

APPROVED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Cottrill (Chair), Karen Ebel, Michele Holton, Tina Helm (Board of Selectmen Representative), Emma Crane (Conservation Commission Representative), Deirdre Sheerr-Gross (alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Tilley (Alternate), Jeff Hollinger (Vice-Chair), Michael Doheny (Secretary)

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Stanley (Zoning Board Administrator), Ken McWilliams (Town Planner), Jessie Levine (Town Administrator)

Chair Cottrill called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. He asked that Ms. Sheerr-Gross sit in for Jeff Hollinger, who was absent.

Capital Improvements Program

Ms. Levine noted that this agenda item had been added at the request of Michael Doheny, who was not present at the meeting. Therefore, there was no further discussion of the Capital Improvements Program.

Ms. Levine did note that she had found out only hours before that the Elkins grant came in #1 in the grant process so they will receive funding for their proposed improvements to the Elkins area. She couldn't remember if Michael Doheny wanted to add money to the sidewalk fund or to not fund it. Since he wasn't at the meeting, it was left as unknown. Ms. Levine said that the fund was \$865,000 and the federal grant would cover 80% of it. The match for the grant would be \$182,500. \$129,000 would remain in the sidewalk fund after this year and so in 2010 they will deposit \$20,000. In 2011 they will deposit \$35,000 and in 2012 they will deposit another \$20,000. She said that if Ken Miller and Ralph Lapham end up donating the remaining portion of the Mesa building that is not paid for through the grant, that they will be under the \$182,500 mark.

Mr. McWilliams said that the land conservation fund conversation in the minutes mentioned the commission identifying a goal of how much money they wanted to have in the fund. Emma Crane reported that at their last meeting they voted on a \$500,000 cap. Currently, there is \$380,000 in the fund. It was noted that at the last PB CIP meeting, it was agreed to fund the conservation fund with \$25,000.

Nick Ourusoff, resident and meeting attendee, said that he went to the website to find information on the CIP and the Energy Committee and couldn't find anything about the CIP program. Ms. Levine said that it is in draft form and that is why it wasn't posted. She provided him with a copy of the latest CIP plan.

IT WAS MOVED (Emma Crane) AND SECONDED (Deirdre Sheerr-Gross) to approve the CIP as amended.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Review and discussion of the Energy Chapter

Mr. McWilliams had put together a multipage document as a first draft for the Energy Chapter for inclusion in the Master Plan. In the last week, Gerry Gold provided some suggested changes to this chapter, as had Jack Harrod, Chair of the Energy Committee. Chair Cottrill asked that the group go through Mr. Gold's comments, which had been circulated via email and also provided in copy at the meeting.

Mr. Harrod noted that it should say somewhere that it was during the 2007 Town Meeting, that a petition warrant article was submitted, from which the Selectmen created the Energy Committee.

Mr. Harrod mentioned the “no idling” signs, which were present at several places around Town. Ms. Helm said that she was delighted to see the signs outside the Colonial Pharmacy. Mike Meller said that they will have to wait until cold weather arrives to see if people will obey the signs, as they tend to leave their cars running to keep them warm.

Mr. Harrod said that he would prefer the Energy chapter to be less about factual information and more focused on what the Town could do to save energy. One point that Mr. McWilliams very appropriately included in his text was a recommendation that there be a warrant article about tax exemptions given for those who install alternative energy systems in their homes. Mr. Harrod shared that the selectmen already had a policy on this where they decided not to add any increased value to the alternative energy system in the home, but would not give any tax exemptions. Ms. Helm said this policy was voted on and adopted.

Chair Cottrill asked Gerry Gold to review his suggestions that he provided.

Mr. Aney, an Energy Committee member, said that given that this was a new chapter and a structural change, it may make sense to talk structurally about what they want to achieve in the chapter and then later discuss the information that they’d like to include in it.

Mr. Gold noted that the introductory paragraphs should be very short. He felt that this could be achieved due to there not being a very long history of energy policy in the Town. He would then move to “Goals.” Mr. Gold thought that narrowing it down to just three broader goals would include all of the goals that had been there previously, and would help to give emphasis to the Town, legal authority and best practices with regards to energy conservation. These goals were also reflected in the way the issues and recommendations were organized later on in the chapter.

