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NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 30, 2014**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Ed Andersen, Police Chief  
Joe McCarthy  
Phyllis Piotrow, New London Resident  
Leigh Bosse, *The Messenger*  
Minette Sweeney, *The Intertown Record*  
JP Marzullo, Candidate for NH Senate

Chair Kidder called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. She gave the floor to JP Marzullo, who asked to speak briefly about his candidacy for the New Hampshire State Senate.

Mr. Marzullo shared his varied background and why he felt he would be a good senator. He stressed that he was a proponent of small business and education. Mr. Marzullo answered questions posed by the Board on various issues and thanked the Board for their time and thoughtful questions.

Request for Use of the Town Common by TDS

TDS requested the use of the Town Common to hand out information on the services they offer. Selectman Bianchi observed that he was not in favor of granting an exception to the town policy that the Town Common may be reserved by local non-profits or sub-units of non-profits that would benefit the Town of New London. He thought allowing use by a for-profit entity would open up the door to other groups, such as Verizon, Comcast, etc. to come in to do the same thing. Selectman Rollins was concerned as to where they would park the large RV. She thought it would make more sense to utilize a large parking lot for this type of event.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to approve the use of the Town Green by TDS. THE MOTION FAILED. Kidder: no, Bianchi: no, Rollins: no.**

Chamber of Commerce – Hospital Days Serving of Alcohol

The Chamber of Commerce requested permission to serve alcohol at a function to be held in conjunction with New London Hospital Days. The request is for a similar event to what was held last year, in the area between the New London Inn and the Town Office Building. Selectman Bianchi said he had been concerned about this idea last year when they held the same event during Hospital Days but said there were no problems. He thought it fit the use of the Town Common and with proper supervision of the

Police Department he had no problem with it. Chief Andersen said he had no issues with this event and said it went very well last year and there were no problems.

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the request by the Chamber of Commerce to allow liquor to be served at their event on Friday, July 31. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Deed to transfer tax deeded property back to Edward Sullivan

The Board reviewed the proposed deed that will transfer tax deeded property back to the former owner. The property is located at 40 Murray Pond Road and was owned by Edward Sullivan at the time of the tax deed. The deed was prepared by town counsel and will be given to the former owner only upon payment of all back taxes, interest and costs.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to execute the deed transferring the property back to the former owner upon payment of \$24,162.11. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Town Administrator's Report

*Request by Sandra Rowse*

Ms. Hallquist informed the Board that a request to waive the requirement of the limitation of five unrelated people living in a single dwelling unit was submitted by Sandra Rowse. Ms. Rowse indicated that she currently has contracted with eight students for the next year. Ms. Hallquist recommended that the proper course of action is to deny the request as such a waiver is under the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Selectman Bianchi agreed it wasn't the Selectmen's jurisdiction to waive the zoning. He thought they should refer Ms. Rowse to the ZBA. Selectman Rollins agreed. Chair Kidder thought the Planning Board needed to address this issue and parking, as it relates to this issue. There were currently no parking limitations on large numbers of people living together. Selectman Rollins agreed.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to deny the request for waiver of the zoning requirement and to direct Sandra Rowse to the ZBA. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Hallquist informed the Board that Richard Lee would be doing some light maintenance work on the bandstand. In the future, plans for more substantial repairs will be made.

Committee Reports

*Planning Board*

Selectman Bianchi said the Planning Board recently met and they discussed three issues. First, Colby-Sawyer College met with the Board to move forward with their plans to have a pub in Lethbridge Lodge, but the Planning Board thought they would need to go to the ZBA. In the latest request, the college took the pub plans out, noting they may come before the Town in the future. Mr. Bianchi observed that he felt the pub would be a non-issue for the ZBA as he thought it was included in the zoning. The college will return to the PB with an amended site plan that did not include a pub.

Chief Andersen said he had a meeting with the college about the proposed pub and how to keep alcohol from being transferred between students, illegally. He wasn't overly concerned, however, due to their set-up. He made them aware that they would be subject to compliance just as every other alcohol

establishment is and that his department would test them as they do other places that sell alcohol, by sending under-aged people in to try and purchase alcohol.

Selectman Rollins said she hoped the college was looking at this closely as NH has one of the highest underage drinking rates in the country. She was concerned with negative PR that could come with this plan.

