



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD  
Zoning Amendment Sub-Committee  
Regular Meeting  
AGENDA/PUBLIC HEARING

**October 30, 2018 - 4:30 PM**  
**Town Office at 375 Main Street**  
**Sydney Crook Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
Public Meeting All Are Welcome to Attend

**PRESENT:** Tim Paradis, Marianne McEnrue, David Royle, and Elizabeth Meller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Gorman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Adam Ricker, Town Planner, Joe Kubit, John Raby, Ed Condict, Jamie Hess, Bud Dick, and David Paradis

1. **Call to Order** – The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM
2. **Discussion of Potential Zoning Amendments**  
Mr. Ricker explained that this was the first meeting of the Zoning Ordinance subcommittee and they would be working to prepare amendments to the zoning ordinance to be placed on the Town Meeting Warrant. He suggested that the agenda items be reordered to discuss tree cutting first and the committee agreed.
  1. **Tree Cutting Ordinance** - Mr. Ricker explained that the State regulations for cutting trees have recently changed to consist of cells along the waterfront measuring twenty-five feet wide along the reference line and fifty feet deep. The new cells are half the size of the former cells and are required to have half the points, at twenty-five points per cell. The intent is to make sure trees are spread more evenly along the shore. The committee members agreed that it made sense to amend our regulations to match the updated State regulations. Mr. Hess asked if there should be a threshold to reach before requiring someone to obtain permission from the Planning Board to avoid trivial trees from clogging the Planning Board agenda and make it easier for homeowners trying to take down a single tree on a wooded lot. Mr. Ricker explained that the staff would still need to invest the time in a site visit to determine if the tree require Planning Board approval. Ms. McEnrue stated that the board would prefer to still hear applications for all tree cutting in the waterfront buffer.
  2. **Solar Ordinance** – The group had a general discussion of the Solar Ordinance that was proposed in 2018. The discussion noted that the main reason it did not move forward was the inclusion of a three-foot buffer around the edge of the roof to allow access to the roof and ridge for emergency responders. After detailed discussion, Tim Paradis said he thought the committee should take a step-back and invite the Fire Chief to the next meeting to discuss the matter further as his input is crucial. Mr. Ricker suggested that committee members think about pieces of the ordinance that may be able to move forward. For example, the sections that pertain to ground mounted solar could be pursued since there seems to be a consensus at this point and roof

mounted could be added later if a better compromise could be reached. The group decided to continue their discussion at the next meeting when the Fire Chief is available to weigh in on the subject.

3. **Future Meeting Dates:** The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Sydney Crook Conference Room.
4. **Motion to Adjourn** Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.