

## TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council  
Derry Municipal Center

May 19, 2016  
Thursday - 7:30 PM

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6:00 PM Consultation with legal counsel (not open to the public)

6:30 PM RSA 91A:3 II (a)  
RSA 91A:3 II (d)

7:30 PM Call to order

**Councilor Tripp moves to seal RSA 91A:3 II (a), seconded by Councilor Bourdon**  
**Vote: 7-0-0**

**Councilor Tripp moves to seal RSA 91A:3 II (d), seconded by Councilor Bourdon**  
**Vote: 7-0-0**

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

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

Present: ATA Stephen Daly, Town Clerk Daniel Healey, CFO Susan Hickey

### **Consent Agenda**

**16-70** Approve Non-Public Minutes, Sessions I, II, & III – May 3, 2016

**16-73** Approve Minutes – May 3, 2016

**16-74** Approve Non-Public Minutes – May 5, 2016 – **minutes sealed**

**Consent agenda approved (with correction on non-public minutes)**

### **Chairman's Report – Brian Chirichiello**

A former Derry Police officer, Ryan Hardy, was shot by a gunman in Manchester. He is currently recovering and is in our thoughts and prayers. There will be a fundraiser for former Derry Firefighter Kyle Jameson on May 25<sup>th</sup>. He passed away from Leukemia earlier this week. Chief Gagnon presented a video in his honor and there was a moment of silence. Three candidates were interviewed for the Town Administrator job but the council did not support any of them.

### **Town Administrator's Report – Stephen Daly**

Hazardous waste cleanup has begun at 19 Elm Street, it will take approximately 3-4 weeks and then demolition can begin. The town-wide LED streetlight conversion project was completed in Mid-April. Drainage improvements were recently completed by DPW at Mark Avenue and Hilda Avenue. DPW has locked in the town's electric expense for the next 3 years saving \$150k per year. State authorities visited Derry to review street names and numbering for the purpose of eliminating confusion in the state's E-911 database. The international organization for EMS accreditation will be in Derry the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> to re-accredit Derry's EMS. The Rockingham County Service Forum scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

**Public Forum - \*30 Minutes\***

**Open Public Forum – all agreed**

Maureen Rose: Windham Road – Questioned if there was any thought to hiring ATA Daly. Wanted to know why legal notices are not shown on channels 17 and 23 but are on the Derry website. Would like to know why the meeting was moved from Tuesday to Thursday and was told by ATA Daly that 14 days' notice was required and Tuesday would not have been sufficient. Felt it was disrupting not having the meeting on Tuesday night.

Steve Trefethen: Windham, NH – Agreed with Maureen. Read something in the paper and did not realize the town has not been bidding.

Marc Flattes: Linlew Drive – Thanked ATA Daly and CFO Hickey for fulfilling the 91A requests. Would like to know which apartment complex received a discount on their taxes.

Mark Connors: Cabot Drive – Stated that only one apartment complex is getting an abatement and questioned if that can be looked at. Would like to know if certain properties are not being taxed.

Helen Evans: Edgewood Street – Thanked the Derry Cable TV staff for inviting children attending St Thomas Aquinas to the studio for an informational training course and said that they are a wonderful resource.

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

**Public Hearing**

**FY2017 Budget**

Marc Flattes: Linlew Drive – Read from a report relating to town employee salaries. Believes that the Fire department budget is high and would like to see their overtime reduced by \$100,000.

Tiffany Dunyon: Fairway Drive – Stated that Cable TV is a wonderful resource and then read a letter on why money should not be used from the cable fund.

Steve Trefethen: Windham, NH – Reviewed a prior 91A request and then stated that a few town employee salaries seem high. Questioned if when Woodmont Commons is completed if it will cut into some of Derry's ambulance services. ATA Daly clarified that the numbers that Mr. Trefethen read were gross numbers. Councilor Morgan further clarified by stating that they included earn-time payout and that was increased because of the amount of overtime worked to make up for being understaffed.

Helen Evans: Edgewood Street – Did not expect more negative statements on Police and Fire. Derry residents proved that they value public servants.

Susan Bruno: Windham Road – Thanked Councilor Bourdon for responding to her email. She believes that cable money should not be used for non-cable issues since everyone in town does not pay into it and it is setting a bad precedent. She stated that she will be moving out of Derry soon.

Maureen Rose: Windham Road – Agrees with Susan Bruno and said that the Derry channel was black the other night. She does not support taking money from the cable fund.

Michael Riley: North Shore Road – He does not want Derry Cable TV money reallocated.

Nicholas Del'Etoile: Drew Road – Thanked the Councilors for their work on the budget. An increase in the commercial tax base needs to happen and that is spurred by a growth in Economic Development.

