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**Londonderry Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 03 , 7:00 p.m., Moose Hill Council Chambers**

Committee Members Present:

Paul Ramsey, Anne Fenn, John Ferreira, Jeff McGraw, Martha Smith, Mike Speltz and John Mahon

Alternate Members: Joy Muller, Ray Breslin

Administrative Support Coordinator: Kirsten Hildonen

Director of Public Works: James Danis

Town Council Liaison: Ron Dunn

- I. Call to Order.
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by committee chairman Martha Smith.
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  - c. Martha, Lynn asked to be moved to the solid waste committee. That change was made and Lynn will be an alternate. Also asked if anyone wanted to change their supported committees. No one asked to be changed.
  
- II. Public Comment  
None at this time.
  
- III. Administrative board work.
  - a. Approval of the January 2026 minutes.  
John F. mentioned that corrections were sent to him and minutes have been updated. Motion made by Paul and seconded by John M.  
All approved.
  - b. Master Plan Update  
Kirsten, next meeting is a presentation at the planning board. Completed plan is available on Master Plan Steering Committee town web site. Links are also available on the web page.
  
- IV. Town Staff Updates
  - a. Kirsten, nothing on Strategic Plan as this is 'Budget Week'. Strategic Plan review if needed in March, Public workshops in April and public hearing with council in May. Another public workshops for the public in March.
  - b. Kirsten, regarding Freedom Energy and the community aggregation plan. We are looking at a date of March 7<sup>th</sup>, planned time is 10:00 am to 2:00 for the public information session. Plan is to have it in the high school cafeteria.

- c. James, regarding using FAA land for a solar farm? James talked to the FAA and the site is no longer in service. Steps to take is a land usage assessment. Also met with Kearsarge energy regarding Auburn road and that is cost prohibitive to get 3 phase power to that site. The FAA site is feasible and a land lease option needs to be researched. Lease and contract period may be 20 years as a consideration. Asked for committee desire / direction if this is something they want him to pursue. Many items still to be researched. Discussion on how much land and what the current usage for the recreation department is. Ray suggested that Lynn be used as he may have prior knowledge on this.
- d. James, asked John M. on how pet waste is associated in this committee? John M., it is associated with solid waste and education of controlling pet waste and keeping it out of the water system. Just one of many items we deal with in regards to waste management. Discussion on next steps and how we could disseminate the information regarding pet waste.

V. Sub committees

1. Energy

a) Martha, information from Lynn that Freedom Energy is coming to the cable studio for the filming of a Q&A session this Thursday. Also a web site with information regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> of April start date. All Eversource customers will automatically be enrolled with an opt-out option available. Information pamphlets will also be mail to town residents.

b) Mike, did a schema for a GIS assessment for solar installations. Sent that to Mike Azagerian (sp) our GIS manager. Waiting for a response to continue analysis.

Discussion regarding the development of a new project with the planning board for Auburn site close to the Auburn Road landfill. Possible 3-pase power for a solar site. Discussion on possible next steps.

2. Water

a) Martha thanked Ray and Kirsten for all the planning work they have done for the 'Water Town Hall Meeting' event 28-January.

b) Jeff, we had hoped for 20 to 30 people and attendance was approximately 125 residents. Informal survey of the specialists of the majority question and it was "when do I get my connection". Had volunteers asking how to help. Chemist and a HS paper editor.

Next item is special assessment district. Outreach plan to be discussed at next water committee meeting.

- c) Anne still working on discovery of water quality results with Pennichuck.
- d) Next water committee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in February. Jeff asked for water committee recommendations on what we can do for an improved town hall meeting and bring those recommendations to the next water committee meeting.
- e) Anne, asked why we did not have a Q&A session. Discussion ensued.
- f) Anne asked about Londonderry residents being served by Manchester Water Works. Discussion ensued.
- g) John, at water town hall, connection was made with the HS paper editor. Contact was initially made by Joy with HS VP.
- h) John, 2<sup>nd</sup> person was a chemist and was invited to the meetings.

### 3. Sewer/Solid Waste

- a) John Mahon, committee meet on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Committee will be submitting to Kirsten their strategic plan ideas. Two items, reducing land fill quantity and septic system maintenance.
- c) Compost education was discussed with the town manager. Future meeting will be to discuss possible options and additional drop off sites.
- d) Additional discover on “Better Bins” application to recycle correctly and better. Current cost of implementation is a bit high approximately \$8,000 and the committee decided to put this solution on hold. Looking into discussing if Waste Management might be interested.
- e) Southern NH Energy Campus was discussed. Building permit with planning board.
- f) Joy discussed contacts getting HS students involved.
- g) Discussed ‘Renewal Compost Company” and will now do local pickup every other week.

### 4. Cable/Internet

- a) John F., brief update on researching companies that offer service to the town.
- b) Update on efforts by Comcast to repair outages.

## VI. Round table discussion

- a. Ray, wanting to have our state representatives to assist our water efforts going forward. Ron updated Ray on what has been done. Ray to put together his ideas for the next water meeting.
- b. John M. asked if Ron could give us updates on what efforts are being done at the state level.

- c. Mike, every 2 years DES does a report on what waste goes to landfill and what gets recycled. Last report was 17% recycled, down 2 percent from previous 2 years.
- d. Mike, NH Public radio did a 4 part podcast series on "Safe to Drink". The person who created that podcast was at our Water Town Hall Meeting. Asking if we could advertise his series on our town web page.
- e. Jeff, public outreach. Asked each member if they could come up with an idea so we could do either more published information or cable TV interviews.  
Open discussion on possible topics.
- f. Martha and Joy, discussion on having a scheduled (monthly or bi-monthly) Utilities Committee cable broadcast to update public.
- g. John F., asked if anything can be done with residents who continuously put out non-approved materials? John M. responded with conversations that have been held with Waste Management. Good topic for a cable public education topic.
- h. Paul, information on the aggregation program will be coming out along with the HS public session. Also information on the town's web page.
- i. Kirsten, reminded members to speak into the microphones.

VII. Public Comment  
None at this time.

VIII. Next Meeting- Tuesday 3-March, 7:00 pm, Moose Hill Conference room.

IX. Adjournment  
Motion made by Jeff and seconded by Mike.  
Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:38 pm.

Respectively Submitted,  
John Ferreira - Secretary