Mr. Aney felt that it would be a good idea to review this chapter as a pyramid. He opined that perhaps in a future meeting they could reflect on what was captured to refine it even more. Chair Cottrill noted that there would be only two meetings on this information to get the chapter completed, as that was all that the budget would allow. Mr. Aney asked if there would be time to get together in between the meetings to do some thoughtful writing. Mr. Gold said that he would be willing to meet in between to work on this. Mr. Aney thought this being a new chapter they should work together to come up with an appropriate text. Mr. Vernon said he would nominate the entire Energy Committee to come up with a draft for the chapter.

Mr. McWilliams said that the next meeting was going to be the second Tuesday in December. Mr. Aney felt that it wouldn’t be too difficult a task to get a draft ready, and he felt that they had a good start on it already. Chair Cottrill said that since they were the Energy Committee, it would be very helpful for the energy committee to create a draft and then give to Mr. McWilliams to read and review. At the last meeting for the chapter, the Planning Board could review it and give further input.

Mr. Gold said that at the present meeting, they should review what the principals of the chapter should be. Mr. Harrod felt that Mr. McWilliams had put together a lot of information but that it wasn’t specific to New London. Mr. Gold said that the community survey presented three questions regarding energy conservation, and all questions’ results showed that the Town was in favor of moving forward at a town level. He said that the only part of the issues/recommendations section that was missing was that of public education. They need to find out what the methods are for education while keeping in mind how these methods interact with State policy. Mr. Harrod said that while they can be a focal point for other towns and the region, they can only try to make changes within New London.

Mr. Harrod asked Mr. Gold about the other five issues/recommendations that he had removed from the list in his draft. One, in particular, was the issue of reducing dependence on fossil fuels. Mr. Ourusoff said that he understood the logic in removing this from the issues/recommendations section, but that since it was a national goal, perhaps it should be included in the Town’s issues/recommendations, even though the town has almost no control over this.

Mr. Meller said that regarding public education, the League of Women Voters has been putting on a lecture series at the library, and the next lecture would be on nuclear power. He felt that there was a lot of public

education going on. Mr. Harrod added that on December 10th there would be a workshop on helping people to learn how to conserve energy at home.

Mr. Aney asked to build on Mr. Gold's first suggested goal, which was "To promote energy conservation and best energy practices in all Town policies, programs, and operations." One thing that he felt wasn't specifically articulated was the notion of sustainability. Depending on how it is defined, it could be crafted to include the reduction of dependency on fossil fuels.

Ms. Ebel noted that as far as goals were concerned it was good to be concise with them but since the Master Plan would also serve as an educational document, talking about sustainable practices more precisely would funnel people in the right direction without being too verbose.

Mr. Aney said that the first paragraph should be more of a vision statement. It should express the way the Town models good energy uses and efficiency and how they enforce or guide those practices. Further, it should include how the Town works to help its citizens through outreach and other forms of communication to adopt regulations. It should articulate the goals on how the Town would achieve them.

Mr. Harrod said at the last Energy Committee meeting, they talked about taking some of the issues listed at the end of Mr. McWilliams' draft and put them in the front of the chapter. These issues could also be included in the introduction as things for the Town to focus on. Mr. Ebel said to some extent they need to follow the model used in other chapters. Chair Cottrill asked which issues they felt should appear in the beginning of the chapter. Mr. Harrod said that he wasn't sure which ones in particular but felt that some of them were good and should be present in the beginning of the chapter.

Ms. Ebel said they could work the issues into the summary, which was present in the beginning of the chapter.

Mr. Aney felt that the State's climate action plan should be noted somewhere in the chapter. He noted that the Town was going to go through the process of measuring its energy consumption and try to reduce its carbon footprint and total energy consumption. In this way, they would be benefiting environment and the taxpayer at the same time.

Mr. Aney noted that he had checked in with some other towns with regards to their energy chapters that are being crafted, and asked them for their best practice examples. He found three different models.

One was fairly comprehensive like the draft Mr. McWilliams came up with. It included an analysis of the State and incorporated data and how the town worked into the mix. This document included a lot of facts. At the other end of the spectrum was the Newcastle document. It is a small town and their chapter could be described as such, and even "pithy." The document consists of only three pages, but it is very effective. It focused on things most important. The third approach involved working with other parts of the town to weave energy conservation and awareness into each chapter. Policies and principals were reflected across the master plan so that the town appeared supportive of energy conservation all the way through the document.

