



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES March 3, 2014

PRESENT:

Tina Helm, Chair
Peter Bianchi, Selectman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark & Thelma Kaplan, New London Residents
Phyllis Piotrow, Budget Committee member
Pat Blanchard, Budget Committee member
Renate Kannler, New London Resident
Hank Thomas, Newbury Fire Chief
Sandra Licks, Library Director
Richard Lee, Public Works Director
Donna Larrow, Police Depart. Admin. Assistant
Frank Anzalone, New London Resident

Leigh Bosse, *The Messenger*
Heather Wood, Communications Admin.
Jason Lyon, Fire Chief
Ed Andersen, Police Chief
Joe McCarthy
Sean Carroll, *Intertown Record*
Charlie Hirshberg, CLD Engineering
Ben Cushing, Budget Committee member
John Wilson, Budget Committee Chair

Chair Helm called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

She thanked Leigh Bosse for his Publisher's Perspective in *The Messenger* and which also appeared as an editorial in the *Concord Monitor*. She noted that he gave a different perspective than the other papers in the region with regards to how things have gone in New London since last April with the resignation of the town's Police Chief and how the Board has addressed those issues.

The Board reviewed potential warrant articles to be included on the May Town Meeting Warrant.

Warrant Articles

Elkins Sidewalk Project

The total project cost is \$670,190 with \$536,152 coming from a grant and \$134,038 from Town funds. Selectman Bianchi said this was money they had put aside all along to pay for their portion of the grant. The \$134,038 will come from the Sidewalk Fund and Intersection Fund, as was planned.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve Article 1 for the warrant. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Dispatching Simulcast System

Chair Helm said the total project cost is \$75,125, with 50% coming from a grant and 50% coming from town funds (\$37,563). Selectman Bianchi said he talked to Chief Andersen about this and he (Bianchi) felt there were a lot of unanswered questions. The tower is on King Ridge and is owned by Verizon. At this point in time there is no firm authorization from Verizon to use the tower. There is also a question as to the monthly rental fee that would be incurred to use the tower. It was not unheard of for a town to pay

between \$1,200 – \$1,500 per month for use of a tower. Selectman Bianchi added that the equipment to be put up would be for fire department use only. He wasn't sure if this would increase the range in town or would impact the police's range at all. Chief Lyon said they have been searching for a site for the antenna for the last 3-4 years. The original site was going to be Mount Kearsarge and it was going to be done through DRED. At one point they had permission to install the antenna at the fire tower but the FCC decided not to allow it to happen.

Chief Lyon said currently at Four-Corners, the Fire Department can't reach dispatch on a portable radio. They can hear dispatch, but dispatch can't hear them. There are also areas on I-89 where communications are not clear. He felt that it is up to the Town to provide infrastructure to insure they can clear up communication for the Town of New London and the other towns they service.

Selectman Bianchi said until they get information about the associated costs, he thought it wise to postpone accepting the grant and paying \$37,000. Chief Andersen said he did some research on putting the police antenna up. He said it would only be \$6,000 to hang a police antenna and use the same space. He noted that Bernie (Peabody) from Beltronics is trying very hard to get through to Verizon to see if they could, in fact, make use of the tower.

Selectman Kidder recalled that when Bernie from Beltronics came to a meeting, he explained that communications would need to be enhanced in this area and surrounding areas regardless if New London had its own dispatch service. Chair Helm said she was leaning towards putting this article on the warrant but would put it on hold until they could get some more information from Beltronics. Mr. Kaplan wondered if they could use the words "not to exceed" with regards to the amount, and approve the article to get it on the warrant. Then if there were additional costs, they wouldn't be able to do it. Ms. Hallquist thought they could leave it as-written, and if there were additional costs, they could work to find the funds to pay them.

Selectman Bianchi said he would like to have answers to the questions before they move forward on this particular warrant article.

Consoles for Dispatch

The article would request \$97,000 for the purchase and installation of two communication consoles for dispatch. Selectman Bianchi said the Selectmen agreed to take this out of the operating budget while they discussed where the Town was going with dispatch. He understood that they may need to purchase one, even if they discontinue offering dispatch through New London, but thought the long term discussion should be held before they go ahead and purchase anything of this magnitude. Ms. Wood said they could apply for both a 50/50 grant and a 100% grant. Selectman Bianchi said he was not in favor of approving the warrant article. Selectman Kidder thought Ms. Wood should go ahead with the grant application. Ms. Wood said they wouldn't apply for this until the fall. Ms. Wood noted that the consoles they have now are old and may last, at most, another two years. Parts for repair are obsolete and can only be found on eBay.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Tina Helm) not to approve \$97,000 for two communication consoles for dispatch.

