

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center
14 Manning Street



Thursday, April 9, 2026
3rd Floor Meeting Room

MINUTES

6:04 PM Call to order

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

Roll Call: Councilors Chase, Foote, Webb, Milz, Healey {Remote}, and Chair Spencer

Absent: Councilor Flood

Present: TA Michael Fowler, Town Clerk Tina Guilford

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Emergency Management

Fire Chief Greg Laro

Department Mission: Leads the community effort to prepare the Town of Derry to effectively mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from any natural or human-made disaster.

Emergency management assists other town departments in developing contingency emergency plans and maintains a comprehensive all hazards Emergency Operations plan.

Fire (Prevention & Emergency Services)

Fire Chief Greg Laro

Department Mission: The mission of the Derry Fire Department is "Plan, Prevent, Provide." To plan for emergency incidents and events, to prevent those incidents from occurring, and when they are unable to prevent them; to provide the highest level of fiscally responsible, effective, and efficient services in order to enhance the health, welfare and safety of the citizens, visitors, and businesses in the Town of Derry.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$14,585,451, seconded by Councilor Chase

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Police

Chief of Police George Feole

Department Mission: To protect life and property, enforce the laws of society, maintain order in the community and to assist the public at large in a manner consistent with the rights and dignity of all persons as provided for by law and under the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of New Hampshire.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$13,151,129, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Animal Control

Chief of Police George Feole

Department Mission: A function of the Operations Division of the Police Department. It is charged with the responsibility of enforcing Town Ordinances and State statutes relative to domestic animals. Responsible for the enforcement of the licensing ordinance for dogs, responding to citizen complaints, apprehending stray animals, and maintaining a kennel and placement of strays or unwanted animals when appropriate.

Councilor Webb moves the bottom line at \$132,785, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Highway

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier

Department Mission: To maintain and improve all the Town highways, sidewalks, parking lots, storm water collection systems, bridges, dams, streetlights, intersection signalization and other related public infrastructure.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$4,332,499, seconded by Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Transfer Station

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier

Department Mission: To provide an effective and efficient way of handling the recycling and waste management needs of the Town in compliance with Federal, State, and local laws.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$3,240,171, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Vehicle Maintenance

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier

Department Mission: To maintain the Town's vehicle and equipment fleet, primarily Highway, Water, Wastewater, Parks, Building & Grounds, Cemetery and Recreation.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$740,250, seconded by Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Building and Grounds

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier

Department Mission: Key responsibility is to provide a safe environment, ergonomically and mechanically; to maintain the upkeep of all Town owned facilities with landscaping service, house service functions, and equipment maintenance; to ensure cooperation and compliance with fire codes; ensure state facility standards are met; and implement building improvements and modifications in compliance with the American Disability Act. Assists with maintenance of historical buildings, and removal of hazardous and/or dangerous trees under the Town's jurisdiction to ensure the safety of the citizens.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$1,129,385, seconded by Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Cemetery

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier

Department Mission: To strive to support the community members at a time of mourning in the cemetery and provide perpetual care for each gravesite with care and compassion, consistent with the standards and policies established by the Cemetery Trustees.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$191,246, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Code Enforcement

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier and Code Enforcement Director Keri Owens

Department Mission: The Code Enforcement Division's primary goal is to provide effective plan review and inspectional services to ensure compliance with building codes and regulations. In addition, the Division is responsible for enforcement of the Town's Zoning Ordinance and other associated regulations.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$615,936, seconded by Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Recreation

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier and Director of Parks & Recreation Kim Walsh

Department Mission: To continue to meet and evaluate the needs of the town residents in order to offer affordable, safe, productive and educational recreational programs, services, and special events.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$797,494, seconded by Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Parks

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier and Director of Parks & Recreation Kim Walsh

Department Mission: To continue to provide quality services and maintain extremely high standards in maintaining the Town's public parks, playgrounds, and athletic fields.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$1,173,039, seconded by Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Health

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier

Department Mission: To support, cultivate and protect the health, well-being and safety of the Citizens of Derry.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$159,698, seconded by Councilor Webb
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Wastewater

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier and Deputy Director Mark L'Heureux

Department Mission: To provide adequate collection and treatment of domestic and industrial process wastewater and septage for Derry and Londonderry residents and businesses meeting EPA and NHDES regulations and environmental standards at affordable and sustainable rates in a safe environment for the town workers.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$10,340,334, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Water

Director of Public Works Tom Carrier and Deputy Director Mark L'Heureux

Department Mission: To provide safe, reliable, portable water to 18,000 residents, institutions and businesses in Derry and Londonderry as well as supply water to southern NH regional water systems, complying with federal and state regulations and to ensure the availability of adequate water supply and pressure for fire protection at affordable and sustainable rates and in a safe environment for the town workers. Support regional objectives for safe and reliable drinking water.

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$4,391,599, seconded by Councilor Webb

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Emergency Management

Councilor Milz moves the bottom line at \$48,300, seconded by Councilor Webb

Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0

Councilor Comments / Liaison Reports –

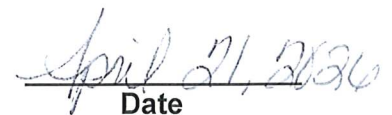
Councilor Webb - I want to follow up to a comment that I made on the emergency work system for building inspectors and the more I thought about that, I think it's probably something important to consider, maybe even as part of this budget. They're out in the field. They're by themselves. One, some of them are women, and they're at higher risk and I think there has been a history of assaults in other communities with inspectors. So, I think it would be a prudent idea to figure out some way we could protect them, at least with an emergency alert system. Or if there's better ideas out there, I would be welcome to those as well.

Councilor Milz MOTIONS to ADJORN, seconded by Councilor Foote

Adjourn: 8:22 PM



Town Clerk



Date

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