



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2019
6:00 PM

PRESENT:

Nancy Rollins, Chairman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
John Cannon, Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

John Lewis, New London Resident
Joan Lamson, New London Resident
Bill Helm, New London Resident
Peter and Karen Hoglund, New London Resident
Peter Bianchi, New London Resident
Joe Kubit, New London Resident
Joy Kubit, Recreation Commission
Carol Kinzler, Recreation Commission
Scott Blewitt, Recreation Commission
Laura Pillsbury, Outing Club Board President
Jim O'Hara, Outing Club Operations & Program Director
Andy Deegan, Outing Club Board Member
Joe Cardillo, Outing Club Steering Committee Member
John Wilson, New London Resident
Lou Botta, Emergency Management Director

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

Outing Club

Laura Pillsbury, President of the Outing Club Board, together with members of her Board, met with the Selectmen to discuss the Outing Club's (OC) intent to build a Center to support seniors, adults and youth of the Kearsarge & Lake Sunapee Region. She informed the Board that it is the intent of the OC to be fully transparent with the Town about its intention to build a Center. She reviewed the current and past relationship with the SAU for use of that space, which will no longer be available in 2021. The OC Board understands that it will need new space and is now exploring two locations in New London: Plan A: the Outing Club property on Parkside Road and Plan B: a location that she is not able to discuss at the moment, but it is centrally located in New London. She explained that the OC Board heard the neighbors on Parkside express legitimate concerns about a facility in the area so the Board is considering other locations as well. Ms. Pillsbury noted that the Board is speaking with Mike Black of Continuum of Maine about a possible collaboration on a Center.

Ms. Pillsbury informed the Board that the OC is looking to collaborate with all the constituents in the community to work together to serve the community. She noted that the OC has been approached to expand the before-school and after-school programs; 20 families have indicated that they are not able to get into the after-school program because the existing YMCA program is full. She noted that she is reaching out to local organizations to inform them of the plans and to brainstorm on ways to best meet the community's needs.

Joe Cardillo noted that the OC is open to working with all groups and suggested that they would be available for the Town should the town need space for programming, its Recreation Department, or other needs. Mr. Cardillo wants to get on the record the plans of the OC to establish a new facility and for wanting to establish a relationship with the Town on the project. Ms. Pillsbury agreed and stressed that the OC can't do it alone, they need partnerships with others to make this happen for the greater good.

Chair Rollins asked about current membership of the OC. Ms. Pillsbury responded that it is 700-1,000 members, which is both single and family memberships. There was a discussion of the three parcels owned by the OC: Woodward Park on Parkside consists of about 30 acres and is the current site of the fields, a parcel on Knights Hill and one on County Road that have easements that would restrict what could be done in terms of new buildings. Joe Cardillo noted The Woodward Park location is the parcel is under consideration for this project. Andy Deegan agreed and pointed out that the parcel is developed now with the playing fields, and they do not want to remove any of them for the building, but there is a wooded area on the parcel that would be a good site for the building.

Joe Kubit noted that at one of the public meetings the establishment of a fund-raising committee was discussed; he asked what the status of the committee is. Ms. Pillsbury noted that the fund-raising task was set aside in order to focus on creating a business plan to address the potential location for the center, pointing out that it is difficult to fund raise when the site is not identified. Additionally, she is speaking with someone from Dartmouth College with experience in fundraising who is very interested in joining the OC effort. The OC is launching its annual fund to upgrade Woodward Park upgrades but stressed that this fundraising effort is not for the new center it is for work on existing facilities.

Chair Rollins questioned if the OC had spoken with COA yet. Ms. Pillsbury noted that they have reached out to COA and plan to meet with Board members Bill Gundy and Stan Bright in May.

Joan Lamson asked if there is a way for the Recreation Department and Outing Club to work together to share space. Chair Rollins noted that the Board will hear from the Recreation Commission on May 6th to their strategic plan so more will be known after that discussion. Emergency Management Director Lou Botta asked if thought had been given to designing the building with an "all hazards approach" ie: consideration for flooding, generator etc. Ms. Pillsbury agreed that once the building design phase begins, those issues will be considered. Mr. Botta offered the assistance of the Emergency Management Committee on those issues.

John Lewis asked where the preferred site for the new center would be. Joe Cardillo noted that in his opinion, the OC property on Parkside would be the ideal location.

The Board thanked the group for their presentation to the Board.

Public Comment

Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director, reported that on Friday there 65 adults participating at the adult egg hunt with \$1,300 raised; Saturday morning over 200 children searched for 4,000 eggs. In 2018 the Recreation Department had 120 programs serving over 2,000 people.

