

TOWN OF DERRY

Town Council
Derry Municipal Center
14 Manning Street



Thursday, March 26, 2026
3rd Floor Meeting Room

MINUTES

**6:00 PM Non-Public Session – RSA 91A:3 II (b)(c)(d) – Motion by Councilor Webb to enter non-public session, seconded by Councilor Healey
All Agreed**

**Motion by Councilor Webb to leave the non-public session, seconded by Councilor Healey
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-0**

**Motion by Councilor Webb to seal the minutes per RSA 91A:3 II (c) indefinitely because of matters which, if discussed in public, would likely adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself unless such person requests an open meeting, seconded by Councilor Milz
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

6:55 PM Swearing in of Newly Elected Town Councilors Healey & Milz appointed Councilor Flood

7:02 PM Call to order – Chair Foote

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

Roll Call: Councilors Milz, Webb, Chase, Healey, Spencer, Flood, Chair Foote
Present: TA Michael Fowler, Town Clerk Tina Guilford

26-20 Election of Officers

**Motion by Councilor Milz to nominate Councilor Spencer as the Chair, seconded by Councilor Healey
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

**Motion by Councilor Milz to nominate Councilor Webb as the Chair Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

**Motion by Councilor Milz to nominate Councilor Foote as the Third Signatory, seconded by Councilor Healey
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

Public Forum - *30 Minutes*

Motion by Councilor Foote to open public forum, seconded by Councilor Milz

All Agreed

Michael Thiele, Summit Ave - I wanted to come out tonight to congratulate Councilor Mills, Councilor Healey on your elections and Councilor Flood. Welcome back. I'm glad you're here. I'll be serving as chair of the school board again this year, so I wanted to come out tonight to thank Councilor Foote for being a good partner with the school board on the council side for the last year as chair. I think we made some great strides toward better working together by opening lines of communication, continuing meetings of the legislative task force, and our first joint meeting in quite some time. So, congratulations, Councilor Spencer, on your election to the chair position, and I'm looking forward to building the relationship further between the council and the school board in the coming year.

Charlie Buzzell, Eastgate Road - I want to thank you all for your service and what you do to bring Derry back together. And I want to say another thing for the chief. I want to thank you for your 46 years and counting. And I want to thank you for your service. And I want to thank you for bringing the K9 units back and the comfort dog. I appreciate it.

Jim Foley, Hampstead Road - My neighbors and I are here tonight because departments that this council oversee and have direction over, the town administrator and the court enforcement, are not doing their jobs, and it has and will cost the town money. Now, in April of 2025, Bird Enterprise LLC, the owners of 187 Hampstead Road, the old Holy Cross Catholic Church, applied for a permit to erect an oversized commercial sign with an electronic message board in a residential area. They were informed they needed to get a variance for it. They applied for the variance, and after two hearings before the ZBA in June of 2025 and a decision that only five people have ever thought was proper, the applicant, the three members that voted for it, and Robert Mackey, the then code enforcement officer, the variance was granted. The reason I mention Mr. Mackey and what we do find disturbing is that Mr. Mackey, on town time and on town email, was working closely with Bird Enterprises to get the variance. The applicant actually thanked Mr. Mackey for shepherding us through this process. Mr. Mackey insisted on staying at the code enforcement office until the variance was actually granted. We've had concerns, which we've expressed before, about the undue influence on the ZBA by Mr. Mackey. After the variance was granted, the abutters and the neighbors moved for reconsideration, and after the denial, appealed to the Superior Court. Despite knowledge of the appeal, Bird Enterprises went ahead with erecting the sign. The work began and was almost completed before any permits were granted. After numerous complaints to the code enforcement office, the town attorney, whom at this time we're not exactly sure who they represent, told the code enforcement office to issue the permit even though the sign that was erected was significantly different than the one that was applied for in April of 2025. A hearing was held early in November 2025 before the Hillsborough Superior Court, which Bird Enterprises, having not intervened, did not attend, again relying on the town's attorney to present his case. And a ruling handed down on the 31st of December, the court overturned the ZBA's decision and vacated the variance. No motion to reconsider was made by the town, and no appeal was made to the Superior Court. On the 30th of January, I met with the current code enforcement officer, Keri Owens, about the sign, and was told that the town, on or about the 13th of January of 2026, had sent Bird Enterprises a certified letter that the sign was in violation and that it had 30 days to remove it. That time, I expressed my understanding that this was a difficult situation and that all we asked was that the town showed due diligence in getting the sign removed and keeping us informed of progress.

