

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

October 26, 2015
Monday - 6:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

Per Section 5.9 of the Derry Town Charter and by the request of three (3) Town Councilors (Fischer, Katsakiores & Tripp), a special meeting will take place on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 6:00 PM in the 3rd floor meeting room of the Derry Municipal Center.

6:00 PM Call to order

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

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

Present: Susan Hickey, Acting Town Administrator, Denise Neale, Town Clerk, Atty. Lee Smith.

Councilor Dimmock announced a long time member of the Town Highway Safety Committee, Tom Caron, had passed away. A moment of silence was observed.

Chairman Cardon - The purpose of the special meeting is to correct the misinformation that was presented at the October 20, 2015 Town Council meeting regarding the revised FY2016 Budget, including a financial analysis of the impact of the election results and to consider any follow-up action based on the new information

The Chair incorrectly stated at the October 20th meeting the \$1.04 tax rate cut. His estimate of the rate was due by his own calculation. However he did not check with Ms. Hickey for an update prior to the meeting. He apologized.

Councilor Fischer was unclear on how this amount was calculated. On October 20th the Council voted to put back \$1.6M into the budget and believed the \$1.04 was the cut; however, he was notified by Ms. Hickey the next day the cut would be \$.56.

Ms. Hickey explained that there was difference between the costs of 12 months (\$1.6M) as opposed to estimated actual cost (\$1.2M) that would have to be added to the budget.

After Ms. Hickey received confirmation from the attorney and the Department of Revenue, the calculation is based on the \$1.6M being returned to the FY2016 budget.

Ms. Hickey provided a power point spreadsheet and explained each of the 7 articles and the amounts that would be needed to restore to the department budgets. She also included the amounts that would be placed into unassigned

fund balance due to the timing of adding personnel and overtime back in. (See attachment)

Councilor Fischer questioned the unassigned fund balance and asked if the citizens would be taxed on this amount also.

Ms. Hickey replied yes as the \$1.6M is the total dollar amount from the articles that were passed by the vote of the people.

Councilor Fischer questioned the Fire Department analysis regarding the four Fire Department positions and the department's overtime. Chief Gagnon elaborated the difference in these two items.

Chief Garone answered questions for the Police Department and explained there are not a lot of people interested in law enforcement anymore.

Mike Fowler answered questions in regards to the DPW and transfer station employees.


Councilor Fischer stated that he didn't think it was the intent of the voters to be overtaxed but due to the vote the tax is also on the amount that would be put into fund balance. Ms. Hickey replied that is correct.

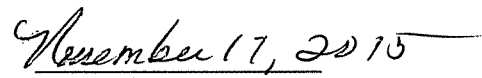
Councilor Tripp had done his own calculation and had estimated that there would be a tax reduction of \$.60. He question how much had already been taken from fund balance for this budget. Ms. Hickey replied \$695,000. He believes next year already will have a deficit due to taking from the fund balance and a cut of \$.26 for next year.

Ms. Hickey's analysis estimated that \$526,963.13 would be the estimated surplus in the FY16 budget due the petition articles. The actual tax rate reduction would be \$.56.

Motion to move into Non-Public under 91-A, 3: II (a) and RSA 91-A, 3: II(c) by Chairman Cardon, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Vote: 7-0-0

Adjournment 7:15 p.m.


Town Clerk


Date

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