Joan Lamson expressed her concern with the challenges being faced by New London, and towns across the nation, with regard to recycling. She presented two *Concord Monitor* newspaper articles: “Panel takes up plastic proposal; Legislation would allow towns ability to regulate distribution of single-use products like bags” and “Town decides to keep recycling; Residents vote to support article requesting Canterbury continues program despite financial impact” and urged the Board to keep recycling issues as a priority for the Town. The Board thanked Ms. Lamson for her interest and for the information.

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

The Board will set the first meeting once more people have an opportunity to express interest in joining. The Board will discuss the issue again at their next meeting on May 6th.

Lou Botta - Emergency Management Director

Lou Botta met with the Board to discuss the acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant of \$8,000 for update of town’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); total project cost of \$16,000 with a town match of \$8,000. He explained the importance of having the EOP updated regularly to ensure that it reflects current hazards and facilities. He explained that the town’s portion of \$8,000 will be satisfied with in-kind services by staff participation in creating the plan.

IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$8,000, with a total project cost of \$16,000. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adoption of Board Rules of Procedure

The Board reviewed the Board’s Rules of Procedure for adoption by the Board. There were no recommendations for changes.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to adopt the Rules of Procedure as presented. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Town Administrators Report

Ms. Hallquist provided the following report:

Health insurance rates are in: 4.9% increase. Public Works and Underwood Engineers are working on a sewerage flow analysis report. There have been a few people signing up for the various committees, but more are needed. The Budget Committee will meet on Wednesday and town employees will attend anti-harassment training conducted by the town’s insurance carrier, Primex.

Committee Meetings & Reports

Selectman Kidder gave the Planning Board report: there was a presentation by the Messer Pond Protective Association on their work on stormwater runoff mitigation plans and they will also be conducting a septic system survey. Harry Snow met with the Board for site plan approval of his Cottage Lane apartments; neighbors are concerned with the buffer zone and Harry will be working on that issue.

Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the minutes from the April 1st meeting. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

- Next Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, May 6th – 6:00 PM
- Budget Committee – Wednesday, April 17th – 7:00 PM
- Recreation Commission – Thursday, April 18th – 10:00 AM @ Whipple Hall
- Planning Board – Tuesday, April 23rd – 6:30 PM
- Joint New London-Sunapee Sewer Commission – Thursday, April 18th – 5:30 PM, Sunapee Water Treatment Plant – 56 Harbor Hill Road

Other Business

Peter Hoglund asked if the electrical outlets on the town green are permanent as they do not look good. Selectman Kidder noted that they are permanent, they were put there for Hospital Days and for others using the Town Green. Selectman Kidder suggested getting quotes from landscapers for plans to shield them while still having them available for use.

Items to be signed

- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Payroll Authorization Voucher
- MS-232 Report of appropriations actually voted
- GIS Annual Maintenance Agreement
- Veteran Credits
- Birthday cards
- Raffle Permit by NL Hospital to generate funds for the hospital held at 273 County Road on Monday, August 5th.
- Applications To Use Town Property
 - ✓ Whipple Hall – On June 11-22 and July 27 various times from morning to early evening for rehearsals by Barn Playhouse.

Applications Approved &/or Denied

Temporary Event/Sale Permits

- Hubert's Annual Tent Sale at 219 County Road, on May 24-27, June 13-16, August 1-4, August 30- September 2, October 11-14 during open hours. APPROVED

Sign Permits

- Permanent Sign – Hugo Anderson, Hugo Anderson MFA, 468 Main Street, TM 085-037-000. APPROVED
- Permanent Sign – Christine Donovan/Bickner Wilmot Inc., The Creation Place, TM 073-080-000. APPROVED
- Temporary Sign – By Kearsarge Chorale for a 2'x3' sandwich board sign at the Information Booth for a concert on Sunday, April 28th at 3pm. APPROVED
- Temporary Sign – By Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church for a 2'x3' sandwich board sign at the Information Booth for the annual yard sale on Saturday, May 26th from 8am to 2pm. APPROVED

Building Permits

- Charles Kelsey Rev Trust, 39 Icehouse Rd. TM 020-007-000. Build 5x9 addition, renovate interior. BP 19-019 APPROVED
- John & Mary Doyle, 533 Forest Acres Rd, TM 106-004-000. 20x5 Covered porch & sky light BP 19-020 APPROVED
- Beth Greenawalt, 316 Bog Road, TM 106-011-000. Build new SFR 2Bd/4Bath BP 19-021 APPROVED
- Samuel Rowse Lvg Trust, 47 Sunset Shores, TM 103-024-000. After The Fact - Re-Build Boathouse APPROVED
- Mary Barnes Trust, 747 Lakeshore Drive, TM 051-016-000. Install generator on a slab. APPROVED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Hallquist
Town Administrator