

TOWN OF DERRY

**Town Council
Derry Municipal Center**

**November 15 2016
Tuesday - 7:30 PM**

**7:00 PM Non-Public Session 91A:3 II (a)
 Non-Public Session 91A:3 II (b)**

7:30 PM Call to order

**Councilor Katsakiores moves to leave non-public and seal the minutes, seconded by
Councilor Bourdon
Roll Call Vote 7-0-0**

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

Roll Call: Councilors Bourdon, Foote, Tripp, Fischer, Katsakiores, Morgan and Chairman
Chirichiello

Present: ATA Mike Fowler, CFO Susan Hickey, Town Clerk Daniel Healey

Consent Agenda

16-158 Approve Non-Public Minutes – October 28, 2016 – **minutes sealed**

16-159 Approve Non-Public Minutes – November 1, 2016

16-160 Approve Minutes – November 1, 2016

Consent agenda approved

Chairman's Report – Brian Chirichiello

There was a moment of silence for the passing of long-time Derry resident and library trustee
Elizabeth Ives.

Proclamation – Pancreatic Cancer

Councilor Bourdon received a letter from Phoebe Collins of Auburn about requesting that Derry
make a proclamation to support World Pancreatic Cancer Day. The Town Council agreed and
declared November 17th, 2016 as World Pancreatic Cancer Day.

Town Moderator Mary Till gave a report on the General Election. She noted some of the
changes she would like to see for future elections and stated that this past election went without
any major issues.

Town Administrator's Report – Mike Fowler

Brady Avenue Sewer Extension – Neighborhood feedback

There were 27 responses to the sewer extension. 20 residents were in favor with 7 opposed.

The council questioned if a payment installment plan would be an option and they were told yes.

Many of these septic systems were installed in the 1970s. Scheduled a public hearing for
December 6th, 2016.

Tax Rate Presentation – Susan Hickey, CFO

The assessed valuations of properties in town have gone up. Single family homes went up 9%, mobile homes 8%, condominiums 25%, commercial 8%, and industrial 11%. This makes the average increase town wide at 10%. The tax rate has gone down from \$29.23 in 2015 to \$27.06 in 2016, a \$2.17 reduction. The tax bills will be mailed on November 18th with a due date of December 19th. Councilor Fischer requested that the council receive the power point slides in advance of the meeting.

ATA Fowler scheduled the Route 28 ByPass Scobie Pond Road / English Range Road Public Hearing for December 5, 2016.

The Derry Fire Department will be having a blood drive on November 18th at the Upper Village Hall from 2pm-7pm.

The public hearing for the Caras Property Easement has been changed to December 6th, 2016.

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*
Open Public Forum – all agreed

Ernie St. Pierre: Sunset Ave – Would like to know the percent of taxes a single family pays and the percent commercial properties pay. Appreciates the work of the town council.

Motion by Councilor Morgan to close public forum, seconded by Councilor Fischer – all agreed

Public Hearings
16-144 Sale of Town Tax Deeded Properties – 1st of 2 public hearings

Motion by Councilor Morgan to open public hearing, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

Tax Collector Dawn Enwright seeks approval and authority to dispose of tax deeded property. The town-owned properties acquired by Tax Collector's deed may be disposed of in accordance with RSA 80:80. All properties have been reviewed by Town Department Heads, the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and Heritage Commission. None of these properties are recommended for retention for Town use. All are recommended for sale. Minimum price and conditions can be attached. 19 Elm Street has been removed by a vote from the town councilors and 1 Tyler has been repurchased.

Joan Bostwick: Muddy Lane – Abuts one of the properties on the list and does not understand why it is valued at \$67,000. She is told that it is taxed for that amount but it does not mean it will sell for that amount. She would like to be informed when a sale takes place as she has interest in the property.

Motion by Councilor Morgan to close public hearing, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores – all agreed

New Business
16-161 Approve NH Department of Safety Homeland, Security & Emergency Management Grant

Chief Garone is seeking approval of a grant for reimbursement of \$1,124.47. On October 23, 2016, four members of the Derry Police Department participated in a full-scale terrorism drill held at the Mall at Rockingham Park in Salem NH. The drill was sanctioned by the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Homeland Security & Emergency Management (NHDOS HSEM). The NHDOS HSEM has indicated that participating departments are eligible for reimbursement for a maximum of four hours for each officer assigned. The Police Department has obtained the necessary grant application and seeks authority to complete and submit the application.

Councilor Morgan moves that per RSA 31:95-b, the Derry Town Council authorizes the Acting Town Administrator to apply for and accept the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Homeland Security & Emergency Management grant in the amount of \$1,124.47, seconded by Councilor Katsakiores
Roll Call Vote 7-0-0

16-162 Approve Employment Contract

Councilor Morgan moves that the Derry Town Council accept Dave Caron's employment contract as distributed to the council and as approved with all the changes that were made with an effective employment date of December 5, 2016 under the terms and conditions of the contract as outlined, seconded by Councilor Bourdon
Roll Call Vote 7-0-0

Council Requests / Open Discussion

Councilor Tripp – Hosted a Veteran's clothing drive with Councilor Bourdon that went very well. They collected a significant amount of clothes and \$1,200. Stated that he is interested in the report on boards and committees that was scheduled to be presented on October 1st but was not. Reviewed the town charter and would like the town to provide quarterly financial reports.

Councilor Fischer – Wants a copy of a document discussed in non-public.

Councilor Morgan – Wishes the Derry residents a Happy Thanksgiving. Drove by the Veteran's clothing drive and saw everyone working diligently and stated that it was an awesome thing to do for the community. Gave a shout out to the Manchester Motorcycle club for helping a victim of racial hatred. Would like the residents to get behind the candidate chosen from the last election even if they do not agree with the selection. There is an Economic Development and Advisory Committee survey on the Derry town website that residents are being asked to complete. Requested a workshop with Buxton to take place sometime during the week of December 5th. Downtown businesses have asked for a tree lighting, would like an update on that. Was told that there is a tree on the corner of Pearl Street and Manning Street. It is an Evergreen tree that is about 25 feet tall and would be illuminated. That possibility is being looked into.

Councilor Katsakiores – Wants to wish everyone a Happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Councilor Foote – Happy Veteran's Day to all the veterans that just celebrated. West Running Brook Middle School put on a breakfast for the veterans on Thursday. It was great time and they did a great job. On Veteran's Day there was a ceremony at MacGregor Park. The annual Turkey Trot will take place on Thanksgiving Day. The downtown businesses from November 19th to December 2nd will have the festival of trees and businesses downtown will be decorating trees. Residents can pay \$1 for a raffle and vote on the tree that they like best. On December 11th,

those trees will be reviewed and the winner will be announced at Birch Heights. The trees will be given to the raffle winners.

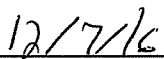
Councilor Bourdon – Thanked Mike Fowler for stepping in as Acting Town Administrator. Gave a shout out to the Pinkerton Academy hockey team for their help this coming Thursday with transporting the clothes collected during the Veteran's clothing drive to the Liberty House. Wished everyone as Happy Thanksgiving and reminded residents to come out to the holiday parade on November 26th at 1pm and to bring canned items to the parade.

Chairman Chirichiello – Wanted to wish everyone as Happy Thanksgiving. The School Board chairman, Dan McKenna and Town Council Chairman Chirichiello went up to the City of Franklin to have a discussion on school state aid and found out the Derry is losing 4% of their funding every year. There was a turnout of about 75 people at this meeting. The group is trying to work with current legislators to freeze the current aid. A workshop with the school board was suggested.

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.



Town Clerk



Date

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