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## **Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes November 3, 2007**

Present: Paul Gorman, Cindy Adie, Stephanie Wheeler, Howard Hoke, Gary Markoff, Karen Hoglund, Jessie Levine, Harmon Lewis, Sue Little, Jack Harrod, DJ Lavoie, Bob Lavoie, Bob MacMichael, Peter Bianchi, Bill Clough, Sue Clough (Selectman), Celeste Cook, Marilyn Kidder, Ray Ettenborough, Rip Cross, Joe McCarthy, Mark Kaplan (Selectman), Larry Ballin (Selectman), Mike Doheny, Tom Galligan (President, Colby-Sawyer College), Wendy Parker (Local Government Representative), Mr. Harada (Foreign Exchange Ambassador).

Colby-Sawyer College & Tom Galligan, President: Mark Kaplan welcomed Tom Galligan, President of Colby-Sawyer College, and read his background to the CAC. Mr. Galligan outlined various goals, achievements and ideas for the College. There were 350 students for the 2008 entering class and the College would like to keep its campus small and personalized by not accepting more than 1100-1200 students. He added that Colby-Sawyer College has a current roster of 300 employees, 80 of which live in New London, and the College continues to be the biggest sewer user in town.

Mr. Galligan continued to say that there are three students who are currently working on their Capstone Senior projects, all of which have to do with the town. One student is completing a project with the Public Works Department creating maps of the sewer lines and manholes. Another student is creating maps for the New London Conservation Commission that will show the various Town-owned walking trails. The third student is going to work with the Energy Committee to review wind turbines for possible use by the College or Town for energy conservation.

Jack Harrod asked if students would be willing to leave their cars at home if there were vans running from the campus to areas such as Concord and Lebanon. Mr. Galligan stated that the idea has been brought forth and the College is looking into various options such as rental cars and shuttles; unfortunately the insurance is a larger burden for the idea.

Mr. Galligan added that the College would like to create a more diverse campus and expand its international student population. New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island seem to be the most predominant states on the campus, and the admissions team is trying to expand to other parts of the United States as well as in other countries.

There was a general discussion regarding the Adventures in Learning Program, the college's impact on the town, the nursing program, political activity on campus and the idea of free audit courses for members of the community. Overall, the College and the CAC members commended the strong Town-Gown relationship.

Mr. Kaplan then recognized another special guest, Takeru Harada of Japan, who is visiting on a foreign exchange program and staying with Wendy Parker, Associate Executive Director of Risk Services for the Local Government Center. Ms. Parker explained that Mr. Harada was here from Japan to study the difference in government styles. Mr. Harada explained that Japan does not have meetings such as the one he was able to sit in-on today. The group welcomed Mr. Harada and thanked him for joining them.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM. The next meeting of the CAC will be December 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsie M. Lee, Recording Secretary