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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES July 13, 2012

PRESENT:

Peter Bianchi, Chair
Tina Helm, Selectman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Tom Cottrill, Planning Board Chairman
Bill Green, ZBA Chairman
Bob Brown, Conservation Commission Chairman
Harry Snow, Cottage Lane duplex owner (public session only)
Doug Atkins, Colby-Sawyer College (public session only)

Chair Bianchi called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The Board entered non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(b) (the hiring of any person as a public employee) to conduct interviews for the Planning & Zoning Administrator position.

The Board returned to public session at 12:00 PM.

Harry Snow and Doug Atkins met with the Board to discuss the two duplex-unit buildings currently under construction on Cottage Lane. Mr. Snow (owner and builder) explained that he wanted to exceed the five person per unit limit (New London Zoning Ordinance Article III Section 49) by having additional persons as allowed under the provision of "domestic servants." Mr. Snow pointed out that these additional people would be "dealing with domestic issues" within the units and as such should be considered to be "domestic servants" for purposes of the zoning requirements. He pointed out that the zoning ordinance does not restrict the number of "domestic servants" allowed in each unit. Mr. Snow observed that the people providing these services might also be students, but they might not be students.

Chair Bianchi asked how these people would be paid. Mr. Snow said that it would be a combination of the college paying them and also he would be paying them in reduced rent charged. Ms. Kidder asked how many people could be housed per dwelling unit. Mr. Snow responded that there could be 8 people per dwelling unit, 16 per building. He explained that he has worked closely with Fire Chief Jay Lyon on fire safety issues, and has spent thousands of dollars above and beyond what was needed, to provide addition fire safety measures so that each unit is rated for eight people. He informed the Board that each dwelling unit of the duplex building has 6 bedrooms: 4 bedrooms for single occupancy and 2 bedrooms for double occupancy for a maximum of capacity per building of 16 people. Currently he is leaning towards having 7 people per dwelling unit. Ms. Hallquist asked if there were job descriptions for the people that Mr. Snow maintains will be "domestic servants." Mr. Atkins noted that there are no job descriptions at this time, but he believes they will be available for the Monday ZBA public hearing.

IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to deny the request to allow more than five persons to live in each unit of the Cottage Lane duplexes as the additional people do not fall within the meaning of “domestic servants” for purposes of the zoning ordinance requirement. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IT WAS MOVED (Tina Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to adjourn the meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Hallquist
Town Administrator