MOTION by Councilor Foote to extend, seconded by Councilor Webb
All Agreed

I certainly appreciate that. It's on my understanding that since that time, my personal understanding and from the other neighbors and abutters, that the town has taken no action against Bird Enterprises, even though the code, the zoning code, and legislation allows for fines and other requests for reliefs. And not only that, they've had limited contact with us and have been very difficult to contact. Yesterday, when one of my neighbors was finally able to speak to Miss Owens, she finally agreed to send another letter giving Bird Enterprise another 20 days to remove the sign. Today, we find out that Bird Enterprise has again applied for a variance to have an oversized backlit commercial sign in a residential area, and the town, based on the advice of the town's attorney, is refusing to place any sanctions on Bird's Enterprise until another ZBA hearing is held. More than anyone, the town attorney, having lost that appeal, should know that no variance can be granted, and if one was, it would not stand an appeal. The only thought that was filed is Bird Enterprises is waiting to wear us out. The sign is still there. In fact, today, Bird Enterprises was landscaping around the sign. The backlight sign shined at our house despite the promise they'd be off by 9:00 PM. They're on from dawn to dusk. Saying here, "These are agencies. These are departments you oversee. Enough is enough." Today, the abutters and the neighbors mailed Bird Enterprises a private cease and desist order requiring the lights be turned off upon receipt of the letter and the sign be removed within 10 days of the receipt. If these demands are not met, we are fully prepared to take further action against both Bird Enterprises and the Town of Derry for the interference with our peaceful enjoyment of our properties. I appreciate you listening to me today and extending my time. Thank you.

**Motion by Councilor Foote to close public forum, seconded by Councilor Milz
All Agreed**

Consent Agenda

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| 26-21 | Approve Non-Public Minutes – March 3, 2026 – Minutes Sealed |
| 26-22 | Approve Minutes – March 3, 2026 |
| 26-23 | Approve Special Meeting Non-Public Minutes – March 12, 2026 |
| 26-24 | Approve Special Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2026 |
| 26-25 | Accept Zoning Board Resignation |
| 26-26 | Accept Planning Board Resignation |
| 26-27 | Resolution #2026-014 – Authorize the acquisition of property at 17 South Avenue LMG Master Agreement for Abbott Court |

**Councilor Foote moves to approve items 26-21, 26-23, 26-24, 26-25 & 26-27 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Milz
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-1 {Flood}**

**Councilor Foote moves to approve item 26-22 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Milz
Roll Call Vote: 5-0-2 {Flood, Spencer}**

**Councilor Foote moves to approve item 26-26 on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Milz
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-1 {Healey}**

**Chair Report – Chair Spencer
Proclamation**

Chair Spencer presents a proclamation to Cailee Stiles who, as a Pinkerton Sophomore, has received the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts Troop 12130. She has also created a pet donation box to help the Greater Derry Humane Society.

Town Council Liaisons/Ex-Officio Appointments

Conservation Commission Council Representative: **Councilor Foote**
Derry Housing & Redevelopment Authority Council Representative: **Councilor Webb**
Derry Public Library Council Representative: **Councilor Spencer**
Fiscal Committee Council Representative: **Councilor Healey**
Heritage Commission Council Representative: **Councilor Chase**
Highway Safety Committee Representative: **Councilor Chase**
Legislative Committee Members: **Councilors' Webb, Healey, & Spencer**
Net Zero Task Force Council Representative: **Councilor Webb**
Pinkerton Academy Liaison: **Councilor Flood**
Planning Board Council Representative: **Councilor Chase (Councilor Milz – alternate)**
Public Works Council Representative: **Councilor Milz**
Safety Departments Council Representative: **Councilor Webb**
School Board Council Representative: **Councilor Spencer (Councilor Milz – alternate)**
SNH Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District Council Representative: **Councilor Webb**
Taylor Library Council Representative: **Councilor Flood**
TIF Advisory - DCC: **Councilor Chase**
TIF Advisory – Gateway: **Councilor Healey**
Record Retention – Designee: **Councilor Webb**