Mr. Aney said that he was looking for something in the middle. He wanted to see relevant facts and a good vision statement but doesn't want it to conflict with anything else in the Master Plan. Their goal would be to strike a good balance between the different examples he has found. He felt that perhaps the Planning Board could remain highly involved in the creation of this new chapter to make sure that it didn't conflict with the rest of the document. Ms. Ebel said they have carried some energy concepts into the Master Plan already and that they've tried to think about energy issues along the way.

Peter Stanley said the Master Plan would become a tool that would become the basis for future changes to the Zoning Ordinances that, in turn, support the Master plan. He stressed that they have to have specific enough statements that guide Planning Board to legislation that would eventually become Zoning Ordinances in the future. If the statements are not specific they won't stand the legal test of supporting proposed changes that they used to develop the ordinances. Mr. Stanley said that they should not be too brief and also not too specific to disallow for wiggle-room should they need to move in a different direction later on. He explained that a specific Master Plan will stand up well in court. Mr. Stanley added that in the

last Master Plan there were about 12 recommendations given and nearly all of them have now happened. They have to come up with things that are specific and “real-world” enough to actually do.

Mr. Gold said that if it will take more time to figure out what is appropriate for the legal authority in the Town, perhaps delaying the final review until January would allow for enough time for the parties involved in re-writing the chapter to do this. Ms. Ebel didn’t feel this was necessary and that she and Mr. Stanley could probably take a look at a first draft of the new energy chapter before it is sent out to the rest of the Planning Board for review.

Ms. Helm opined that because this was a new chapter, that there was an opportunity to approach it a bit differently than the other chapters. She felt that this chapter could be forward thinking and creative. Ms. Helm suggested sending the Energy Committee away with the guidelines that the Planning Board were giving, and to work together with Mr. Stanley and Mr. Gold, and come back with a re-proposal rather than going line by line through the document that Mr. McWilliams drafted. She stressed that this was not to negate what Mr. McWilliams did, but the people from the Energy Committee are coming from a different point of view. She felt that this was an opportunity to do something that hadn’t been done before. Ms. Helm said that a change in this chapter wouldn’t consist of merely cutting and pasting, but adding a lot of creativity and thought. Mr. Aney felt that the Energy Committee could write the chapter from the concept of it, but not to be the sole wordsmiths.

Chair Cottrill said that he would like to go through what Mr. McWilliams had put together so that there could possibly be items pulled from it that the Planning Board would like to have included in the new chapter. He wanted to review all of what Mr. McWilliams had assembled, as he had put in a lot of time and there were some very good parts of it that should remain. The Planning Board and Energy Committee agreed, and so Mr. Gold’s comments and Mr. McWilliams’ draft were reviewed on a section-by-section basis.

Mr. Gold said that he pulled all of the State energy policies and regulations out of Mr. McWilliams’ draft and put them together into one section. He said that if there were other pieces that need to be added to this section, they should do so. Mr. Oorusoff asked if they would include any federal energy policies and regulations. Mr. Gold said that there were some that existed. Mr. Oorusoff wanted to know if they were applicable. Mr. Gold said that it was usually the state RSAs that give the Town direction. They agreed that it wasn’t necessary to add federal energy policies into this section.

Mr. Gold said that the next section he would suggest to be the Town of New London Energy Policies and Actions. Mr. Harrod noted that this section did not include any mentioning of the creation of the Energy Committee. Mr. McWilliams said that this section should also include the Board of Selectmen’s policy on alternative energy systems and how they do not offer tax exemptions for these types of things. Mr. Stanley said that a warrant article at Town Meeting would overthrow the Town’s policy. He also said that in the chapter, they cannot propose things that the Selectmen cannot do, which would be against the State’s statutes.

Mr. Gold explained that he reorganized the energy issues. He said that his idea of grouping them was to focus on the underlying intent on the specific issues and recommendations. There were issues where they have authority, issues where they need authority, and issues that are really more for the non-governmental parts of Town where they want to encourage the public to change how they do things. He said that this is where the education effort comes in. The fourth group of issues were all related to biofuels. He felt the information was too specific and the Town really has no control over this matter. Mr. Gold thought that perhaps they should put this information in as an appendix and that the issues under “D” could be dropped.

Mr. Vernon asked about the economic growth and jobs creation in town with regard to “Green Jobs.” He wanted to know if that was something they’d want to work into the energy chapter. Mr. McWilliams said that in the economic base chapter, it doesn’t site anything specific to energy or “Green Jobs.” He added that for the town of Berlin, this type of economic growth and job creation is front and center. Ms. Ebel said that the addition of this topic couldn’t hurt. They agreed to include this information into the new draft.

