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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2016
6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Nancy Rollins, Chairman
Peter Bianchi, Selectman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Minette Sweeny, *Intertown Record*
Phyllis Piotrow, Budget Committee Member
Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director
Bill Helm, Planning Board Chair
Michael Doheny, New London Resident
Dan Wolf, New London Resident
Steve Ensign, Board of Firewards
Malika Sidmore, New London Resident
Carter Bascom, New London Outing Club
Jason Stadler, Recreation Commission Chair
Jason Lyon, Fire Chief
Rob Prohl, Budget Committee Chair
Lyndsay Lund, Recreation Commission
Heather Dion, The Messenger
Bill Spear, Energy Committee Chair
Peter Vedova, Energy Committee Member
Tim Paradis, Energy Committee Member
Justin Garzia, New London Resident
John Bears, New London Resident
Erica and Tim McCullough, New London Residents
Peg and Tucker Andrews, New London Residents

Chair Rollins called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, recognizing the Recreation Department to address the Board.

Recreation Director Scott Blewitt said at the last Recreation Commission meeting he shared an email he received regarding hockey on the Bob Andrew's skating rink: hockey pucks leaving the ice and breaking windows at the Inn. He noted that pucks have also been found on the lawn of Academy Building and in

the roadway. Based on this information, the Recreation Commissioners decided it may be best to ban hockey at the skating rink until safety precautions could be put in place to insure the safety of non hockey participants. The numerous people at the meeting were present to discuss options for safety precautions.

Dan Wolf said his email to Scott precipitated some of this discussion and he doesn't like the way things are coming down. He read his email into the record and said he never meant for hockey to be banned. One puck hit the front door, causing no damage. He suggested having a fence put up at the Inn-end of the rink and he offered to work together with the Town to make this happen. He doesn't want hockey banned at the rink. The Inn loves the rink being there even though there have been broken windows in the past. Their guests and the town love the rink and they are willing to work with them to make it safe for the Inn and for those who are walking along the street. He believes that with some effort and participation the problem can be worked out.

Lyndsay Lund thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She said the Recreation Commission is a board of volunteers who meet once a month. They were given information, including emails by Town Administrator Kim Hallquist, not just the one email from Mr. Wolf. The Commission needed to make a decision based on the information given to them. She noted that she was happy that so many people came to the meeting to help with this issue and asked that people not blame Mr. Blewitt or herself or anyone else. They made the decision based on the information given and the options available. They are not anti-hockey.

Ms. Hallquist agreed that she has been concerned about hockey on the rink for some time because of the safety issues now being discussed and she informed the Recreation Commission of her concerns and the risks hockey in the compact area presents. She is concerned about a child taking a puck to the head. She pointed out that the Town is insured so this is not a matter of paying claims, it is about safety of people near the rink and on the sidewalk and street. She stressed that it is important to take steps to mitigate the dangers of pucks flying around. Ms. Hallquist said she hasn't seen anyone playing hockey that has been rambunctious or trying to hit pucks outside of the playing area however everyone can agree that pucks do leave the ice. Ms. Hallquist stressed that they need to do what they can to minimize the risks which would include fencing to keep the pucks from leaving the ice. She is suggesting in the best interest of children, others walking around Main Street, etc. that they do what they can. They can put up fencing if necessary as they have the money to do so. Ms. Hallquist concluded by noting that she will never say it is a good idea to have hockey at that location unless they have safeguards in place to keep the pucks from leaving the ice. She stressed that she is not aware of anyone getting hit by a puck, but she has seen them outside of the ice area and noted that her continued opposition to hockey on the skating rink without fencing was not solely the result of Dan Wolf's email regarding pucks making it to the Inn.

Erica McCullough, a resident who lives near the ice rink, said she has three boys who play hockey. She said she has emails saying Ms. Hallquist would never be in favor of a ban on hockey. Ms. Hallquist noted that she was unsure of any email where she implied that hockey at the rink was without risk, and clarified her position as always being that she has never been in favor of allowing hockey without proper safety precautions. She said they have discussed types and placing of fencing. She has been concerned about hockey at the rink because of the pucks leaving the ice and hitting someone who is not expecting a puck to be flying towards them.

Ms. McCullough said she looked at minutes over the last five years and there was one instance in December, 2014 where the concern was brought up. She said it noted they should look at getting nets or boards put up on the rink. Nothing was ever done. There was even discussion of Colby-Sawyer having hockey on their rink and the Town paying for fencing so that people could play hockey there.