Mark Connors: Cabot Drive – Questioned if there has been an analysis done to see what the right balance of firefighters and overtime would be. He was told that the analysis most likely has been done. He would like some clarification on the Comcast/Derry Cable TV budget.

Jeff Moulton: Taylor Brook Lane – Towns around us are attracting new business. Questions if Derry is structured as a town to be competitive.

Angela Spanos: Amherst Drive – The Police and Fire Chiefs are the experts for their departments and we should put our trust and faith in them.

Marc Flattes: Linlew Drive – Again requests a reduction in firefighter overtime and would like cable left alone.

Jenna Paradise: Hubbard Hill Road – Trusts the Chiefs' judgements and does not see a problem with the Cable budget.

**Motion by Councilor Morgan to close public forum, seconded by Councilor Bourdon – all agreed**

#### **Old Business**

##### **16-38 Adopt the FY2017 Budget**

Councilor Morgan stated that every budget has sacrificed to find firefighters and police officers to fill the vacancies. All Derry residents pay for things in the community to support the community. The net effect from the Cable budget is \$37,000 as they will make back \$63,000 in FY2017. It is not feasible to reduce the firefighter overtime budget by \$100,000.

Councilor Fischer would like to look into providing the first ambulance ride to a Derry resident at no cost and he would like other councilor's opinions on the matter. Councilor's Tripp and Bourdon believe it is worth looking into. Councilor Katsakiores does not believe she would support it because of the potential increase in taxes.

**Councilor Morgan MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL transfer from available funds and raise by taxation, and appropriate the sum of \$44,139,521 to fund the Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget and capital plan of the Town and allocate the following sums to the designated departments and enterprises:**

• Town Clerk and Elections	\$202,569
• Executive	\$1,348,093
• Finance	\$4,536,893
• Police	\$9,687,024
• Fire	\$11,923,277
• Public Works	\$9,057,383
• Emergency Management	\$69,361
• Derry Public Library	\$1,311,414

• Taylor Library	\$183,446
• Planning	\$266,367
• Water Enterprise	\$2,591,672
• Wastewater Enterprise	\$2,220,563
• Cable Television Enterprise	\$419,143
• TIF Districts	\$322,316

**Seconded by Councilor Katsakiores**

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

#### **New Business**

**16-75** Adopt the FY2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

**Councilor Tripp MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt the FY2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) in the amount of \$3,476,155 seconded by Councilor Morgan**

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

**16-76** Designation of a portion of Central Street as "Jameson Way"

The request is to close Central Street from the intersection of Broadway and Central Street and to temporarily rename that section "Jameson Way". The portion of Central Street to be used will be from the boundaries of the Halligan Tavern parcel to the curbing on the opposite side of the street.

**Councilor Morgan MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2016-010**

**...[Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Katsakiores**

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

**(See attachment)**

**16-77** Appoint an Acting Town Administrator

The current Acting Town Administrator will be absent from the town for a period of time from Wednesday, May 25, 2016 through Wednesday, June 1, 2016. In his absence the Director of Public Works, Michael Fowler will exercise the authority of the Town Administrator in the duties of general management and ministerial nature, and any duties required of him to address emergencies.

**Councilor Foote MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2016-011 ...[Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Katsakiores**

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

**(See attachment)**

#### **Council Requests / Open Discussion**

Councilor Katsakiores – Thank you to Mike Fowler, Sam from the water department, and Tom Carrier for their quick response to a Derry resident with a serious problem. The Derry Police Department Senior Advisory Committee is hosting an event Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 11am at the Municipal Center in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room. Guest speaker Cheryl Steinberg will present information on free civil legal problems, including financial exploitation of elderly and vulnerable adults. Councilor Katsakiores is glad that the Derry Fire department is doing a program on drugs since residents have been asking about it.

Councilor Foote – Reminder that this Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> Go Green is doing a walk at Cole Marsh off Damren Road at 9am. Thanked Acting Town Administrator and the department heads for dealing with resident's requests. The Derry Fire department along with a few other organizations are planning an upcoming event in early June where training will be provided to family members to be able to administer Narcan. Kits will be available at no cost to those that attend.

Councilor Bourdon – Wanted to remind everyone to come out to Halligan's Tavern Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 11pm to show your support for the Derry first responders. On June 11<sup>th</sup> there is a Run for Recovery event. The proceeds will go to the Derry Friendship Center for those in substance recovery. Registration starts at 10am.

Councilor Tripp – May 30<sup>th</sup> around 10:30am there will be a Memorial Day parade followed by a ceremony in the park. On Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9am flags will be put out at Forest Hills cemetery for anyone that is interested in helping. If you cannot help, be sure to thank the veterans.

**Adjournment: 9:25 p.m.**

  
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Town Clerk

  
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Date

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