



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVED MEETING MINUTES May 26, 2015

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Bruce Hudson, Budget Committee Member
Ed Andersen, Police Chief
Norm Bernaiche, Chief Tri-Town Assessor
Richard Lee, Public Works Director
Minette Sweeny, *Intertown Record*
John Wilson, Budget Committee Member

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

Public Hearings

Acceptance of Funds to the Recreation Department

Pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, a public hearing was held to accept the amount of \$15,000 to the Recreation Department. Chair Kidder explained that Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director, applied for a grant to help fund a future purchase of a recreation van. The funds can only be used for the future purchase of a recreation van. Until the money is spent on a van, the money will be held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

The Chair asked if there were comments by those present. Bruce Hudson inquired if there were any immediate plans to replace the recreation van. Chair Kidder noted that there are no immediate plans, this money will be held until such time that the town decides to replace the van.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to accept the \$15,000 for the future replacement of the recreation van. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Acceptance of Donated Firearms to the Police Department

Pursuant to RSA 31:95-e, a public hearing was held to accept a gift of personal property that has a value exceeding \$5,000. Chair Kidder explained that Sturm Ruger wishes to donate 14 firearms to the New London Police Department and Chief Andersen feels they will benefit his department.

The Chair asked if there were comments by those present. Selectman Bianchi asked how much each firearm was worth. Chief Andersen reported that each firearm is valued at \$550.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to accept the gift of 14 firearms from Sturm Ruger. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointments

2014 Abatement Requests - Norm Bernaiche, Chief Assessor

Selectman Bianchi said he read through all of the requests provided by Mr. Bernaiche. He asked if there were any cases Mr. Bernaiche wished to discuss further. Mr. Bernaiche said the explanations in his memo were self explanatory and he had no further information to offer.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to deny the request for abatement from Herrick Cove Partners, 316 Route 103A, Map 080-009-000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Robert and Judith Bruguier Trust, 21 Highland Ridge, Map 145-001-021 from \$370,000 to \$363,300. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to deny the request for abatement for the Amy Putnam Trust at 150 Pike Brook Road, Map 135-006-000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Jessie and Anthony Woeltz at 182 Pike Brook Road, Map 135-005-000 from \$1,673,700 to \$1,572,000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Paul and Jane Vance at 419 Bunker Road, Map 063-001-000 from \$1,126,300 to \$1,090,700. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Peckham New Hampshire Real Estate Trust, Map 049-008-000, Pleasant Lake Shared Access Lot, from \$176,400 to \$0. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Sonja Phillips at 752 Pleasant Street, Map 049-005-000 from \$423,700 to \$410,500. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to deny the request for abatement for David and Karen Demers at 586 Bunker Road, Map 076-032-000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for David and Karen Demers at 624 Bunker Road, Map 076-029-000 from \$423,000 to \$352,600. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Dariel B. Connors Trust at 47 Bartons Row, Map 064-003-000 from \$832,900 to \$700,400. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Paul and Joanne Lazdowski at 67 Moyahs Lane, Map 103-015-000 from \$1,141,500 to \$1,084,400. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Martha and Sikhar Banerjee at 135 Lamson Lane, Map 049-018-000 from \$986,500 to \$879,400. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Martha and Sikhar Banerjee's land on Lamson Lane, Map 049-027-000 from \$114,200 to \$99,200. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Gary Anderson and Cornelia Boyle at 750 Little Lake Sunapee Road, Map 021-001-000 from \$938,800 to \$735,000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Bernaiche explained that the building at 750 Little Lake Sunapee Road was due to be torn down.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Gary Anderson and Cornelia Boyle at 46 Twin Lake Villa Road, Map 020-017-000 from \$482,600 to \$453,400. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for Gary Anderson and Cornelia Boyle's lake access lot, Map 020-001-000 from \$71,400 to \$57,100. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for William and Gladys Dowd at 160 Camp Sunapee Road, Map 045-035-000 from \$2,029,600 to \$1,952,700. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for The Anne Beardsly Bedard Trust at 810 Bunker Road, Map 077-003-000 from \$423,000 to \$401,400. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to deny the request for abatement for Oliver Bruzga and Company, LLC at 299 Main Street, Map 084-072-000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to deny the request for abatement for Pleasant Lake Tributary, LLC on Lamson Lane, Map 049-028-000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to deny the request for abatement for the Susan Schweitzer Trust at 813 Little Sunapee Road, Map 032-001-000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to lower the assessed value of property on Little Sunapee Road, Map 050-004-000 owned by Elzbieta and Waldemar Fryckowski from \$89,700 to \$80,200. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to deny the request for abatement from George and Paula Rowell at 244 Wilmot Center Road, Map 065-027-000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to reduce the assessment for UC Residential, LLC at 232 Old Main Street, Map 107-013-000 from \$504,600 to \$448,600. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Town Administrator's Report – Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