John Bears, a resident, said he plays hockey on the rink with the kids in town. He feels there should just be kick boards there, no big boards. They need to instill pond hockey rules, which is no lifting the puck or you are banned from playing. Putting a net or board up will encourage kids to do slap shots against them. He is willing to put up 6" kick boards.

Justin Garzia said he has four kids who play on the ice there; some figure skate and some play hockey. He agrees with Mr. Bears and suggests protective fencing outside of the rink. He was happy to work with Mr. Bears to come up with the boards. He said they should instill hours that are allowed for hockey and public skating so the two groups can share the ice.

Peg Andrews said she is the late Bob Andrew's wife and it was Bob and his friend Keith Pomkoski (former Recreation Commission member) who first donated their time and money to help make the rink. Bob used to go out with a garden hose every night to make ice. He wanted a place for kids to go and play. He wanted everyone to be able to use the rink; it gets people off the couch and gets parents out there with the kids. She has seen people skating and playing hockey there since the ban was put in place and people have still been playing. A lot of people don't even know about the ban. Ms. Andrews said the rink and the opportunity for everyone to enjoy the ice is important to her and her children.

Tim McCullough, a resident who lives nearby, said the solutions offered are really good and wished that they had come from the Recreation Commission in the first place and not from the meeting. Finding solutions is the Recreation Commission's job. He said looking at research, kids are not eating more calories; their downtime is completely sedentary. He questioned if they punish the ones who want to exercise (by banning hockey at the rink), what message are they sending the kids. Kids are 15% less fit than they were when he was a kid. The Recreation Department has to fight for these opportunities for kids to exercise.

Ms. Lund said the Recreation Commission is a volunteer board and they have monthly meetings that are posted online, yet no one comes to the meetings to offer suggestions and help. She offered that if people are interested in recreation in New London, that they get involved.

Chair Rollins noted that she did not want the meeting to get into a conversation where they are pointing fingers and suggested that for now, hockey on the rink is suspended until such time as steps can be taken to enhance safety. It is evident that some group made up of interested people will assist the Recreation Department to quickly come up with some reasonable solutions. This should be done sooner than later.

Dan Wolf agrees they should put a group together as well as a timeline to come up with a solution. He feels it can be worked out and they can do it if they work together. Mr. Doheny asked if, in the solution, they can please define "hockey" and the consequences of not following the rules for it. Is "hockey" two kids with a puck and sticks, or does it mean the presence of a hockey net and two teams of four playing

a game? Chair Rollins suggested that the Recreation Commission and members of the public interested in allowing hockey would be in a better position to answer those questions.

Casey Biuso said they would love to see more attendance at meetings, pointing out that the many people who came out to the meeting have great energy and they are welcome at all Recreation Commission meetings. The Recreation Commission is supportive of anyone who comes to them with ideas, suggesting that the Commission doesn't frown on anyone because people are scared of joining a committee because of the time commitment required. She hoped that the people at the meeting would consider investing their time for recreation.

Mr. Doheny said if there was a notice prior to a ban on hockey, many people would have been there to voice their opinion. Mr. McCullough said there was no chance for them to help; it was just banned. He would have put a fence up yesterday had he been asked. Mr. Blewitt was asked to come up with an advisory committee and a solution.

Selectman Kidder thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked them to realize that the concern was that someone would get hit with a puck. The Commission didn't want to hire someone to monitor the activity at the rink like they do at the beaches, so they were looking out for the safest interest of the community. She knows they will get together very soon and will not ban hockey. She added that the Selectmen aren't the group that makes these decisions; it is the Recreation Commission. Mr. McCullough asked if it would be OK to have parents monitor the activity in the meantime so they can keep playing. Chair Rollins suggested this plan should be discussed with Mr. Blewitt and the Recreation Commission.

Conservation Commission Update, Bob Brown – Conservation Commission Chair

Mr. Brown said he wanted to answer some questions that had been raised about the property on Pleasant Street. In the past, prior to his being Chair of the Conservation Commission, there has been a problem with communication and he wanted to clear up a few points.

On January 4th he came to the Selectmen to discuss the two parcels on Pleasant Street. There were four specific questions/issues:

1. West side is the home of the Kidder/Cleveland/Clough Trail. Are they talking about buying something they already have?

