



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## TOWN OF NEW LONDON CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DECEMBER 8, 2007

### PRESENT:

Larry Ballin (Selectman), Peter Bianchi, Barbara Brown, Cotton Cleveland (Town Moderator), Bill Clough, Celeste Cook, Rip Cross, Jack Harrod, Mark Kaplan (Selectman), Bob Lavoie, D.J. Lavoie, Jessie Levine (Town Administrator), Sue Little, and Stephanie Wheeler.

Mark Kaplan opened the meeting at 7:35 AM.

### **Master Plan Discussion**

Mr. Kaplan asked for feedback from the committee regarding the Master Plan workshops.

Sue Little stated that the first workshop was well organized and planned, but the second meeting was not organized as well. Bill Clough added that the second meeting seemed to get bogged down by the various questions regarding the draft vision statement. Celeste Cook agreed and added that there needs to be more participation from the community, especially from the younger generations.

A general discussion about advertising, breaking the discussion groups into smaller groups, how to get the younger population involved, the possibilities of child care, using the Transfer Station as a resource, and the possibility of having a moderator present at the workshops.

### **Update on Sue Clough**

Bill Clough informed the CAC of Sue Clough's health. Everyone wished their best to Sue.

### **Upcoming Elections**

Mr. Kaplan introduced Town Moderator, Cotton Cleveland. Mrs. Cleveland stated that she was here to discuss the upcoming elections. She stated that there are several new ballot clerks and assistant moderators to help during the upcoming elections, of which there are four in 2008. She added that 35 clerks and election officials attended a training session at the Kaplans to help make sure the polls will run efficiently.

Absentee ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's office. Anyone is able to apply for an absentee ballot; they are for voters who cannot or believe they won't be able to make it to the polls. Ms. Levine added that the only rule is that one cannot hand-deliver an absentee ballot.

Parking around Whipple Memorial Town Hall is limited to 15 minutes to help move people through the area and keep congestion to a minimum.

In response to a question about electioneering in front of the voting place, Mrs. Cleveland stated that in New London no one is allowed to call out to voters entering the Town Hall. If they do so, voters are

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urged to notify the moderator or ballot clerks so the matter can be handled. If there is inclement weather the election will not be postponed. The moderator only has the right to postpone Town Meeting.

There was a general discussion regarding the setup of the voting booths and the suggestion of placing an ad in the Kearsarge Shopper about absentee ballots.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM. The next meeting will be January 26, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsie M. Lee  
Recording Secretary