Selectman Kidder thought they should discuss dispatch before approving this motion. The Board could discuss the matter at a later date.

Chair Helm called for a vote.

THE MOTION FAILED. Bianchi: Yes, Helm: No, Kidder: No

Police Department Special Detail Revolving Fund

Selectman Bianchi said he was not in favor of revolving funds and didn't see the need for one in the Police Department. Selectman Kidder thought since the Town was paying the police to do the special details, any money generated from their efforts should go back into the general fund and not into a revolving account. Chief Andersen said the part the Town was paying the officers would not go into the revolving fund; it is the extra that is paid from the use of the cruiser. For every hour they work a special detail, the revolving fund would earn about \$10. After several years of this savings, they could use the funds to purchase radios and other equipment so as not to add it to the regular operating budget. Ms. Kidder said she was still not in favor of the revolving fund.

RSA Allowing Conservation Commissions to keep unused funds in their operating budget.

Selectman Kidder said she was in favor of this initiative, noting that the Conservation Commission was not asking for additional funds for the land acquisition capital reserve fund this year. She pointed out that they are all volunteers doing work in the town, and they have a small, conservative budget that they manage very carefully. If they were allowed to have a little extra money to build walkways or trails, they should take advantage of the opportunity. Selectman Bianchi didn't see the advantage of doing this. Chair Helm said she was in favor of it and felt the Conservation Commission worked very hard to raise money and thought they should be able to roll over unused funds from one year to the next. Dr. Wilson noted that the article is good for only one year, it would need to be revisited and approved each year to continue the authorization.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Tina Helm) that the Conservation Commission's request to keep unused funds from their operating budget, pursuant to RSA 36-A:5 be placed on the warrant.

THE MOTION PASSED. Kidder: Yes, Helm: Yes, Bianchi: No

To raise \$75,000 for the care and maintenance of the 1941 Building

Selectman Bianchi gave a brief history of the 1941 Building project. On December 16th, 2013, the article was requested by the New London Community Center (NLCC) committee for \$75,000 per year. The Selectmen said they needed more information at that time, before they could make a decision. The NLCC returned on January 13 with another presentation with the \$75,000 from the Town included each year. They have had a couple of letters come in from the NLCC since then but in his opinion, there was still not enough information provided.

Selectman Bianchi thought it was time for the Selectmen to make a decision on this. He was not in favor of the article. This \$75,000, put aside to maintain the building, was listed as income for the committee. He thought the whole project was woefully short on money and facts. He cited instances where the pro forma was inaccurate. Selectman Bianchi said the NLCC claims they have \$75,000 in pledges and are awaiting another \$150,000. He thought the concept seemed to be lacking the dollars to proceed. He didn't want to approve the \$75,000 appropriation from the Town being on the warrant.

Chair Helm said this has been a very difficult decision for her and she has done a lot of research. She has come to the decision that she will vote to put this on as a warrant article. She believes in democracy and giving an opportunity for the citizens to have their say. The condition of putting this on the warrant was that the Board of Selectmen would host two public meetings; one in the middle of April, and one the first week in May. People would be asked to voice their opinions on the matter during these meetings. She wanted these meetings to be informational forums to help the voters be informed for the vote in May.

Mr. Kaplan said he had spoken about this subject several times and it still seemed to him that people were not listening. He said the \$75,000 was for expenses for the building, assuming the numbers the school district is using to maintain it. Any improvements will be paid for through fundraising. Before they get to May 14th, they will have \$150,000. If they don't have the money they will stop the process. Mr. Kaplan said the Town, as a big part of the school district, pays about 29% of the heating and electric for the 1941 Building currently, which is about \$15,000. They are being asked to spend \$75,000 but when considering that the school district will no longer be paying for the heat and electricity, New London will realize a savings of \$15,000. The net additional expense to the Town will be \$60,000 not \$75,000. Mr. Kaplan reiterated that no capital expense would happen with Town funds; the committee will raise monies as needed.