Mr. Gold noted that the Energy Recommendations were only reorganized and were not changed or deleted.

Mr. Ourusoff said that he wanted to talk about the energy policy and that it is meant to transform our economy and believed that it merited further reflection. He noted other eras, in which things like industry transformed the economy. This type of economic growth and job creation may become a more prominent idea. Mike Mellar said that in the upper valley they are doing a lot of work in this regard. He said that perhaps New London should take a look at what they are doing to see if we can learn from them instead of trying to operate by ourselves. Mr. Harrod noted that the person coming for a workshop on energy conservation is from White River Junction and that he specifically asked to come to New London because of the location of the town and where it is situated regionally.

Chair Cottrill suggested for the Planning Board to go back through what Mr. McWilliams had come up with to make sure they hadn't overlooked anything that he had written or included that may be pertinent in the new draft.

Page 1. Mr. Harrod commented that the pie chart on this page was from 2004. Mr. Aney said that he would obtain the updated data if they determine it was important.

Page 2. Global warming and how it occurs. Mr. Aney noted that generally it is referred to as "climate change" and that perhaps they could explain it is an issue but not explain how or why it happens. Mr. Ourusoff said that education should be involved in this section as it will be used as an educational document. Chair Cottrill said that they could make an addendum for some of this information so that it can be included in its entirety. Mr. Aney said that if this Master Plan will be available online, parts of it, like this section, could be linked to other pages to provide more information if desired.

Mr. Aney suggested removing the information about "carbon footprint." He said that the town is trying to reduce their energy consumption, but relating it to carbon footprints with a highly technical aspect wouldn't help people understand it to any further extent. Perhaps they could look at it from a carbon footprint point of view later on, and then they could address what it means.

Chair Cottrill asked if the third bullet meant that New Hampshire was in the top five of the lowest CO2 pollution contributors in the country. Mr. Harrod said that there were a lot of statistics, but didn't feel that the Town could really relate themselves to that information. Mr. Ourusoff said that he wondering how he, as an individual, would know what his carbon footprint was. From the Town's point of view looking at it was one thing, but he thought it would be good to relate an individual number per person. He said that we don't know how to compute it.

Page 3. Mr. Harrod felt this was a good place to insert the current Board of Selectmen's policy regarding tax exemptions, or lack thereof, for alternative energy systems in homes. Ms. Ebel said they could work something in this section about the economic capability as well. Mr. Aney asked if there had been a breakdown of businesses in town by Industrial classification. Mr. Stanley said that there was no industry in New London; only retail.

Pag 4. Chair Cottrill suggested keeping the tables in but making the question presented at the top of the table stand out so that it attracts the reader's attention. Ms. Sheer-Gross agreed with Chair Cottrill and said that they should keep the tables in because the numbers were so dramatic. She also said that the words "commercial" and "residential" in the first two tables should be highlighted somehow to show the difference.

Page 5. Mr. Vernon suggested adding other forms of energy conservation such as transportation. It was also noted by several individuals that there had not been an energy audit conducted for the Town. Mr. Harrod said that there had been a lighting audit done for some of the Town buildings. Mr. Aney said that something that is overlooked in energy efficiency in the State is land development and land use, how big residential lots are, and how things are set up to encourage walking or driving. He said that they need to express being smart about how energy is spent. Perhaps there is a gap in this area that they can fill in and they could note these things as important components as to what drives energy. Mr.

McWilliams noted that the Land Use chapter would be a critical issue in this regard. He said that they could cross-reference this section of the Energy chapter to the Land Use Chapter. Mr. Aney felt that this topic should stand alone as its own chapter with a title that would reflect Efficiency and Conservation Development and Conservation/ Smart Growth/ Renewable Energy. Ms. Sheerr-Gross agreed.

Mr. Harrod noted that from this point on, there was just too much detail. Chair Cottrill suggested adding this information into an addendum.

Mr. Aney said that there are some places that are requiring buildings to be rated upon resale. An energy conservation code passed by the State is going to require that same rating of residential buildings and new construction. Epping passed this and it is called "IECC 2009" and stand for "International Energy Conservation Code."

