

**Town of Hooksett  
Town Council Workshop  
Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

**2 CALL TO ORDER**

3 Chair Tsantoulis called Town Council Workshop of 9 August 2023 to order at (6:00) pm. The purpose of  
4 the August 9, 2023 Town Council workshop is for the Council to identify their short-term and/or long-  
5 term goals for the Town of Hooksett.

**6 PROOF OF POSTING**

7 Human Resource Coordinator Donna Fitzpatrick provided proof of posting.

**8 ROLL CALL-ATTENDANCE**

9 **IN ATTENDANCE:** Councilor David Boutin, Councilor James Sullivan, Councilor Alex Walczyk, Councilor Roger  
Duhaime (arrived 6:10pm), Councilor John Durand, Councilor Jodi Pinard, and Councilor Timothy Tsantoulis.

10 **ABSENT:** Councilor Keith Judge, Councilor Randall Lapierre.

**11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**12 WORKSHOP**

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identify their short-term and/or long-term goals for the Town of Hooksett.

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**Note:** There will be no public input at this workshop; however the public is  
welcome to attend as audience members. The Council's next regularly  
scheduled meeting for public input is August 23, 2023.

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**Introductions, Purpose, and Intended Results**

- Ground Rules

André Garron, Town Administrator- I am the facilitator for tonight. We will discuss  
goals that the Town Council feels are important over the next few years.

Town Council members set the following ground rules: Abide by facilitator and  
respect the audience and guests.

## **INITIAL Goals 2023-2024 submitted by Councilors in preparation for Workshop**

- Increase cell service in Hooksett as a critical piece of town infrastructure
- Increase Town's fund balance
- Developing a process to notify someone if you're not going to attend a meeting
- Develop a policy for abandoned/doubled-up utility poles (Eversource, Consolidated Communications)
- A continuation of the efforts to improve use at Lamberts Park. Raise funds to put a solid surface underneath pavilion at Lamberts Park (buy a brick)??
- A reasonable budget 2% increase at most
- Council decorum – be prepared for meetings, pre-meetings questions addressed with administration to improve meeting length
- Councilors must call in advance if late or not attending
- Continue town property process
- Perhaps some outreach with coffee with council on occasion
- Utilize the Merrimack River more

### **Additional INITIAL goals discussed at workshop:**

- Improve voter turnout
- Council Agendas for small donations
- Solar Array at Transfer Station
- Develop Rail Trail Plan
- Develop park on west side of river
- Develop splash pad in Hooksett
- Shorten Town Council meetings
- Notification of Town activities (community outreach)
- Expand Merrimack River Access

### **Identify Goals**

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### **Categorize Goals**

Councilors broke out into two groups to review initial goals list above.

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**Develop Strategic Objectives for Top Goals (Group Work)**  
**Wrap-up, Recap, and Action Plan**

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**FINAL GOALS 2023-2024**

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- Goal #1: Improve community outreach
- Goal #2: Set budget increase to no more than 2%
- Goal #3: Remove the unnecessary utility poles
- Goal #4: Attendance notification for quorum purposes
- Goal #5: Develop network of access to connect various river front area with appropriate sidewalks/trails

A detailed summary of the above final goals will be presented at a future Town Council meeting and posted via [www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org). This workshop may be viewed via [www.hooksett.org](http://www.hooksett.org)

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

***J. Durand motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Seconded by R. Duhaime.***

***Vote in favor 7-0***

Respectfully submitted,  
*Donna Fitzpatrick*

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Recording Clerk