Selectman Bianchi said Phase 1 included getting the cafeteria open and usable. A memo from the NLCC on 2/10 explained that the roof repairs would be part of Phase 1. He said it was estimated at \$150,000 to get cafeteria done and another \$100,000 for the roof. He questioned whether it would be a wise decision for the Town of New London to lease a building with a roof that is inadequate and spend \$150,000 to renovate a room underneath a roof that needs to be fixed. He estimated it would take \$250,000 to get the entire phase done. Mr. Kaplan said the latest roof estimate is \$50,000 and the school district had agreed to pay \$25,000 towards the repair. Selectman Bianchi said this was news to him and he had heard several times that it would be \$100,000 for the roof.

Chair Helm said their charge was to see if they would put this decision in the hands of the town and the voters. She had some concerns about the numbers but felt it was their responsibility to put it before the town at Town Meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) that they do not put an article on the warrant for \$75,000, for the care and maintenance of the 1941 Building.
THE MOTION FAILED. Bianchi: Yes, Helm: No, Kidder: No.**

**IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to put an article on the warrant for \$75,000 for the care and maintenance of the 1941 Building.
THE MOTION PASSED. Kidder: Yes, Helm: Yes, Bianchi: No**

Joe Cardillo: May Town Meeting be moved back to March

Chair Helm said she was not in favor of this article, noting that it has been a complicated process to get where they are and she felt they needed to continue with what they are doing for another couple of years. Selectman Bianchi thought if they were going to put the \$75,000 for the 1941 Building up for vote at Town Meeting, they should put this decision before the voters as well. Selectman Kidder thought a lot of time was put into the change. Selectman Bianchi said he never saw the advantage of having the meeting in May instead of March.

Dr. Wilson said Mr. Cardillo wasn't looking to change the fiscal year back to the calendar year, he was looking to just change the town meeting back to March. Selectman Kidder wondered if Ms. Hallquist could do a survey to find out if citizens would like the meeting to continue as is (in May) or change it back (to March). Ms. Hallquist said they could but it would come down to what those at Town Meeting decide as those are the people who could vote on the issue.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to put an article on the warrant to change Town Meeting from May to March.

Chair Helm noted that Mr. Cardillo brought this suggestion to the Selectmen because he felt there had been less attendance at the meeting in May as well as fewer voters coming out to vote in the school election in March, which used to be held the same time as the Town Meeting election.

Ms. Piotrow said if Town Meeting is put back to March, the Budget Committee would have to get their work done in December/January and it would push the budgeting two months back into the fall. Dr. Wilson noted that that was the schedule before moving to the May Town Meeting. The Budget Committee had most of their budget meetings in January.

Chair Helm said it made sense to have Town Meeting in May due to the change to the fiscal year. Having a meeting in March meant the budget was retroactive.

THE MOTION FAILED. Bianchi: Yes, Kidder: No, Helm: No

Ms. Hallquist said the Selectmen can still put more articles on the warrant if additional issues become known.

Public meetings for 1941 Discussion were planned for Tuesday, April 15th at 7:00pm at Whipple Hall, and Saturday, May 3rd at 9:30am, as part of the Community Advisory Committee Meeting, at Whipple Hall.

Budget Changes

Ms. Johnson reviewed budget changes to date, totaling \$39,385. She noted that the Library has changed its request to allow the expenditure of \$30,000 out of their Capital Reserve Fund in FY2015 instead of in FY2016 as listed in the CIP. Additionally, the Highway Department part-time labor has changed. She explained that she reduced the highway department labor line and put the money into transfer station labor but this was incorrect, the highway budget should remain unchanged with additional funds being requested for the transfer station. This amounted to an additional \$10,200. Other adjustments included changes to landfill monitoring and some employee insurance lines. These adjustments total \$9,385 affecting the tax rate and the \$30,000 would come out of the existing capital reserve.

Third Police Cruiser

Chief Andersen said he would like to keep the oldest cruiser until June 2014, instead of selling it right away as has been the practice when the new cruiser comes on line. He believes he can maintain the fleet with \$500 less and still keep this cruiser as a spare. Recently, with two of the cruisers out for repair, this third cruiser came in very handy. Chief Andersen said it wasn't a cost to the Town if it sits or doesn't get used very often and is used as a backup. He thought it was a benefit and noted that selling the cruiser in June 2014 would not result in less money on the sale and the money would come in during the same fiscal year as was planned. Ms. Hallquist agreed with this reasoning and noted that if the spare cruiser had a major mechanical failure, money would not be spent to repair it. She offered that the Town doesn't get much for the cruisers when they are offered for sale anyway, and they would likely get close to the same amount even if they kept it an extra 11 months.

