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Town Council Meeting – Agenda Item Coversheet

Meeting Date: 8/17/2026

Submitted By: Chairman Dunn/TM Mulholland

Department: Town Council

Contact Information: Email or Telephone

Estimated Discussion Time: 10 Minutes

Agenda Item Title: Discuss requesting assistance from Braver Angels to work with the Town Council and Town Manager to address the relationship issues between members of the Town Council and between members of the Town Council and the Town Manager.

Background and Purpose: This agenda item was originally scheduled for July 20, 2026 and postponed until this meeting. The level of conflict and civil discourse between members of the Town Council is not as civil and productive as perhaps it could be. The relationship between some members of the Town Council and the Town Manager could be improved upon. Democratic governmental structures work most effectively when there is a level of civil discourse that engenders respect for each of the members of a body such as the Town Council. Council members can disagree with each other but civil at the same time.

An effective Council/Town Manager relationship requires a level of trust, communication and cooperation. That relationship is not presently operating at a level that is in the best interest of the people we collectively serve.

Braver Angels is a non-profit organization that helps to facilitate civil discourse. Municipalities in NH as well as the NH House of Representatives have used and still use the Braver Angels program to facilitate civil discourse. Below are some excerpts from the Braver Angels website that articulate their mission.

The Challenge We Face

Our country is more divided than ever, with too many of us isolated from those who hold different views. This division damages our communities, disrupts our families, and stops us from working together for the common good.

We believe our nation can survive and thrive for every American who contributes to the effort. Where we go from here is up to us.

This is the driving force that fuels our mission and vision:

Our Mission

We inspire and equip Americans to practice courageous citizenship across political differences through skill-building, convening, and collaborative action.

Our Vision

We envision an America where courageous citizenship is the honored norm, renewing civic culture and building trust across political differences.

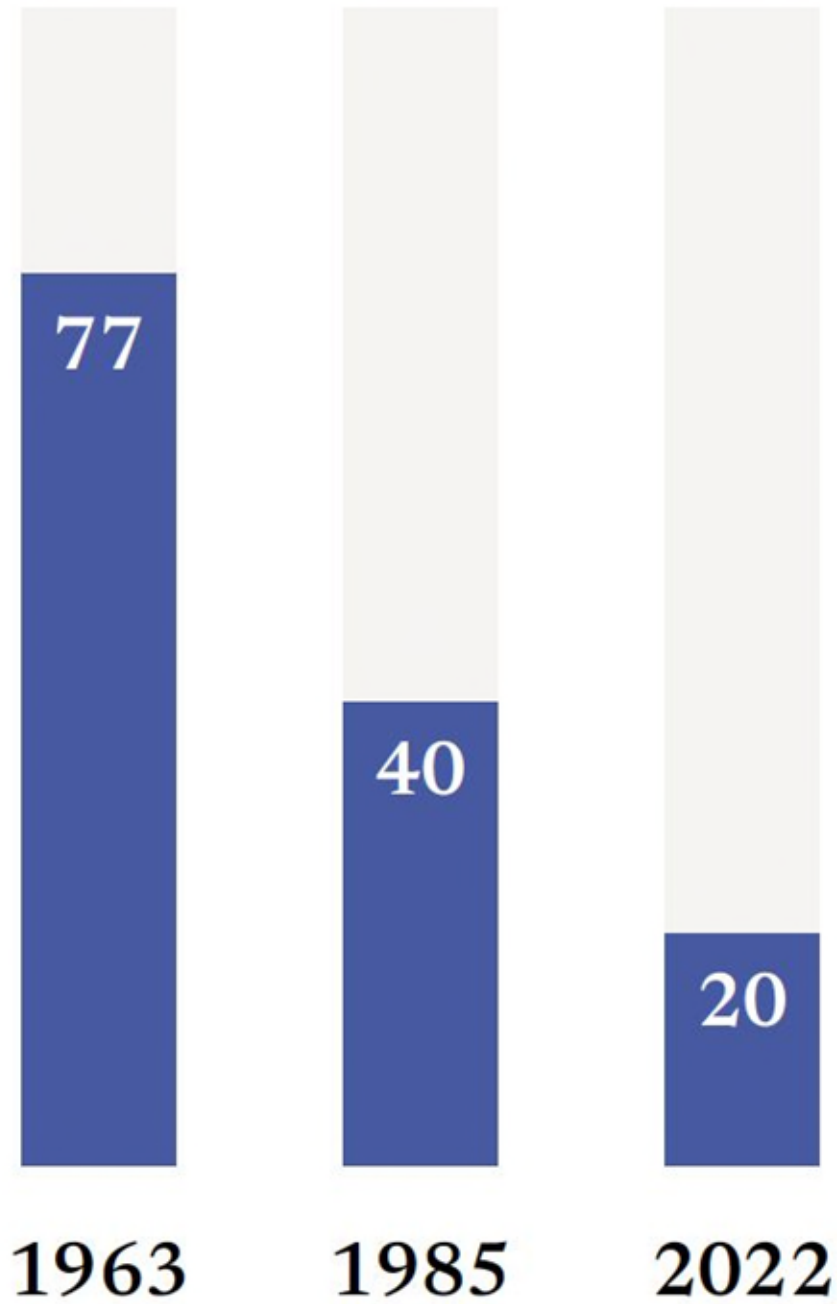
Our Approach

As individuals, we try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we do not agree with it. In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together. In politics, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

Action: Request assistance from the Braver Angels program to assist the Town government in improving civil discourse among its leaders, the Town Council and the Town Manager.

Proposed Motion: ***MOVED, that the Londonderry Town Council requests Chairman Dunn to coordinate with the Braver Angels program to provide assistance to the Town Council and the Town Manager to improve the relationships and help move the Town forward in a positive direction.***

Attachments: [Our Mission - Braver Angels](#)



% of Americans who 'trust the government to do what is right'