



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES June 27, 2011

### PRESENT:

Mark Kaplan, Chair, Board of Selectmen  
Tina Helm, Selectmen  
Peter Bianchi, Selectman  
Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator

### ALSO PRESENT:

Norm Bernaiche, Town Assessor  
Chris McAllister, Assistant Town Assessor  
Peter Stanley, Zoning Board Administrator  
John & Kathy Vernalia, New London Residents  
Bob & DJ Lavoie, New London Residents  
Pat Trader, Reporter, *The Intertown Record*  
Bruce Hudson, New London Resident  
Doug MacMichael, New London Resident  
John Wilson, New London Resident  
Jim Presher & Liz Bedard, Concord Co-Op

Chair Kaplan called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He noted that Mr. Bernaiche was present to further explain three abatement recommendations, from his June 9<sup>th</sup> memorandum, that were not acted upon by the Board when first presented.

### Norm Bernaiche – Abatement Updates

Mr. Bernaiche said that two of the previous recommendations had still not changed, but that the Richardson property recommendation changed after he had a conversation with Peter Stanley. Based on the side lines it is possible that the property could be built on but there would need to be a septic and well approval. Mr. Bernaiche said that the property was marginally buildable.

Mr. Bernaiche went on to explain that a property, owned by Chetwood Trust was unique as it is located directly in front of a sand bar. There are no comparables for this property. Mr. Bernaiche said that the sand bar is where many people park their boats, drink, swim and party all day long, and because of these factors, he believes the property value should have a 40% discount. This is a unique situation, and after he talked to the taxpayer, Mr. Bernaiche said that was one of the options they discussed. He felt that a 40% adjustment was adequate and would defend it in Land Appeals or Superior Court. He offered that visiting the property on a nice day would prove the nuisance associated with the people on the sand bar. Mr. Bernaiche said that he knew of no appraiser who would be able to gather data one day or another about this property.

Chair Kaplan said that the nuisance was not natural nor was it created by the Town; it is created by people. Mr. Bernaiche said the sand bar is natural and calls it “economic obsolescence.” Chair Kaplan said that it is not a naturally occurring problem and thought the State could put up a line saying “no boats within 150’ of shore.” Mr. Bernaiche said this was a big problem and thought that the property owners

had tried to do this previously. Chair Kaplan said he didn't believe this was the case and said that nothing had ever been presented to the State.

Mr. Stanley commented that the property, owned by Frank Gordon is assessed at \$2,147,000, which includes the 40% discount. Mr. Gordon has a conservation easement on the land and that some of it is assessed in current use. He noted that there were 33.53 acres in current use, with a total of 37 acres in the parcel. Mr. Bernaiche said if the board felt that a 40% discount was adequate, that they could vote as such. The property owners are asking for a further reduction. Chair Kaplan said he wouldn't be in favor of discounting it any further.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to deny further adjustment to the abatement on the property and remain with the 40% discount that has been recommended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Bianchi went back to the Richardson abatement that was changed. He noted that it was originally recommended to have a \$109,000 reduction in value: from \$263,400 to \$154,400. Mr. Bernaiche is now proposing to reduce it from \$263,400 to \$188,400. Mr. Bianchi said that in the 80's there were properties on Lamson Lane that were awarded building permits and by all the setbacks and rules the Town had, were deemed unbuildable. The property owners obtained waivers from the State and the properties became buildable. He was concerned that the same thing was being done here; that this property was in fact buildable but it was not being deemed as such for assessment purposes.

Mr. Stanley explained that the property was .25 acres (one quarter acre) with 52' of water frontage. He said that they could build something on it, but nothing very large and that the issue was being able to get a septic system on it. He added that the building envelope was an odd shape which would limit what can be built. Not having anyone attempt a design previously, it is an unknown. Mr. Bernaiche thought the property was pretty wet and that the number of bedrooms for any building going in there would be limited. Mr. Bianchi wanted to deny the request. Mr. Bernaiche said he wasn't sure if Mr. Richardson would appeal the decision, but that it was his right to do so. Mr. Bianchi opined that the cost to appeal would be roughly what it would cost to do a septic design. Mr. Bernaiche said his assessment was on the property rated as "marginally buildable." His number includes a discount because it is difficult to build on. Mr. Stanley said the stream appears to go along the side of the property and not through it, and was surprised to find less wetland than he had assumed. It is still limited due to the setback issues.