Selectman Bianchi was not in favor of keeping the third cruiser. He didn't think they needed five vehicles in their fleet. Chief Andersen said over his years with the department, they have always thought a backup cruiser would be helpful. He noted surrounding towns that have more cruisers than New London and are not 24-hour departments. Chair Helm thought it was worth trying. Selectman Kidder agreed. Chair Helm told Chief Andersen he could go ahead with his plan to keep the third cruiser until June 2014.

Chair Helm noted that Ms. Piotrow had asked about election information being included on the front page of the Town's website. Ms. Hallquist said this could happen. Chair Helm said the more they can do to make people aware of the school vote the better. Ms. Kaplan said it was also the school's responsibility to make people aware of the school vote. Chair Helm agreed and hoped the election would be better publicized than it was last year.

Dispatch

Chair Helm once again thanked Ms. Wood, Chief Lyon and Chief Andersen on the dispatch study they did for the Selectmen. She thought they did a great job compiling a lot of information, as they were asked to do.

Selectman Kidder asked if the capital cost for needed equipment was still \$700,000, as was revealed to the Budget Committee's subcommittee that studied dispatch. Ms. Wood said that cost was high. She added that costs had come down and that figure was from the last grant application they had filled out. The cost is significantly less now. Chief Lyon said the estimate was for three repeater sites and the equipment was going to be top notch. There were things put into the estimate that were there because it was a grant and were not actual needs. He noted that Ms. Wood's current figures were much more accurate.

Chair Helm felt if there were some things they could do to upgrade dispatch to make it function, they should do them. However, any drastic changes or increases for the upcoming fiscal year she didn't intend to propose.

Selectman Bianchi thought they should continue with a fact-finding group to get more information. He thought they should be looking into what it would cost for dispatching New London alone without the other towns. They currently pay 60% of the dispatch budget. Out of the 9,400 people they serve, New London accounts for less than half, but generates 2/3 of the calls for service and he questioned how this was possible. He observed that in studying dispatch, they need to figure out what it would cost New London to dispatch just for New London. Also, if they want to continue with servicing the other towns, they need a firm list of the equipment and capital expenses they will need to provide the service. They will need to find out how much other towns would be willing to contribute towards these improvements. If they outsource dispatch, there could be peripheral costs; what are they specifically? They will need estimates. What would the coverage be for New London and other towns if they outsource? What would the quality of service be? Will they lose coordination of services? He noted that very few towns of their size have their own dispatch service. How does the service differ for those who don't have their own service? What are the issues? Are there hybrid systems they could use? He would like to get some technical advice from someone who is not a provider. He had nothing against Beltronics but thought it would be good to get hard advice from another source. Selectman Bianchi thought if it cost a little more to keep the service local, he would like to do so. He wasn't sure what "a little more" consisted of. He thought it would take some time to get this information.

Chief Lyon said Ms. Wood spent many hours over a three-week period to put the information together in the report. If they hire a consultant like MRI to come in to do a study, it could take up to 6-8 months. It all depended how much time they wanted to invest and how much they wanted to spend. He said dispatch is running on a bare-bones system right now. If they ask other towns to pay more, those towns could choose to go somewhere else for less money. The towns choose to stay with New London because of the relationships they have with the town and the proximity of New London to them. It makes sense to outsource, monetarily. It is all contingent upon what the Board of Selectmen and the Town of New London decides to do. Chief Lyon felt that there would be a disconnect between the police department and the fire department if the town outsourced its dispatching service.

Selectman Kidder thought contrary to some of the impressions they may get from various people, the Board of Selectmen do appreciate the work done in dispatch. She didn't want the other towns to think they didn't want to work together or lose the relationships they have with the surrounding towns. She worried about unintended consequences if they were to change dispatch. Maybe more full-time fire personnel would need to be hired because the volunteers may not want to have to go to every call. The Police Department will need to figure out who will answer the phone when Ms. Larrow goes home at night. They may need more personnel in the Police Department to answer the phone and offer services they currently count on dispatch to provide. Selectman Kidder wondered if, in eliminating a department, they were only going to be adding more employees to other departments. She acknowledged that there must be added stress for those working in dispatch who may be wondering if they will have a job in a year. She hoped they would make a decision very soon so the employees won't have to worry about what may happen.

