Londonderry Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 7:00 p.m., Moose Hill Council Chambers

Committee Members Present:
Anne Fenn, John Ferreira, Jeff McGraw, Mike Speltz and John Mahon
Alternate Member: Joy Muller, Ray Breslin, Lynn Wiles,
Administrative Services Director: Kirsten Hildonen
Director of Public Works: James Danis

I. Call to Order.
   a. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by committee acting chairman Jeff McGraw.
   b. Pledge of Allegiance.
   c. Martha could not make the meeting and Jeff McGraw is presiding chairman for this meeting.
   d. Joy to vote in place of Martha and Ray to vote in place of Paul.

II. Public Comment
   None at this time.

III. Administrative board work.
   a. Approval of the July 7th 2026 minutes.

      Motion made by Mike Speltz and seconded by John Mahon.

      All approved.

IV. Town Staff,
   a. James
      i. High Range is 75% completed.

         Paving for southern part of High Range planned for this year and Northern part next year.
      ii. Water main on South is in and under testing.
      iii. Old Derry line is completed. Pump station needed for completion, estimated 2027.
      iv. Woodmont sewer project, all lines are completed, pump station completion in 2027.

         John M asked schedule for paving. James, planned for 2027.

   b. Kirsten,

i. Building access, new system in place. Roll out to id cards for boards rollout being evaluated. Kirsten has remote access control if needed.

ii. Mike asked Kirsten on status of the 'Special Assessment District'?
Kirsten, staffing levels have prevented any progress, however house bill 1588 has stated that towns can form special assessment district by 65% of the people within the district to agree, affective 17-Sep. Waiting for that date to happen to proceed.
Strategic Plan Update.
Jeff mentioned that a discussion with a citizen showed confusion of the terms of the Special Assessment and mandatory water connection. Kirsten mentioned that anyone that needs information to contact the town office. Residents are not required for mandatory water hookup or Special Assessment.
Anne asked for clarification regarding the pumping station. Detailed discussion followed.
Lynn asked if we have data on houses that have high elevation of contamination and has not implemented a filtration system.
Joy suggested we may need another communication to the residents on available water solutions. Jeff asked for a volunteer to write an article. Jeff and Lynn to draft an article to/for the paper.

V. Sub-Committee Discussions.

Energy.

a. Lynn, presented data regarding the Community Aggregation rollout, participation and savings covering up to the month of July.
b. Savings total to date for residents of $516,000 of savings.
c. Savings projection through January of $1.5 M at 9500 meters.
d. Plan to update the town council at the next meeting.
e. Signed contract extension was agreed to and starts in November.
f. Lynn has been in contact with Clean Energy NH and we have been assigned a representative.
g. Lynn met with school board chairman to discuss a solar project for the school parking lot.
h. Lynn mentioned that the 'towns' energy project comes to an end in December and that he forwarded information from Freedom Energy.
i. Mike mentioned the Comcast facility had a solar panel array in Manchester and a site in Plymouth Mass., along with generation data.

j. Mike, received a letter from Clean Choice energy with a form for Clean Energy to authorize Clean Energy to switch their service. Very confusing to residents as they may not realize we have an already agreed to agreement with Freedom Energy. Group discussion on information outreach.

Water.

a. Jeff, John F and Martha, reaching out to other towns that may have similar water committees. In progress.
b. Meeting held last month with new meeting dates set.

Sewer and Solid waste.

a. John M., last meeting, three primary topics were discussed:
    i. Joy has the lead on home composting. Joy met with the town manager on a timeline for information to homeowners with a goal of April 2027.
    ii. Creating a septic tank video. Draft script in review with a Facebook posting targeted for this spring. Joy also brought forth a previous article for septic tank risks in Londonderry.
    iii. Meeting with Purpose Energy with a plan for a citizen drop off point for food waste. Concerns about location and security were discussed.
b. John M. mentioned that Saturday Beautiful Londonderry will be doing a trach pickup 3-October, 9:00 to 12:00 and asked for committee volunteers.
c. Joy and Jeff are working on a recycling video. Part of the communications plan.

Cable and Internet

a. Problem resolution still in progress. New problem where "system restore" not available.
b. Some model cable tv boxes show signs of overheating.
c. Examples of boxes slowing down and requiring a reboot.
d. No response from Fidium for an informational meeting.

VI. Round table discussion

a. Ray, mentioned the idea of a permanent water commission.
b. John M., submitted an article for distribution on the SWISS putting solar panels between railroad tracks. Details discussed.
c. Mike suggested that he could draft a letter to the editor on solar providers.
d. Jeff to create a list of videos and outreach programs being worked on.

e. John F asked Kirsten about Ground Water Trust dates opening and if we have a person or grant writer to apply? Discussion on how this process is done by the town council.

f. Anne Fenn, concern that as a state we do not constantly advocate for funds because other states do so. Water contamination has become an international issue.

VII. Public Comment

None at this time.

VIII. Next Meeting- Tuesday 6-October-2026 at 7:00 pm, Moose Hill Conference room.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by Mike S seconded by Joy.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:32 pm.

Respectively Submitted,

John Ferreira - Secretary