Ms. Helm was concerned that if they reject too many of these abatements, that Mr. Bernaiche and others have put so much thought into, that they would end up spending a lot in legal fees. She wondered how many of these borderline situations existed. Chair Kaplan said that Mr. Bernaiche has recommended reducing the assessment by about \$1,000. Either way, the most they are changing the bottom line is by \$1,000. Chair Kaplan's take was that he was in favor of letting this go and didn't want to take a chance that they would go to court. Mr. Bianchi said that what they have in abatements is about \$30,000 in taxes. They have already denied a bunch of them. The Town will not go broke or get rich either way, but these are philosophical matters. Ms. McAllister said the cost to prove that it can be built upon will exceed the cost for the actual septic design.

Mr. Bianchi did not wish to reduce the assessment by \$74,000. Ms. Helm and Chair Kaplan said they would prefer to go along with Mr. Bernaiche's recommendation. The abatement was approved as recommended.

With regards to the Kreisler property, Mr. Bianchi noted that it was a private road in beautiful shape and was a nice piece of property. He felt reducing the assessment by \$135,000 was not necessary as it was a

prime lot. Mr. Bernaiche said that where the houses on the road are orientated, it is inevitable that nearby property will be subdivided and the privacy of the Kreisler property will be lost. It is a prime lot but will not be as such when the abutters eventually subdivide. Chair Kaplan said that if the subdivision happens, he would agree on Mr. Bernaiche's assessment, but wondered why they would reduce the taxes now before any subdivision had taken place. Mr. Bernaiche said that they are trying to get the property at market value. This property isn't protected because the value of the neighboring properties is not certain. He felt strongly that the value of the property would be affected by the subdivision.

Ms. Helm agreed with Mr. Bernaiche's recommendation with the Kreisler property. She felt that the area would be built up, which would affect the property. Mr. Bianchi said that a summer cottage wasn't what was drawing people, but it was the land. Mr. Bernaiche said they will need to revisit these types of properties as the shoreline protection act is changing, regarding rebuilding on existing structures. Mr. Bianchi said people want the prime land and traditionally they will come in and pay over a million dollars for the land and house, then tear down the house and rebuild.

Ms. Helm and Chair Kaplan agreed with Mr. Bernaiche's recommendation. Mr. Bianchi did not. The abatement was approved as recommended.

Mr. Bernaiche explained that the Checkerberry Knoll Trust went down by \$200,000 because they missed the adjustment in the valuation process. When there is a small piece of land on one side of the road and most of the land is located on the water side of the road, there is a discount of 25% given to the property owners. Properties with a strip of land on the water side and the house across the street received a 50% discount. In error, this property was not receiving any of the discounts, so they were giving a discount of 25%.

Mr. Bianchi moved to deny the abatement and Ms. Helm seconded the motion. The motion passe, the abatement was denied.

Mr. Bernaiche and Ms. McAllister submitted two additional lists, with explanations, regarding further abatement requests and denials. The Board of Selectmen was in agreement with both lists.

Mr. Bernaiche noted that he would come in at another meeting to review the Murray Pond abatement requests and noted that the Town has until July 1<sup>st</sup> to respond to requests for abatement but going beyond that date is not a problem since property owners have until September 1<sup>st</sup> to file an appeal with the BTLA or Superior Court, and the affected property owners know that the assessors are still working on their applications.

#### Peter Stanley – Rowse Subdivision

Mr. Stanley explained that when Sandy Rowse came before the Planning Board to subdivide, they ended up finding some old plans in the file from the 70's that showed there was a class VI road, which goes in her driveway off of Sutton Road, between some barns and straight down an old lane. The road became reactivated when another subdivision was done by Mr. Pellerin. It was then considered a class VI road.

Mr. Stanley said that the road was discontinued in 1831 by a vote at Town Meeting and did not have a name at that time. When Ms. Rowse came to them with a proposal to subdivide, it was determined that the access made more sense to come off of Rowell Hill Road to avoid wetland crossings from Route 114. In order to do this, the Board of Selectmen needs to approve a waiver, as executed by the property owner, that will be registered with Merrimack County Registry of Deeds. This recorded document is an acknowledge on the party of the property owner that the Town is not responsible for maintenance or upkeep of the road. This is to be signed by Ms. Rowse and the Board of Selectmen and will be recorded.