Second, another issue that came up was the possibility of a pre-school in the small building at the corner of Lovering Lane and Main Street. It was noted that there were problems with parking. The applicant noted that if local officials give approval for such a pre-school, the State will then apply State regulations. Selectman Bianchi observed that the owners don't plan to have a playground on-site, but would try and make use of the town common. This would entail moving children, which was something to think about.

The third issue that came before the Planning Board was the parking situation behind the Williams' house on Main Street and how the parking for the house has expanded so that it is adjacent to the Barn Playhouse parking lot. The Planning Board decided to wait until after the summer to speak with the owners as the parking relates to the more than five un-related people living in the house. Also, it appears as though they are increasing the commercial non-conforming use (Barn Playhouse) into a residential zone.

#### *Recreation Commission*

Chair Kidder said at the last Recreation meeting, Jean Connolly gave an overview on the needs for space for the Center for the Arts. They want to offer programs for adults at Whipple Hall. The Recreation van has been repaired at Patten's Auto Body; the "Rec Desk" software is working well and is less expensive than the former program; window boxes and new whiskey barrels are at the beaches and will be maintained by the Garden Club; a puppet show has been scheduled at Elkins Beach, and Scott Blewitt plans to talk to Richard Lee about pruning a tree at Elkins, fixing some slats on the docks and painting. Mr. Blewitt will also be getting estimates on getting the bathroom at Elkins ADA compliant as well as new signage for that beach.

#### *Tri-town Assessing*

Chair Kidder noted that she and Ms. Hallquist went to the Tri-Town Assessors meeting, as did Tina Helm, the New London citizen representative. Donna Nashawaty is the Chair and Dennis Pavlicek is the clerk. At the meeting, Norm Bernaiche, Chief Assessor reported that New London's reval process is going well. The utility cases are still going on with regards to the value of the right of ways. Lake values are good, building permits are at the same levels.

#### Approval of Minutes

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to approve minutes of June 17th, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### Upcoming Meetings

The Town Offices will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

Recreation Commission Meeting: July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm

Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting: July 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am

Selectmen's Meeting: July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Planning Board Meeting: July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to enter into nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 91-A:II(b): the hiring of any person as a public employee.**

**Janet Kidder: Yes, Peter Bianchi: Yes, Nancy Rollins: Yes**

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:50PM.

The Board reentered the public session at 7:25

The Board reviewed various applications:

Application for Building Permit:

Colby-Sawyer College (085-033-000) 541 Main Street - Expansion of existing commercial kitchen by 293 square feet - APPROVED.

William & Joan Gaffney (086-008-000) 202 Sargent Road - Install 2 new 4' x 5' picture windows. – APPROVED.

JPC Investments LLC (085-012-000) 65 Seamans Road – Convert home into a 2-unit dwelling – APPROVED.

Eric Lindgren (091-025-000) 598 Route 103a – Demo shed and replace in kind – APPROVED.

Other Items to be signed:

Birthday Cards for Employees

Temporary Sign Permit Applications for:

- COA Chapin Senior Center (084-075-000) – July 7-14, 2014 – APPROVED
- First Baptist Church (085-032-000) – July 5-12, 2014 – APPROVED
- Our Lady of Fatima Church (096-009-000) – July 21-26, 2014 – APPROVED
- St. Andrews Church (084-083-000) – July 7, 2014 - APPROVED

Raffle Permit Applications for:

- Our Lady of Fatima Parish (096-009-000) – Date of Raffle: November 8, 2014 – APPROVED
- Elkins Fish & Game Club – Date of Raffle: August 29, 2015 - APPROVED

Notice of Intent to Cut – Paul and Linda Parker (123-031-000), Rowell Hill Road

Tax Abatement Form: Ballin (087-003-001, 087-003-000), Fleming (043-005-000) – APPROVED

Charitable, Educational & Religious Tax Exemption Applications for 2014 Tax Year - APPROVED

Application for Current Use:

- Benjamin Crowell (017-001-000)
- Jane Phillips (056-022-000)
- Robert Ewing Jr. Trust (096-015-009), (096-015-008), (096-015-010), (096-015-005)

Disbursement and Pay Authorization Voucher

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to adjourn the meeting.  
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary  
Town of New London