



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2018

6:00 PM

### **PRESENT:**

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

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

John Raby, New London Resident  
Phyllis Piotrow, Budget Committee Member  
Bob Bowers, New London Resident  
Jennifer & Hannah Tockman, New London Residents  
Detective Rowe, New London Police Department  
Minette McQueeney, Intertown Record

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

### **Public Comment**

John Raby attended the meeting to discuss the election system and its complexity due to it being layered (federal, state and local). Even at the municipal level issues need to get fixed prior to upcoming elections.

He also addressed rumors he has heard concerning a housing development along Morgan Hill Road that is connected to the continuing care project and New London Hospital. Kimberly Hallquist stated she has not heard about any developments on Morgan Hill Road. She suggested checking the Planning Board meeting agenda and meeting materials as this is where it would come first. Selectman Helm stated the piece of land that was presented at the conceptual hearing for workforce housing has been put back on the market.

Jennifer Tockman and her daughter Hannah attended the meeting to request permission to use a local parking lot for a Kearsarge field hockey fundraiser. The lots she was potentially looking at are the lot near the Chamber of Commerce information booth or the town office lot. The proposed date is Saturday, August 25 from 9am -12pm. They would also need water hook up as this would be for a car wash.

Ms. Hallquist noted that the library uses the lot near the Chamber of Commerce information booth and this is a busy season and the local businesses use this lot for customer parking. She suggested the town hall lot would be a better choice, noting that the town clerk office is closed on that day and there are water spickets here.

Chair Rollins stated that sports team in the past have used Hubert's parking lot. Ms. Tockman assumed the business is open on Saturday morning so didn't think that would work. She was trying to think of locations that wouldn't be using their lot for parking that morning.

Selectman Helm and Selectman Kidder have no issue with this. Chair Rollins discussed the mandatory water ban that is in effect right now. Ms. Tockman is hoping this will change before August 25 but understands if the water ban is still in effect at that time this event will be canceled.

Chair Rollins is supportive but is concerned about setting a precedent. Selectman Helm feels it's important to support the young people. Ms. Hallquist will connect with Ms. Tockman to work out the details and the only issue will be if the water ban is still in effect.

## **Old Business**

### **Review Agreement with Harriman to Conduct the Study of the Buker Building**

Kim Hallquist noted the changes she was waiting for are in the terms and agreements section and those changes have been made as requested by the Town.

Selectman Kidder had concerns that they didn't mention the dispatch center. She also questioned why location options were still in there on page four. Selectman Helm noted it was just the headline and they have limited it to two scenarios. They also mention dispatch under the Police Department section.

Chair Rollins was surprised that the price wasn't lowered more given that at the meeting it was stated to be about \$5,000, noting that it seems expensive for two options. Ms. Hallquist stated that the \$5,000 was only an estimate and she felt that the cost isn't out of line for what the Selectmen are expecting in the study.

Selectman Kidder also addressed the mileage costs. Ms. Hallquist stated that selecting a firm from outside of New London will result in higher mileage expenses.

Chair Rollins noted that on the first page it states that the recreation department shall collect data on seasonal programs. She would also like this to include "and related space usage".

The timeframe is two months. Chair Rollins would like to know when the project could be started and she would like to be a part of the project kick off. Ms. Hallquist suggested throwing out some dates so the department heads can make themselves available as well. It was decided that they would try for Thursday, July 26, 2018 since there is already a sewer meeting that night.

### **Discuss Comments by Bob Bowers concerning the Harriman Study and other town facilities**

Bob Bowers attended the meeting to discuss the comments he sent to the Selectmen. The most important thing to him is that Harriman has a broad understanding that they are looking at this building to find out how it could be made into a workable Police Department. He would like them to have the suggestion list so they have these things in mind.

Chair Rollins thanked Mr. Bowers for his comments. In addition to his suggestions, she would like the CIP or some other group to do an analysis of what space exists in this town. She's not sure this is clear and feels we need to be as creative as possible when addressing the space needs in town.

## **New Business**

### **Consider Update of Hazard Mitigation Plan as Recommended by Emergency Management Director**

Ms. Hallquist stated this updates the 2012 plan. It was completed by the Emergency Management Committee and approved by the state.

**IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Discuss NHMA Legislative Policy Process**

The Board reviewed material from the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) regarding the legislative policy process that is conducted by NHMA. The material included a list of policy recommendations that will be used during the upcoming state legislative session when bills are considered by the NH Legislature. Ms. Hallquist noted that NHMA do not adopt policies that will have an adverse impact on towns or cities. Chair Rollins observed that these policy statements been vetted for a long time.