Any heirs or assigns of that property will be bound by the agreement that the town is not responsible for the road. A driveway will be constructed where a Class VI road once was. Mr. Stanley explained that the property owners could petition the Town to completely discontinue the road but that this would need to be done at Town Meeting. To ensure that future property owners are aware that the Town is not responsible for any maintenance or upkeep of the road, these actions must be taken. The Planning Board has approved the minor subdivision. The recording book and page number of the waiver will be included on the recorded Mylar to make it clear and apparent for everyone to see.  
The Board of Selectmen agreed to sign the waiver as executed by Ms. Rowse.

#### Minutes of June 20, 2011

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the minutes of June 20, as amended. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Amendments were:

Nate Miller should be described as a Regional Planner, not rural.

Page 5 the second "they" should be removed.

Page 7 "Mayer" not "Mayor."

Committee Reports: COA was asking for Conceptual SPR, not just SPR.

Page 8: applications for building: Janie not Jamie.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to approve the non-public minutes of June 20<sup>th</sup> as circulated. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### EMS Study

Chair Kaplan signed the agreement for MRI to do the study. The agreement has been signed by all participating towns, and by New London Hospital. Ms. Helm commented that since Ms. Hallquist is now on board as Town Administrator, they could bring her up to speed and move forward with this study.

Ms. Helm said that the tri-town assessor's meeting, Jim Powell (Selectmen in Newbury) wondered where the ambulance study stood. She told him that the hospital would be making a presentation at the New London Board of Selectmen's meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>. He said he would like to come. Ms. Helm wondered if the selectmen from other towns should be invited to the meeting. After some discussion it was determined that anyone could come to the meeting, but that they should not invite the other select boards directly. Chair Kaplan thought that Bruce King should be called to see if the other towns should be invited or if it should just be New London. When they respond, they will know what to do. It was also determined that Jay Lyon should be invited to be at the meeting with the hospital as well.

Mr. Lavoie asked who was paying MRI to do the study. Mr. Bianchi said that it will cost \$20,000. The hospital will pay \$10,000 and the seven towns involved in the study will pay a portion of the remaining \$10,000. New London's share is about \$3,000. Ms. Helm explained that they would most likely examine the different options for the towns, which would include numbers. She said that Ms. Levine was the driving force in this effort and it sort of came to a plateau, but now that Ms. Hallquist is there they hope to get it going again.

#### Ad for Finance Officer Replacement

Mr. Bianchi asked about the first paragraph. Suggestions for changes were discussed and will be made to the final document including adding the town's population, total budget and number of full-time employees to give potential applicants a better idea of the town they will be applying to. Chair Kaplan asked if they needed someone with a baccalaureate degree. It was noted that since the ad said the Town

“preferred” (as opposed to “required”) candidates with a baccalaureate degree, it did not rule out consideration of candidates with experience but no degree. Mr. Bianchi asked if they needed someone with more financial expertise in filling out the end of year reports, or if they need more of a bookkeeper. Ms. Hallquist said it depended on what the Board of Selectmen wanted. If the Board wanted someone to do more, such as more budgeting and financial planning, that is what they would look for. Ms. Helm thought that Ms. Levine had begun crafting Ms. Fraley’s position to fill a skill-set that she didn’t have. Mr. Bianchi asked if she could take care of Ms. Fraley’s responsibilities if needed, or if another person would need to be hired to help out. Ms. Hallquist said that she was able to do the tasks but that time did not allow. If someone worked for a town as long as Ms. Fraley has, and wanted to come to New London, they would certainly have the skills that were needed.

It was asked whether the position should be titled “Financial Officer” or “Financial Director.” It was decided to keep it as “Financial Officer.”

Mr. Lavoie asked if they had a contractor in mind to help with this search. Ms. Helm felt they were comfortable handling this hire on their own. She added that they also have the assistance of Hardy Hasenfuss to help. Ms. Helm thought they could place the ad in some of the same places they chose for the Town Administrator position. Ms. Helm felt that Ms. Hallquist would be in charge of interviewing for this position. Ms. Hallquist said she would try to get ads inserted in time for the Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> editions of the papers and it was determined that July 15<sup>th</sup> would be the deadline for applications to be submitted.

