



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES April 17, 2013

### **PRESENT:**

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

Chair Bianchi called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

### Option Agreement with the Kearsarge Regional School District

The Board reviewed the option agreement between the School Board and the Town, to allow the Town one year to investigate the possibility of acquiring, by long-term lease, 1941 Building for use as a community center. Town Counsel suggested some revisions, which have been incorporated into the revised agreement. Daniel Wolf, School Board Chair, has signed the agreement on behalf of the School District. The option agreement is void if not approved at Town Meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the option agreement as presented. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Pathways Proposal for Elkins Project

Ms. Hallquist informed the Board that William Rose of the State DOT has reviewed the proposal as submitted by Pathways and finds that it meets the requirements for approval. Mr. Rose has issued the Notice to Proceed with the engineering portion of the design. Ms. Hallquist noted that she has asked Pathways for a timeline about their expected completion dates of various tasks, to be sure they can complete this phase of the project in a timely manner.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the proposal as submitted by Pathways and as approved by the DOT. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### Town Meeting Warrant 2013

The Board reviewed the Warrant for the 2013 Town Meeting. The Board noted that in some areas, the Selectmen and Budget Committee disagreed on amounts to be recommended. The Board noted that since most of the differences were small, they would adopt the Budget Committee's recommendations rather than adding "not recommended by the Selectmen" in those lines.

Chair Bianchi suggested that the petitioned warrant article for the conservation fund and the article for the 1941 building be placed at the beginning of the warrant so they may be considered at the start of the

meeting, rather at the end, when some people may have left the meeting. Selectmen Kidder and Helm agreed.

It was noted that the warrant articles no longer contain the notation concerning the estimated tax rate impact. Ms. Hallquist informed the Board that the law now allows the legislative body to vote to require such information be included for the budget and all special articles having a tax impact (see RSA 32:5, V-b). Prior to this amendment to the budget law there was no statutory authority to include the notations, although some towns, including New London, have included them in the past. The Board noted that they would not include an article on this year's warrant, but if there appears to be a strong interest in this information, they may include the question on the warrant for the next town meeting. The Selectmen will be prepared with estimated tax impacts of the various articles should someone inquire.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the Warrant for the 2013 Town Meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Tina Helm) to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Hallquist  
Town Administrator