Mr. Stanley said that New London has adopted no codes and have no building inspector. If they require such things, they might be creating a \$100,000 – \$200,000 per year department. Mr. Aney asked if the cost wouldn't be borne by the builder and the taxpayer. Mr. Stanley explained that usually the builder is also the homeowner. He added that it would be better to not have the Town be the enforcer, but to let the State take on that role. Mr. Stanley said that builders in New London would have to be certified by someone as compliant with the regulations so they don't head down the path, administratively. It is a very expensive route.

Mr. Aney said that Epping did pass something where they require each building to have a rating. This helps to pass on knowledge to the new owners regarding energy efficiency of the home and it is a way to inform people about the energy consumption and utility bills that would come along, in addition to the mortgage payment. He explained that it is the total cost that really matters and that this rating gives a benchmark for structures. Chair Cottrill asked about current requirements... as part of the building permit process, are homeowners/builders required to submit an energy calculation to the State for new homes or remodeling? Mr Stanley said yes. Ms. Sheerr-Gross said that she is a certified architect so she can calculate this herself. She also said that it depended on how much energy would be used. If there is a good shell to the home, less energy would be used. Mr. Stanley added that no matter what passes in the State, they cannot mandate the cost to the towns or make the towns adopt the code. This is called an "unfunded mandate." Right now the town is just getting a grip on things such as septic systems and making sure they lie on the same lot as the house. Chair Cottrill said that perhaps the committee could come up with something to list this rating system as a goal. Mr. Stanley reminded them that they will have to consider the expense of this additional position, should the rating system be implemented.

Mr. Stanley explained that building inspectors don't always catch everything. What they need are better builders who will follow codes.

Mr. Ourusoff said he would like to see New London as a global village. He said that they have to look at things with a global perspective and as a part of the world community facing global problems. Another thought he had was with regard to sustainability. He opined that there didn't seem to be enough "repairability" for the products that are used today. He felt that we live in a disposable society and was concerned with the lack of repair shops in Town. Chair Cottrill thought this might be appropriate for the energy chapter by suggesting less consumption, buy locally and recycle, ultimately so as to reduce the amount of trash taken to the transfer station. Mr. Aney said that they need to promote eating locally and eating lower on the food chain. Those things help lower the carbon footprint of the world. Mr. Ourusoff said he thought plastics were a real problem for the human condition and he wondered if there was anything the Town could do. Mr. Aney said that plastics are made of fossil fuel feedstock. One of things they could do is to try and focus on celluloid materials and, for example the creation of things such as packing peanuts, which could be made out of corn starch. Mr. Aney felt it was important to introduce renewable products to the consumers.

Ms. Sheerr-Gross asked if the Energy Commission had looked into a 10-year strategic plan. She said that they need to have goals and to help educate people along the way. Mr. Aney felt this was a good idea. Ms.

Sheerr-Gross added that the more influence there is in the town, and the more education they can share, the easier it would be to help them move towards eliminating things like plastics in the Town.

Chair Cottrill said the Town could save money by encouraging creation of ideas for making less trash and encouraging the Town departments to use less. Mr. Vernon said they really need a solid waste committee. He said that maybe they'd weave in some supportive statements but he was afraid they would wear themselves too thin by biting off more than they could chew with all of these ideas and goals.

Ms. Helm said that in the coming week there would be some talk at their Board of Selectmen's meeting about a "pay as you throw" program. She noted that this would be a strong incentive to recycle.

Mr. Aney noted that the Wind Energy section included some good information that should go in an index. Ms. Ebel said they have a recommendation about wind farms so they would need to say something about them up front. Mr. Aney said that solar farms could have a nice impact to the town and should not be written off as a possibility.

Chair Cottrill said that some towns in New Hampshire give tax exemptions for alternative energy systems. Mr. Harrod said that he submitted an application for an exemption but was not granted one. He said that he couldn't complain about the Board of Selectmen's logic in deciding this, however. Their thought was that most people were having a hard time coming up with the money to pay their energy bills, so why should someone who could afford to put solar panels on their home get a tax exemption.

Mr. Aney suggested that wood fireplaces to be added to the list of biomass energy uses.

Mr. Stanley said that with regards to Geothermal energy, they should take hard look at the impact that is caused on environmental resources by an open loop system. He said that a closed loop is more feasible but that with an open loop system, there is the dilemma of having to dump water. One must have a suitable environment that would allow for this excess of water. Mr. Aney said if someone is drilling for a well anyway, it does not hurt to also incorporate geothermal energy at the same time. He said that it does reduce fossil fuel consumption. Mr. Stanley said that this source of energy does run up their electric bills. The electricity which must be created is done so through the use of fossil fuels.

