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## SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27, 2014  
Sydney Crook Conference Room, Town Offices, 2nd floor  
9:00 AM  
To discuss proposed zoning amendment language.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Cottrill (Chair) and Peter Bianchi (Board of Selectmen's Representative),  
STAFF: Lucy St. John (Planning and Zoning Administrator)

Meeting called to order at 9:15

Purpose of meeting: to consider suggested amendments to the zoning ordinance. Tom noted that he has considered all proposed amendments to help determine the importance and priority of each. He felt that the final number of proposed amendments should be about 8. Lucy noted that other sub-committees collectively have already considered priorities and have set aside several proposed amendments.

Proposed Amendment #4: Definition of "Family". It was agreed that this topic might need more detailed discussion and consideration of defining a "domestic servant" rather than altering the definition of "Family." It was agreed to table this topic for study at a later date.

Proposed Amendment #11: Clarifying alterations to Septic Systems. It was agreed to set this proposal aside for this year so as to fully study the language and alternatives.

Proposed Amendment #12: Preamble update regarding Master Plan. It was agreed that language should be simple enough to make a change to the Preamble of the Zoning Ordinance so as to allow for future Master Plan updates without having to amend zoning regulations. Lucy will check to see if this is really necessary.

Proposed Amendment #13: Under Special Exceptions, removing the word "Sanatoriums". It was agreed that this proposed amendment is of minimal importance for now but could be considered at a later date.

Proposed Amendment #16: Inclusion of new maps to Zoning Ordinance. It was agreed more study and planning is needed to determine what maps are most useful. Also, for any current map already in use, there was no need to make changes but that current maps could be more easily identified by proper placement in the Zoning Ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Cottrill

SUBCOMITTEE OF THE NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD

Thursday, January 23, 2014  
Whipple Memorial Hall, Conference Room  
8:00 AM

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Present: John Tilley and Bill Helm.

Staff: Lucy St. John, Planning and Zoning Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. at Whipple Hall.

The subcommittee agreed that Proposed Amendment No. 8 (Current Height Regulations) was a good amendment if modified to include any structure, not just residential structures. The subcommittee also recommended that the phrase “not to exceed 70” be added after “8. Radio Tower”.

Following discussion, the subcommittee recommended that Proposed Amendments No. 5 (Commercial Building size), No. 7 (Accessory Dwelling Units), and No. 14 (Special Exception uses) be remanded to the Planning Board for further review as part of a larger review of the Zoning Ordinance to be undertaken during 2014 in preparation for the 2015 Town Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. William Helm, Jr., Secretary Pro-tem

SUBCOMITTEE OF THE NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD

Friday, January 24, 2014  
Sydney Crook Conference Room, Town Offices, 2nd floor  
4:00 PM

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Present: Michelle Holton and Paul Gorman.

Staff: Lucy St John.

The Sub Committee reviewed the proposed amendment # 6 concerning use of banners to publicize special events. With some minimal editing and the reduction of the days that banners are allowed to be placed from 30 to 14 days, the subcommittee approved the amendment and recommends its acceptance by the Planning Board.

The Sub Committee reviewed the proposed amendment #9 concerning adding a section to the regulation addressing the placement of temporary signs for off premise traffic and pedestrian directional signage along the route of a sporting event, garden tour etc. With some minimal editing and reduction of the number of days the signs can be displayed from 10 to 5, the subcommittee approved the amendment and recommends its acceptance by the Planning Board.

The Sub Committee reviewed the proposed amendment 10 which adds a category of signs requiring a permit to allow for the placement of markers and community organization signs (off site) that acknowledge the contribution made by such groups e.g. the Garden Club. The subcommittee accepted the amendment as drafted and recommends its acceptance to the Planning Board.

The Sub Committee then reviewed the proposed amendment # 15. After discussion it was thought that this particular proposed amendment requires the consideration of the entire Planning Board. It was also noted by the subcommittee that the entire section concerning sign regulations in the Zoning Ordinance needs to be reviewed, edited, and simplified for clarity of statement.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul G. Gorman  
Secretary.