Board / Committee Appointments

Conservation Commission

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Riccardo Buzzanga as member of the Conservation Commission for 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Eileen Chabot as a member of the Conservation Commission for 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Derry Housing & Redevelopment Authority

There is a member opening but at this time there are no applicants.

Derry Commerce Corridor TIF

There is a member opening but at this time there are no applicants.

Gateway TIF

There are 3 member openings but at this time there are no applicants.

Heritage Commission

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Gerald LaCorte as member of the Heritage Commission for a 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Lynne Mari as member of the Heritage Commission for a 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Aurora Wetherbee as an alternate member of the Heritage Commission for a 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Highway Safety Committee

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Scott Savard a member of the Highway Safety Committee for a 1-year term to expire March 31, 2027, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Walter Deyo a member of the Highway Safety Committee for a 1-year term to expire March 31, 2027, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Ronald Goldthwaite a member of the Highway Safety Committee for a 1-year term to expire March 31, 2027, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Jodi Nelson a member of the Highway Safety Committee for a 1-year term to expire March 31, 2027, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Net Zero Task Force

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Christopher Cox as a member of the Net Zero Task Force for a 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote

Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Michael Fodiman as a member of the Net Zero Task Force for a 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Planning Board

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Brian Chirichiello as the Town Administrator's representative to the Planning Board for a 1-year term to expire March 31, 2027, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint David Nelson as a member of the Planning Board for a 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Richard Malaby as member of the Planning Board for a 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Michael Wood as member of the Planning Board for 2-year term to expire March 31, 2028, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Crystal Morin as member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 2-5-0 {Webb, Milz, Flood, Healey, Chase}
Motion fails

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Richard Tripp as member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 6-1-0 {Webb}

Chair Spencer moves to appoint Gaspar Obimba as a member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 2-year term to expire March 31, 2028, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 2-5-0 {Webb, Milz, Flood, Healey, Chase}
Motion fails

**Chair Spencer moves to appoint Michael Donlon as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

**Chair Spencer moves to appoint Jim Deitzel as member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3-year term to expire March 31, 2029, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

Derry Public Library

**Chair Spencer moves to appoint Monica Cataldo as an Alternate Member of the Derry Public Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire March 31, 2027, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

**Chair Spencer moves to appoint Maureen Shanahan as an Alternate Member of the Derry Public Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire March 31, 2027, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

**Chair Spencer moves to appoint Sam Schreiner as an Alternate Member of the Derry Public Library Board of Trustees for a term to expire March 31, 2027, seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

Report on 2026 Town & School Elections - Town Clerk Tina Guilford and Town Moderator David Nelson presenting

Moderator Nelson

I would first like to give some thank you's, particularly to the Council. Many of you spent a large portion of the day with us, and we certainly appreciate that. We would like to thank the administration and the Public Works Department who provide invaluable support and service. Public Works carries all the equipment to and from, sets it up, tears it down. We couldn't do it without them. I would like to thank the staff at Pinkerton Academy who are always very accommodating of our needs. I would like to thank Mr. Provencher and his crew at Derry Community Access Media who televised the results. We really appreciate that. I'd like to thank the members of the town clerk staff and the supervisors of the checklist. Again, we could not do the work without them. And additionally, all of the poll workers, both volunteer and paid, who made the day work very, very smoothly. And finally, all the voters who come and cast their votes because that's really what it's all about.

Town Clerk Guilford

I would like to thank our Town Moderator. Congratulations to him on his reelection. Just for numbers, in case anyone was wondering, we started the day with 20,482 voters. We had 33 same-day registrations. And we had 1,809 voters. So, we were short of my 2,000-voter goal.