#### Richard Lee – Various Requests and Information

##### ***Photocopier***

Mr. Lee said that their printer and fax machine has been giving them a problem. They had the copier repaired using parts from another copier that was about to be thrown out, but now it is starting to give the same as before. It is an older copier and he wasn’t sure it could be repaired. Mr. Lee came prepared with some quotes from Staples and Twin River. For a machine that would replace both the copier and the fax machine, the better deal was through Twin River and would cost \$869.00 This does not include a service contract. To pay for this, he suggested using some funds from three different accounts: Highway, Wastewater and Transfer Station office supplies. On average, Mr. Lee said that they go through 24 reams of paper per year.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Tina Helm) to spend \$869.00 for a new copy machine from Twin River. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

##### ***Truck***

Mr. Lee said that the Transfer Station 2001 dump body has buckled and they fear will fall apart if they keep using it as-is. The request was to spend \$6,600 on a new dump body. Mr. Bianchi said he had a problem putting \$6,600 in a 10 year old truck with one year left on it before they will sell it, especially if the sub-frame was rusted. Chair Kaplan said he didn’t mind spending the \$6,600 but wondered what they would do with the truck the following year. Mr. Lee said if they don’t replace the one-ton truck next year they will be out a truck the following year. There is a new one-ton in the budget for July 2012 but it isn’t guaranteed. Chair Kaplan asked if they don’t purchase the new body, what will happen. Mr. Lee said that it will make them short one truck and in the winter time they won’t be able to plow things as efficiently. He said he wasn’t sure they’d get one more additional year from the truck if the dump body is replaced.

Mr. Bianchi asked where the money would come from if they approved it. Mr. Lee wasn’t sure. There was \$5,200 they could use in the transfer station equipment maintenance fund, which was a non-lapsing equipment fund. He said he couldn’t get the entire amount from one line item, but would have to expend a few to gather enough.

Mr. Lee suggested selling the truck if they decide not to get a new body instead of keeping it around to just plow with it. Mr. Bianchi asked if they could work with a fabricator to get the body put back together to get it through the year. Chair Kaplan thought they should sell it if they decide not to spend the \$6,600. Mr. Lee said he would check into the cost of fixing the truck and would come back again to report.

***Wastewater Manhole Repair***

Mr. Lee said that they would like to hire Bryan Locke to do some repair work on the wastewater manholes. He said that they haven't found anyone else who does this kind work and he has worked for them successfully in the past. Mr. Locke has been doing this type of work for the last three years. Mr. Lee noted that the quote was higher because they found more things that needed to be done. He added that there is money in the budget for this work, which will cut down on their inflow.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to spend \$11,320 for Bryan Locke to repair the manholes.**

Mr. Bianchi said he didn't think it was right that they have \$11,000 in the budget for this kind of work and aren't going out to bid. Mr. Lee spoke highly of Mr. Locke and said that he may also be asked to help repair the dam at Pleasant Lake.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Underwood Engineering***

Mr. Lee said that they would like to hire Underwood Engineering to do the electrical work at the main wastewater pumping station on Frothingham Road. \$8,500 was appropriated at Town Meeting to do this work.

**IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Peter Bianchi) to employ Underwood Engineers to fix the elec. Work at the main plant. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

***Single Stream Recycling (SSR)***

Mr. Bianchi began the discussion by offering a motion:

IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Tina Helm) to defer signing the single stream recycling contract for this year.

Ms. Helm asked if she could amend the motion to say that they would defer signing the single stream recycling contract for the foreseeable future. Mr. Bianchi agreed that this was appropriate.

Mr. Bianchi said that he respected what the Concord Co-Op was trying to do and at some point in time it was something they'd like to do but at this point in time it wasn't for New London. Once the recycling facility was up and running they may look into the idea, but the way New London was running their show, they didn't see the need to go to SSR now.

