Londonderry Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 1, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Moose Hill Council Chambers

\

Meeting Link: http://173.166.17.35/internetchannel/show/14260?channel=4

Council Members Present: Chair Ron Dunn; Vice Chair Shawn Faber; Councilors Dan Bouchard, Deb Paul

Council Members Absent: Councilor Ted Combes

Other Staff Present: Town Manager Shaun Mulholland; Administrative Services Director Kirsten Hildonen; Police Captain Patrick Cheetham; Police Chief Kim Bernard; Assistant Building Inspector Brad Anderson; Police Lieutenant Chris Olson; DPW Director Dave Wholley, Director of Engineering & Environmental Services John Trottier; GIS Manager Mike Bazegian; DPW Deputy Director James Danis; Police Captain Alvin Bettencourt;

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Dunn addressed the statement regarding Councilor Combes read at the last Council meeting. He said a lawful process is currently underway and the Council cannot comment on it. The Council needs to consult counsel before discussing it any further. Councilor Bouchard asked what is being done to address this Charter violation. Chair Dunn reiterated it will be reviewed with legal counsel.

Councilor Bouchard moved that the Londonderry Town Council, pursuant to Section 3.14 of the Londonderry Town Charter, commence a formal enquiry and investigation into the allegations set forth in the Memorandum for Record dated May 17, 2026, concerning alleged violations of Section 4.8 of the Town Charter and RSA 49-D:4 by Councilor Ted Combes. As part of such enquiry, the Council shall require the appearance of any Town officials, Department heads, employees, or other persons possessing relevant information, and may require the production of documents, communications, and other evidence necessary to determine the facts and circumstances surrounding the allegations. The Council further directs that all notices required under Section 3.14 of the Charter be provided, and that the enquiry be conducted in accordance with the procedures and due process requirements set forth in the Charter and applicable law. Seconded by Councilor Paul.

Discussion: Chair Dunn said this issue has not been discussed with legal counsel and he did not feel comfortable moving forward. Vice Chair Faber advised Councilor Bouchard not to further interfere with the lawful process. Councilor Paul said the public needs to know why the Council has not discussed this with legal counsel. Chair Dunn said the Council knows why it has not been done, but he does not know whether it can be said in public. Councilor Bouchard asked why the Council could not move forward with this motion. Chair Dunn stressed legal advice is needed.

Motion failed 2-2-0. Chair votes in opposition.

As the Council was deadlocked, Town Manager Mulholland asked that in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.10, he be allowed to assign special counsel to investigate this matter.

Councilor Bouchard moved that the Londonderry Town Council authorizes the Town Manager, pursuant to his duties under Section 4.6.A of the Londonderry Town Charter, to enforce the Charter and the laws governing the administration of the Town to retain independent legal counsel on behalf of the Town for the purpose of investigating, advising upon, and pursuing any actions necessary to enforce the provisions of the Town Charter relating to the allegations contained in the Memorandum for Record dated May 17, 2026. Such authorization shall include the authority to obtain legal opinions, conduct legal review of the facts and evidence, advise the Town Council regarding applicable Charter provisions and statutory requirements, and take such further actions as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the enforcement of the Town Charter. Seconded by Councilor Paul.

Discussion: Chair Dunn said the Council needs legal advice before voting on this motion. The Council has not had time to act on this issue. Town Manager Mulholland noted Councilor privilege could be invoked, which would push this vote to the June 15th meeting. Chair Dunn said he has spoken to an attorney, and would like to call a meeting in a couple of days.

Motion failed 2-2-0. Chair votes in opposition.

Since the Council was deadlocked, Town Manager Mulholland said he was required to enforce the provisions of the Charter and would do so. Chair Dunn said a meeting will be held with legal counsel very soon.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Dunn reviewed the rules of Public Comment, and opened public comment.

Name: Ray Breslin
Address: 3 Gary Drive
Mr. Breslin shared information on The Friends of the Meetinghouse at Londonderry, a grassroots group of concerned citizens formed to assist the Town in returning the historic property to its rightful place in Londonderry's Town Center.

Name: Ann Chiampa
Address: 28 Wedgewood Drive
Ms. Chiampa spoke to possible uses of the Meetinghouse.

Name: Dave Ellis
Address: 1 Wilshire Drive
Mr. Ellis spoke to the historical value of the Meetinghouse.

Name: Robin Stewart

Address: 522 Old Mammoth Road
Ms. Stewart spoke to the intent of the Friends of the Meetinghouse.