There is an easement on the property. 16.2 of the 19.2 acres have an easement. While it is under conservation easement it doesn't have any value in terms of development. They have some serious issues as far as the ecological standpoint for Pleasant Lake and the expansion of trails. The value of the property was \$172,000 which does not consider the adjusted valuation for current use. The real value is the three acres of commercial and the small portion in R2, is taxed at \$89,700. He feels this size property on town water and sewer would be worth this amount. They believe this makes sense and it may be an attractive parcel for someone else to purchase and develop.

2. Where would the trail access be?

The Conservation Commission feels it is important that they could have a trail system that runs from Spring Ledge Farm all the way to the college. It would be a nice walk through the center of town. The question of access was raised at the last meeting. It is hard to get property owners to sign an agreement when the Town doesn't own the property yet. They have contacted two of the owners and they both said they would allow access should the Town own the land.

3. Wasn't the west side offered as a gift a month ago?

Part of the property was offered as a gift, however the three acres of valued land was not included in the "gift." The family reevaluated their plans and said they would consider this and their plan was adjusted. The three acres on the west side were going to be subdivided and annexed to another piece of property but this is not the case any longer.

4. Do they know how much wetland there is on the east side?

Yes. There are a number of wetland studies/drawings/plans that range from 2003, 2005, 2008 and 2010 from Steven's Engineering. 7.6 acres is designated as wetland. The drawings are available and are in the Planning Board files.

Mr. Brown asked if the Selectmen could reconsider and vote and put this issue on the warrant for Town Meeting vote. Selectman Bianchi said at the last meeting Mr. Brown said the Conservation Commission would love the property but doesn't feel it is worth a lot of money given there is an easement on it. Selectman Bianchi agrees with this statement and doesn't think it is worth a penny. If they look in the RSAs, they will find the commission is to protect natural resources in the said town, which is what he wants to do, however part of the sales pitch for the purchase by the Town is that they can sell the three acres on the west side and develop the parcel on the east side. Selectman Bianchi noted that that isn't what the RSA gives the Conservation Commission the power to do. Selectman Bianchi said he could not agree to purchase \$250,000 worth of property without having one qualified appraisal of it, noting that he has checked with several realtors who say the Town assessment and appraisals are two different things and that an appraisal should be done, however currently they don't have an appraisal for either of these parcels.

Selectman Bianchi added that he doesn't agree with the statement that this purchase wouldn't cost taxpayers anything this year. This purchase will take more than half the Capital Reserve Fund for land acquisition and next year the Conservation Commission will likely ask for more money to put into the fund. If this land is that important to the Conservation Commission, the town, per petition warrant article, will vote in favor of purchasing this property at Town Meeting.

Mr. Prohl asked if conservation money can be used to purchase property to then develop. Ms. Hallquist said if Town Meeting decides to do something with town property, they could change the use and do so, unless there is an easement on it. She didn't recall Mr. Brown saying anything about developing the three acres, she believed his statement was to illustrate that there is commercial value to the three acres, which gave the land value, not that the Conservation Commission was advocating selling the property for development. Selectman Bianchi said the land is in current use and has a conservation easement on it. The assessment is not \$171,200, it is \$90,000. They haven't had the land appraised. Ms. Hallquist explained that Mr. Brown was saying that a .25 acre parcel across the street sold for \$50,000 so the three acres that are part of this parcel would likely be worth \$90,000.

Chair Rollins said personally she thinks this is a good thing for the town. She encouraged Mr. Brown to do what he needs to do in light of the board not being willing to change the vote. Selectman Kidder recued herself from the discussion as it is her family that owns the property.

Energy Committee – Presentation of Street Light Conversion Proposal

Bill Spear, Chair of the Energy Committee, and Energy Committee members Peter Vedova and Tim Paradis, met with the Board to discuss a proposal to convert the street lights to LED bulbs.

Mr. Paradis explained that the street lighting charges the Town pays are not based on usage, instead Eversource charges based on a leased/fixed rate. If the town goes to the LED fixtures, they will cut their fixed cost by 45%. This savings is attractive to them and he noted it is a guaranteed savings. There is an investment cost to get the lights installed, but the Energy Committee feels it is worth the investment for the future savings.