Mr. Kaplan said he has had occasion to call on the police department, fire department and the ambulance. Sometimes people not only need fire or police, but also ambulance. He felt the police department has become extremely proficient over the years and hoped they could keep dispatch in town. Chair Helm agreed and shared her own positive experience with the emergency services in town.

Ms. Piotrow said she was on the subcommittee that met with the dispatch. One problem they identified was the operating costs. New London has twice as many calls as the other towns so them having to pay more was not unreasonable. The other problem is that New London is paying 100% of the capital costs. Will the other towns be willing to pay any of these costs in the future? She also heard that other providers have a lot of capital costs to pay in order to upgrade their service and those costs will most likely be passed on to the users. This was something to consider.

Chair Helm asked for cost of switching from analog to digital if they have to go with another service. Chief Andersen said it would be about \$25,000 and opined there were pros and cons to both analog and digital. They are fine right now using analog.

Chair Helm asked how the fire department would be dispatched if New London decided to outsource. Chief Lyon said there were three options and if the fire department were dispatched through Lakes Region, they would pick up New London Hospital. The hospital would not pay but it would be looked at as a call base. A motor vehicle accident call would go to whatever the priority was; it would depend on the severity and conditions of the accident.

Chief Andersen said in his experience working in other towns, having each department dispatched by different services can be very inefficient and dangerous. Valuable minutes are lost when using this kind of model. He didn't think it worked well for safety purposes.

Chair Helm suggested if they continue with and improve the service they have, she would like to gather representatives from the other towns and understand, fully, what their needs and concerns are. Perhaps some of the problems that exist could be ameliorated quickly and become part of the total cost for the service.

Selectman Bianchi wondered if other towns would have to go to two dispatch services if New London's service was not available. The answer was yes. Selectman Bianchi thought because of this, they should recognize that all the towns are in the same boat if they were all to go forward alone. He thought they should explore all the alternatives and costs. Ms. Wood said with what they have asked for with the consoles and the King Ridge project, it will benefit New London regardless of whether dispatch stays or

is outsourced. The company “Crown Castle” is behind the King Ridge project and has talked to Verizon in the past and said the Town would need to come up with a contract. She offered that doing these things (King Ridge project and buying the consoles) is a benefit to both the Fire and Police departments. It will help the other towns but has to be done, regardless. At the least, they would need one new console, which would be \$50,000. The one tower they currently have is servicing all the towns. Adding another tower increases the range of access and provides for a back-up. If anything happens to the tower they have, there is no back-up. All of these things would be helping communications for responders in New London whether dispatch is in New London or not. They have been tentatively approved for the \$37,000 for the repeaters and she strongly asked them to reconsider the grant as the repeaters do the legwork for the majority of the project.

Ms. Wood explained that the grant allows them to put repeaters up for the Fire Department; the Police Department can add their own antenna for an additional \$6,000. Chief Andersen noted it costs about \$10,000 each time they have to climb the tower to install equipment so it would make sense to add the police antenna when the work is being done to install the repeaters.

Chief Lyon said the Town is asking for the support and commitment from neighboring towns but yet the Town is not putting money into the infrastructure or the equipment. By not doing so, it shows a lack of commitment to the other towns. To table (not act on) money that is being given at a 50% cost was a mistake. Department heads have been successful in the past with grants and he gave several examples of grants the Town has been awarded and the money the Town has saved as a result. He questioned if the Selectmen are not willing to accept the grants, why put time and effort into writing the grants?

Chief Lyon didn't think it was fair to those writing the grants, especially Police Chief Cahill from Sunapee, who was doing work writing a grant for the Fire Department in New London. The towns are doing this together for the benefit of all the emergency services. He didn't understand the lack of support of upgrading equipment that is needed, and was actually needed “yesterday.” He felt this sends the wrong message to their employees and to the relationships they have had with their mutual aid departments.

Fire Chief Thomas from Newbury said they carry the municipal frequency and Police Department frequency on their radios so the antenna that is put up for the Fire Department can be accessed to get one out of a jam if needed. Chief Thomas thought a committee of representatives could come up with a plan to make the service succeed. He thought they could save for the money together to come up with these systems that will benefit all. He pointed out that in his town, they put money into a capital reserve fund that can be used to assist a neighboring town with ambulance services (since Newbury benefits from the ambulance) and he didn't see why a similar fund couldn't be set up for dispatching equipment in New London.

