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NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD
CIP SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 31, 2015

Sydney Crook Conference Room
Town Office, 2nd Floor
9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Dietrich (PB Subcommittee Chair), Michele Holton (PB Secretary), and Bill Berger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Tilley and Rob Prohl.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Helm, Chair Planning Board; Paul Gorman, Vice Chair Planning Board; Jay Lyon, Fire Chief; and Lucy St. John, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

Call to Order: Chair Dietrich called the meeting to order at 9 A.M.

Review of Minutes of May 22, May 27, May 29, June 12, June 26 and July 17th minutes.
Motion to approve all the minutes. Motion approved unanimously,

Discussion of Priorities:

Fire Department - Jay Lyon, Fire Chief discussed the Fire Department training facility and suggested coordinating with the closing of the sewer lagoon project, and the potential location for the transfer station. Discuss other site and nearby properties including relationship to Lyon Brook, power lines, nearby landlocked parcel, wetlands/vernal pool and that the transfer station is currently in a good location. Town needs more meeting space, at least 2x the size of the Sydney Crook Conference Room. Some people want an Arts and Community Center, more meeting space is needed.

1941 Building and Site- Discussed the key issue is to acquire the 1941 site. This would then be a factor on how the relocation and or redevelopment of other Town properties proceed, such as Recreation Dept., Whipple Hall, Police Facilities and other improvements. Need to have additional conversations with the SAU and the new superintendent.

Police Department- Members of the CIP Subcommittee believe the Police Department needs a new location. It should be in the center of Town, maybe 1941 building site, across from Fire Department, or some other central location. The use of the 1941 building site, will be a factor on how to decide where these and other town facilities should be locate.

Colby Sawyer College Campus- The subcommittee discussed inviting the College back to a Planning Board meeting to get a more updated outlook on future campus plans, Master Plan, and

the potential change in in leadership. Noted that the declining CSC enrollment, and other factors are evolving issues for the College to deal with. Campus planning can and will change as enrollment issues need to be addressed. Noted that general population and student demographics are changing. Higher education is going through a lot of changes. Question if the College is planning to take down the Arts Center and make it a dormitory, the lights at Kelsey Field could be a potential issue, if the College has any storage space they could share with the Town and potential uses of the college maintenance facilities.

Other- Discussed the CIP process and that the document will reflect on the priorities from last year, and include the ideas discussed during this process.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the subcommittee will be Friday, August 14th.

Motion to Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy A. St. John, AICP
Planning and Zoning Administrator