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NEW LONDON MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 19, 2017

8:30 AM

**PRESENT:** Paul Gorman, Bill Dietrich, Janet Kidder, Mark Vernon, Tim Paradis & Jeremy Bonin

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Adam Ricker, Sue Stuebner

- 1. Call to Order: Co-Chair Bonin called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.**
- 2. Discussion of Master Plan Process:**

The group was joined by representatives from Colby-Sawyer College to discuss the future plans and needs of the College.

College President, Sue Stuebner, stated that they are not currently in a growth mode. They have determined their ideal student population to be about 1100 students. They are currently focusing on the restoration and renovation of their buildings and facilities. Currently, they are trying to determine the best use for Sawyer Hall and what renovations that might entail. President Stuebner also mentioned that 10 years from now they could see adding a new building or renovating an existing building to house the nursing program

President Stuebner and Don, said they are focusing on energy efficiency upgrades and replacement of HVAC systems.

The group discussed the current lease arrangement for the apartments on Cottage Lane and where they see this arrangement going in the future. They explained that the apartment style living is an important option for their upper classmen and that they foresee the utilization of the apartments for students to continue long-term and that being able to fully occupy the units with the number of students they were built for, seven, is important to them.

President Stuebner noted that work force housing for their young faculty and entry level staff is difficult to come by in the New London area. The cost of housing generally exceeds what they can afford.

The College Representatives shared that providing entertainment for students is always a challenge. Though most of their students are very active outdoors, they would like for there to be additional entertainment and dining options for students throughout town. The question was raised if Sawyer Hall could be used for a movie theater for students and community members alike similarly to how it was in past decades.

The group said that Dartmouth Coach is a huge advantage to Colby-Sawyer Students for traveling to Boston. Bike sharing was discussed as a potential future development on campus that would allow students and community members to share bicycles at multiple drop points throughout downtown.

The College would potentially like to see shuttles to the Upper Valley at some point. The nursing students currently do their clinical rotations at DHMC – Lebanon, and they transport themselves.

Parking is an important commodity on campus as it is estimated that 80-90% of the students have their cars on campus. As of right now, there is usually enough parking, with the exception of when special events are being held.

The College would like to discontinue the use of portable toilets at Kelsey Field. Along with improved bathroom facilities, they would like them to include changing facilities for teams. Additionally, at some point the College will most likely pursue adding lights to Kelsey Field.

It was suggested that the College and the Town form a committee to work together and stay in communication on various town and college topics like a Community Center and new Police Station.

Following the discussion with the College, the group discussed the upcoming meeting and timeline.

3. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is schedule for 1/2/17 at 8:30
4. **Adjourn:** Jeremy Bonin, motioned to adjourn, Janet Kidder seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.