

TOWN OF DERRY

**Town Council
Derry Municipal Center**

**January 19, 2016
Tuesday - 7:30 PM**

**6:30 PM Non-Public Session RSA 91A:3 II (c)
RSA 91A:3 II (b)**
7:30 PM Call to order

Councilor Osborne moved to seal the non-public minutes under RSA 91A:3 II (c) personnel matter and secondly RSA 91A:3 II (b) litigations; seconded by Councilor Cardon

VOTE: 7-0-0

Close Non-Public Session @ 7:35PM

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

Roll Call: Councilors Tripp, Fischer, Osborne, Bourdon, Dimmock, Katsakiores and Chairman Cardon

Present: Mike Fowler, Acting Town Administrator, Denise Neale, Town Clerk

Consent Agenda –

- 16-05** Approve Non-Public Minutes – December 15, 2015 – **minutes sealed**
- 16-06** Approve Special Meeting Minutes – December 28, 2015
- 16-07** Approve Non-Public Minutes – January 5, 2016 – **minutes sealed**
- 16-08** Approve Minutes – January 5, 2016
- 16-09** Approve Interpleader Settlement
- 16-10** Schedule Public Hearing – February 2, 2016 – Approve and accept deed for conservation purposes – Derry Senior Development, LLC
- 16-11** Schedule Public Hearing – February 2, 2016 – FY16 Dissolve Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund
- 16-12** Schedule Public Hearing – February 2, 2016 – FY16 Dissolve Police Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve Fund

16-05 thru 16-07 approved as written

16-08 p4 2-5-0 vote remove Councilor Dimmock

Approved as written

Chairman's Report –

A long standing member of the Heritage Commission Marion Pounder passed away. A moment of silence was observed.

New Transfer station has opened and things went very well on Saturday. Some advice for the public would be to presort your recycling materials before you arrive there.

Councilor Dimmock wanted to clarify that residents have seen the Fire Department at 19 Elm St and are concerned that the building is going to be burned down. It will not be burned down.

Candidate filings for Town offices will begin on Wednesday, 1/20/16 and will close on Friday, 1/29/16.

One 2/3/16, Susan Hickey will be stepping down as Interim Town Administrator. The Town is actively pursuing someone to be Interim Town Administrator.

Councilor Tripp announced that the Derry Public Library is hosting an event for New Business on 1/30/16 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$35.00

The School Deliberative Session is on Saturday, January 30 beginning at 10 a.m. at the West Running Brook Middle School.

Town Administrator's Report – N/A

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*

Karen Blandford-Anderson – The Boston Post Cane will be presented to Bella Riccio on Friday at 2pm. The Town Council and public are invited to Birch Heights for the ceremony.

Marion Schnitzlein, Bayberry Lane – spoke regarding unions. Derry School District has requested to increase their budget \$3-5M. She stated Derry will never see a tax reduction again. She asked people to attend the Deliberative Session. People need to care enough about our Town to get out and vote. We should be budgeting needs not wants.

Nick Del'etoile, Drew Rd – is a member of the Young Professionals Network and the Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, which is a group under 40 years of age that is interested in seeing the community & economic development succeed and grow. The group will be getting more involved in things. You can follow them on Facebook "dlypn". Councilor Cardon invited Nick to attend the Economic Development Committee meeting this week.

Close Public Forum 7-0-0

Public Hearings –

- 16-02**
- 1) Proposed application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The Town will retain up to \$25,000 for Administrative expenses and remainder will be used toward financing the interconnection into municipal water and sewer system of the Frost Residents Cooperative, a 30 unit manufactured housing park, located at 139 Rockingham Road
 - 2) The Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

George Sioras gave the background on the Frost Residents Cooperative at 135 Rockingham Road. Frost Residents Cooperative is a 30 unit manufactured housing park. Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH CDFA for up to \$500,000 annually for public facilities, housing projects and emergency activities that directly benefit low and moderate income persons. Now that water & sewer is on Rockingham Road, the park would like to connect to the Town's sewer system. Informational packets are available.

Open the Public Hearing Councilors Cardon & Katsakiores all agreed

No Public Input

Close Public Hearing Councilors Cardon & Katsakiores all agreed

Residential Displacement and Relocation

George Sioras stated although this project does not involve any displacement or relocation of people; however, if the Town were to undertake a CDBG project which involved displacement or relocation they would follow this plan which outlines the measures they would take to find comparable, suitable housing for persons displaced or relocated.

Open Public Hearing Councilors Cardon & Bourdon all agreed

No Public Input

Close Public Hearing Councilors Cardon & Katsakiores all agreed

Move that the Derry Town Council vote to adopt the Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan.

Motion by Councilor Cardon, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores

Vote: 7-0-0

Discussion:

There were questions regarding the changeover process to Town sewer and amount of time it would take.

Move that the Derry Town Council vote to approve the submittal of the Frost Residents Cooperative Infrastructure Improvements application and vote to authorize the Town Administrator to sign and submit the application, and any amendments thereto, and upon approval of the CDBG application, authorize the Town Administrator to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG contract on behalf of the Frost Residents Cooperative Manufactured Housing Cooperative.