Ms. Hallquist reported that Town Meeting went well and everyone pitched in and did a great job. Special thanks went to Amy Rankins and Kristy Heath for their work in planning the details of the meeting; work that takes several months in advance to plan and carry out to have a successful meeting.

Ms. Hallquist noted that the electrical issues at Whipple Hall that included the stage lighting and dimmers, have been resolved. Special thanks went to Richard Lee, Public Works Director, and Matt Grimes, Facilities Manager, for their work in getting this done.

Ms. Hallquist explained that she sent a memo to all the town's real estate agencies letting them know that the Town would be picking up any illegal signs that may be put up. She said that many calls have come in from people complaining about illegal signs. She will let the Board of Selectmen know where the illegal signs are being picked up from so they may consider penalties for the offenders. It is her hope that the memo will reduce or eliminate the number of illegal signs in town.

Ms. Hallquist said that with the vote at Town Meeting to move the date of Town Meeting back to March, they will need to begin budgeting two months earlier than they have in the past several years. A tentative budget schedule has been prepared and shared with the Selectmen, Budget Committee and Department Heads, pending approval by the Selectmen. The Selectmen agreed with the schedule as presented.

Ms. Hallquist noted that she forwarded some examples of "Rules of Procedure" for the Board's consideration. She noted that many boards of selectmen adopt rules of procedure to set out how the board will conduct its meetings. The Board will review the examples and discuss at a future meeting should there be an interest in adopting rules.

Ms. Hallquist shared that Richard Lee was awarded the honor of "NH Public Works Employee of the Year" by the NH Road Agents Association, upon nomination by his staff. It was noted that the *Intertown Record* included a picture and announcement of the award. The Board and those present congratulated Mr. Lee with a round of applause.

Ms. Hallquist said that in regards to the Clark Lookout Access Road, Forester Leo Maslin went in to check the condition of the road and the trees abutting it. Mr. Maslin reported that he did not observe anything out of the ordinary on the roadway or abutting trees. Ms. Hallquist suggested the Town write a letter to Mr. Howard and his attorney to inform them that the Town must have a key to the gate so that handicapped people can use the road to get to Clark Lookout, as provided in the town's easement. Mr. Howard's position is that the road is damaged, which is why he locked the gate, restricting the use.

However, the town's easement clearly states that the Town has the ability to use the road and that the town is not responsible for maintenance of the road.

Elkins Project

Ms. Hallquist said that the upcoming Friday they will have the bid opening for the Elkins sidewalk project. She noted that she had a conversation with William Rose, State DOT, regarding the options open to the town should the bids come in higher than expected. She was informed that if necessary, more grant money could be committed to the project, but they have to think about the additional 20% the Town will have to come up with if more funds are needed as it is an 80/20 funding scenario. Another option is to re-bid in November but if the prices come back high again, they won't be able to go back to the Federal Government to get more money as the money must be committed by September 30th. At 2pm on Friday they will have a better idea on the project costs.

Ms. Hallquist said that once the bids are opened, Pathways Consulting will review them and make sure they are complete and will offer a recommendation as to the lowest responsive bidder. They will then hand them over to DOT to select a contractor. The State will require that the town choose the lowest responsive bidder. Mr. Lee said the contractors bidding are already pre-certified with the State; otherwise they wouldn't have been able to bid.

Academy Building Project

Ms. Hallquist noted that Frank Anzalone has started to evaluate the Academy Building for the siding project; last week Mr. Anzalone and Matt Grimes removed more siding to investigate the condition underneath. She noted that the one exposed section she observed did not show as much failure as the side taken off a few months ago, during the budget process. She noted that she did not have a conversation with Mr. Anzalone or with Matt Grimes about what they found when additional pieces of siding were removed. Mr. Lee noted that Matt Grimes informed him that they removed a few more sections of siding in different areas and found just one more spot that has rot. Mr. Lee cautioned that they won't know the entire amount of rot until they remove more of the siding.

