

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2007

Present:

Sue Clough, Chair
Mark Kaplan, Selectman
Larry Ballin, Selectman
Jessie Levine, Town Administrator

Others Present:

June Fichter, Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA)
Terry Dancy, New London representative to Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition (SAWC)
Karen Ebel, Planning Board Chair
Melissa Regan, Colby-Sawyer College student

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Sunapee Area Water Coalition (SAWC): Chair Clough welcomed Terry Dancy, June Fichter and Karen Ebel. Ms. Fichter introduced herself stating that she was representing the Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition. She presented the Board with a power point presentation that outlined:

- Watershed Pilot Grant – The SAWC and the LSPA were awarded the grant in 2006.
- Pilot Program Task List – Ten out of 18 tasks have been completed while two are in progress.
- Watershed Plan Project – Outlining why SAWC is concerned about phosphorus.
- Land Use and Water Quality – SAWC has used a computer program produced by Geosyntec to predict the impact of land use changes on that water quality.
- Full Build-Out and Phosphorus Loading – A brief outline of the results of the computer program which estimated there will be a 270 percent increase in Phosphorus at full build-out when compared to current development conditions.
- SAWC Subcommittees – Outlined the completed and proposed projects for the Water Quality, Education, Watershed Advisory and Land Use Subcommittees.
- Five Areas of Concentration – Erosion Control, Drainage, Waste Control, Buffer Zones and Water Supply.

Mr. Dancy stated that he would like to see some of the ideas of SAWC built into New London's new Master Plan. Chair Clough asked who would be responsible for making sure these requirements, if so included, are met. Ms. Levine stated that it would be the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen, through their staff. Depending on the project, the Zoning Administrator and/or Public Works Director would be responsible for visiting the site periodically to enforce compliance.

Mr. Ballin stated that the Planning Board is currently working to update the current drainage, runoff, and erosion control regulations. New London seems to have, or plans to have, regulations regarding the five areas of concentration that were outlined in the presentation.

Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA): Upon the conclusion of the SAWC presentation, Ms. Fichter shared a power point presentation on the LSPA which outlined:

- Weed Watcher/ Lake Host Program – The Lake Hosts were able to catch two confirmed invasive plants from entering the lake this summer. They have also extended the coverage of the Lake Host Program which will include Blodgett’s Landing next summer.
- Algae – Outlining the new types of invasive plants and algae.
- Instrument Buoy – This buoy is being used by scientist to monitor the lake.

The Board thanked Ms. Fichter and Mr. Dancy for attending the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: August 27 – The Board approved the minutes of August 27 unanimously. September 10 – Mr. Kaplan suggested to change the word amended to amendment on page six, paragraph five, line three. The Board agreed and the minutes of September 10 were approved unanimously as amended.

Exit 12 Park and Ride Expansion: Ms. Levine referred the Board to the September 13, 2007 letter from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in regard to their plans to expand the Park and Ride at Exit 12 from 45 parking spaces to 200. Mr. Ballin suggested that Ms. Levine create a press release regarding the project or otherwise share the news with the press.

Ms. Levine advised the Board that per RSA 674:54, the State is required to bring their plan to the Planning Board for review, but not for approval. The State has informed her that they plan to start this process this fall. Mr. Ballin stated that it would be great for the environment to get 200 vehicles off of Interstate 89 everyday as long as it is properly designed to protect the surrounding wetlands. Ms. Fichter concurred.

Mr. Dancy added that the Conservation Commission had written a letter to the State to make sure they take into account the small stream that feeds into Lake Sunapee. Ms. Levine referred the Board to a copy of the letter that Les Norman, Chair of the Conservation Commission, wrote to the State. Ms. Fichter added that drainage will have to be an important aspect to their design.

Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Schedule: The Board of Selectmen discussed the CAC meeting of October 6 and decided to invite the Public Works Director for an update. Ms. Levine reminded the Board that Tom Galligan, Colby-Sawyer College president, will be joining the Board and the CAC at the November 3 meeting.

Waste Water Inflow Study: Ms. Levine referred the Board to a letter from Flow Assessment Services, LLC, which states that they were able to enter 86% of the homes on the sewer system. They also found 13 confirmed sump pump connections, which contribute to the spike in flow during storms. Ms. Levine added that the next step is to complete the dye testing of roof drains. This will be the third and final step in the Inflow Study.

Singer Lawsuit Decision: Ms. Levine advised the Board that following the Town’s victory in the second Singer trial, Bart Mayer has filed for attorneys’ fees.

Property Tax Deed: Gould property: Ms. Levine stated that after the non-public session regarding Mr. Gould’s property, Town Assessor Norm Bernaiche advised her that there was a house on the second lot and the property owner, Michael Pheffer, was not aware of the outstanding lien. Ms. Levine stated that she had written to both Gould and Pheffer and recommends pursuing the tax deed against Mr. Gould’s property, the landlocked lot. The Board of Selectmen agreed to pursue this action.

Sonja Phillips Property: Ms. Levine advised the Board that a survey of Ms. Phillips lot has been completed, but it is not adequate in relation to what the Board asked for. Mr. Stanley will be meeting with Bart Mayer to discuss the matter.

