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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Whipple Memorial Town Hall
February 3, 2016
8:00 PM**

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Ed Andersen, Police Chief
Jason Lyon, Fire Chief

Chair Rollins called the meeting to order at 8:00pm, at the conclusion of the Budget Committee Public Hearing.

The Board reviewed the draft warrant. Chair Rollins said in order to approve the warrant, they need to decide whether or not they want to accept any of the changes suggested to the draft warrant. Selectman Bianchi suggested that Article 18 (purchase of Pleasant Street property by the Conservation Commission) should be changed to reflect that the Selectmen do not recommend the article because a tie vote is a negative vote. The Board voted 1:1 on whether to recommend or not recommend the article and he thinks this is how it should be presented (as a no vote). Ms. Hallquist disagreed with this reasoning pointing out that the motion to recommend the article did not pass, however the Board did not vote to not recommend the article. She said it would be more accurate to say that the Board made no recommendation. Selectman Bianchi said it should say they voted not to recommend it. Chair Rollins noted that she agreed with the draft as originally presented, Selectman Kidder agreed.

The Board noted that a suggested change to Article 17 includes the notation of the purchase price and the fact that the funds will come from the Mary Haddad Trust in the amount of \$300,000. The Board agreed with these changes. Chair Rollins said the more they can tell people, the better off they will be.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to approve the draft warrant with one change: to Article 17 to include the sale price and the Mary Haddad Trust Fund as the source of funding. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Selectmen signed the Warrant.

Appointments – Ed Andersen, Police Chief

Chief Andersen said he is happy to report that Emily Cobb has accepted the offer of employment to join the New London Police Department. He explained that Officer Cobb worked most recently for the Claremont Police Department as a Detective Sergeant. She started 11 years ago and has moved up the ranks quickly. Claremont has

a resident restriction and she is as high as she can go in the Claremont Department unless she moves to Claremont. Chief Andersen is ecstatic that the New London police Department will now have a female on the department. Officer Cobb will receive the \$5,000 sign on bonus.

Chief Andersen said Officer Cobb will come in as an officer and will work the road and he feels that it is likely that he will come back to the Board of Selectmen in a year to move her to the lieutenant position as Tom Anderson will be retiring.

Chief Andersen said he would also like to hire Peter Crowell as a part-time officer. He worked for Chief Andersen for 8 years in Goshen and it was sad for him to leave. Mr. Crowell has an interest in getting back into the job and he is willing to work Friday and Saturday nights. The addition of Mr. Crowell as a part-time officer will not increase part-time hours used, but will just spread the part-time hours out over the six employees.

Chief Andersen concluded by noting that Officer Cobb will go through six weeks of training through the department.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to appoint them Emily Cobb and Peter Crowell to the Police Department, as recommended by Chief Andersen. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Evergreen Point Acreage Addition for Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust

The Selectmen signed the easement to approve the addition of acreage to the Evergreen Point easement, which had been previously approved at the last Selectmen's meeting on February 1, 2016.

Tree City Designation

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to issue a proclamation for New London to be designated as a tree city. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) 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