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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2013**

PRESENT:

Selectmen
Peter Bianchi, Selectmen
Janet Kidder, Selectmen
Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Merry Armentrout, *The Intertown Record*

Mr. Bianchi called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Sullivan Property, Murray Pond

Mr. Bianchi noted receipt of a tax deed pursuant to RSA 80:76 from the tax collector regarding the Sullivan property on Murray Pond. The tax collector has followed all of the required notifications, however the property owner did not pay the outstanding taxes and interest so the tax collector presents a tax deed to the town.

Kurt Thomas – Eagle Scout

It was noted that Kurt Thomas will be presented the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony on October 28, 2013. Mr. Thomas' Eagle Scout project benefitted the New London Fire Department and the Town of New London. Mr. Bianchi recalled that a certificate is usually awarded by the Town to congratulate the scout on his accomplishments. A letter or certificate would be drawn up and signed by the Selectmen.

Fred Sladen – Barn Playhouse Noise Complaints

Ms. Hallquist reported that Mr. Sladen feels that the noise activity coming from the Barn Playhouse residential property did not improve over the summer, despite meetings and requests for more police patrols. She noted that Mr. Sladen would like to discuss this issue now so a resolution is in place for next season. Ms. Kidder recalled that in the past there was a hearing about the house, which may outline the permitted use for the building and the number of people allowed to live there. Ms. Hallquist said this would be checked as well as the zoning records to see any history that would be useful in this case. A meeting of the interested parties could then be held to discuss the issue.

Town Administrator's Report

Public Works Updates

Ms. Hallquist noted that the Pleasant Lake Dam gate was opened at 9:00AM that day and is now fully open for the scheduled draw-down. Additionally, Mr. Lee has asked that the culvert replacement on Lamson Lane be signed off on by the Selectmen. Two quotes came in. One is from Clark & Company for the amount of \$79,900. United Construction quoted \$101,356. Mr. Bianchi felt they should vote on this to get the project moving. It is due to be completed by March, 2014.

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to accept the bid from Clark & Company \$79,900 for work to be done on Lamson Lane. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Ms. Hallquist noted that the Planning Commission will be holding meetings throughout the region to discuss regional projects and initiatives. A meeting will be held in New London at the Tracy Library on October 10, 2013 from 6-9pm.

1941 Building Existing Conditions Analysis & Recommendations Report from SMP

The Board noted receipt of the inspection report on the 1941 building. Mr. Bianchi noted that he has not reviewed the report in detail yet, but noticed that there are two statements in the report that he questioned: (1) the Town's public/private partnership with the group that commissioned the report, and (2) the fact that the Recreation Director would be serving as a coordinator for the building. He noted that these two issues have not yet been decided by the Board so he felt that inclusion in the report was premature.

Committee Meetings & Reports

Mr. Bianchi said the Planning Board meeting the previous week included a discussion of Marshall's Garage and was attended by the Marshalls, their lawyer, abutters Michael McChesney and his lawyer. No decisions were made at the meeting and he felt the discussion of the site was ongoing. There were also some tree-cutting permits discussed and a brief discussion of the CIP.

Ms. Kidder reported that the Tri-town Assessing Board (Sunapee, Newbury and New London) met recently with assessors Norm Bernaiche and Kris McAllister. At the meeting, Mr. Bernaiche explained that there were more call-backs in New London with people questioning their assessments. That is to be expected because New London has the highest number of parcels that had been reevaluated. Ms. Kidder noted that the assessing budget was up from last year by \$18,258 to total \$270,524. New London's portion will be \$89,059.28, which is 32.92% of the budget. They anticipate health and dental insurance increasing which comprises some of this increase.

Review of Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the minutes from September 3, 2013, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Upcoming Meetings

Planning Board – Tuesday, September 24th, 7:00pm

Joint Selectmen's Meeting, Thursday, September 26th at the SAU, 7:00pm

Board of Selectmen – Monday, September 30th, 8:00am

Elkins/Pathways Public Input Meeting – Wednesday, October 2nd at the Masonic Lodge, 5:30pm

Ms. Hallquist said the Planning Board is asking the School District to come in to a meeting regarding their change in traffic flow off of Pleasant Street. The law states that a public hearing could be held about this change (RSA 674:54).

Other

Colby-Sawyer College Housing and Parking

Ms. Kidder asked about the house on Gould Road that the college was using for student housing. Ms. Hallquist said she didn't think the college was renting the building, instead, she believes that students are renting from the owner. She said that in response to a concern raised by a neighbor, a letter was sent to the property owner informing him of the rules regarding numbers of people living in the house as well as the parking rules in that area.

Mr. Bianchi said the college completed their Master Plan and would like to come to the Town to present it to them. Ms. Kidder felt the parking issues involving students should be addressed. Mr. Bianchi agreed noting that in the area of Seamans and Gould Road, parking can be a concern.

Bathroom Closure at the Beach

Ms. Hallquist said that Mr. Blewitt will seek proposals for the pumping of the Buckling Beach holding tank for next summer. Mr. Blewitt has reported that he has scheduled the water shut off work and he will keep the bathrooms at Elkins open until after September 26th as there is a crop walk around the lake that day and they have requested that the bathrooms stay open.

Application for Building Permit:

- David & Karen Demers, 624 Bunker Road (Map & Lot 076-029-000) lakeside walkway renovations – Permit #13-098 – Approved (at 9/3/13 meeting)
- Allan & Marie MacDonald, 1194 King Hill Road (Map & Lot 130-013-000) 12 x 20 porch – Permit # 13-099 – Approved.
- New London Hospital, 273 County Road (Map & Lot 072-016-000) build play structure – Permit #13-100 – Approved.
- Tracy Camp & Alison Nightingale, 508 Elkins Road (Map & Lot 078-033-000) interior renovations – Permit #13-101 – Approved.

Application to use Whipple Memorial Town Hall:

- Walk for Cancer fund raiser, Wally Borgen, Vaudeville show – Saturday 10/12/13 5-9:30 PM – Approved.
- Northern New England Repertory theatre Company, rehearsal for spring production, daily May 5th, 2014 to May 25th, 2014 – approved.

Application to use the New London Inn Common:

- St. Andrews Church, October 5, 2013 9AM-1PM – Blessing of the Animals – Approved.

Application for use of the Archives Room:

- Kearsarge Valley CAP – meet with people that need fuel assistance – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays – October 2013 through April 2014 – Approved.

Application for Sign Permit:

- New London Historical Society, sign at information booth, Harvest weekend – approved.
- Mary Berube, Jean Hearne, 100 Job Seamans Acres – sign at end of street – 9/20 & 21/13 – approved.

Other Items to be signed:

- Disbursement voucher
- PWIM Services Maintenance Agreement

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

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London