Ms. Helm admitted that she had spent a lot of time thinking about SSR. She is very committed to the mission and philosophy of this and the fact that they need to be more responsible about protecting their landfills and the possibility of running out of space. She felt that SSR would be easier in the long run but was struggling for a compelling reason for why New London should do it now. Ms. Helm noted that she wants to keep the subject of SSR high on their list because she felt it was extremely important but would like to revisit the notion of SSR and Pay As You Throw (PAYT) together. They had decided to do one

and then the other but seemed that it would make more sense to put them together. Ms. Helm noted that she felt that the new Town Administrator should have some opportunity to get up to speed on the issue before giving input. She also indicated that Ms. Hallquist had read the contract from the Co-Op and was concerned with the unacceptable waste component. She wondered how they would avoid certain items not being put into the SSR container by individuals. The contract states that if a town puts waste into SSR that shouldn't be there, they would be fined. She wondered how that is controlled.

Mr. Presher and Ms. Bedard were there to answer Ms. Helm's questions. Mr. Presher indicated that the compelling reason to join the Co-Op now was that there was a one-time opportunity to get in on the ground floor of the organization. Later on they will not have a vote on how the facility is operated, on establishing a budget, on input for improvements or about materials recycled in the facility. They will also get the best pricing of all the other people who bring materials to the facility. That is a guarantee. Ms. Bedard said that this idea was actually a result of New London's request at the beginning of this project. She said that Chair Kaplan recalled a tipping fee of \$75/ton, which is now over \$90/ton. New towns that had not joined early were only paying \$55/ton.

Chair Kaplan asked about keeping certain materials out of the recyclable stream. Mr. Presher said that around 6-10% of what arrives at the facility is actually waste and is not recyclable. It is typical and standard. If they have a bad actor that continually brings un-recyclable things in, they will be fined or asked to take their recyclables back. This part was included in the contract to protect them from bad actors. Ms. Bedard said that they generally won't get to 6-10% of trash because people want to do the right thing. She wasn't concerned that it would happen. Mr. Presher added that the Co-Op would help with educating the town so people will know what to include in their recycling.

Mr. MacMichael said he has noticed a lot more oil based paint being thrown away in his trash pick-ups and has to store it at his home until the Hazardous Waste Day.

Chair Kaplan said he recently visited Newburyport, MA and found that they use SSR. His son lives there and said it is great. Chair Kaplan said that he has converted to being in favor of SSR. Mr. Bianchi said that a 15 year contract was not something he wanted to get into. Once they go to SSR they can never go back.

Mr. Lavoie shared that he recently had a similar experience with SSR. His daughter who lives in California uses SSR and opined that it is "terrific." They recycle a lot more things because it is so easy.

Mr. MacMichael thought he would have to upgrade his equipment to take care of recyclables once SSR was being used.

Mr. Lee said that Wilmot is using dual stream recycling which is separating cardboard, plastics and trash. Mr. Presher noted that other single stream vendors give much less per ton because they have to satisfy stockholders. The Co-Op does not. Mr. Presher said that the reason they can operate in this way is that they already own half of the capital. If the operation doesn't go well and they don't survive the towns will have no responsibility to them. Chair Kaplan said that they would have to pay \$41,500 to convert their transfer station to accept the SSR program. If they spend this amount and have to convert back, it would be an added cost to the Town.

Ms. Helm asked Mr. Lee about #1 plastic as only bottles can be taken at this point. She wondered if he had looked into other vendors who would take other plastics. Mr. Lee said that they can take whatever they want to, but they have to have room to store each type of plastic before they can be turned in as an

entire truckload. Mr. Lee commented that other plastics don't have much of a market and it would take a long time to get enough of it to sell.

Mr. Presher said he knew that Mr. Bianchi had suggested at one time that New London's tonnage wasn't significant to what they would collect. He said that it was just the opposite and that New London's contribution was actually critical to them. He noted that they are waiting on getting both New London and Stratham on board. Once that is accomplished, he will have enough to go forward with the recycling facility project. Mr. Presher explained that he and Ms. Bedard have been working for about two years getting towns onboard. New London has been ahead of other communities in things like crushing glass and their transfer station design. They could be a leader and founder of a lifetime project. Mr. Presher said that the facility will accept all #5 plastics as well as bulky plastics. He also explained to Mr. MacMichael that his job would be simpler using SSR; trash would be on one side of his truck, recyclables on the other.

