

## TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council  
Derry Opera House  
29. W. Broadway



Tuesday June 22, 2021

### MINUTES

**6:00 PM**     **Roll Call:** Councilors Chirichiello, Katsakiores, Foote, Wetherbee, Bourdon(7:00pm), Spencer, and Chairman Morgan  
Present: TA David Caron, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

### Tour of the Opera House – Greater Derry Arts Council

FY 21 Goals Status		
Rank	Priority Action Items	Status
1	Hood Park Revitalization	In progress with hockey boards, backboards, fountain next
2	Develop Abbott Court & Parking Garage	Approved density and parking amendments; DCC TIF development trust created; investigation funding
3	Zoning Enhancements and development along W. Broadway	Approved Zoning amendments
3	Complete Collective Bargaining Agreements	Approved three agreements; three other agreements out for votes; one in negotiation
5	Development at West Running Brook	Zoning changes in place; conceptual plans before Planning Board
6	Public Safety Building	Council concurred to commission space needs study
7	Senior Center	Potential inclusion into future Rec Plan phase
7	Publicize use/availability of recreational opportunities and conservation lands	On-going
7	Encourage Derry's Legislative Delegation to support increase to 5MW	Legislation in Committee of Conference
7	Continue and expand on current arts and culture efforts	On-going
11	Complete Rail Trail to the maximum extent possible	Phase I opened June 15; Phase II funding with U.S. Congress
12	Development of 19 Elm Street	Phase II environmental being completed
12	Body Cameras for Police Officers	Included in FY 22 Budget; seeking grant opportunities

FY 22 Goal Setting Session	
Councilor	FY 22 Goals
Wetherbee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to monitor the lakes for Milfoil and possibly setup a sub-committee from Conservation to focus on this issue</li> <li>Be aware of Exit 4A plans</li> </ul>
Chirichiello	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change Zoning in the area of Exit 4A</li> <li>Continue to focus on the downtown</li> </ul>
Spencer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Fire Station response times</li> <li>Run sewer down the Ryan's Hill area</li> <li>Make the playground equipment handicap accessible</li> </ul>
Katsakiores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the income level requirements for elderly exemptions (has not been changed since 2008)</li> <li>Add a crosswalk at Berry Rd</li> <li>Possible help for seniors with shoveling/raking</li> <li>Would like flags downtown</li> </ul>
Foote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signage for Conservation aspect of Derry</li> <li>ATVs/Dirt bikes signage</li> <li>Holy Cross Church – update</li> <li>Warner Hill really slippery in the winter (Informed drivers are usually going too fast for the conditions)</li> <li>Taylor Library has a lot to offer – more publications for the public)</li> </ul>
Bourdon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a goal of the Town and School to be Net Zero</li> <li>Would like to see a plan for a Safety Complex to move forward</li> <li>Improve the parks</li> <li>Would like a non-binding question on cannabis on the town ballot in March</li> <li>Abbott Court developed or a plan</li> </ul>
Morgan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DerryCAM film the Police Station/Fire Station to show the need for improvement</li> <li>Would like sustainability plans implemented for the parks</li> <li>Presented a packet from "Freedom Energy Logistics" for the Council to review for potential electricity savings</li> </ul>

## Project Updates

### Recreation Bond – Public Works Director Mike Fowler and Parks & Recreation Director Kim Walsh – resources

- Authorized \$1.8M for improvements
- With UNH, developed Recreation Master Plan
- Phase I Focus
  - Hood Park Revitalization
    - Steering Committee Report presented to Council on February 16
    - Committee to remain to develop nature areas/arboretum
    - Staff reported out on implementation on March 26
    - 19 goals presented for implementation over three phases
    - Final Decision required on funding allocation between Recreation Bond and DCC TIF Improvement Fund
  - Derry Rail Trail – Phase I – (Completed June 15, 2021)
  - Alexander-Carr Park Improvements
    - Playground improvements – Spring 2022
    - Skate Park Upgrade – Spring 2022
    - AC Lodge Renovation – Decision to be made on scope of work and funding available
  - West Running Brook Multipurpose Field
    - Preliminary survey and site analysis was conducted to layout the dimensions of the new field. During the preliminary design, the team reviewed site conditions to determine the scope of earth moving activities. The subsurface investigation indicated shallow ledge in the southeast corner of the field. Removal of ledge will add approximately \$400,000 to the construction cost. The consultant has prepared a detailed cost estimate which breaks down the individual costs for various components including fencing, site work, dugouts, irrigation, field lights and the perimeter walking path. The opinion of probable cost is \$2,431,381 required to complete all components. The 2021 cost estimate is well above previous estimates which were in the \$400,000 - \$500,000 range. The proposed project includes all elements to build an attractive and functional field for Derry school and recreation activities. The preliminary exercise to review the site conditions is an important step prior to final design. There are options to stage the project and delay the installation of dugouts and field lights, but it is preferable to build all components of the project simultaneously. The consultant will proceed to applying for the NHDES Alteration of Terrain permit once the construction scope is confirmed. In the FY 22 budget, the West Running Brook Field expansion project was approved for \$400,000 in

proceeds from the \$1.8 million Recreation Bond. Additional funds beyond the \$1.8 million from the bond proceeds are needed to proceed to construction in 2022.

- Other Recreation Improvements
  - Rehab outfield area at Vet's
  - Pickle Ball concept to resurface existing court
  - Quotes are being solicited now to resurface in late Summer/Fall 2021
  - Don Ball Park Playground Equipment Upgrade – Summer 2021
  - CCTV upgrades at Don Ball and AC – Summer 2021
  - Rider Field #2 – Lights - TBD

**American Rescue Plan Act Funding – CFO Mark Fleischer – resource**

- Funded by the United States Government
- Anticipated Funding to Derry - \$3.505M
- Funds Sent to State for Distribution
- Payable in two tranches – 1<sup>st</sup> within the next month; 2<sup>nd</sup> in 12 months

***Allowable Uses***

- Respond to the health emergency and its negative economic impacts;
- Premium pay for essential workers;
- Continue government services by replenishing revenues;
- Investments in water, sewer, broadband

**Adjourn: 9:00pm**

  
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Town Clerk

**Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk**

7-21-2021  
Date