



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES August 12, 2014

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Leigh Bosse, owner of "*The Messenger*"  
Minette Sweeney, Reporter for the Intertown Record  
Richard Lee, Public Works Director  
Phyllis Piotrow, New London Resident

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

### Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Hallquist noted receipt of a letter from the Town's property liability insurer regarding the inspection of Elkins and Bucklin beaches. They were found to be in great shape with the suggestions of replacing the aging signage and getting some binoculars for the staff as they need to have a way to see people who are using boats that are available at the beaches. The lifeguards were commended for their work regarding a recent save.

Ms. Hallquist said that Ms. St. John (Planning & Zoning Administrator) sent a letter to real estate agencies about the sign ordinance and asking them to abide by it when posting their real estate signs.

Ms. Hallquist noted that she spoke with Bob Barry from Primex recently who said he was on schedule with the dispatch study he was working on for the Town.

Ms. Hallquist indicated that in previous years, there had been some problems with noise reported by citizen, Fred Sladen. Mr. Sladen's home is near the green house where some of the actors and the crew from the Barn Playhouse are housed during the summer months. This year there have been no complaints. Mr. Sladen was complimentary of the Police Department and the manager of the Barn who has done a great job with noise control.

It was noted that Pat Blanchard of the Budget Committee has submitted a letter of resignation. The Budget Committee will fill the vacancy at their meeting in October.

Ms. Hallquist said the Employee Committee met in July and will meet again on September 11th to discuss the employee bonus program and the sick time bank.

### Other Correspondence

Chair Kidder noted the receipt of a letter from Dr. Powell from New London Hospital, who commended the three lifeguards on duty who performed the save last week. They also received a letter of thanks from the person who was saved.

Chair Kidder noted the receipt of a letter from Charter Trust regarding a gift to the Town from Mary Haddad. The amount is \$759,477.63. Chair Kidder opined that it was truly remarkable that someone who died 30+ years ago loved the Town so much that she planned for the future of New London long after her death. Ms. Hallquist said she would look into the legalities of the gift to see if and how the Town could accept the funds.

Ms. Hallquist noted the receipt of a letter from Allan Koop, a resident of Old Coach Road, who does not want the road paved, although it is scheduled to be paved in September. Mr. Lee said in 2003/04 they came up with a “report card” where all gravel roads were graded as high, medium or low on what order they should be paved. They looked at the condition of the roads and the safety issues with them. Old Coach Road has a 12% grade from the top to the bottom with sharp turns. In the winter-time it can and has led to a bad situation.

Mr. Lee added that many people who live at the nearby condos travel Old Coach Road and it gets heavy traffic. Because of these issues, it was thought the road should be paved. The majority of people on Old Coach Road want to see it paved. He thought they did their due diligence to rate the roads and they did not consider the requests from people to pave or not to pave the roads. He didn’t think people would speed on the road any more after paved than they would now on the nitpack. Ms. Hallquist was asked to contact Mr. Koop and explain the reasoning why the road is going to be paved.

Ms. Piotrow said three years ago when the sidewalk was added on County Road from Hilltop to the round-about, two maple trees were taken out. They were told that the trees would be replaced but they were not. Mr. Lee said sometime in the next week they would be planted. He said he had them at his office waiting to get a chance to plant them. Chair Kidder added that the pot holes at the Post Office that Ms. Piotrow had complained about at the last meeting had been filled.

#### Recreation Commission Meeting Report

Chair Kidder reported that Elkins Beach could use a small boat with an engine and that Mr. Blewitt was looking for a reasonably priced one or a donation. Both beaches have been tested for bacteria and none was found. A crop walk was scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> around Pleasant Lake. There was some discussion about signs promoting bicycle safety and Mr. Blewitt will look into it and the best way to display signage in the town.

#### Minutes of July 29, 2014

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to approve the minutes of July 29, 2014, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There were two minor grammatical changes.

