

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center
14 Manning Street



Tuesday September 7, 2021
3rd Floor Meeting Room

MINUTES

6:00 PM **Non-Public Session – RSA 91A:3 II (c,d)**
7:00 PM **Call to order**

Motion by Councilor Wetherbee to leave non-public session, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

Motion by Councilor Wetherbee to seal RSA 91A:3 II (c, d) because it was determined divulgence of this information would render a proposed action ineffective, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-1 (Councilor Chirichiello)

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

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

Absent: Town Clerk Daniel Healey

Present: TA David Caron

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*

Motion by Councilor Wetherbee to open public forum, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

No one from the public spoke.

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

Consent Agenda

- 21-107** Approve Non-Public Minutes – August 17, 2021 – **Minutes Sealed**
- 21-108** Approve Minutes – August 17, 2021
- 21-109** Resignation – James Roddy, Highway Safety Committee Member Term to expire March 31, 2022
- 21-110** Resignation – David McPherson, Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission Member
- 21-111** Derry Public Library Electronic Message Center
- 21-112** Resolution #2021-058 – Accept a NH Highway Safety Grant for various traffic enforcement activities

Councilor Wetherbee moves to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

Chairman's Report – James Morgan

The Executive Council approved Derry's request for a special election, 3 Republican candidates and 1 Democrat candidate have filed. The Primary will be on October 19 and the Council meeting on that date will need to be moved. The General Election will be on December 7 and that Council meeting has been moved to December 14th. Councilor Bourdon requested a moment of silence for Martin Gleb a WWII Veteran. The Town Moderators pay currently is \$150 per election and it is recommended to be changed to \$500 per election. It is also recommended that the Town pays a COVID Hazard Pay stipend to election workers with a vote taking place at the next Town Council meeting. There will be a workshop for Finances on September 14, 2021 at 7PM

Chairman Morgan moves to appoint Andrew Meyer (Recommended by Planning Board Chair), as a member of the Planning Board with a term to expire March 2022, seconded by Councilor Wetherbee
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Town Administrator's Report – David Caron

Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief Mike Gagnon gave a report on the Town's response to COVID-19.

NHDOT shared the value engineering report on the Exit 4A corridor, to which staff provided a response last week. There are several recommendations that staff does not believe is in the best interest of the Town, as they would create awkward traffic patterns or defer future improvement costs to the Town. The Town has shared the concerns with both the State Senator and Executive Council who provide oversight assistance. The Town continues to encourage the use of the Citizen's Bank P-Card, which provides some cash back to the Town. The overall shortage of new car inventory for purchase has resulted in lower motor vehicle revenues for a comparable period in FY 21. Governor Sununu signed both HB315 and SB90 at the Transfer Station Solar array on August 26. The bills allow net metering up to 5MW which will provide the Town with additional opportunities to save on its electric bills by attracting solar to the closed landfill. Staff and the Net Zero Committee have received seven proposals for this project which are under review. The Rail Trail Phase II project (to Londonderry) is recommended by NHDOT to be included in the upcoming State Ten Year Highway Plan. The project would be funded at 80% from the Transportation Alternatives Program and ranked 11th out of 34 projects statewide. A final decision on the plan is expected in June. The special primary election will take place on October 19th and the special general election will take place on December 7th. Town Administrator Dave Caron gave a brief follow up from the Town Council's June 22 Goals Workshop and a presentation on Capital Investments

Public Hearings

21-104 Ordinance #2021-010 – Amend General Code Traffic Ordinance Prohibited Parking on East Broadway – *Scott Savard, Highway Safety Committee Chair presenting*

The Highway Safety Committee discussed the issue of parking on East Broadway at their May 20, 2021, meeting and determined there are safety issues for pedestrians and oncoming traffic due to recent parking alongside East Broadway near 94 East Broadway. The Highway Safety

Committee recommends that parking be prohibited along the south side of East Broadway from Park Ave to the traffic circle and from the traffic circle along the north side to Marlboro Road. Per Town's Traffic Ordinance Section 150-3 section C. The Derry Police Department may waive parking restrictions for concerts and special events held at MacGregor Park. The Highway Safety Committee by unanimous decision recommends that the Town Council amend the Traffic Ordinance Article 1 Section 150-4 Prohibited Parking. Chairman Morgan asked the Police Chief and the committee chair to attend the next Town Council meeting to further discuss the parking issue before voting. Councilor Wetherbee would like the Town to reach out to the property owner and see if a policy change has been made recently.

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

No one from the public spoke.

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

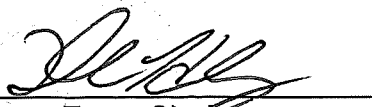
Motion by Councilor Foote to table 21-104 to the next Town Council meeting scheduled for September 21, 2021, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports –

Councilor Chirichiello: Rockingham County has rental assistance money, the State does too but right now is so overwhelmed it takes 6-8 weeks to process. The County processes within a week. Go to Rockingham County website and take advantage of the program. It is for back rent and rent going forward, including utilities and internet

Councilor Spencer: Thanked the Governor, Councilor Bourdon, and the Net Zero Task Force for their work on solar, which will be a huge help for Derry. Would like residents to do their homework and learn who your candidates are and get out and vote, for local elections and state elections.

Adjourn: 8:30pm



Town Clerk

Recording & Transcription by: Daniel Healey, Town Clerk

9-28-2021
Date