Name: Glenn Douglas
Address: 6 Overlook Avenue
Mr. Douglas suggested speaking to legal counsel is part of an investigation. Chatter should stop between Councilors as well as between members of the public. He spoke to fees relating to 91-A requests and asked if Councilor Combes would be charged for a recent request, or if an exception would be granted. He asked if the Town Manager was being investigated and if so, by whom. He spoke to a Council decision not to have a liaison in Concord, and said Vice Chair Faber is part of a group reporting on legislative activities. He asked about the Town's policy regarding elected officials having Facebook pages, and being permitted to hide and delete comments. Vice Chair Faber and Mr. Douglas traded comments about Vice Chair Faber's membership in this group, and the intentions of the group itself.

Name: Kristine Perez
Address: 5 Wesley Drive
Ms. Perez spoke to a pending bill putting a tax cap on School districts.

Name: Tom Estey
Address: Not given
Mr. Estey spoke to a lack of consistency in investigating Councilors. He asked about the cost of Councilor Combes' recent 91-A request. He said the Council wastes the Town's money, criticized Chair Dunn's performance as Chair, and questioned Vice Chair Faber's commitment to the Town.

Name: Janet Huttula
Address: 5 Stony Point Drive
Ms. Huttula said it would be a conflict of interest for the Town Manager to be involved in any investigation or proceeding regarding the complaint against Councilor Combes. She noted the minority and majority opinions on the Council and the associated conflict. Changes are needed to the policies tabled by Council members before they can be passed. She also spoke to the 91-A request made by Councilor Combes and said he had a right to this information.

Name: Kevin Smith
Address: 6 King Phillip Drive
Mr. Smith spoke to inaccurate statements in the local newspaper about the PUD public hearing at the last Council meeting, saying his comments were misrepresented. He said the Londonderry Times does not feature objective reporting, but opinion pieces. Councilor Paul clarified her comments and defended her reporters.

Captain Patrick Cheetham shared information about Police Department participation in recent local activities and announced upcoming events. He spoke in support of the high school senior banner program and recognized the individuals/organizations who spearhead the program.

Chief Kim Bernard spoke to recent honors earned by Detective Cameron Verrier.

Chair Dunn closed public comment.

Chair Dunn announced he would take Agenda items out of order.

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discuss and act upon options for the Londonderry Historical Society's request regarding the Perry House materials, as discussed at the February 2, 2026 Town Council meeting.**

   Ms. Hildonen reviewed the background of this issue and the options for releasing the mortgage and security deed on these materials. Linda Green, president of the Historical Society, said the Society would like to sell the materials to someone who would reassemble the structure and use it as a teaching opportunity.

   Vice Chair Faber moved to have the Town Manager take steps necessary to execute option 1, which is to release the Town's mortgage and security interest. Seconded by Councilor Paul. Motion carried 4-0-0. Chair votes in the affirmative.

D. BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

None

E. PUBLIC HEARING

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Receive an update on the Londonderry Child Passenger Safety Program Celebrating 25 Years of Community Service. Sponsored by all five members of the Council.**

   Vinny Curro, Board member Cindy Tuttle, and retired Office Brad Warner offered a presentation on the history, operation, and success of the program. The Council thanked the individuals involved for their work on this program.

2. **Discuss, review and approve the request for re-licensing Murray's Auto and Recycling, Inc., located at 55 Hall Road, Londonderry, pursuant to RSA 236:121.**

   Councilor Paul recused herself from this discussion.

   Assistant Building Inspector Brad Anderson offered a report on this facility and recommended renewal of the license. Councilor Bouchard asked why the NHDES did not provide a written inspection report, and Mr. Anderson explained that the representative did not conduct an inspection.

   Vice Chair Faber moved that the Londonderry Town Council hereby approves the request of Mr. Edward Dudek Jr. to renew the license for Murray's Auto and Recycling, Inc., located at 55 Hall Road, Londonderry, NH, to continue operations. Seconded by Councilor Bouchard. Motion carried 3-0-0. Chair votes in the affirmative.

3. **Discuss, review and approve the request for re-licensing of S & S Metals, located at 196 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, pursuant to RSA 236:121.**
Assistant Building Inspector Brad Anderson offered a report on this facility and recommended renewal of the license.

Councilor Bouchard moved that the Londonderry Town Council hereby approves the request of Mr. Vito J. Solomini to renew the license of S & S Metals, located at 196 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, NH, to continue operations. Seconded by Vice Chair Faber. Motion carried 3-0-0. Chair votes in the affirmative.

Councilor Paul returned to the Board.

4. **Receive a presentation from the Police regarding Planeview Drive / North Londonderry Vehicle Activity Enforcement and Mitigation Update.**
Chief Bernard and Lt. Chris Olson offered a presentation in response to a citizen complaint about vehicle noise on Delta and Planeview Drives. They reviewed actions taken to identify and address the problem, and the challenges of resolving it completely. Chief Bernard reviewed statistics on complaints and responses on a number of roads and the rail trail, and the history of parking restrictions in the area.

