



## STAFF REPORT

*Public Hearing 5-15-18*

AGENDA ITEM #: 18-51  
COUNCIL MTG OF: May 1, 2018  
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator  
OFFERED BY: Administration  
PREPARED BY: Dave Caron, Town Administrator  
SUBJECT: Establishing Trust Fund for Repair or Removal of Hazardous Buildings

**INTRODUCTION:** As part of the Council's ongoing efforts to remove blight and improve housing and other structures in Derry, a funding source is needed to allow the Town to address dilapidated buildings in accordance with state statutes.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

The Town Council is encouraged to create the trust fund which will provide a source of revenue to assist with the efforts.

### BACKGROUND

Code Enforcement has been engaged with the Building and Property Maintenance Committee to encourage and ultimately enforce state and local building and property codes to eliminate hazardous conditions. Funding is currently not available in those rare instances where the Town must expend funds to either secure or demolish dilapidated structures.

### DISCUSSION

The Council has been very active with economic development initiatives, of which a portion of that effort is to address hazardous and dilapidated buildings in Derry. On occasion, the Town has had to follow the statutory procedure of RSA 155:B to enforce compliance, which has required the use of town funds appropriated for other purposes (with a lien placed on the offending property). This initiative would create a fund which the Council may appropriate to and would provide staff and the Committee with the necessary resources to enforce Chapter 30 of the Administrative Code and state statutes.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The Council will be asked to appropriate \$25,000 in the FY19 budget to support this initiative.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the Town Council adopt Resolution #2018-021, which would create the Trust Fund after a public hearing, which can be scheduled for May 15.

### RECOMMENDED MOTION

I MOVE THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL vote to adopt Resolution #2018-021.