham Dr – Glad to see the maps during the presentation, it makes sense. Concerned about a 20 million fire station project with the school board looking to build a new school too. The Town does need a new central fire station.

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

There will be a council meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>. The May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be moved to May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn: 8:55PM**

  
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Town Clerk

Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

  
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