Councilor Bouchard suggested ways to address the problem. Town Manager Mulholland stressed the need to work with the DPW to address these issues. Councilor Bouchard questioned the legality of video surveillance and suggested no-parking signs are not effective. He said the Town's traffic management policy needs to be revised. Chief Bernard addressed these comments and offered clarification. Town Manager Mulholland explained the process to change an ordinance.

The Council agreed to schedule a public hearing on July 6th to put no-parking provisions on Planeview Drive. Chief Bernard will reach out to the airport to discuss ways to resolve these problems.

Councilor Bouchard moved to schedule a public hearing on July 6, 2026, to implement parking regulations on Planeview Drive and Delta Drive. Seconded by Vice Chair Faber. Motion carried 4-0-0. Chair votes in the affirmative.

The Council agreed to add an Agenda item to the July 6th meeting to discuss revising the traffic management policy to bring it into alignment with state statutes.

5. **Receive a presentation from the Traffic Management Working Group (TMWG) regarding the strategy and plan to address traffic safety and traffic congestion in the community.**
The TMWG offered a presentation outlining the group's objectives and suggestions to address traffic safety and congestion. Town Manager Mulholland reviewed next steps.

G. OLD BUSINESS (continued)

2. **Discuss and provide guidance to the Town Manager for the development of the FY2028 Budget and approve the budget schedule.**
   After discussion, the Council agreed to direct the Town Manager to develop a budget equal to the default budget plus one percent, which includes warrant articles passed.

3. **The Town Manager will present his memorandum regarding what the options are regarding the future of the Reverend Morrison Meeting House (Lions Hall).**
   Town Manager Mulholland reviewed a list of options for utilizing this historic building, noting the advantages and disadvantages of each. After discussion, the Council agreed to allow the Friends of the Meetinghouse at Londonderry to come up with a plan and a timeline. They also agreed on the need for a maintenance plan for Town buildings.

4. **Discussion regarding the proposed Strategic Plan, which is scheduled for a public hearing on June 15, 2026.**
   The Council agreed to send any changes to the Town Manager to include in the document that will be presented at the public hearing.

H. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

1. **Town Council meeting minutes from May 18, 2026**
2. **Tax Warrant**

Councilor Bouchard moved to approve the Consent items. Seconded by Vice Chair Faber. Motion carried 4-0-0. Chair votes in the affirmative.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Liaison Reports**
   Chair Dunn attended the Pennichuck Board of Directors meeting, and said the partnership with the Town is appreciated.

   Councilor Paul shared dates for upcoming events and congratulated the 2026 graduates.

2. **Town Manager Report**
   - Town Manager Mulholland reviewed the Agendas for upcoming Council meetings.
   - He asked the Council for projected legal costs through the end of June to help determine funds available to pay for Library and Fire Station repairs. He noted legal rates for FY2027 will increase 30%, which is not included in the budget.
   - The groundbreaking ceremony for the School District office will be on June 23, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
   - Councilor Bouchard spoke to high legal costs. He congratulated the Town Manager on his one-year anniversary with the Town. He asked about the Council's evaluation of the Town Manager and Chair Dunn clarified the status. Councilor Bouchard reiterated that policies need to be reviewed and updated.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Dunn opened public comment.

Ms. Hildonen reminded residents that June 2nd is the last day to change political parties for the September primary.

Name: Dave Ellis
Address: 1 Wilshire Drive
Mr. Ellis spoke to the need to put the Meetinghouse on the State Registry. Chair Dunn agreed to add this as an Agenda item.

Name: Kristine Perez
Address: 5 Wesley Drive
Ms. Perez thanked Dave Wholley for his help decorating the Meetinghouse and the Town Manager for his help with the flag.

Name: Ann Chiampa
Address: No address given
Ms. Chiampa thanked the Council for hiring the Town Manager. She thanked the Town Manager for his work. She announced an antiques appraisal day on June 13th.

Name: Ray Breslin
Address: 3 Gary Drive
Mr. Breslin spoke to the willingness of the Friends of the Meetinghouse to work on this project.

Name: Robin Stewart
Address: 522 Mammoth Road
Ms. Stewart said the Friends will provide a timeline as soon as possible. She spoke to the need to be proactive in addressing traffic issues.

Name: Janet Huttula
Address: 5 Stony Point Drive
Ms. Huttula suggested solutions to the problems on Planeview and Delta Drive. She asked that the cost be shared when discussing issues. She offered suggestions regarding the Chair's and the Town Manager's role, and formatting policies.

Chair Dunn closed public comment.

K. MEETING SCHEDULE

- June 15, 2026, Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.
- July 6, 2026, Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Faber moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Paul. Motion carried 4-0-0. Chair votes in the affirmative.

Minutes prepared by Beth Hanggeli



REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF MICHAEL MARLAND AND THE *CONCORD MONITOR*