New Business

Discuss Violation of Shore Land Overlay District at 47 Moyah's Lane

Ms. Hallquist reported that based on a complaint from a neighbor, she and Chair Kidder went to 47 Moyah's Lane to see if work was being done on the house that would require a building permit. It was clear that renovations were on-going, but unclear if the renovations were enough to require a building permit, so a letter was to be sent to the owner requesting more information. The next day, another visit was made, prompted by a call from a neighbor who noticed a piece of equipment on the beach. Ms. Hallquist and Ms. St. John (Planning and Zoning Administrator) went to the property and spoke with the owners, and observed a Bobcat back hoe on the beach, and it was obvious from the tracks in the sand that the equipment was used to grade the beach and move rocks on the shore line. The owners stated that wooden stairs to the beach were removed and work was being done to improve the access to the beach. The owners said they were not aware they weren't allowed to do work to the beach. Ms. Hallquist wrote the owners a letter confirming representations made during the viewing that the owners agreed to apply for a building permit and apply for whatever state permits for disturbance in the shore land was required. A deadline of June 1st was stated in the letter. DES will get a copy of the letter.

Selectman Bianchi feels this to be a flagrant violation of the New London Zoning Ordinance they have taken a lot of time and thought to put in place. This is the most egregious violation of their shoreline protection regulations. He thinks the Board must take a stance: whether it be by issuing a fine or something else, to make it known that this can't be done. Ms. Hallquist said the ordinance will need to be

enforced and they will then go to the Planning Board for permission to rebuild a wall, if that is the intention of the property owners. Selectman Bianchi opined that no one will ever bother getting a permit to do work in the shore line if the Town doesn't penalize the people who try to get away with doing these kinds of things. The Selectboard hasn't done anything in the past to make a point and he thinks they need to do something now. It was noted that the fine in the ordinances states \$275 per day for the first offence, and \$550 for subsequent offense per day. Ms. Hallquist noted that if the property owner refuses to pay the fine levied, the town will need to take them to court to enforce the penalty.

Chair Kidder thinks the shore should be restored to the way it was and any further correspondence should be forwarded to June Fichter at LSPA so they are aware of what is going on. Selectman Bianchi thinks the property owners should be fined. If they don't enforce the ordinance it isn't worth anything. Chair Kidder said the Board should ask to see pictures of what was done, find out how long they have been working on the beach, etc. Selectman Bianchi thinks there should be a substantial penalty for breaking the rules. Chair Kidder asked Selectman Bianchi to make a proposal and suggest an amount they should be fined.

Selectman Rollins said they should come in to explain when they made the changes. The Bobcat was rented so there would be a date found for when they started doing the work. She feels they should be fined as well. Ms. Hallquist said the bobcat arrived on May 21st as reported by the property owners, and the fact that it was not on the shorefront on the morning of May 20th when Chair Kidder and Ms. Hallquist were at the property to investigate the building permit issue.

Selectman Bianchi said he has had a recent encounter with someone who wanted some work done in a wetland and said that it would be fine to violate the rules of the town because no one ever comes to check on things. Chair Kidder asked Selectman Bianchi to offer a suggestion of what a suitable fine would be.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) to fine the owners of 47 Moyah's Lane \$1,000 for breaking the rules of the Town of New London.

There was no second to the motion.

Chair Kidder suggested the owners come to a meeting to talk about what happened. She thinks they needed more information. Ms. Hallquist said fining them \$1,000 is fine, but if the property owners refuse to pay, the Board will not be able to point to a zoning provision in the zoning ordinance that provides for a \$1,000 fine for what was done.

Chair Kidder said they are not ignoring this and are trying to get more information to do the right thing for the health of the lake and to let people know they will enforce their zoning ordinance. Selectman Bianchi inquired what fine the State will give to the property owners for what they did.

Ms. Hallquist said she would ask the property owners to come in to a meeting to discuss the violation. There was talk about increasing the fines for future offenses. Selectman Bianchi thinks the Selectman should come up with a schedule of penalties for such things.

Town of Sunapee's Reply to USEPA Regarding Incidents at the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant

Ms. Hallquist reported that the Town of Sunapee met the deadline for responding to a request for additional information regarding four incidents between 2013-2015 at the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant. There was no sense how DES would respond. Mr. Lee said before a few years ago, New London was not listed as a sub-permittee, but now New London is listed as a sub-permittee.