Committee Updates

- CAC – Ms. Levine asked for a brief overview of the September CAC Meeting. Mr. Kaplan stated that the group seemed to show a genuine interest and wanted to be involved with the Master Plan. Ms. Levine said that she had heard that the Committee had asked if any form of child care would be provided. She has spoken with our insurance representative regarding the idea and he will look into the matter. Ms. Levine said that aside from insurance, it would be hard because of the potential age of range of children, predicting the number of children who will be there, and the Town would have to do background checks on those working. Mr. Ballin noted that the Town as never offered child care for Town Meeting, He believed that Ms. Levine should not spend a great deal of time looking into the idea and the Board agreed.
- Budget Committee – Mr. Kaplan stated that the Personnel Subcommittee had not produced a final written proposal for the Budget Committee to vote upon. The Personnel Subcommittee has expressed their idea verbally and the Budget Committee seems to be in agreement. Mr. Ballin asked if the Budget Committee voted on the verbal proposal. Mr. Kaplan said they did not. They are waiting for a final memo from the Personnel Subcommittee before taking any binding action. After the proposal is approved the Budget Committee will send it to the Board of Selectmen. The Board discussed the idea of instituting personnel contracts.
- Planning Board – Mr. Ballin advised the Board that the Planning Board had held a lengthy meeting which included New London Hospital who will now be using pervious concrete instead of pervious asphalt. The Snow subdivision is almost wrapped up and the Board approved multiple tree cutting permits. The major aspect of the meeting was a presentation by Richard Claytor of the Horsley, Whitten Group, that outlined low-impact development regulations that the Planning Board will be including in the Subdivision Regulations. Mr. Kaplan asked Ms. Levine if the Board should increase the Zoning Administrators hours in light of the changing regulations. Ms. Levine advised that she is currently working on a proposal to make the Zoning Administrator full-time for the 2008 Budget. Mr. Kaplan asked if the Zoning Administrator will need an assistant. Ms. Levine said that may be quite possible down the road, but at this point is sharing the Administrative Assistant. The Board discussed the possibility of implementing fees to help off-set department head time to review and inspect the projects.

Joint Wastewater Meeting: Ms. Levine reminded the Board that the next Joint Wastewater Meeting will be on September 27 at 5:30 PM in the Sunapee Town Offices.

Building Permits

- Charles Forbes, 30 Westside Drive (Tax Map: 055 Lot: 012-000), permit to build a 3-season porch, new mahogany deck, finish home office, add a closet in basement, install manufactured shed in back. - Approved (Permit #: 07-110)
- Virginia Pope, 90 High Pine Lane (Tax Map: 044 Lot: 011-000), permit to demolish existing cabin and construct new 2754 SF single story home. – Approved (Permit #: 07-111)
- Donald & Roslyn Myers, 75 Spruce Lane (Tax Map: 045 Lot: 040-015), permit to construct a deck 16’ x 14’ with steps to the ground. - Approved (Permit #: 07-112)

- Bicknor Wilmot, Inc., 207 Main St. (Tax Map: 003 Lot: 080-000), permit to install display picture window. -- Approved (Permit #: 07-113)
- Francis & Beverly King, 318 Fieldstone Lane (Tax Map: 105 Lot: 006-000) after-the-fact permit to erect portable garage/cover-it structure 12 x 20. Approved (Permit #: 07-114)
- Gavin Campbell Holdings, LLC, 71 Pleasant St. (Tax Map: 084 Lot: 078-000) permit to remove small frost porch & erect single story 2356 SF additional office space, Approved - (Permit # 07-115)

Other Items for Signature

- Disbursement voucher week of 9/24/07 - Approved
- Application for use of the New London Town Commons by Linda Limburg, on December 24, 2007 from 6-7 PM for singing Christmas Carols – Approved
- 9-1-1 ALI Database Liaison Appointment Form, appointing Amy Rankins and Linda Jackman as primary and secondary database liaisons for the Town of New London - Approved
- Application for use of the New London Town Commons on August 23 & 24, 2008, by Tyler Short & Nichole Bahlin. For the use of the Ausbon Sargent Common on August 23 from 1:30-4:30 PM, and the use of the New London Inn Common , August 24th from 10:00-2:00 - Approved
- Two NH Public Entity Signatory Amendment Forms (change of Deputy Treasurer) - Approved
- Parking agreement between New London Hospital & Town of New London for the use of Bucklin Beach and Elkins Beach parking lots until May 9, 2008 - Approved
- Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Harry Snow, Bog Road, (Map 106, Lot 013) -Approved
- Inflow Evaluation Program Contract Amendment for Underwood Engineers, due to addition of 60,000 linear feet of sewer line beyond the originally anticipated 40,000 linear feet. - Approved

Sign Permits

- Application for temporary 6-foot square sign reading “Forever Locked” (moose display) to be located at the Information Booth – Sept. 29th, 2007 – Approved
- Application for 3 permanent signs to be located at 374 Main Street - Approved
 - Sign 1: A Vision Ahead – A Full Service Hair Salon – Parking at the Lower Level
 - Sign 2: Brian’s Carpet & Flooring Center
 - Sign 3: Dead River Company

There being no further business, the Board of Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsie M. Lee
Recording Secretary