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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NONPUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**April 4, 2013**

**PRESENT:**

Peter Bianchi, Chair  
Tina Helm, Selectman  
Janet Kidder, Selectman  
Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the nonpublic session to order to 11:30am. Kim Hallquist informed the Board that Police Chief David Seastrand came to her office earlier that morning (approximately 10:40 AM) and submitted his resignation, effective immediately. The Board reviewed the resignation letter.

Ms. Hallquist informed the Board that Chief Seastrand indicated the resignation is the result of negotiations with the Attorney General's Office to settle a criminal investigation against him. The settlement also calls for him to surrender his certification as a police officer. Ms. Hallquist informed the Board of her understanding of events surrounding the investigation by the AG's office as related to her by Chief Seastrand: the investigation involves a Colby Sawyer student who is alleging that Chief Seastrand offered to drop charges of underage drinking and lying to police if she agreed to allow him to take nude photographs of her. This offer was allegedly made by the Chief a few days after the arrest of the woman in question. Ms. Hallquist noted that there has been no confirmation of the details of the investigation by the AG's office, but she has no reason to suspect that the Chief's description is not accurate. Ms. Hallquist noted that she left a message at the AG's office yesterday afternoon after hearing from a reporter that the AG promised to have something for him (the reporter) the next day. There has been no return call from the AG's office as of yet.

The Board noted their disappointment with the entire process and reiterated their strong support of the Chief, pointing to his 27 years of loyal service to the Town without any indication that this type of behavior would be something he would ever engage in.

**Tina Helm moved to regrettably accept the immediate resignation of Police Chief David Seastrand. Janet Kidder seconded the motion. All were in favor. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Tina Helm moved to immediately appoint Edward Andersen as Acting Chief of Police for the Town of New London. All were in favor. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board prepared a press release to issue regarding this matter.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to seal the nonpublic session minutes pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III: divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself. A vote on the motion to seal was taken: 3 – 0 to seal the Minutes.**

**IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Tina Helm) to move out of nonpublic session. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Board of Selectmen returned to the public session at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Hallquist  
Town Administrator