### **Discuss Complaints about Excessive Speed on Local Roads, Trucks on Roads, Parking on Main Street**

Over the past few months, Ms. Hallquist has had several residents suggest they would like efforts taken to control speed. This could be radar signs, more police enforcement, speed bumps, no thru trucking. Last fall, Ms. Hallquist, Police Chief Ed Andersen and Fire Chief Jay Lyon drove around town looking at areas where parking spots should be removed. This was due to parking being too close to fire hydrants or dangerous sight lines.

Ms. Hallquist suggested having a public hearing so the residents could discuss. She would check with the State regarding the parking spots but the State is usually agreeable to letting towns make these decisions. Chair Rollins asked if they documented the information they gathered when they drove around town. Ms. Hallquist stated they did and she would provide the information to the Selectmen.

Detective Buddy Rowe attended the meeting. He stated that the speed issue may be due to tourists coming into town and not being familiar with the speed limits in town and agreed that some of the roads are being used as cut throughs. He noted that the blinking speed limit sign belongs to the town and it is proving to be very effective at reducing speeds; two more signs have been ordered. He doesn't feel excessive speed is due to lack of speed signage. There are many streets that have a 25-mph speed limit which is unusual, but roads are safer if drivers do that speed limit.

### **Town Administrators Report**

Ms. Hallquist provided the following report:

- With regards to the issues that John Ellis had raised, the guardrail on Pleasant Street has been fixed. The Trustees have been made aware of the broken sign at the cemetery. Bob Harrington has been on vacation so the impound lot has not been addressed.
- Ms. Hallquist testified last week in Concord regarding the Wild Goose boat launch safety issue. The Town of New London Selectmen is opposed based only on the safety issue.

### **Committee Meetings & Reports**

Selectman Kidder reported that on July 10, 2018 there was an information session regarding workforce housing.

On July 12, 2018 there was a Capital Improvement Program meeting with Ed Andersen and Wendy Johnson. After that there was a Master Plan wrap up meeting to finalize the public survey. They would like to distribute the survey during Hospital Days.

### **Meeting Minutes**

**IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to approve the minutes from the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting pending a spelling correction. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.**

### **Upcoming Meetings & Special Events**

- Next Selectmen Meeting – Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM  
in conjunction with:
  - Nonresident Taxpayers' Meeting.
  - Pleasant Lake Draw Down Informational Meeting
- Conservation Commission – Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 AM
- Zoning Board of Adjustment – Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM
- Planning Board – Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 PM @ Whipple Hall
- Joint New London/Sunapee Sewer Mtg. – Thurs., July 26 - 5:30 PM @ Sunapee Town Ofc.
- Recreation Commission – Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM

The Selectmen discussed the schedule for upcoming Board of Selectmen meetings. Ms. Hallquist will send an updated meeting schedule.

**IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a): the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee.**

Roll call vote: Helm: Yes; Kidder: Yes; Rollins: Yes

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:58 PM.

The Board reentered the public session at 7:24 PM.

**IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to seal the nonpublic session meeting minutes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Items to be signed**

- Payroll Authorization Voucher
- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Applications for Veteran Tax Credit
- August birthday cards
- Applications To Use Town Property
  - ✓ Whipple Hall – on Thursday, August 9th for Ragged 7s Run by Sunapee Ragged Kearsarge Greenway.

- Raffle Permit
  - ✓ Elkins Fish & Game, Tracy Memorial Library, 304 Main St. for summer camp scholarship fundraiser on June 29, 2019.

### **Applications Approved &/or Denied**

#### Temporary Event/Sale Permits

- Kearsarge Klassic Dirt Road Century & Randonec (bicycle event) by Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, at 179 Little Sunapee Road (NL Historical Society) on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00am to 7:00pm. APPROVED

#### Sign Permits

- Temporary Sign – By Paul Heilmann for two 2’x3’ A-frame signs at the Information Booth during July 16<sup>th</sup> - August 16<sup>th</sup>. APPROVED

#### Building Permits

- Gary Anderson & Cornelia Boyle, 750 Little Sunapee Road, TM 021-001-000. Build 4 bed/4 bath single family. BP 18-055 APPROVED 7-4-2018
- Michael & Anita Gelcius, 193 Fairway Lane, TM 124-010-000. Convert closet to bathroom. BP 18-057 APPROVED 7-4-2018

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

The meeting adjourn at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson, Recording Secretary  
Town of New London