Eversource confirmed that the rebate towards the fixtures, which will be an \$11,500 savings after the investment is made by the Town, will be honored. Selectman Kidder asked about the amount of illumination for the LED lights. She offered that on Seamans Road it is hard to see as the illumination is low. She asked for a comparison. Mr. Paradis said the feedback he has been getting is to use the Phillips fixtures. It is a crisper, whiter light and is directional. There is a haze from the current fixtures which makes things hard to see. These new fixtures will be different. Mr. Vedova said if they need to bump up the wattage they could do so and would still be paying less. Selectman Kidder wondered if the Energy Committee would advise Eversource about where more wattage is needed. Mr. Paradis said this is already set up; the Highway Garage and Fire Department wattage is already set up to be higher than the regular lights. This would remain. In the interim he didn't think it would be a problem to bump up the wattage on Seamans Road to make the visibility better.

Mr. Spear said they may want to do a pilot light so people can see what the new lighting would look like. He has been in a town on Cape Cod that uses the LED lights and it is a very white light. He thinks it looks good. Chief Lyon said they have changed to LED on their apparatus and it is amazing how much better the lighting is and how much less energy they require. The Energy Committee has a sample of the light to try out. They could put it up out front of the Academy Building and advertise that people take a look at it and explain the savings they could get by switching to these fixtures.

Mr. Vedova said the upgrade would be \$20,500. Ms. Hallquist said she sees no financial downside as there are demonstrated savings going forward. She would suggest putting this into the FY2017 budget. Mr. Prohl asked if this could come out of the Town Maintenance capital reserve fund and Ms. Hallquist noted that she did not believe so as the fund is for building maintenance.

Selectman Bianchi asked what the payback timeframe would be. Mr. Spear said between two and three years. The rebate they are getting shortens their return. Selectman Bianchi said they have spent \$17,000 each year for many years for street lighting. They charge maintenance when they swap out the bulbs every five years, on top of the \$17,000. Mr. Spear said they can hire their own licensed electrician who can install the lights for \$5,000 which is included in the \$20,500 figure.

Mr. Spear said he likes how this shows that New London is doing something to save energy. There are not a lot of other small towns that have done this. Durham and Manchester have converted to the LED fixtures. Mr. Paradis said he has spoken with Manchester's Public Works Director who is very happy with the conversion.

Selectman Bianchi said the town's tax rate looks to be a 13% increase. \$20,500 may not seem to be a lot of money, but it is still an addition to the tax burden. Mr. Vedova offered that this should be considered an investment.

Mr. Prohl said come June they will have some significant savings in their energy lines due to the low rates of fuel. Perhaps the Town can find the necessary funds for this project in the 2016 budget. Mr. Paradis noted they need to allocate the full \$32,000 and the Town will get the rebate once the bulbs have either been purchased or installed; he wasn't sure which.

Mr. Ensign said the sooner they convert, the sooner the lease rate of energy will go down because they will be using less energy. This can be an added savings to realize on top of the rebate and the payback.

Mr. Helm said if they put the light up for 30 days or so, it would get people on board. They won't have time to do this and put it in the 2017 budget anyway.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to authorize installing the pilot light up in a prominent spot, communicate to the townspeople about the lighting and possibilities, see where they are at the end of June, and use the Energy Committee's funds to pay the electrician to install the pilot fixture. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

They would like 30-60 days to run the pilot. The town hopes to have money in the current FY2016 budget and will know in early June if the funding is available for the project. Chair Rollins feels this is a wise investment and thinks the townspeople can give their opinion and she said they could even hold a special meeting about the changeover to LED.

Old Business

2017 Budget Item – Code Enforcement Officer

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to defer this position this year per Chair Helm's recommendation and withdraw the \$16,500 in the Selectmen's request for the FY2017 budget. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion of Proposals for Wage and Salary Study

Ms. Hallquist said Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) and Thornton & Associates submitted proposals. MRI came in at \$13,300 and Thornton came in at \$11,160. Ms. Hallquist offered that the Selectmen could invite representatives in to discuss the proposals in more detail and to see how they match personality-wise. She feels both companies would do a good job and are professional.

Selectman Bianchi said he read both proposals. Before he knew the prices he was in favor of Thornton. He was concerned that neither one would include a study of the non-municipality wages. He feels this is important to include. He is concerned that once they do the study, whatever the study says it is expected

and the Town would adopt it in total without any modifications. Alternately, would they take the information and modify it to fit the Town. He is concerned about where this will lead them if they decide to go forward with it. He is also concerned about where the money for this is coming from. There is no line item for it. Selectman Bianchi thinks perhaps the Town staff and officials can do this study themselves. Selectman Kidder feels that there should be an advisory group and the Town would have an active role in the whole process.