Motion by Councilor Cardon, seconded by Councilor Tripp

Vote: 7-0-0

16-03 Accept gift from Calvary Bible Church

Mike Fowler - The Calvary Bible Church intends to donate funds to the Town of Derry in the amount of \$10,000. Three items identified as an option

1. Update Scenic Byways Signs - \$2000
2. Replace chairs and tables at the Marion Gerrish Community Center for the Senior citizens - \$3800
3. Digitizing the Derry News at the Derry Public Library - \$4200

Open Public Hearing – Councilors Cardon & Katsakories 7-0-0

No Public Input

Close Public Hearing – Councilors Cardon & Katsakiores 7-0-0

Move to formally accept the donation by Calvary Bible Church in the amount of \$10,000 for the three items specified above.

Motion by Councilor Cardon, seconded by Councilor Tripp

Vote: 7-0-0

Old Business –

15-167 Survey Committee

Owen Provencher & Matt Cullen presented. This is a follow-up from the survey regarding comments made by citizens. They provided more in-depth information on the qualitative questions asked during the survey. They thanked local business sponsors. The information was provided in a PowerPoint presentation and it will be posted on the Town's website. There are a large number of positive responses.

15-171 FY2017 Budget Discussion

Send questions

Discussion:

Councilor Fischer stated that in regards to the feedback received in the survey and the data, 79% of the people want a continued effort to lower taxes. In the auditor's report on page 42, the Town received \$1.5M in taxes which was more than was needed to fund the budget. He suggested using ½ of the \$1.5M in the unassigned fund balance for the budget.

Councilor Tripp re-iterated the RSA32:5-b1 which allows the town to lower taxes using unassigned funds without penalty. He would like to know the positives and negatives to adopting this RSA.

Councilor Bourdon – noticed the survey reported the majority was interested in safety. He would like to know the impact on these services if the budget gets cut. He is against using unassigned fund balance.

New Business –

16-13 Southern NH Planning Commission – Solar Up Program

Jim Moulton, Taylor Brook, Representative of SNHPC is here to report on the 4 month results of the Solar up Program. He reviewed the goal to help educate residents. They have 9 installations already completed and 23 have signed up. Including other vendors there have been 78 installs in a 6 month period in Derry. There are 700KW being generated in Town. There is a concern regarding SB333. Any assistance from the Town on this bill to the Senate and Representatives would be appreciate.

Councilors asked various questions regarding net caps and the opposition to remove the cap. Councilor Fischer asked if they could draft a letter regarding support and send it to the Chair and Council. They would send it to the appropriate parties.

16-14 Develop Net Zero Task Force

Councilor Bourdon thanked Mike Fowler for working with the EEAC in reducing energy costs. He would like to see the total amount in energy reduction used by this Town and the communities become efficient. He would like to create a Net Zero Task Force as an Advisory Committee. Their purpose would be to assess ways to get this done.

Discussion:

Questions asked: why this hasn't been done prior with the schools and Town?

How many cities are actively doing Net Zero in the state?

It's apparent that the Town is on top of the game and working with the EEAC. This committee maybe a duplication.

There are a lot of unanswered questions for this task force. The task force could look for experts in the area to guide them. The task force could work with the EEAC in collaboration for renewable energies. There should be overall communication.

Councilor Bourdon moved to explore the possibility of the Town becoming Net Zero by 2025, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores.

More Discussion ensued regarding the goals, duties and members of the task force.

Councilor Bourdon will pull together more information for the next meeting.

Councilor Bourdon withdrew his motion.

16-15 Purchase new ambulance

Mike Gagnon gave a brief overview of the monies available in the Fire Capital Reserve Fund for this purchase.

Move that the Town Council authorize the Interim Town Administrator to purchase a replacement ambulance as scheduled in the FY16 Capital Improvement Plan and appropriated in the FY16 Fire Department budget.

Motion by Councilor Cardon, seconded by Councilor Bourdon.

Council discussion:

Councilors Tripp and Fischer commented in support of this purchase.

Councilor Dimmock disagreed

Councilor Bourdon asked what impact the purchase has on the tax rate. Chief Gagnon answered, "None".

Vote: 5-2-0 (Councilors Osborne & Dimmock)

Council Requests / Open Discussion

Councilor Tripp is the liaison for the School Board and there are 4 seats open for School Board for March. You can sign up at the superintendent's office. The Deliberative Session will be on Saturday, 1/30/16.

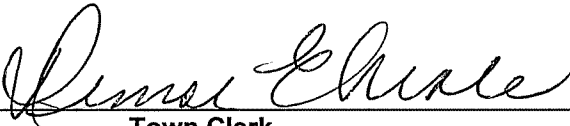
Councilor Fischer has two gift certificates from Steve Trefethen from prize recipients that he would like to donate to a charitable organization. Councilor Katsakiores suggested the Caregiver's Derry Potters Bowl Auction. All agreed.

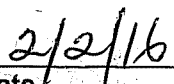
Councilor Osborne has two things: 1) He informed Councilor Bourdon he would be happy to assist with the Net Zero Task Force; and 2) There have been several discussions on the FY2017 Budget and lowering the tax rate. He hopes that in March the goal remains the same for the Council and asked everyone to attend the School Deliberative Session.

Councilor Bourdon commended the great job on the new website and thanked all involved. He thanked Jennifer Von Lague for her work in bringing the community together in many different ways.

Councilor Cardon thanked Mike Fowler for filling in at this evenings meeting.

Adjournment 9:25pm


Town Clerk


Date