

## TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council  
Derry Municipal Center  
14 Manning Street



Tuesday April 2, 2024  
3rd Floor Meeting Room

### MINUTES

**7:00 PM Call to order – Chair Spencer**

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

**Roll Call:** Councilors Webb, Chirichiello, Flood, Granese, MacEachern and Chair Spencer  
Present: TA Dave Caron, Town Clerk Tina Guilford

#### **Public Forum - \*30 Minutes\***

**Motion by Councilor MacEachern to open public forum, seconded by Councilor Chirichiello**  
**All Agreed**

Steve Trefethen, Property Owner & Business owner in Derry – I've handed out a map as you can see there is a diagonal line. Everything to the left is Londonderry, everything to the right is Derry. The 10 purple buildings are lost buildings to the Town due to Exit 4A. Those buildings housed 28 businesses and we have lost them all. The Madden Road/High Street area is all being revamped with the interchange. Other than my 3 deep lots the rest are all short lots. Since the State dropped the watershed on us at the last public meeting, they are taking land for the watershed and drainage canal. There is not going to be much development after this is done. Londonderry is going to get everything; Derry is getting no development. I am trying to do everything possible to get the taxbase back. Congratulations to Erin and Mr. Webb on the election.

**Motion by Councilor Chirichiello to close public forum, seconded by Councilor Granese**  
**All Agreed**

#### **Consent Agenda**

**24-27 Approve Non-public Minutes – March 19, 2024 – MINUTES SEALED**

**24-28 Approve Minutes – March 19, 2024**

**Councilor MacEachern moves to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Granese**

**Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0**

#### **Chairman Report – Erin Spencer**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rabies Clinic is this Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 1PM to 5PM \$15.00, cash only so please sign up!

## **Town Administrator's Report – Dave Caron**

*Mike Fowler – Public Works Director* – update on Hood Park – We had studies in 2020 with UNH about the usage of our public areas. This led to a 1.8-million-dollar bond. We have since reworked this plan and we have done lights in parks and our stake park, and we then had a committee in 2021 to revitalize Hood Park. We planned for a new playground, splash pad, a rubberized surface pavilion structure, pickleball court, with enhanced lighting and security throughout. Cleaning the trail system and working with Pinkerton. A fountain in the middle of the pond to assist with the water quality. We did not consider any additional water quality improvements due to cost. We had TF Moran put this plan together in March of 2023 we went out to bid. No bids and we heard about labor issues and that our project was not attractive. If we put it out to bid in 2024, we will have the same issues. So DPW will serve as general contractor on the project. The schedule will be based on the vendors and delivery of products. Tree removal and the backside is very straightforward. It looks to be summer/late summer – August to October 2024. \$500,000 equipment purchase and \$1 Million total for the budget. We are going to do this project in-house. We can assure the residents that we will be closely watching Town funds and be responsible to the community.

*Dave Caron -*

The Construction Administrator is still evaluating bids on the Central Fire Station received for the various facets of work.

Another reminder that in partnership with the Town of Londonderry, this spring's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 from 9AM to 12PM at West Running Brook School. Please visit the Town's website for more information.

No issues from Finance to report at this time.

Staff recently participated in a NHDOT Cultural Resource Meeting to discuss the mitigation measures necessary due to the Exit 4A Corridor bisecting the Manchester-Lawrence Railroad Historic District. It appears that the mitigation measures may include interpretive signs along the old rail bed, which would result in signage and or railroad posts in up to six locations along the Derry Rail Trail.

Legislatively, HB1479 the Lobbying Bill was indefinitely postponed by an almost 2:1 vote. SB589, the Wastewater Surcharge bill, passed the Senate on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Awaiting a hearing in the House. SB553, a Directive on Town Investments, Senate has sent the bill to the House, awaiting a hearing before House Finance.

### **New Business**

**24-29**

Resolution #2024-017 – Adopt the FY25 Town Budget – *Town Administrator Dave Caron presenting.*

This is just an overview of the budget. There will be no vote tonight. We have Budget Workshops scheduled on April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be reviewing the CIP & Capital Expenditures as part of the April 16<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting and we will have a Public Hearing on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with a final vote on the budget expected on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**24-30** Resolution #2024-018 – Authorize a lease agreement with Marion Gerrish Community Center – *DPW Director Mike Fowler presenting.*

The Marion Gerrish Community Center has been a long-standing tenant at the Town owned facility located at 39 West Broadway. The MGCC Board of Trustees has requested a 10-year lease for the next agreement through December 31, 2033. The new agreement maintains the yearly rental of \$1.

**Councilor MacEachern MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2024-018 which reads as follows [Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Granese**  
**Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0**

**Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports –**

**MOTION to Adjourn by Councilor Chirichiello seconded by Councilor MacEachern**  
**All Agreed**

**Adjourn: 7:59 PM**

  
Town Clerk

**Recording & Transcription by: Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk**

  
Date





## RESOLUTION

Number 2024-018

To Authorize a Lease Agreement with the Marion Gerrish Community  
Center at 39 West Broadway

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WHEREAS, Section 7.1 of the Town Charter designates the Town Council as the Legislative Body of the Town; and

WHEREAS, RSA 41:11-a authorizes leases for a term greater than five years to be ratified by the Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.6 (D) of the Town Charter vests jurisdiction over the rental and use of all Town facilities under the Administrator's control to the Town Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Town is party to an Agreement with Marion Gerrish Community Center for the lease of the town owned building located at 39 West Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the lease term has expired and both parties seek to continue its relationship;

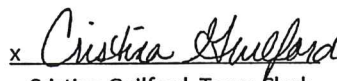
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into a lease agreement with Marion Gerrish Community Center, for property located at 39 West Broadway under terms and conditions as set forth in the attached Agreement.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: April 2, 2024

Attest:

  
Erin Spencer, Council Chair  
Date: April 2, 2024

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk  
Date: April 2, 2024

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