



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2018 6:00 PM

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

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

Public Comment: None

Town Meeting Preparation

The Board review material for the presentation of warrant articles on Wednesday evening at Town Meeting.

Selectman Janet Kidder proposed that in regard to warrant Article 3 (\$500,000 bond issue), that the Board agree to have a study done for the Buker Building, specifically related to the Police Department. She noted that there is enough money left in the bond from last year to do this study. This will not only be to study the space but to address the issues of parking, storage of records, water issues and meeting space.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to have a study conducted of the Harold W. Buker Municipal Building. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Board noted receipt of an email from Robert Bowers concerning the reasons for his opposition to the bond warrant article; the Board noted its appreciation for Mr. Bowers thoughts on the matter.

Request to proclaim month of April "Donate Life Month"

The Board discussed the request of Donate Life New England to proclaim April in New London as "Donate Life Month". The Board noted that they have proclaimed the month of April as "Donate Life Month" for the past several years.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to proclaim April National Donate Life Month. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Banners to recognize the 100th anniversary of Whipple Hall and New London Hospital

Chair Helm suggested that Kim Hallquist look into getting banners to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Whipple Hall and New London Hospital. She obtained pricing from John Lovejoy, who does much of the advertising for Emergency Management and Recreation Department. Ten banners would be placed on poles starting at Main Street and Seamans Road to Pleasant Street. For ten banners (5 of each), the cost for 30” x 6’ banners would be \$1,485. Eversource allows them to be on the poles for 6 months or under. Ms. Hallquist noted that she spoke with the Fire Chief and he believes that the Fire Department will be able to install the banners.

Chair Helm feels the banners would provide a festive look for anyone coming in to town all summer and tells people about two big milestones that the town is celebrating this year. The date for the Whipple Hall celebration has been set for June 23, 2018.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the expenditure of \$1,500 for ten banners. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Town Administrators Report

Ms. Hallquist and Michael Todd participated in a conference call today with the Attorney General’s office regarding the impending storm tomorrow. The State has mandated that no town cancel because of the snowstorm. All advance preparation for the town meeting has been completed.

Committee Meetings

Selectman Kidder reported the following:

Recreation Department

At a recent meeting it was discussed that during school vacation, children went to the IMAX Theater, Montshire Museum and went swimming at the Claremont Community Center. Upcoming trips include: Boston Flower & Garden Show, Red Sox trip, and Easter egg hunt. Most of the staff for the summer program will be returning from last year. The touch a truck event is being held on May 5, 2018. Free hot dog day will take place at town offices on May 18, 2018. The Strawberry Festival will be on June 23, 2018.

Planning Board

Harry Snow is planning a development off King Hill Road, across from the entrance to Mountainside Racquet & Fitness Center.

Nicholas Gilman Trust located at 309 Davis Hill Road is applying to subdivide a 71 acre lot into two (2) lots of 12.1 acres and 58.9 acres.

Items to be signed

- Payroll Authorization Voucher
- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Applications for Veteran Tax Credit

Applications Approved &/or Denied

- Parsons Family Trust, 76 Bog Road, TM 106-011-000. Shed dormer on house & interior renovation 2nd floor. BP 18-011 Approved 3-7-18
- James Ward, 276 Newport Road #103, TM 059-015-103. Interior renovations for new business. BP 18-013 Approved 3-7-18

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson, Recording Secretary
Town of New London