

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center

July 15, 2014
Tuesday - 6:30 PM

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Call to order

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

Roll Call: Councilors Cardon, Fairbanks, Bourdon, Dimmock, Katsakiores and Chairman Osborne (Councilor Fischer absent)

Department of Transportation Presentation – I-93 Widening

NH DOT members present: Peter Stamnas, Daniel Preheimo, Peter Salo, Commissioner Chris Clement and William Cass

This is a status update on Rte. 93 expansion and to introduce a future project that will impact Derry.

Twenty miles of Rt.93 expanded to three lanes. 60% are active or complete. Exit 5 will be completed in fall of 2014, Exit 2 & 3 by the end of 2015. Current projects completion by 2016. \$250M in construction remaining is funded.

Derry portion is scheduled to begin in 2016 and completed by 2020.

It is estimated to be three years from the weigh station to Kendall Pond Road & Folsom Road bridges. Bridges will be rehabbed and widened.

Traffic control will be the same as current. We will widen northbound and direct traffic to southbound lanes then work on southbound lanes and direct traffic to northbound lanes.

Next Phase: Construct Beaver Brook, Ash Street and Rte.102 bridges, reconstruct Exit 4 ramps and part of Rt. 102 & Ash St. The cost is over \$62M and will take three years.

The bridges to be constructed offline and should not interrupt traffic.

Mr. Cardon questioned 4A Funding.

Commissioner Clement spoke and said they want Federal government to fund the project. He said Derry and Londonderry could ask the state to take the lead and he would pursue funding. FEIS has to be completed. It has been seven years since last one. Environmental permits expire in 2020 so need to set an aggressive schedule.

Mr. Dimmock asked if projected costs were at current prices or were increases factored in.

Response: Inflation is accounted for and they are looking for Federal funding not towns to pay to complete the project.

Senator Jim Rausch – Derry's copies were inexplicably lost, \$5M was the cap for the Town & this project. We need another exit for the benefit of the entire region and will be funded with state and federal funds.

Ms. Katsakiores – Supports exit 4A 100%.

Bob Letourneau (retired State Rep) – gave the history of the project.

Mr. Osborne asked what the process is to get additional funding from other sources. Would it be included in the updates 10yr. transportation plan? It was not included in the past as the Rte.93 expansion was not fully funded. It is now so Exit 4A gained priority.

Senator Rausch – we are, as far as he knows, committed to 4A and if we abandon it we should consult with lawyers about liability. The environmental impact is almost done. A few vernal pools need to be mitigated.

Mr. Osborne question if an economic impact study was done?
DOT says yes but has no details.

Senator Rausch asked to recognize Mr. John Farrell, Londonderry Town Councilor. Mr. Farrell stated that regarding the lawsuit the Town Managers should speak and should meet with Londonderry Council who is well versed in the lawsuit. He offered to share the economic impact study they did in 2007 when the documents went missing. Pillsbury Development 3rd party in lawsuit with Londonderry has encouraged their partnership with Derry to develop both towns. Derry has been resistant.

Roberta Robie – Exit 4A has been used as a political football. Stop scaring the taxpayers about the cost.

Mr. Osborne thanked the DOT, officials, and Londonderry Officials for their attendance and comments.

Adjourned presentation 8:00 p.m.

Re-opened at 8:08 p.m.

Consent Agenda

- 14-92 Approve Special Meeting Non-Public Minutes – June 26, 2014
- 14-94 Approve Non-Public Minutes – July 1, 2014
- 14-95 Approve Minutes – July 1, 2014
- 14-96 Approve Special Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2014

Consent Agenda – Approved as Written 6-0-0

Chairman's Report –

Chairman Osborne thanked all those that had contributed to the DOT presentation. The Council has received 10-12 new applications for the Town Administrator position. A Town Survey can be done online.

Town Administrator's Report –

***** Transfer Station Update – Mike Fowler

Four firms have been identified to move forward with an RFP. Designs are due on September 3rd. Once the design has been chosen, work will start in March 2015 and end in November.

***** Environmental Monitoring Update – Craig Durrett

There are four identified sites; however, Derry is not responsible for monitoring. The DES does this. Information can be found on the DES website. The only active Town owned site that is open at this time is the DeFeo property. This is funded through the state and we have a consultant who bills state directly. Property can be developed.

Chairman Osborne stated that he is crossing this off the Town Council's goals as this issue has been completed.

Sewer Lagoon Update – Tom Carrier

No complaints since June 3rd. Reviewed all plant data and had outside reviews. Conclusion was the result of a natural process. They are working to better predict by collection air samples to determine when to oxygenate. They will look at the profiling of the sludge blanket and may have to look into reducing sludge.

