



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

August 3, 2020

6:00 PM

Whipple Memorial Town Hall

### PRESENT:

Janet Kidder, Chairman  
Nancy Rollins, Selectman  
John Cannon, Selectman  
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

### ALSO PRESENT:

Nancy Marashio, New London Resident

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

### Public Comment - None

### LED lighting projects as recommended by Energy Committee

Chair Kidder discussed the proposal by Jamie Hess and the Energy Committee to replace lighting in four town buildings: Buker/Police Department, the Academy Building/town offices, the Fire station and Whipple Hall/Recreation Department. The cost of fixtures, Eversource rebate amount, annual savings and payback period were provided in support of the recommendation. Mr. Hess informed the Board that since the Buker Building/PD is used 24/7, it uses a lot of energy and so it would be worthwhile to replace the fixtures as soon as possible. If renovations are done prior to November 2022 (the payback period) the fixtures could be saved and used in the renovated space.

**IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to accept the proposal from Jamie Hess for lighting projects. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### New Business

Town Administrator Kim Hallquist stated that WMUR is reporting that some towns, including Hanover, are considering ordinances requiring citizens to wear face masks. She asked the Selectmen if this is something they would like to consider adopting for New London and if so, she recommended consulting with the town Health Officer and representatives from the hospital, college and other organizations to get their input. Ms. Hallquist noted she has not gotten any comments from residents asking for such an ordinance so far, but with the recent press on other towns, it is likely that the subject will come up. If the Selectmen decide to adopt such an ordinance, a public hearing would be held to give the public the opportunity to comment on the plan prior to it becoming effective.

Chair Kidder asked if Selectman Cannon and Selectman Rollins were satisfied with the plan that Colby-Sawyer College presented at a previous meeting with regards to bringing students back to campus safely. Selectman Cannon and Selectman Rollins stated yes but commented that compliance by the students could be an issue.

Selectman Rollins would like to hear what the hospital and the Health Officer have to say about instituting an ordinance regarding face masks. She would also like to know what the proposal looks like for Hanover.

Discussion of the issue will be continued at the next meeting.

### **Proclamation**

Chair Kidder noted that the Town of Newbury is honoring one of its longtime firefighters, John “Mike” Croteau, who has served that town for 75 years. The value of citizens like Mike, who give their time and efforts to serve their fellow citizens at all hours of the day and night, missing out on family events and a good night’s sleep in many cases, to risk their lives to help others is immeasurable and truly inspiring.

On behalf of the citizens of New London, I would like the Town of New London to recognize Firefighter John “Mike” Croteau on his 75 years of service to the Town of Newbury, and to the surrounding towns where he has assisted as part of the mutual aid program. Selectmen Cannon and Rollins

**IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to recognize firefighter John “Mike” Croteau on his 75 years of service to the town of Newbury and to the surrounding towns where he has assisted as part of the mutual aid program. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Citizen’s Advisory Committee Meeting**

Ms. Hallquist stated that Citizen’s Advisory Committee Chair Maureen Prohl would like to schedule a meeting. It would be possible to have the meeting in Whipple Hall and still practice social distancing if members are comfortable with it. Ms. Hallquist recommends having the next meeting on the Saturday after Labor Day weekend. It was decided the meeting would be held on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 7:30am at Whipple Hall if members would like to meet.

### **Town Administrators Report**

Ms. Hallquist provided the following report:

- The latest issue of *Municipal Matters* went out on Friday.
- There have been several complaints of speeding throughout the town, and violations of the ‘No Through Truck’ designation on Burpee Hill Road. The Police Chief is aware of the complaints and patrols will be increased to address the issue. Ms. Hallquist noted that she would also remind people in the next *Municipal Matters* of the need to observe posted speed limits and ‘no through trucking’ rules.
- The gate at the Pleasant Lake boat launch was damaged by a vehicle; the Public Works Department was able to fix it.

### **Meeting Minutes**

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to approve the minutes of July 20, 2020 meeting. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED. Janet Kidder abstained from the vote.**

Selectman Rollins asked that Moderator Michael Todd and Town Clerk Will Kidder be invited to the next Selectmen’s Meeting, July 17<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the upcoming Primary Election, to be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Garage.

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

- Next regular Selectmen's meeting – Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM
- Planning Board – Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM
- Recreation Commission – Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM
- Conservation Commission – Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 AM

**IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) 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: Rollins: Yes; Cannon: Yes; Kidder: Yes

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:26 PM.

The Board reentered the public session at 6:31 PM.

**IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to seal the nonpublic session meeting minutes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **Items to be signed**

- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Notice of Intent to Cut – Lodge Lane
- Birthday Cards

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

##### Sign Permits

- Permanent Signs # 20-14 – New England Beauty & Wellness, Jessica Donaghe, James Chowanski, owner, 209 Main Street, TM 073-082-0-0-0.

##### Building Permits

- Stephen Chellis, 344 Columbus Ave, TM 081-066-0-0-0. Build a 12'x20' shed. BP 20-068 approved 7/24/20.
- Sarah & Christopher Kelly, 86 Carter Road, TM 071-005-0-0-0. Build a 20'x17' deck. BP 20-070 approved 7/24/20.
- Mitchell, James & William & Mary Hayward Trust, 77 Wilmot Center Road, TM 078-006-0-0-0. ATF – Repair/replace floor of boathouse. BP 20-071 approved 7/24/20.
- Eric Schultz, 148 Old Main Street, TM 107-019-0-0-0. Add a door, landing and staircase. BP 20-072 approved 7/24/20.
- Marianne Anderson, 23 Jenny Lane, TM 074-024-0-0-0. Build new sunroom & art studio. BP 20-073 approved 7/24/20.
- Leverett & Linda Flint, 284 Old Main Street, TM 107-014-0-0-0. Build 8'x10' entry & 2 dormers. BP 20-069 approved 7/28/20.
- Janet Beardsley-Blanco, 51 Bunker Road, TM 061-009-0-0-0. Build 13'x21' deck. BP 20-074 approved 7/28/20.
- Sikhar Banerjee Trust, 135 Lamson Lane, TM 049-017-0-0-0. Build 8'x24' seasonal dock. BP 20-075 approved 7/28/20.
- John MacKenna, 168 Little Sunapee Road, TM 059-041-0-0-0. Demo shed. BP 20-077 approved 7/28/20.

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson  
Recording Secretary