Mr. Lee said that using SSR and PAYT was a good idea. In Concord, when these programs were implemented, recycling went up 52% and they "lost" another 3,000 tons of trash that was coming from outside of town. Mr. Lee said that they should do SS first because if they ask people to do PAYT it wouldn't be fair to not give them an avenue to recycle as much as they could. Ms. Helm thought the two reasons for holding off, but not forever, was 1) They would like to give Ms. Hallquist more opportunity to get up to speed, and 2) They would like to rethink SSR and PAYT together. She stressed that her position is that SSR is extremely important and she feels that it is something that could benefit the Town in the future and she intends to stay involved with this issue.

Ms. Bedard said that once they reach a guarantee of 25,000 tons, the facility would not be in operation for another year. If they wanted to implement SSR and PAYT at the same time, they would have time to do so.

Mr. Bianchi asked if they needed three trash trailers to take their trash to Berlin now. Mr. Lee said that they did. Mr. Bianchi explained that if they go to SSR they'll need another transfer trailer and there was no estimate included in the transfer station upgrades for such a trailer, which would cost \$60,000. Mr. Lee said that they anticipate that the additional recycling would cut down the waste enough so they'd only need one trailer load per week and could use the other for recyclables. Mr. Bianchi felt they needed another trailer to get them through the switch-over until they get to the lower trash production. Chair Kaplan didn't believe that having only three trailers would present a problem. If they had to go rent a trailer they would.

There was no further discussion and so Chair Kaplan called for a vote.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Lavoie asked if they could get some reliable figures for trailers so they'd know for sure what it would cost. He said that with the recyclables, the amount of trash will go down. Mr. Lee estimated there would be about 12-13 fewer trips/year for waste.

Ms. Helm said she was not sure they were at the end of the discussion but felt that their decision was the right one.

Mr. Presher said that this opportunity with the Co-Op won't come back; they will have to contact the Co-Op in the future should they wish to go into a short-term contract with them. The Board of Selectmen understood and thanked Mr. Presher and Ms. Bedard for their time.

***Other Questions for Mr. Lee***

Ms. Helm asked about the flashing light at corner of Pleasant and Main Street, as it hasn't been functioning. Mr. Lee said it is the State's light and the Town has never had any dealings with the maintenance of it.

Ms. Helm asked about the sign on the corner of Seamans Road and Main Street, as it is missing. Mr. Lee said another sign has been ordered and noted that about 10 signs were stolen during the winter. The permit-parking and no-parking signs for the beach are also on order.

Mr. Lee said that there is suspicion to think that some people have been going into the stump dump and helping themselves to metal. They've noticed this over a few months and will be asking the police to monitor the area.

Ms. Hallquist said there were two water abatement requests and asked Mr. Lee if he wanted to explain them. Mr. Lee said that the first was for Eckhart at Hilltop. There was a broken water pipe found causing the usage to go from 17,000 to 35,000 gallons. They have asked for \$221.00 abatement because the water didn't go through the system, but underground instead.

Mr. Lee explained that the second abatement was for Theresa Voter of 53 Spruce Lane who discovered a broken water pipe after the snow melted. Her usage went from 16,000 to 106,000 gallons. Her bill is substantial at almost \$1,400 for the 106,000 gallons. Mr. Lee recommended sending her a revised bill for \$200.

**IT WAS MOVED (Peter Bianchi) AND SECONDED (Tina Helm) to accept the two abatements Mr. Lee presented to them. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Town Administrator's Report

Ms. Hallquist said that her first week was a productive one and that people have been very helpful. She indicated that the staff is interested in having an employee cookout at the highway garage on July 14<sup>th</sup>. They thought it would be a good opportunity to introduce her to everyone and also to serve as a teambuilding activity. Ms. Hallquist noted that there was about \$300 left in the account for Ms. Levine's going away party, which they would like to use a portion of. The idea was to hold it after hours, from 4-6pm. The Board of Selectmen thought this would be fine to do.

Ms. Hallquist said that on Tuesday she would start meeting with all the departments. She would also be going to the sewer meeting in Sunapee on Thursday. She said that she had been asked by the librarian if the Budget Committee would be present during the non-resident meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Chair Kaplan said that they would not be there. If they wanted to meet with the Budget Committee, they'd have to make their own arrangements.