Town Vehicle Inventory – Larry Budreau

There was an interest in the Town Vehicles. He obtained complete inventories from throughout the town. He created a list of vehicles that could be used for personnel use. There are five vehicles that go to employee's homes, PD Chief, and for two PD Captains (unmarked), Fire Chief (marked), and DPW Superintendent of Operations (marked)

Public Forum 6-0-0

Roberta Robie, Chester Rd – Asked the question to the DOT if and when I-93 is widened would the lagoons be affected and she was told there is no impact. She has worked diligently over the years to make sure that the taxpayer does not fund this project.

Joseph Carroll, Humphrey Rd – Has reviewed the background on Exit 4A funding. This exit will not benefit Derry.

Steve Trefethen, North Shore Rd – Town Council has neglected downtown. Commend Council on work to find Town Administrator.

Marc Flattes, Linlew Dr – Stated 4A will happen. Planning Department should look at downtown. He sees downtown as a theater district, and leave retail area in Manchester Road area.

Roberta Robie, Chester Rd – Money spent on downtown economic development has been a failure as traffic is too congested. 4A would divert traffic.

Close Public Forum 6-0-0

Public Hearing –

14-93 \$10,000 NH Charitable Foundation Grant

Open Public Hearing 6-0-0

Pam Santa Fe explained the grant opportunity to fund substance abuse & suicide prevention.

No public input

Close the Public Hearing 6-0-0

The Council had questions in regards to the programs.

Move that the Derry Town Council approve the application for, acceptance and expenditure of the NHCF Suicide Prevention grant in the amount of up to \$10,000, and authorize the Town Administrator to execute all related documents, without further action of the Town Council.

Motion by Councilor Bourdon, seconded Councilor Katsakories

Vote: 6-0-0

New Business item moved because of correlation with #14-93

14-99 Acceptance of NH Center for Excellence \$2,000 Grant

Pam Santa Fe this grant is for funding professional development for substance misuse coordinators and forums.

There was Council questions and discussion.

Move that the Derry Town Council approve the application for, acceptance and expenditure of the NH Center of Excellence funds in the amount of up to \$2,000, without further action of the Town Council.

Motion by Chairman Osborne, seconded Councilor Katsakories

Vote: 6-0-0

New Business –

14-98 Acceptance of Bike Racks – Derry Rail Trail & Derry Municipal Center

Mike Fowler stated the Chamber of Commerce approached the Town with a donation of Bike Racks at the Pocket Park on Broadway and both of the Municipal Center entrances as a way to enhance the downtown area.

Move that the Derry Town Council authorize the Acting Town Administrator to accept the donation of Bike racks to be installed at three locations along the Derry Rail Trail and at the Derry Municipal Center.

Motion by Chairman Osborne, seconded by Councilor Dimmock

Vote: 6-0-0

14-97 Appointment to Zoning Board of Adjustment

Chairman Osborne moved to appoint Heather Evans as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a 2-yr term to expire March 31, 2016, moved by Chairman Osborne, seconded by Councilor Fairbanks

Vote: 6-0-0

Old Business –

14-23 Review Central Court/Central Street properties

Mr. Fairbanks gave a follow-up on this area. The Planning Board's workshop is tomorrow night and the next step is a public hearing. Changes include the increase of building height and reviewed site plan with development. Then there will be discussion Central Business District, and Rte. 28 development.

There were questions and discussion on the changes that are being brought forth.

Mike Fowler updated on Abbott Court & Central Court clean-up.

Council Requests / Open Discussion

Ms. Katsakiores stated an elderly woman asked for her for info on the elderly exemption. She commended David Gomez for handling the citizen so well.

Mr. Dimmock bought (7) t-shirts but they won't fit some of the Council members. He wants a forum for suggestions and ideas to promote Derry.

Mr. Bourdon said there is a new business in Town "Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt". He thanked the DPW for work on getting the parking signs installed. He feels the bike racks will attract the youth to Derry.

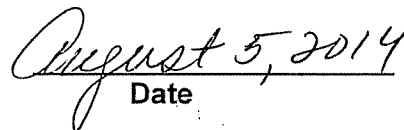
Mr. Osborne said that during discussion on Exit 4A comments were made about downtown growing. He doesn't want to lose sight that these store fronts are beginning to fill.

Over the last couple of weeks, activities have brought him to people's homes. He visited an 80 year old that is still working to pay taxes on his home. It is a reminder of how much further there is to go to lower the tax rate.

Mr. Cardon attended the Taylor Library Trustees meeting and new directors of Derry Public Library attended, they want a clear goal or direction of what the Council wants them to do.

Adjournment 9:45 p.m.


Town Clerk


Date

Recording Clerk, Cynthia Messina
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