#### Upcoming Meetings

Recreation Commission: September 5th at 6:00pm

Planning Board: August 26th at 7:00pm

Polls will be open from 8am – 7pm on September 9th

Selectman Bianchi said he had a conflict for Selectmen’s meeting scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>. The date of the meeting was changed to Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Selectman Bianchi said in regards to the RFP and the email that came in from the Buildings Committee (Frank Anzalone, Bruce Parsons and Jim Wheeler), he thought the Selectmen should meet at Whipple Hall and discuss the priorities that need to be considered there, as well as at the Academy Building. He thought they should come up with a plan on how to approach the repairs. Selectman Bianchi said the balance of the Capital Buildings Fund as of this fiscal year is \$57,360 and in FY2015 they have appropriated \$60,000 to be added to the Capital Buildings Fund. The Selectmen are agents to expend these funds. He guessed that these funds would not take care of all the issues in the buildings and suggested they get more information from the committee and in the next month they should get together a list of critical repairs that are needed. This will help them know what they can fix, how much they will need to spend down the road, and to determine whether they need to anticipate taking out a bond for extensive repairs.

Chair Kidder said a proposal had already come in from Whipple Hall. Ms. Hallquist suggested that they should meet at Whipple with Mr. Lee and Mr. Grimes to see what the priorities were in anticipation of bringing some of these projects forward at Town Meeting. The priorities should be determined before an RFP goes out. She didn't believe the Buildings Committee should be present at this walk-through. Mr. Lee admitted that the committee probably knew more about the buildings than he did and their insight could be helpful. The selectmen decided that Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 8am would be a good time to meet.

Selectman Rollins wondered if there was an itemized list of work that was needed for the Academy Building, as had been compiled for Whipple Hall. Ms. Hallquist said there wasn't; the main issue with the Academy Building was with the roof (which they were told they could just keep an eye on), and the clapboards. Mr. Lee said besides those problems, there was nothing else within the Academy Building that needed to be done. They should always keep an eye on the shingles, and the HVAC system, however. Chair Kidder asked Ms. Hallquist to see if those on the Buildings Committee could join them at 8am on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> for the walk-through.

#### Pleasant Street

Selectman Bianchi said with regards to the Canane property, the tree cutting there has generated a lot of interest. That day there had been some issues with dirty water going into the nearby stream. Chair Kidder said it was being handled. Ms. St. John went to look at the stream that day and spoke with DES. They are aware of it and would get back to them the following day. Selectman Bianchi thought they should keep the State accountable to make sure the project is being done right and he thought it was their job as Selectmen to take an active, positive role to keep the lake protected. The PLPA is concerned about the status of the lake due to this work being done on Pleasant Street. Chair Kidder said the State was on this and she asked Ms. Hallquist to keep them abreast of what was going on.

#### Application for Building Permit:

- Bruce & Sue Anne Bottomley, 617 Sugarhouse Rd. (034-001-000) – Build detached garage with attic (24'x24') – APPROVED
- Ronald Collins & Thomas Wallace, 606 Wilmot Center Rd. (053-004-000) – Construct 16' x 22' 3-season room – APPROVED
- Allan & Marie MacDonald, 1194 King Hill Rd. (130-013-000) – Place 16'x10' shed on property – APPROVED
- Mark & Christine Kellett, 2 Old Main Street (095-040-000) – Replace windows & doors, clapboards as needed – APPROVED
- Henry & Susan Cushman, Oakmont Road (094-004-001) – Construct a 566 sq' great room – APPROVED

- Benjamin & Gelsey Tolosa, 56 Queenswood Rd (118-003-005) – Place 16'x10' shed on property – APPROVED
- Darrin & Lesley Borgschatz, Castle Lane (130-015-006) – Build new 4-bedroom home – APPROVED
- Patricia Matarazzo Trust, 195 Shaker Street (099-003-000) – New deck and addition. Amendment to 14-057 – APPROVED
- Robert & Deborah Zeller, 686 Lakeshore Drive (051-014-000) – Construct a boat rack – APPROVED
- Ira Krakower, 31 Wilmot Center Road (077-018-000) – Build new home – APPROVED
- Lawrence Rupp, 13 Balsam Acres (095-001-000) – Install generator and propane tank - APPROVED

Application for Use of Whipple Hall:

Miss Lake Sunapee Scholarship Program, Inc. – Saturday, August 16, 2014 (9am – 8pm)

Sign Permit Applications:

Permanent Sign Application – Cleveland, Waters and Bass, P.A. (2; one on post and one over door – replacement of old signs)

Other Items to be Signed:

Application for Use of New London Town Commons: John McGrath – Wedding Photos after ceremony – August 31, 2014

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary  
Town of New London