There's always next year, right? Turning our attention to the next election, it will be our State primary election, September 8th, 2026, at Pinkerton Academy. Everyone votes at Pinkerton. Next after that will be our State general election, November 3rd, 2026, again at Pinkerton Academy. I expect that we'll have a great turnout that day. And then just because I want to make sure everybody knows, save the date, March 9th, 2027, for the next town and school election. I'd like to thank the council for all your support, Public Works, the administration, everyone in this building who puts up with all my election crazy, police, fire, everyone from Pinkerton, the poll workers because we cannot do it alone, and just everyone who actually comes out to vote, even if they only came out for the kids' vote and Girl Scout cookies and then left because I watched adults do that on election day. That's it. Thank you.

Town Administrator's Report – Town Administrator Michael Fowler

I have a couple of items tonight. I think the first item this evening is the confirmation of our fire chief. So, for everybody that's in the audience today, the town has had an interim fire chief for several months based on the retirement of the last chief. We've gone through an exhaustive process to try to find our next fire chief. I want to thank a number of people going through the process where we started with a public advertisement through New Hampshire Municipal Association, Mass Municipal, and that was all spearheaded by Catherine St. Ledger of the Human Resources Department who did a great job at bringing in as many candidates as we could get, prepped some materials, and then handed it over to a committee comprised of four members, one standing chief, a member of our current IAFF, a member of the public, and one of our town councilors, Jack Webb. They did an exhaustive search and got some great responses from all of the candidates, conducted interviews, and then brought that to me for final disposition. We were looking for somebody of the highest integrity who had a great level of expertise and who could lead the Derry Fire Department into its future. And I am pleased to announce that we have found that person. And that person is Greg Laro, who is your interim fire chief.

26-TA Resolution #2026-016 – To Confirm the Appointment of the Fire Chief –
Town Administrator Michael Fowler presenting

**Councilor Webb MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2026-016 which reads as follows [Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Milz
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

I just want to alert the council that staff, primarily finance staff, myself, and department heads, have been working through the final pieces of the FY27 budget. We're going to be bringing in a budget that meets the statutory tax cap of 3.3%. Councilors, you should be getting your packet by Monday or Tuesday of next week.

As a reminder, we have a number of sessions coming up. April 7th is our first it's a regular council meeting. There will be an overview of the FY27 budget. April 9th is a work session that starts at 6:00 PM. And that's going to be the Fire, Police, and Public Works Department presentations. On April 16th at 6:00 PM as well, we'll be doing our second budget workshop at 6:00 PM. That will be on all of the other departments, finance, libraries, all the administrative departments. On April 21st, we'll have another regular town council meeting and if there are any cleanup items for the budget, those will be taken care of at that point. And then finally, April 23rd, we'll be having the Fiscal 27 budget and capital improvement plans public hearing. That will be the final presentation on the budget lining up for an anticipated vote on May 5th.

Last item that I wanted to put out to the council today was House Bill 1469, which is dealing with Asian spas. That passed through the House resoundingly at a vote of 323 to 28. Now that will

be brought over to the Senate. A lot of good work by a lot of people in our legislative group, particularly Councilor and Representative Foote. But many others have been pulling the ship on this and that will certainly help out the town of Derry in its current and future endeavors relative to eradicating the issues with the Asian spas that we had gone through. So that's all good news on that front. And other than that, the item that I have is just a reminder that next Saturday, there will be the Millennium Annual Cheap Marathon, a little bit different route this year. That's on April 4th. They used to start and finish in the area of Abbott Court. But obviously, with the construction going on, our staff has reached out. And they're going to be doing an alternate route this year. They'll be starting in Windham, working their way north through Derry. They'll be still using the rail trail and a couple of adjacent roads, but there won't be the same start-finish location that used to end and begin downtown. We do have hopes that in two years' time, when the Abbott Court development is done, that can be brought back to downtown Derry because it does bring a lot of traffic and business to those areas.