Receipt of Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Landrigan Regarding the Sandra Rowse Permit

Ms. Hallquist noted that abutters Steven and Philomena Landrigan have concerns with the use of the Rowse property to house college students. The Landrigan's believe that there will be increased noise and trespassing caused by college students renting the dwellings within the building. She noted that the Landrigans may appeal the Board's decision to issue the building permit by making application to the ZBA. Chief Andersen said he has read the letter and has heard of some of the concerns, while others listed are new to him. He noted that the Police Department will address any noise/speeding issues if and when they are called.

Old/Pending Business

Proposals for the Mary Haddad Bandstand – Richard Lee, Public Works Director

Mr. Lee said they have received two proposals: one from Foremost for \$78,186.25 and one from Trumbell Nelson for \$68,683. Both companies would make use of Trex decking and plastic lumber where possible, as well as pressure treated wood. He believes the difference in price is the result of the different ways each contractor will employ to secure the roof while they work on the bottom part of the bandstand. As part of the contract they will supply the brackets for the posts. He handed out plans of the brackets. Mr. Lee noted that the concrete piers seem to be fine to the few people who have crawled underneath the bandstand to look at them. Mr. Lee noted that both firms are reputable and capable of doing the job.

Mr. Lee said the only thing not included in the estimate are floor joists as they seem to be OK at present time. They won't know the condition of the joists until they pull up the decking on the floor.

Both companies say they would both like to start the week after Labor Day and be done by the first of November. Mr. Lee said both companies do good work and they are the only people from the list of contractors provided who came to look at the bandstand.

Selectman Bianchi said he feels since it is a Town building, the Board of Selectmen should make their best decision and then inform the Bandstand Committee what they have come up with. Mr. Lee said they should make some decisions soon so they can have time to make some design changes to prevent these issues from causing rot in the future.

Chair Kidder asked Ms. Hallquist to send the information they have to the Bandstand Committee so they can be included in the selection of the contractor and then the design aspects of the refurbished bandstand.

Committee Meetings and Reports

There were none.

Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the minutes of May 4, 2015, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the minutes of May 11, 2015, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the minutes of May 14, 2015, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED. Chair Kidder did not vote as she was not present at the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings and Special Events

Board of Selectmen – Monday, June 1st, 2015 at 6pm
Recreation Commission – Tuesday, June 2nd at 5pm, Whipple Memorial Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 9th at 7pm
Citizen’s Advisory Committee – Saturday, June 13th at 7:30am – Public Works Garage
Board of Selectmen – Monday, June 15th at 6pm
Board of Selectmen – Monday, June 29th at 6pm

Other Business

Selectman Bianchi reminded the Board that dumpsters at Mary Miller’s residence in Elkins need to be removed by June 1st and he suggested that fines be applied if this removal date is not met.

Discuss Committee Assignments of Board Members

Chair Kidder said they will start by electing a chair of the Selectmen.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to appoint Nancy Rollins as Chair of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Bianchi asked why they want to skip over him as Chair as it is customary for the board member serving the third year of their term to be chair. Chair Kidder said last year when she was to be elected chair in her third year, Selectman Bianchi pointed out that it isn’t always the person in the third year of their term who is appointed as Select board Chair. Selectman Bianchi said he thinks it only fair to continue with the tradition. Chair Kidder said each Board make their own decisions on how to elect a chair.

John Wilson said he thinks that not electing Selectman Bianchi as chair is a ridiculous idea and that traditionally the person in their third year on the board is elected as chair and he felt that should be continued.

Chair Kidder thanked Selectman Bianchi and Dr Wilson for their comments and asked for a vote.

THE MOTION PASSED. Peter Bianchi voted no.

Selectman Bianchi said this is the rudest motion that has ever been made on the Board of Selectmen.

Chair Rollins said she thinks the Board of Selectmen should review the Rules of Procedures from the other towns and suggested doing this on either on the June 1st or June 15th meeting.

Committee Assignments

Selectman Bianchi feels that someone else should serve on the Planning Board, as he has done it for the last three years. He suggests himself sitting on the Budget Committee.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to appoint Janet Kidder to serve as the Selectmen’s Representative to the Planning Board.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to appoint Peter Bianchi as the Selectmen’s Representative to the Budget Committee.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discuss Procedure for Appointments to Various Boards and Committees

Ms. Hallquist said the list of expiring terms will be ready for the next meeting. She suggests they put an ad in the *Intertown Record* and the *Shopper* advertising open positions on boards and noted that an announcement was made at Town Meeting encouraging people to fill out the form that is included in the annual report and on-line. There are also some people who submitted volunteer interest forms last year who did not get appointed, that can be considered this year. The Board will consider appointments at the end of June, giving interested citizens time to make application for a position.

