



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES December 8, 2014

### **PRESENT:**

Janet Kidder, Chairman  
Nancy Rollins, Selectman  
Peter Bianchi, Selectman  
Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator  
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Jason Lyon, Fire Chief  
Richard Lee, Public Works Director  
Ed Andersen, Police Chief  
Gayle Hedrington, Reporter, WNTK

Chair Kidder called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

### New London Bandstand

Public Works Director Richard Lee met with the Board to discuss repairs needed for the bandstand. He submitted photographs showing some of the significant rot that is present. Mr. Lee asked a contractor (that had not provided a quote) to come look at the bandstand to give some advice. The contractor suggested jacking up the structure to replace all of the rotten sections and suggested the use of some plastic materials underneath the bandstand, as well as design implementation to add ventilation to prohibit rot. The contractor is working on an estimate and will provide it to Mr. Lee when it is ready. The price will include the cost for a company to come lift the structure and support the roof, cut the posts out and rebuild the structure.

Mr. Lee said a structural engineer should be hired to inspect the structure and design brackets for the support posts as the contractor suggested that it is an important part of the entire project and should not be done by the contractor. He would like permission to hire a structural engineer.

When asked about the concrete footings, Mr. Lee said they haven't crawled underneath the bandstand but it looked like the concrete posts were still viable.

Selectman Rollins wondered if there were any concerns with people using the bandstand this winter, such as during winter carnival. Mr. Lee didn't think it would fall down and felt it was safe for the time being. He thought getting it repaired in the spring would be the best idea. Now is a good time to plan the project and the contractor will be ready to go when the weather allows.

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to authorize Richard Lee to hire a structural engineer to review the bandstand.  
THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Town Administrator's Report

*Clark Lookout Access Road*

Ms. Hallquist said she sent a letter to the managing partner of Big Hilltop, LLC regarding the issue of Clark Lookout being closed off to the public (which goes against the easement the town has to allow use by the public to reach Clark Lookout). The deadline to get an answer was that day (Monday). At 1pm that day, she received a call from the property owner's attorney asking for two more days to give the town a response, as he must familiarize himself with the situation. The deadline has been extended to Wednesday at which time she anticipated receiving information on their position.

*Mary Haddad Trust*

Ms. Hallquist plans to meet with the Recreation Commission the following day to discuss the Mary Haddad Trust and what that could mean for Recreation in New London.

*Beginning of FY2016 Budget Preparation*

It was noted that the budgets have been sent in from the Department Heads. On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Selectmen will start reviewing the budgets of Recreation, Archives, Conservation, Health Administration, Welfare and non-profits. Mr. Blewitt (Recreation Director) will be at the meeting to talk about Recreation. If the Selectmen wish to meet with anyone else at the meeting, she asked them to let her know and she would make arrangements.

*DES Permit for seasonal canopy for boat*

Ms. Hallquist said the Town received a permit from DES to allow repair of an existing dock and the additional of a seasonal canopy for a boat cover for Carol and Thomas Kinzler on Lake Sunapee. She noted that the seasonal canopies meet the New London zoning ordinance definition of boat house and thus they are not allowed by town ordinance. The Conservation Commission sent a letter to DES objecting to the permit request.

Selectman Bianchi said he has worked for the Kinzlers in prior years and wanted to disclose this. He thought it unfortunate that these kinds of canopies weren't mentioned when the Planning Board talked about the boat house provision changes in the ordinance last year.

Ms. Hallquist said the Selectmen may want to write a letter to the Kinzlers to let them know that their plans did not comply with the New London Zoning Ordinance. The Kinzlers could go to the ZBA if they wished to appeal this. Ms. Hallquist noted that the contractor had commented in some documentation that towns do not have jurisdiction over structures in or over the water. Selectman Bianchi thought they should send a letter to the Kinzlers and let them know that the Town has received the application and that their plans went against the Zoning Ordinance in New London.