Councilor Foote

So, HB1469 was a team effort. Councilor Milz is a co-sponsor as well. And Representative Nelson from Derry, also co-sponsor. We got it this far. It's not done yet. I'm encouraging everybody to reach out to the state senators. Our senator here is Senator Birdsell and you can reach out to all the senators. There's 24 of them. Please reach out to their office, email them, whatnot. Tell them how important this bill is and that you want this passed. There's actually another bill, 1458, as well. It's going to take a village to put this through, to get it through the finish line. So please reach out to your senators and let them know that this is an important bill for Derry and for the community in general.

Public Hearing

26-19 Resolution #2026-012 – Accept Department of Justice Assistance Grant for FY2026 COPS Technology and Equipment Grant – *Police Chief George Feole presenting.*

The Police Department has been using records management and a CAD, computer-aided dispatch software package since 2001, and if you know anything about technology and software, 2001, that's practically prehistoric in terms of software development. I recognized that we needed to make some effort into modernizing and updating our software system. Now, I'll also say that our current vendor is no longer building or supporting the software system we're using today. There will be no further improvements or enhancements in that software. Recognizing that it's very difficult to take on a project of this magnitude with a tax cap budget, I met with the police chiefs in Londonderry and Windham. I proposed a joint venture to apply for congressionally direct spending funds from Senator Shaheen and Congressman Pappas through their offices. In March of 2025, we submitted a congressional direct spending request through their offices. Over the past year, it was moved through the Appropriations Committee in Congress and was funded to the amount of \$1,039,000. We were notified by Congressman Pappas's office that our application was favorably considered, and we were funded to the tune of \$1,039,000. The process, once funded, requires that a federal agency contact us and tell us that this is the grant application you need to file. That's through the COPS office, the Department of Justice. It's not a competitive grant. The money is already there waiting for us to apply. I seek your approval tonight to apply for those funds to allow us to move forward with acquiring new software, CAD and RMS, for the towns of Derry, Londonderry, and Windham in a joint project that we've developed.

**Motion by Councilor Foote to open public hearing, seconded by Councilor Healey
All Agreed**

No one from the public spoke.

**Motion by Councilor Foote to close public hearing, seconded by Councilor Milz
All Agreed**

**Councilor Milz MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2026-012 which
reads as follows [Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 5-0-0
Resolution Attached**

New Business

26-28 Resolution #2026-013 – Set the Compensation of the Town Clerk – *Town Administrator Michael Fowler presenting.*

This Resolution will set the Town Clerk's annual base compensation at \$68,233 for FY27 and is provided with access to the full range of employee benefits available to non-represented employees.

**Councilor Milz MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2026-013 which
reads as follows [Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 6-0-1 {Healey}**

Councilor Healey - I agree with this resolution fully. I am going to abstain as my full-time job, I believe, would be in conflict with approving a salary for another clerk. We often share salary surveys throughout the state, throughout our association. I'm just going to abstain for that reason.

26-29 Resolution #2026-015 – Authorize an extension of the Master Development Agreement with Lansing Melbourne Inc. – *Town Administrator Michael Fowler presenting.*

The Town has engaged with LMG New Hampshire. You are starting to see some real construction going on at the Abbott Court site. One of the key features of the agreement between the two parties is that there was going to be a land transfer from town property into a condo document style. And there's been a few items that took a little bit longer than anticipated. However, Lansing Melbourne Group had reached out simply requesting an extension. The closing date was identified previously as March 30th, 2026. They're seeking to extend that six months until September 30th, 2026. No other changes to the document are noted. It's just an extension of the time to complete the closing and meet that condition.

**Councilor Milz MOVES THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL adopt Resolution #2026-015 which
reads as follows [Read the Resolution], seconded by Councilor Foote
Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0**

Councilor Comments –

Councilor Foote - Again, I just want to congratulate the new councilors, number one. Number two, congratulations on becoming Chair. Last night, the conservation committee has a subgroup that had some wildfire experts come in from the state. They had a little presentation on that. Councilor Webb has been on that panel. So, I'm going to let him speak to it. But before everyone leaves tonight, on the back table back there, there are some brochures about fire safety. And it's about the wildfire protection plan. I couldn't think of the word. Councilor Webb was on that and instrumental in helping with that program last night. And I know Councilor Chase also came to the event.