Intertown Record Article quoting Sunapee Police Chief Cahill

Bruce Hudson asked if anyone from the Board of Selectmen had reached out to the Sunapee Chief of Police to address the article that was written about New London Dispatch (article in question appeared in the May 12th issue). Mr. Hudson noted that some of the comments reported in the newspaper are disturbing to him. He feels it is a concern that Sunapee would threaten to go elsewhere for their dispatching services. Selectman Kidder said the Selectmen haven't met for two weeks and the article came out during that time. They haven't discussed it.

Selectman Bianchi said the article disturbed him as well because it said if one person in particular was elected as a member of the Board of Selectmen, the price for dispatching would go up. The prices prepared by John Wilson were never discussed by the Board but he feels something is fishy and feels that information was leaked to Sunapee and pointed out that only Chief Andersen and Town Administrator Hallquist had the information. Both Chief Andersen and Ms. Hallquist stated that they did not share Dr. Wilson's figures with Chief Cahill. Mr. Hudson said he is concerned as a taxpayer that the remarks from Sunapee were different than what he had heard from others in New London about their intent to stay with New London Dispatch. He asked if the Selectmen or the Town is going to talk to Sunapee to see why these remarks were made.

Ms. Hallquist noted that she was surprised when she read the article but it did not occur to her that Chief Cahill must have gotten new information to make the comments since what was said is commonly known to all and that is that New London is interested in raising prices to the other towns so New London will pay less, and that is nothing new. She pointed out that she even read the article aloud to Selectman Bianchi who laughed and didn't think it was a big deal. Selectman Bianchi disputed that his reaction was that he didn't think it was a big deal. Ms. Hallquist noted her surprise at Mr. Hudson's comments about Sunapee possibly leaving New London dispatch since Sunapee has made it clear they can and will leave at any time they feel that New London is charging too much. She noted that she viewed Sunapee's dispatching area and sees that they could dispatch themselves if they wanted to.

Ms. Hallquist pointed out that for several years, at least since she arrived in 2011, the Budget Committee has been asking about dispatching rates and why New London pays so much and the member agencies pay so little. She noted that the information Dr. Wilson prepared was not shared with anyone else since it was not made public. She stressed that Sunapee has consistently said that they can and will provide their own dispatching if the price gets too high. She wasn't surprised at all by the remarks in the article and she didn't think that Chief Cahill somehow got any figures from anyone in order to make those remarks. Selectman Kidder said there is a feeling among the member towns that they fear increases and know that the Budget Committee (and their members) are looking to charge more to save New London money. She didn't think Chief Andersen or Ms. Hallquist shared figures with Sunapee. Selectman Bianchi disagreed and said that it was the only reasonable explanation for the comments made by Chief Cahill. Ms. Hallquist said that the other member towns feel like the Budget Committee wants to raise rates; they see a

Budget Committee member running for the Board of Selectmen and they assume the price would go up if that person is elected. She noted that this is a perfectly reasonable conclusion to reach, even if it isn't true, it is easy to see how one might make the statements Chief Cahill made.

Chief Andersen said he has never shown any figures to anyone and only told member towns that they were working on figures. He even went so far as to not say anything at meetings about figures because he didn't want any misinformation to go into the paper. He takes offense that Selectman Bianchi feels he or Ms. Hallquist would have shared that information with the member towns. Selectman Bianchi said when it comes out in the paper that if one candidate gets elected, the figures would go higher, it is obvious that figures were shared. Chief Andersen said it isn't a secret that figures are going up as that has been discussed. It could be an assumption of Chief Cahill that figures would go up if a Budget Committee member was elected to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Hallquist said there isn't an agency served by New London Dispatch that doesn't think New London wants to raise rates. She said the alternative offered by Selectman Bianchi is that either she or Chief Andersen is lying and she felt it insulting that such an accusation was being made.

Mr. Hudson thinks someone should reach out to the Sunapee Police Department. Selectman Kidder said when they get a formula, they will talk to the member towns. Chair Rollins said they need to have the discussion finalized for their plan and how they will proceed.

Non-Public Session

Due to a request to release non-public minutes, the Board of Selectmen entered into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c).