*Shimberg zoning violation*

Chair Kidder said the Town received a request from Dan Shimberg (Pike Brook Road) to delay action regarding an illegal tree-cutting on his property. Selectman Bianchi said Mr. Shimberg came in to a Planning Board meeting in August with a tree-cutting plan and got permission to cut one tree within the 50' buffer. It was discovered that he actually cut down two trees and has admitted his error. It was the consensus of the Planning Board that the town must enforce these kinds of things. Since the Planning Board doesn't enforce the Zoning Ordinance, the case was forwarded to the Board of Selectmen who are the enforcing agents. Mr. Shimberg, who resides in Ohio, would like to be present when the Selectmen discuss his case so he requested the issue be delayed until he can return in the spring.

Selectman Bianchi had no problem waiting until spring to meet with Mr. Schimberg as there wouldn't be any landscaping done during the winter. He noted that the illegally cut tree brought to light some other issues with the property such as questionable permits for digging within the 200' of the lake, their removal of a cesspool and possible deficiencies in the tree counts per section. Chair Kidder said she wants to have a landscaping plan before Mr. Schimberg comes in, perhaps sometime over the winter. They could even submit the plan to the Planning Board first if they wish. Next spring they could get together to work on it.

#### Committee Meetings & Reports

##### ***Tri-Town Assessor's Meeting***

Chair Kidder said the Tri-Town Assessor's meeting was held the previous week. There is \$10,000 left in this year's budget. The budget is up for 2015 by 5.27%. Mr. Bernaiche (Chief Assessor) said the State is asking Assessors to do more every year. Additionally, the DRA is asking them to increase reviews of special properties (such as golf courses and ski areas).

##### ***Budget Committee***

Selectman Rollins reported that the Budget Committee met the previous Wednesday. Bill Helm came and went over the CIP with them. There was a review of the subcommittee reports that had been done to date. There was a great deal of discussion and continued questions about the Selectmen's position on dispatch and what their plan is going forward. Selectman Rollins thinks the Selectmen need to follow up with the towns served by New London dispatching to discuss their future plans. New London needs to have another discussion around how the board wants to proceed in subsequent years and come up with a resolution on what they will do with dispatch.

Ms. Hallquist said the Towns of Newbury, Wilmot and Sutton have responded and are in for 2015. By the end of December they will know if the towns are in or out.

Selectman Rollins thought the Selectmen should discuss how they will proceed after they hear back from the other towns. Chair Kidder thought they would need to wait to see the budget for dispatch and decide how to proceed at the end of the year depending on how the towns respond to the bills.

Selectman Bianchi thought the towns were concerned with the future of dispatch and what the costs would be after 2015. He didn't think New London should wait any longer to decide what to do. Selectman Rollins thought once they have the information about which towns are staying with New London dispatching, the Board should decide how to move forward, and especially have a discussion of capital cost sharing.

Selectman Bianchi said at an earlier meeting, it was the majority feeling of the Board of Selectmen that it wasn't a good idea to enter into a long-term compact with the other towns. Changes to technology and equipment could become a burden to New London if they were required to upgrade during the year, so having a long-term compact could be a problem.

#### Approval of Minutes

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to approve the minutes of November 21, 2014, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the minutes of November 25, 2014, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to the approve minutes of December 1, 2014, as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.**

Selectman Bianchi not present at the meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> so abstained from voting.

Upcoming Meetings

Planning Board – Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00pm

Board of Selectmen – Monday, December 15 at 6:00pm

Board of Selectmen – Monday, January 5 at 6:00pm

Board of Selectmen – Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00pm

Citizens Advisory Committee – Saturday, January 24 at 7:30am at the fire station

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(c). THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Roll Call: Janet Kidder: Yes, Peter Bianchi: Yes, Nancy Rollins: Yes**

The Board entered nonpublic session at 4:40pm.

The Board re-entered the public session at 4:45pm.

Application for Building Permit:

- Sonny Blanco & Jan Beardsley-Blanco (061-009-000) 51 Bunker Road – Install 6.9kw rooftop solar array – APPROVED
- Susan Nichols (035-018-000) 86 Porcupine Ridge – Controlled burn of single family home for NLFD firefighting exercise - APPROVED

Application for Use of Whipple Memorial Town Hall

Bradford Country Squares – 10 Square Dances throughout 2015

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary  
Town of New London