Chair Helm thought representatives from the other towns should meet to brainstorm on this issue. Over the next couple of weeks, they would like to plan a meeting. Ms. Wood said they have meetings with the chiefs from the towns they service on fairly regular basis. Chair Helm said that was great and they could build on this.

Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Hallquist said a request from the Bandstand Committee had come in to revise the amount they asked for. The original amount included two concerts that will not be held. The old amount was \$11,599 and has been reduced to \$10,499.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the amount of \$10,499 for the Bandstand Committee. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Hallquist noted that Facilities Manager Bill Granger has submitted an estimate for the materials needed to install a counter in the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors Office. The estimate is \$1,612.73.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the amount of \$1,612.73 to construct a counter in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Hallquist said the Pole Licensing hearing would be held at the Selectmen's meeting on March 10th. Norm Bernaiche, Chief Assessor, will be in attendance at the hearing. This hearing is being held pursuant to RSA 72:23 and will determine whether it is in the public good to amend existing pole licenses.

Ms. Hallquist noted the email from John Kiernan regarding the condition of the skating rink. She said she and Mr. Blewitt, Recreation Director, are working with Mr. Kiernan to better understand his suggestions for rink maintenance.

With regards to the recently repaired bandstand roof, Ms. Hallquist questioned if the funds should come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Bianchi answered in the affirmative. The total previously approved amount for repairs was \$31,381.45.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to pay for the bandstand roof repair from Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Committee Meetings/Reports

Selectmen Bianchi said the Planning Board met last Tuesday about possible Zoning Amendments. The hearing is scheduled for March 25th. They decided to eliminate the amendments that were proposed for signs. Selectman Kidder asked if Selectman Bianchi could discuss the proposed amendments to those at the Community Advisory Committee meeting on Saturday. Selectman Bianchi agreed.

Chair Helm said the Selectmen attended the sewer meeting in Sunapee on Thursday night. She reported that the new facility was moving towards completion.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2014

There were some grammatical amendments made to the minutes.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the minutes of February 7, 2014, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

February 18, 2014

There were some grammatical amendments made to the minutes.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Upcoming Meetings

March 4, 5:00pm – Recreation Commission

March 5, 7:00pm – Budget Committee

March 10, 2014 at 8:00am – Board of Selectmen

March 11, 7:00pm – Planning Board

Other Business

Chair Helm said she was called by Dave Kidder of the NLCC who asked for 10 days extension to further discuss some new issues. She had no problem with this. It was noted that the NLCC received their 501(c)(3) designation for tax purposes.

Application for Building Permit:

- Colby-Sawyer College (085-033-000), 541 Main Street – Create ice rink between Rooke & Lawson dorms. – Approved
- 235 Pilot House Road Realty Trust (068-005-000), 235 Pilot House Road – Remove & Replace Boathouse – Approved
- John Roemer (030-009-000) , 1637 Little Lake Sunapee Road – Interior remodel & raise roof for entry – Approved
- Beaconwood 2012 Realty Trust (091-006-000), 231 Poor Road – Demolish Boathouse-Approved
- Beaconwood 2012 Realty Trust (091-006-000), 231 Poor Road – Replace Boathouse - Approved

Application for use of the Town Green

Center for the Arts – July 5, 2013 8AM – 6PM – Local Art Fair – Approved

Application for use of Syd Crook Conference Room:

Health Officer, New London – Focus Group to Assess Residents’ Thoughts on Well Water Testing. March 4, 6:00PM – 8:00PM - Approved

Application for use of Whipple Hall:

New London Barn Players – Rehearsal Space for 27 days, May-July, 2014- Approved

Other Items Approved:

- Land Use Change Tax – Benjamin & Kate Dulac, 1047 King Hill Road (130-005-000)
- Raffle Permit – Kearsarge youth Hockey Assoc. 12/15/14 at Proctor Academy Rink (cash prize)
- Elderly Exemption Application – Helen T. Gillespie
- Current Use Application – Edward Canane

Ms. Johnson said there were two non-lapsing funds voted in until December, 2014. One is designated for historical purchases (archives) in the amount of \$3,000. Another fund is for disease prevention for \$5,000. Deb Langner, Health Officer, has some ideas on how to spend this money and it has to go on the warrant to keep the funds going.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London