

TOWN OF DERRY

**Town Council
Derry Municipal Center**

**February 3, 2015
Tuesday - 7:30 PM**

7:30 PM Call to order

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

**Roll Call: Councilors Cardon, Fischer, Bourdon, Dimmock, Katsakiores and
Chairman Osborne (Councilor Fairbanks arrived at 8:30pm)**

Consent Agenda

- 15-09** Approve Non-Public Minutes, Session I– January 20, 2015
- 15-10** Approve Non-Public Minutes, Session II– January 20, 2015
seal minutes
- 15-11** Approve Non-Public Minutes, Session III –
January 20, 2015
- 05-12** Approve Minutes – January 20, 2015
- 05-13** Schedule Public Hearing – February 17, 2015 –
Release of Easement for I-93 Widening

Consent Agenda Approved as written

Chairman's Report – Mark Osborne

***** County Commissioner Kevin Coyle

Mr. Coyle announced there is a 1% increase in the county budget due to categorical assistance. He expressed his opinion that the Town could save money by using the County's dispatch service. Mr. Coyle feels this service should be regionalized. Presently it is provided free of charge. The County Government wants to know what assistance can be offered to towns.

Councilors asked various questions regarding the County's programs.

Mr. Coyle stated that Derry is the 4th largest contributor to the county's funds. He believes Derry could be a regional model for the county dispatch.

Chairman Osborne thanked the all DPW road crews for their handling of the recent snow storms and cleanup in progress. Mr. Osborne also thanked the neighbors and residents who assisted.

Town Administrator's Report – Galen Stearns

Mr. Stearns read a memo from Public Works Director Mike Fowler regarding the progress the DPW has made daily from the snow storms. Financially after downtown cleanup this evening, the total budget used will be at 75%.

On January 28, The Derry Fire Department was awarded a "Project 33" certification. Derry Dispatch Center is the first in New England to obtain this certificate. A press release from Mr. Stearns will be forthcoming.

Now that the Town Council has approved the Property Maintenance Code and amendments, the changes necessary to the Zoning Ordinance were reviewed by the

Planning Board at a workshop and a public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th. Once approved, they will then be forwarded to Council for review, public hearing and a vote. Also, policies & procedures for this committee are being worked on and they will be reviewed at the first meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10. Advertising will be done looking for 3 volunteer members.

Town Election will be on Tuesday, March 10th. Voting times will be from 7am – 8pm District 1&4 will be at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School, District 2 at Calvary Bible Church and District 3 at West Running Brook Middle School.

Mr. Stearns has submitted to FEMA for a refund for expenses from the blizzard storm on Tuesday, January 27. Nothing yet has been approved but he will keep Council informed.

Mr. Dimmock requested to be on the Property Maintenance Committee representing the Council. Chairman Osborne stated that he will put it on the next agenda for the Council to discuss.

Mr. Osborne reflected on the School District meeting that was held on Saturday, January 31st. He referred to a citizen talking about Derry needing industry to offset the taxes and hiring an Economic Director. Chairman Osborne stated the Town Council had approved a \$3M bond to make Rte. 28 zoned Commercial/Industrial with a unanimous vote. He recalled it was the desire of the Town Council that Rte. 28 to be zoned commercial/industrial and no one wanted to see "mixed use". Tonight Chairman Osborne wanted to confirm that no one had changed their thoughts. He asked the Town Council again if they were all still in agreement and if it was still the Town Council's intent that the Route 28 project be zoned commercial/industrial with no 'mixed use'. All were still in agreement. He also thanked Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Chase of the Planning Board for their support on this matter.

Public Forum -

Jack Rivera, Hilda Ave – Questioned a piece of property that the Town has taken for taxes and believes his aunt previously owned this land and asked the Council how would he go about re-purchasing it.

Marc Flattes, Linlew Dr – The Council asked for ideas on how to prevent possible layoffs. His thought was that the Town Council could give up their stipends. He also suggested an exploration of contacting the unions to change benefits and have Town employees take one week furloughs.

Public Hearing –

15-07 Town Owned Property - 1st Public Hearing

Mr. Stearns reviewed properties. Dawn Enwright, Tax Collector, was present to answer questions.

Open the Public Hearing by Councilors Fischer and Bourdon Vote: 6-0-0

Chris Walker, 6 Highland Ave - asked if 3 Nutfield Ct. can be changed from commercial zoning.

Mr. Stearns explained that unless someone makes a recommendation to change the zoning it would remain as such.

Close the Public Hearing by Councilors Katsakories and Bourdon Vote: 6-0-0

Councilor Cardon asked questions about #11 & #41 Collettes Grove Road which is being retained by the Town and what is it.

Ms. Enwright stated she would seek information from DPW and send information to him.

There were questions regarding repurchasing of property by owners when taken for taxes and what is owed.

Ms. Enwright explained the repurchase would be what is owed in taxes plus a 15% penalty and all other costs incurred. This is dictated by state statute. It can be repurchased by the owner or an heir of the estate.

Old Business –

09-103 Zoning Ordinance/Special Exception Covenants – Discussion

Mr. Stearns was informed by legal counsel that the Planning Board needs to go through the process for the change first before bringing to Town Council. No discussion needed at this time.

New Business –

15-14 Health & Safety "Coordinator Cash" grant

Mr. Stearns reviewed what has been done with grant in the past and the employees participation and activities. There is no fiscal impact to the Town.

Move that the Derry Town Council approve the receipt and expenditure of the award from HealthTrust in the amount of \$600.00.

Motion by Councilor Osborne, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores

Vote: 6-0-0

(Councilor Fairbanks arrived 8:30 p.m.)

Council Requests / Open Discussion

Councilor Cardon – questioned the Kilrea Rd construction and asked for an update. Mr. Stearns will look into it.

Mr. Cardon would also like a letter of recognition be sent to the Derry Village Rotary from the Town Council for the donation of the pavilion at Humphrey Park.

A resident has asked him to inquire about the possibility of starting a tourist bureau in Derry.

Councilor Fairbanks – Spoke of the following House Bills that will affect the Town and highlighted their content; they are HB397, HB 430, HB 487 and Senate Bills 126 & 175. Mr. Fairbanks hopes that state liaisons will keep Council informed. He has also received complaints on the condition of some of the roads due to the recent storms.

Mr. Bourdon - Praised the DPW for their efforts on the storms.

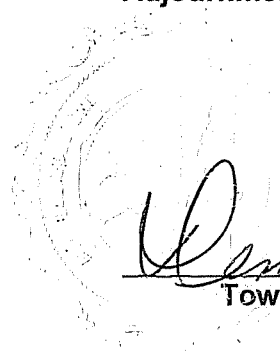
Next weekend the 16th Annual Frost Festival will take place. A free spaghetti Supper, sponsored by the Derry Village Rotary Club, will be held on Friday, February 13th for seniors to kick off the Festival will be held at the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School Cafeteria beginning at 5PM. Councilor Bourdon would like to remind everyone to attend and support the Festival.

Councilor Dimmock – also commended the DPW for their efforts on the roads.

Councilor Katsakiores – Congratulated Dan McKenna, an associate attorney from Derry, who was chosen by the Union Leader as one of “40 out of 40”. The American Red Cross has a program for people to obtain up to three free smoke alarms. The program is for those who do not have any or if their alarms are over 8 years or older. For more information, please contact the Red Cross at 225-6697 or 800-464-6692.

Councilor Dimmock informed the public that he will be unable to attend the next few meeting in person but will attend the meetings via telephone.

Adjournment 8:40 pm



Denise E. Neale
Town Clerk

2/19/15
Date

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