Councilor Webb - What the subcommittee, which is made up of Beth Carver, who is the land manager; Val Conway, who's a member of the conservation committee; John Neely, from the state works with Division Forest and Lands as the state wildfire expert; and Battalion Chief Ryan Bump from the fire department and myself. What we're doing is developing a community wildfire protection plan. And what this will do with, among other things, help provide safety to the community, it'll also provide access to some grant funds that'll help mitigate and improve our forest lands to make them more fire safe. In short, the environment is changing. Our woods are being threatened by different invasive species, both insects and flora, that are changing how our brush fire risk is developing. Derry is actually considered by the state of New Hampshire to be at the highest risk for a more serious but not a California-style brush fire. But a more serious fire that could threaten property. So we want to develop this plan and educate people on how to mitigate the risks around their home. Chief Laro was there last night on the panel as well. It's on the channel and also available at derrycam.org. Tune in. On demand. One of the next times that we do a tour of the conservation land, we're going to be bringing Derry Cam with us so that they can capture John as he identifies and talks about the woods, the flora, and the fauna that we see here in Derry.

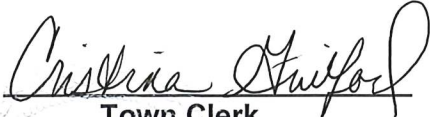
Councilor Healey - I'd just like to publicly thank the voters in District 3 for electing me to this position. And I hope to serve them well and do a good job up here. And I'm looking forward to working with the rest of the council. Thank you.

Councilor Spencer - Two things that I wanted to bring up. One, in addition to a marathon on the 4th in town, there is also our rabies clinic. Just a reminder, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on the first floor here in the Municipal Center. There are still appointments available. If you want to call the town clerk's office to sign up for one of those, we will also squeeze in walk-ins as we're able. But if you schedule an appointment, that makes our lives much easier. We know who's coming when. And just a reminder, if you do come, please make sure all dogs are on a leash and all cats are in carriers. And if your animal is not good with others, come in and talk to us before just bringing them into the building because we can sometimes work around that. And the other thing I wanted to bring up, we talked about earlier. Mr. Fowler read off all the dates for our budget workshops and our budget hearings and all of that coming up. If you're someone who ends up emailing us right around tax time to tell us you want to know everything that's going on, this is your time to learn about what's going on. We go through the budget. Every department is going to present on the budget. You will hear why there's an expense here, why there isn't. There's a public hearing for you to come and express how you feel about that budget as well for us to hear that. We welcome people to be more involved in that process. So again, on April 7th, we will have the budget presentation for FY27 during our council meeting. April 9th and April 16th, both at 6:00 PM, there will be budget workshops. April 21st is a regular council meeting,

but if there's anything we need to address on the budget, we will. And then finally, on April 23rd, will be the FY27 budget and CIP public hearing, just as another reminder.

**Motion by Councilor Milz to ADJOURN, seconded by Councilor Foote
All Agreed**

Adjourn: 8:19 PM


Town Clerk

Recording & Transcription by: Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk


Date



RESOLUTION

Number 2026-012

To Accept a Department of Justice Assistance Grant for Records Management and
Dispatch Software Upgrades

WHEREAS, Section 9.15 of the Town Charter authorizes the Town Council to accept grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department seeks to upgrade antiquated software to provide prompt emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Senator Shaheen and Congressman Pappas submitted a Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant request on behalf of Derry, Londonderry and Windham in the Federal FY26 Budget for a regional software enhancement; and

WHEREAS, funding for the grant was approved in the Federal FY26 budget and the grant will cover 100% of costs;

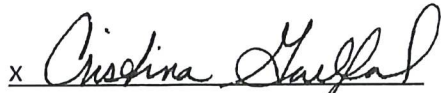
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend up to One Million and Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$1,039,000.00) from the US Department of Justice - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services/FY2026 COPS Technology and Equipment Grant to support the Derry Police Department.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: March 26, 2026