Chair Rollins said the results would be looked at and discussed and they would see what makes the most sense for the Town. There are some salaries they know of that are not competitive. The 2006 study made some recommendations and nothing was done with it. The documents and the process they employ is something that stays with the Town and the Town just has to roll the numbers forward to make upgrades, etc. Also, when talking about making significant changes to pay scales, they can also phase things in; there are different ways these studies can be applied. Chair Rollins stressed that she could not perceive how a study like this could be done by the Town without professional assistance as they simply do not have the manpower or expertise. She feels it is important to do this study.

Ms. Hallquist said they could take the funds from as many line items as necessary for the study out of this year's budget. If the winter continues as is, they can take the money from sand and salt, or the line item used to pay employees who leave for unused vacation time, she doesn't know at this point. They will spend it and will find it in different parts of the budget. She can almost guarantee that out of the \$8 million dollar budget, they would be able to find the money.

Selectman Bianchi said they keep saying they will "find the money in the budget." Every time they do this, it comes out of the surplus they put towards decreasing the tax rate. Ms. Hallquist agrees with him which is why she feels the \$32,000 for the lighting change over should be put in the next budget cycle. She pointed out that the Budget Committee wants this salary study done and some of them are upset it hasn't been done yet. They are being encouraged by the Budget Committee to get this done. Ms. Hallquist said they can't always anticipate some expenses and this is something that is recommended being done. Selectman Bianchi said this wasn't in the budget this year and suggested that since the Budget Committee is struggling over the \$100,000 salary pool, maybe the Selectmen should put the study in this next budget cycle and then figure out how to make adjustments the following year (FY2018).

Mr. Ensign said the Board has left the employees of the Town in limbo and the Town is never going to get where it needs to go with respect to paying the employees fairly unless the Board gets the study done. He suggested that kicking the can down the road another year is an insult to the employees of the Town, noting that the Town has have gone far too long without having this study done. Mr. Ensign observed that he has been involved in many salary studies and they are useful tools and suggested that if they have a company update the numbers every few years, the data will stay current. There are needs within the employee base that need to be addressed. Not tending to these needs is a disservice to the employees.

Selectman Bianchi said they will not do a disservice to the employees if they don't do the study right now. Mr. Ensign said the disservice is that they are on the threshold and are not taking the next step. They need to get on with it.

Ms. Piotrow feels Mr. Ensign is correct. She notes that several members of the Budget Committee are really annoyed and angry that this had not already been done. What are the deadlines of this study and the Select Board reaching a conclusion? Chair Rollins observed that the Budget Committee knows there were no funds to pay for a study in this current budget. She noted that the Board has come up with a plan to hire a firm and will start the study immediately.

Selectman Bianchi said the average timeframe for the study is 11 weeks. Ms. Piotrow calculated the study and the results being studied by the Selectmen would be done in the June timeframe at best. Ms. Hallquist said raises are made in July so this fits in the regular timeframe. Selectman Bianchi said employees will see a difference in their paycheck at the usual time around July 1st, 2016.

Selectman Kidder said it is important that the Budget Committee approves the \$100,000 pool so they can proceed with this plan once the study is completed.

Mr. Prohl said the Budget Committee would have loved to have seen the study done and then the Selectmen give a recommendation on an amount that they would need to make adjustments. They don't like the idea of not having the information in front of them or having a pool of money that may or may not be used. He feels this isn't anyone's fault and they need to have faith and trust in each other to not spend every penny if it isn't necessary.

Selectman Kidder said both proposals for the employee study seem comprehensive. Her initial feeling was to go with MRI but she feels Thornton offers a good product as well. Selectman Bianchi said he is not in favor of the study at all, but understands it will happen. His first choice was Thornton as he liked their terminology and their approach.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to hire Thornton and Assoc. to do the Wage and Compensation Study. THE MOTION PASSED.
Selectman Bianchi abstained.