Committee Reports

Ms. Helm said she met with the tri-town assessors on the 21<sup>st</sup> and introduced Kim to them. There was ongoing discussion on changing some of the wording in the inter-municipal agreement. The town administrators would work together to get this done. The next meeting will be on August 23<sup>rd</sup> in New London.

Upcoming Meetings

Elkins Subcommittee – 7pm Tracy Memorial Library on June 28.

Board of Selectmen – 6pm, July 11<sup>th</sup> – on the agenda was New London Hospital (6pm) and Russ Aney (7pm).

#### Other Business

Chair Kaplan had a conversation with someone from DES and found that they are still on board for the application for the sewer grant. What they have sent in was a pre-application which has been approved. Neil Cheseldine was sent the official application, as he was the engineer who helped with the pre-application. Mr. Cheseldine has it and will be at Thursday's sewer meeting in Sunapee.

Pipe Camera – Mr. Bianchi said after listening to why they wanted the camera in Sunapee, it made no sense to him. They want to use it to study private lines and he didn't feel it was necessary. He didn't know that there was money available for the camera either. Mr. Bianchi said that they use this type of camera in Sunapee to monitor or check private pipes and that it was his understanding that Mr. Lee wanted to go into lines that may have plugged up or be broken. Chair Kaplan felt there was some utility to having such equipment available, but wondered if it was worth having. If they would be sharing the cost with Sunapee and only paying for half, then it might make sense to purchase it. Mr. Bianchi felt there was no need for it as it had never been requested by the sewer department before. He felt it was better to hire someone for \$100 to come and use the camera and diagnose a problem rather than to invest in an \$11,000 - \$12,000 camera. If it was to be used a few times a week it would be a different story.

#### Application for Building Permit:

- Extension: Mark & Donna Reed, 75 Goose Hole Road (Map & Lot 042-016-000) project ongoing due to economy/finances – Permit #08-074 – Approved.
- Dale & Jeanne Conly, 1801 Little Sunapee Road (Map & Lot 043-021-000) remove garage build new w/2<sup>nd</sup> floor also build separate sugar house shed – Permit #11-056 – Approved.

#### Application for use of town commons:

- New London Recreation – 2 programs:
  1. Body by Bill – Mondays & Thursdays 5:45-8:30 AM & 5:30-6:30 PM (July)
  2. Zumba classes – Mondays & Fridays 8:30-9:30 AM (July)

#### Application for abatements

- Bin, Patrick & Lai, Lysiane – 505 Wilmot Center Road (Map & Lot 052-012-000) approved.
- Philip, Sherman & Joyce Lai – 444 Wilmot Center Road (Map & Lot 052-016-000) approved.
- Beth Perregaux – 662 Bunker Road (Map & Lot 076-027-000) approved.
- George W. Darrah & Richard B. Darrah – 21 Conifer Lane (Map & Lot 049-002-000) **denied**.
- Kreisler Family – 261 Owls Nest Road (Map & Lot 135-002-000) approved.
- Checkerberry Knoll Trust – 360 Lakeshore Drive (Map & Lot 037-003-000) approved.
- David Richardson – Camp Sunapee Road (Map & Lot 033-007-000) approved.
- Charles Bucklin Family Trust – 163 Morgan Hill Road (Map & Lot 033-027-000) approved.
- Anne Sarkisian – 224 Poor Road (Map & Lot 091-001-000) approved.
- Joan & Donald Lamson Trust – 51 Lamson Lane (Map & Lot 049-012-000) approved.
- Cordingly Whitepines Family Trust – 128 Pike Brook Road (Map & Lot 135-007-000) **denied**.
- David, William & Putnam Kidder – 912 Pleasant Street (Map & Lot 036-016-000) **denied**.
- Albert X. Widmer – 482 Lakeshore Drive (Map & Lot 037-013-000) **denied**.
- Nicholas Gilman Trust – 309 Davis Hill Road (Map & Lot 068-019-000) **denied**.
- Cleveland Company – Little Sunapee Road (Map & Lot 031013-000) **denied**.

Other items to be signed:

- Disbursement voucher for week of June 27, 2011
- Raffle Permit for Our Lady of Fatima Parish – approved.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Heath, Recording Secretary  
Town of New London