



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES February 11, 2019 6:00 PM

PRESENT:

Nancy Rollins, Chairman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
G. William Helm Jr., Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

John Lewis, New London Resident
Vahan Sarkisian, New London Resident
Bob Bowers, New London Resident

Chair Rollins called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Public Comment

John Lewis stated that he is a New London resident of 22 years and informed the Board that he would like to address the information previously submitted by Bob Bowers that shows the spaces in town that can be renovated at a relatively low cost to be used effectively by various departments, including police. He stated that the police have been given a lot over the years and the town has provided well for them. As examples, Mr. Lewis referenced additional officers, a K-9 unit, fast Dodge police cars, new computers and technology.

Mr. Lewis noted that what upsets him regarding the present request is that they want to build a new police station quickly. He feels a new police station is justified and it is fine that it is a top priority, but he doesn't feel it needs to be done immediately. He feels this is rushing the town and other departments need attention regarding space and facilities as well. Delaying construction 7-10 years would give the town more time to digest all the issues, acquire the appropriate land and come up with an analysis and strategic plan.

Mr. Lewis noted that he also has concerns that the expectation would be that New London tax payers would pay for it 100% for a new police station. He pointed out that the new police station would be servicing surrounding towns including Wilmot, Newbury, Sunapee, Sutton and large sections of I-89. He feels the surrounding towns and the State of New Hampshire should contribute towards it as well.

Appointment of Health Officer

Kim Hallquist reported that two people have indicated interest in being appointed as the Health Officer position: Nicholas Baer from the Department of Natural Sciences at Colby-Sawyer College and David Keith, a New London resident and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, previously employed at New London Hospital.

After discussion, the Selectmen felt Dr. Nicholas Baer has more relevant experience and also provides the opportunity to engage the college in working with the town on other issues. Selectman Helm, as interim Health Officer, also noted that he sent a letter to Dr. Bent thanking him for his many years of service both as Health Officer and Deputy Health Officer. The newly appointed Health Officer may select a deputy of his choosing.

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to appoint Dr. Nicholas Baer as the Health Officer for the Town of New London. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

New Business

Second Annual Clean-Up New London Day: May 4th

Kim Hallquist asked the Selectmen if they would approve the use of the lot adjacent to the library as they did last year. All were in favor.

HB 727 relative to boat launch at Mt Sunapee State Park

The Selectmen have reviewed the information regarding HB 727 relative to the boat launch at Mt. Sunapee State Park. Selectmen Kidder thinks the State Park is a logical site for a boat launch, a safer alternative to Wild Goose. Chair Rollins agrees and thinks it makes sense. She thinks it's important that the Board make a statement on behalf of the Town of New London.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Bill Helm) to support HB 727. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Raffle Permit application: Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce

Kim Hallquist noted that state law requires any non-profit organization that does a raffle must get permission from the town. Money raised will be split between the Lake Sunapee Protective Association and the Chamber of Commerce. The application, included a sample ticket, was reviewed by the Board.

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the permit application from Lake Sunapee Chamber of Commerce for a raffle. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Town Administrators Report

Ms. Hallquist provided the following report:

- Dave Mercier of Underwood Engineers contacted Ms. Hallquist regarding an additional grant that can be obtained for the Waste Water Treatment project. Sunapee is also applying for their portion.
- Ms. Hallquist will be meeting with the Rotary Club to discuss a food truck event on June 13. They will potentially ask for a beer tent as well.
- A press release was put out by the United States Attorney's office for the District of New Hampshire recognizing the New London Police Department for their assistance in apprehending a Vermont man who pleaded guilty to being in possession of controlled substances with intent to sell and a firearm. Officer James McKenna was the officer that observed the unresponsive subject and investigated, leading to the arrest.
- The auditor's report for FY 2018 have been received; Ms. Hallquist thanked Wendy Johnson for all her hard work.
- Peter Stanley is checking with the bus company regarding the installation of a Port-A-Potty at the park n' ride.

Committee Meetings & Reports – No reports

Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2019 meeting. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

- Next Selectmen's Meeting – **PUBLIC BOND HEARING** – Monday, February 25th – 6 PM
- Planning Board – Tuesday, February 12th – 6:30 PM @ Whipple Town Hall
- **President's Day – Town Offices CLOSED – Monday, February 18th**
- Conservation Commission – Wednesday, February 20th – 8:30 AM
- Planning Board – Tuesday, February 26th – 10:00 AM

Other Business

Selectmen Helm noted that he and Ms. Hallquist met with representatives from CrossPoint, owners of the New London Shopping Center, urging them to find occupants for empty spaces in the center.

Items to be signed

- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Payroll Authorization Voucher
- Street Numbering Maintenance Proposal
- Tax Map Maintenance Proposal
- Petition for License, Utility Poles/Underground Conduit
- Veteran Credits
- Intent to Cut
- Applications To Use Town Property
 - ✓ Whipple Town Hall – On Tuesday, April 30 from 5:30 pm to 9 pm for the Bear Presentation by Ben Kilham by Ausbon Sargent.
 - ✓ Whipple Town Hall – On Sunday, April 14th from 10am to 4pm for the Junior Intern Program Auditions, Mainstage by the NL Barn Playhouse.

Applications Approved &/or Denied

Sign Permits

- Permanent Sign – Erica McCullough – Switchback Consignment, 144 S. Pleasant Street, TM 085-042-000. APPROVED
- Permanent Sign – DC Properties, LLC – Village Sports, 406 Main Street, TM 085-045-000. APPROVED

Building Permits

Ton-Ko-Lah LLC, 41 Camp Sunapee Rd, TM 033-003-000. Convert Barn to House. BP 19-005 APPROVED

IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Trina Dawson, Recording Secretary
Town of New London