Proposals for Engineering at Pleasant Lake Dam

Ms. Hallquist said five proposals came in. She explained that Selectman Bianchi recommended that Jud Donaghy, an engineer who works with dams and who lives in Town, would be a good resource for help in selecting the engineering firm. Ms. Hallquist reported that she spoke with Mr. Donaghy and he is happy to help the Board by reviewing the proposals and giving his opinion; Mr. Donaghy has been provided with the five proposals. She asked if the Selectmen wanted to interview the firms or would they prefer to allow the selection be made without their input. Selectman Bianchi feels they can wait to hear from Mr. Donaghy who will likely narrow the proposals down to perhaps three. Ms. Hallquist said the Board will need to request the necessary funds for the engineering study on the warrant for Town Meeting. The proposals varied in price from \$31,000 to \$98,000. Selectman Kidder and Chair Rollins agree that they would like to hear Jud's feedback. They asked Ms. Hallquist to ask Mr. Donaghy to get back to them as soon as possible.

Non-Lapsing Fund – Police Equipment Emergency Repair

Finance Officer Wendy Johnson informed the Board that at the 2011 Town Meeting, an article to establish a five year non-lapsing fund for emergency repair of police equipment was approved. This fund is due to lapse in 2016. If the Board would like to keep the fund in place they will need a new warrant article. Selectman Bianchi feels they need input from Chief Andersen. Ms. Johnson said they could take the \$15,000 from this fund and put it into the Town Vehicle/Apparatus Refurbishment and Emergency Repair Fund they are planning to create.

Town Administrator's Report – Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

Ms. Hallquist said she has spent a lot of time reviewing the RFPs for the dam and the wage study. The hockey issue was big at the end of last week. Some people were there to look at the attic for insulation as requested by the Board and also the air exchanger in the Academy Building is being installed.

Committee Meetings and Reports

Sewer Lagoon Committee

Selectman Bianchi said the Sewer Lagoon Committee met that day and went over a plan they will submit to the State for a recommendation on how they'd like to go about fixing the first lagoon. Paul Currier wrote a memorandum which outlines their plans. Mr. Currier will get a modified version of the memo and give it to Selectman Bianchi. Selectman Bianchi will sign off on it and send it to Mike Rainey at DES. Mr. Rainey will get back to the Town with comments and recommendations. Selectman Bianchi noted that the committee will have a much better idea on where to go from there once Mr. Rainey reviews the plan. The committee wants to get the first lagoon closed this year. What they are doing doesn't involve an engineer, they believe, and they will know more after sharing their ideas with Mr. Rainey. They have \$81,000 right now for the sewer lagoon closure, which includes \$60,000 from the Budget Committee in the upcoming budget. It was felt they need to make a request to Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant to pump the liquid to them, Selectman Bianchi will be speaking with Sunapee about this. The amount of fill needed, once the remaining material is removed, is not that great. Selectman Bianchi noted that he hoped to have the plan submitted to the State DES the following week.

Selectman Bianchi said once they get a blessing from the State to move forward, they will come up with a proposal and ask contractors for bids. The contractors may offer suggestions. It is not their intent for Mr. Lee's crew to do this work. It is imperative that they fill the lagoons as soon as they are cleaned out.

Planning Board

Selectman Kidder said the Planning Board met since the last Selectmen's meeting. The Dorr Family Farm was given site plan approval with a number of conditions. The Beth Greenawalt property on Bog Road had excavation approved to demo a house and build a new one. There was a hearing on proposed zoning amendments which were all approved.

Review of Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2016

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

Next Regular Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, February 1st – 6:00 PM

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting – February 6th – 7:30AM
Budget Committee – Wednesday, January 20th – 6:30PM (note new time)
Planning Board – Thursday, January 26th – 6:30PM
Conservation Commission – Wednesday, January 20th – 8:30 AM

Application for Building Permit

- Joseph & Joy Kubit, 229 Barrett Road (084-015-000). Installation of a heat pump electric water heater. BP# 16-001 APPROVED.
- John & Susan Lavolpicelo, 104 Birch Acres Road (074-037-000). Replace existing 17' X 20' wooden deck. BP# 16-002 APPROVED.
- Michael Hansen, 1325 County Road (117-005-000). Build 16'x12 'open car port. Install 6,000 watt solar panel system on pole not to exceed 35 feet. BP# 16-003 APPROVED.

Requests to Use Town Property

- New London Inn Common & Town Common/Bandstand by New London Hospital for Hospital Days August 3, 2016 through August 8, 2016 inclusive. APPROVED

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London