Attest:


Erin Spencer, Council Chair
Date: March 26, 2026

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Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk
Date: March 26, 2026



RESOLUTION Number 2026-013

To Set the Compensation of the Town Clerk FY 2027

WHEREAS, Section 5.1 of the Town Charter designates the Town Council as the governing and legislative body of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.6(C) of the Charter empowers the Town Administrator to fix the compensation of all town officers and employees appointed by the Town Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk is an elected official whose compensation is not fixed by the Town Administrator, doing so is therefore legislative action and a duty of the Town Council;

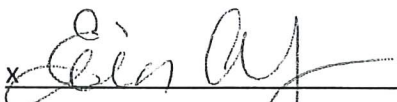
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Clerk's base annual compensation is established at \$68,233 for FY27; and

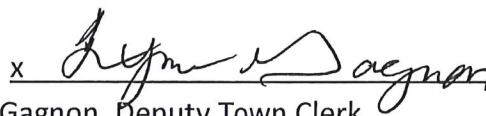
FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby provided with access to the full range of employee benefits available to non-represented employees.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately on July 1, 2026.

Adopted: March 26, 2026.

Attest:

x 
Erin A. Spencer, Council Chair
Date: March 26, 2026

x 
Lynne Gagnon, Deputy Town Clerk
Date: March 26, 2026



RESOLUTION

Number 2026-015

To Authorize an Amendment to the Master Development Agreement with
LMG-NH LLC for the redevelopment of Abbott Court

WHEREAS, Section 5.1 of the Town Charter designates the Town Council as the governing and legislative body of the Town, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council, pursuant to Resolutions #2021-075 and #2024-066, authorized a Memorandum of Understanding for the Redevelopment of Abbott Court with the Lansing Melbourne Group (LMG-NH LLC); and

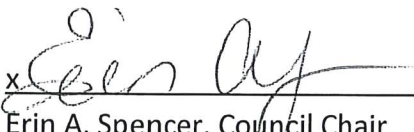
WHEREAS, the Town and LMG have successfully partnered to redevelop Abbott Court and the existing agreement which featured a March 30, 2026 closing date;

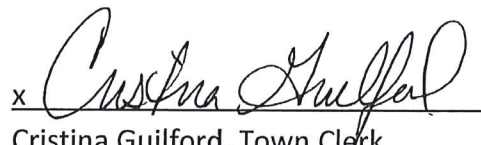
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the Town Administrator is hereby authorized to execute an amendment to the Master Development Agreement and all other associated documents with LMG-NH, LLC to extend the closing date until September 30, 2026.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Adopted: March 26, 2026

Attest:

x 
Erin A. Spencer, Council Chair
Date: March 26, 2026

x 
Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk
Date: March 26, 2026



RESOLUTION

Number 2026-016

To Confirm the Appointment of the Fire Chief

WHEREAS, Section 8.8(A) of the Town Charter requires that the Town Council confirm the appointment of certain Appointive Officers; and

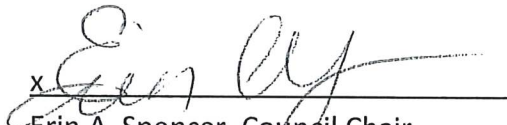
WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the office of Fire Chief; and

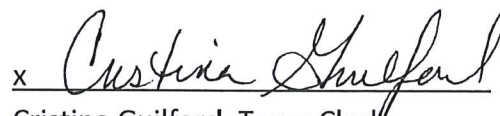
WHEREAS, the Town Administrator has identified a candidate who possesses the necessary skills and experience to succeed in the position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED IN COUNCIL that the appointment of Greg Laro as Fire Chief is hereby confirmed.

This Resolution shall take effect on March 26, 2026.

Attest:

x 
Erin A. Spencer, Council Chair
Date: March 26, 2026

x 
Cristina Guilford, Town Clerk
Date: March 26, 2026