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c). THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. Kidder – yes, Rollins – Yes, Bianchi – Yes

The Board entered nonpublic session at 7:39pm.

Board reentered the public session at 7:40pm.

The Board discussed the request of Mikiko McGee for copies of all records related to her arrest in 2013 including the ride-along policy and subsequent training of the officers that the Selectmen stated would be done as a result of her complaint.

Chief Andersen read a list of courses that Officer Kelley completed in 2012/2013 that would have related training in dealing with the public. The list included:

1. Applied Ethics/Becoming an Exemplary Peace Officer
2. Avoiding Ethic and Sexual Harassment
3. Community Policing/Customer Service V2
4. Emotional Intelligence
5. Police/Community Relations – COR
6. Investigating the Domestic Violence Case

Chief Andersen said with regards to the "ride-along policy" anyone can ride along as long as they are deemed to be fit to do so. This may include having a criminal background check. Ride-alongs can happen anywhere between 7am to 11pm.

Chair Rollins said Ms. McGee also wondered about the accountability of dispatch and the responsibility of the ride along as it pertained to her case. Chief Andersen said that the ride along the evening Ms. McGee was arrested was former Communications Administrator Heather Wood's brother who works for the Sunapee treatment plant. Chief Andersen stated that the ride along person happened to be a relative of an employee but that had no impact on what happened that evening. The ride along also wrote a detailed account of what happened.

Selectman Bianchi suggested instead of putting money back into a female's pocket as was done in this case, perhaps they should have a policy where instead, they put it in the front seat of the car. Chief Andersen said when they pull money out of someone's pocket, male or female, people get angry. The officer saw the money as non-threatening so put it back into her pocket. Selectman Bianchi said anytime something could be changed slightly to prevent any accusations like that, that would be good.

Chair Rollins said that the response to Ms. McGee will be to identify the training that has taken place by the officers and a description of the Ride-along Policy. The Board of Selectmen's position is that everything was done by the book and the nonpublic minutes related to this issue are now released.

Application for Building Permit

- Robin & Mark Walkup – 350 County Road (072-014-000) – Install 5.1 kw rooftop solar electric array – APPROVED
- Katharine Fischer – 81 Knights Hill Road (082-039-000) – Install 3.24 kw ground mounted solar electric array – APPROVED
- Daniel & Lisa Carlin – 111 Morgan Hill Road (046-003-000) – Build 10' x 20' wooden pergola – APPROVED
- Peter & Melissa Hamel – 50 Barrett Road (084-040-000) – Place 8' x 12' shed on property – APPROVED
- Jeff & Julie Deacon – 52 Pillars Lane (094-023-000) – Install 5.94 kw ground mount solar array – APPROVED
- Colin & Elizabeth Beasley – 1405 King Hill Road (129-005-000) – Build 1344 sq' barn – APPROVED
- Scott Gilmour – Scythe Shop Road (078-021-000) – Install new 10' x 14' shed – APPROVED
- Pike Brook Road Revocable Trust of 2014 – 80 Pike Brook Road (135-010-000) – Demo house – APPROVED
- Pike Brook Road Revocable Trust of 2014 – 80 Pike Brook Road (135-010-000) – Demo garage – APPROVED
- Pike Brook Road Revocable Trust of 2014 – 98 Pike Brook Road (135-008-000) – Demo house – APPROVED
- Pike Brook Road Revocable Trust of 2014 – 98 Pike Brook Road (135-008-000) – Demo garage – APPROVED
- Pike Brook Road Revocable Trust of 2014 – 96 Pike Brook Road (135-009-000) – Demo house - APPROVED

Temporary Sign Permit

- First Baptist Church – Vacation Bible School – Sign at 461 Main Street (front lawn)

Permanent Sign Permit

- Go Lightly Consignment Boutique – 255 Newport Road Unit #3 (059-008-000)

Application to use Syd Crook Conference Room

- Adventures in Learning - Tuesdays from 9/15-29, 1-4pm AND Thursdays 9/17-11/5 9am – 12pm

Other Items to be Signed

- State Department of Revenue form MS-232
- Warrant for Wastewater Charges
- Warrant Yield Tax Levy (2)
- 2014 Abatement Requests
- Land Use Change Tax Memo for 106-013-000 Pond's Edge Lane
- 2015 Current Use Application for 069-005-000 Deacon Family Limited Partnership and Arthur F. and Virginia L. Howard Trust - DENIED

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London