Chair Cottrill asked about the windmill issue. He asked if they, as a town, would ever want to create a windmill to power homes. Mr. Harrod said that the college wanted to do this but has to balance the economy of scale. He said that they need to get a grant or donor to get the windmill and then the profits of the wind energy could be seen.

Mr. Stanley noted that inside wood furnaces do exist in New London. He said that they are part of comprehensive systems that use a variety of sources.

Mr. Aney asked if there was anything else that came to mind that was absent from the chapter except for the education aspect. He said that he liked the suggestion that energy committee take on charge to develop a long-range plan with intermediate plan as well.

Rosemary Fulton, resident, said she was very impressed with the document but felt that it would be helpful to include references. She said that people were quoted as making comments but that she didn't know who they were. Ms. Fulton also said it would be useful if citations were listed as to where material came from.

Issues vs. recommendations

#2 Mr. Vernon thought this could be expanded to include gas powered equipment.

#5 Mr. Stanley thought that this could be removed, as it was not really an issue.

#6 Ms. Helm thought this could be removed, as there hadn't been an appropriate discussion. Should felt that it should be studied.

#7 Mr. Aney suggested removing this, as it was not an issue, it was a fact. He stated that currently, there was not a lot of renewable energy generation in New London.

8 Everyone agreed that this issue should be removed.

#10 Mr. Aney suggested changing this to include wood burning appliances. He noted that many of these devices are not EPA certified and pollute.

#11 Mr. Aney suggested combining this with #10. He said they should make sure they are certified and are "Energy Star" rated.

#12 Mr. Stanley said that the school was looking into wood burning plant and others may want to do it sometime. Mr. Aney agreed that this should be taken out.

#13 Mr. Aney suggested to rephrase this to say "New London needs to make sure it supports only sustainable biomass fuels and encourages sustainable farming practices for their production." Mr. Vernon opined that it was interesting that they were able to harvest methane from old land-fills. Mr. Aney added that they are also able to obtain methane from cow manure.

Mr. Aney noted that there was no incentive to encourage "Green Jobs." Mr. Vernon added that there was no micro-hydro in Town either. Mr. Stanley said that this fact may be coming up with the Elkins grant. Mr. Aney said that he had done his own analysis of Pleasant Lake and knew that a micro-hydro mechanism could work. Anyone with a stream that runs through their property could use micro-hydro. It is the cheapest form of renewable energy.

Chair Cottrill felt that it was a very productive session and appreciated the Energy Committee for helping to bring it together. Mr. McWilliams said if he could get their draft one week before the meeting they could post it online for the public to review. Mr. McWilliams asked that Mr. Gold and the Energy Committee work on the new draft of the Energy chapter and for them to share it with him so he can see what he needs to do to help complete it.

Mr. McWilliams noted that the next available meeting time to review the chapter would either be December 8th or not until the 2nd Tuesday in February. Ms. Helm felt it was fair to allow for some time for them to work on this. Mr. Aney said that they could get it to them in December. Chair Cottrill asked Mr. McWilliams if the target for completion of the Master Plan was in August of 2010. Mr. McWilliams answered in the affirmative.

After some discussion and some moving of agenda items, it was decided to postpone the December 8th meeting to December 22nd.

Other Business:

Approval of minutes from the October 13, 2009 Planning Board meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Emma Crane) to approve the Planning Board minutes from 10/13/2009.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of minutes of the October 27, 2009 Planning Board meeting.

Ms. Helm asked if the Planning Board didn't make it a habit to list who the guests were at the meetings. Ms. Ebel said that people are only recognized when they make remarks at the meeting. Otherwise, only the board members and other town employees are noted in the minutes.

Page 8. Ms. Ebel said that at the top of the page, the word "does" should be replaced with "has." She also said that in the second paragraph from the bottom of the page, the word "people" should be changed to "towns." She also noted that on the same page, same paragraph, the words "last few years" should be replaced with "past year because New London's regulations effective date was postponed until the State Statute's effective date to permit further amendment."

**IT WAS MOVED (Karen Ebel) AND SECONDED (Michele Holton) to approve the minutes from October 27, 2009, as amended.
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Due to a lengthy agenda on 11/24, they decided to change the starting time for the meeting to 7pm. The public hearing on the agenda would still begin at 7:30pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary
Town of New London

Approved on: __ November 24, 2009 _____

Chairman: _____