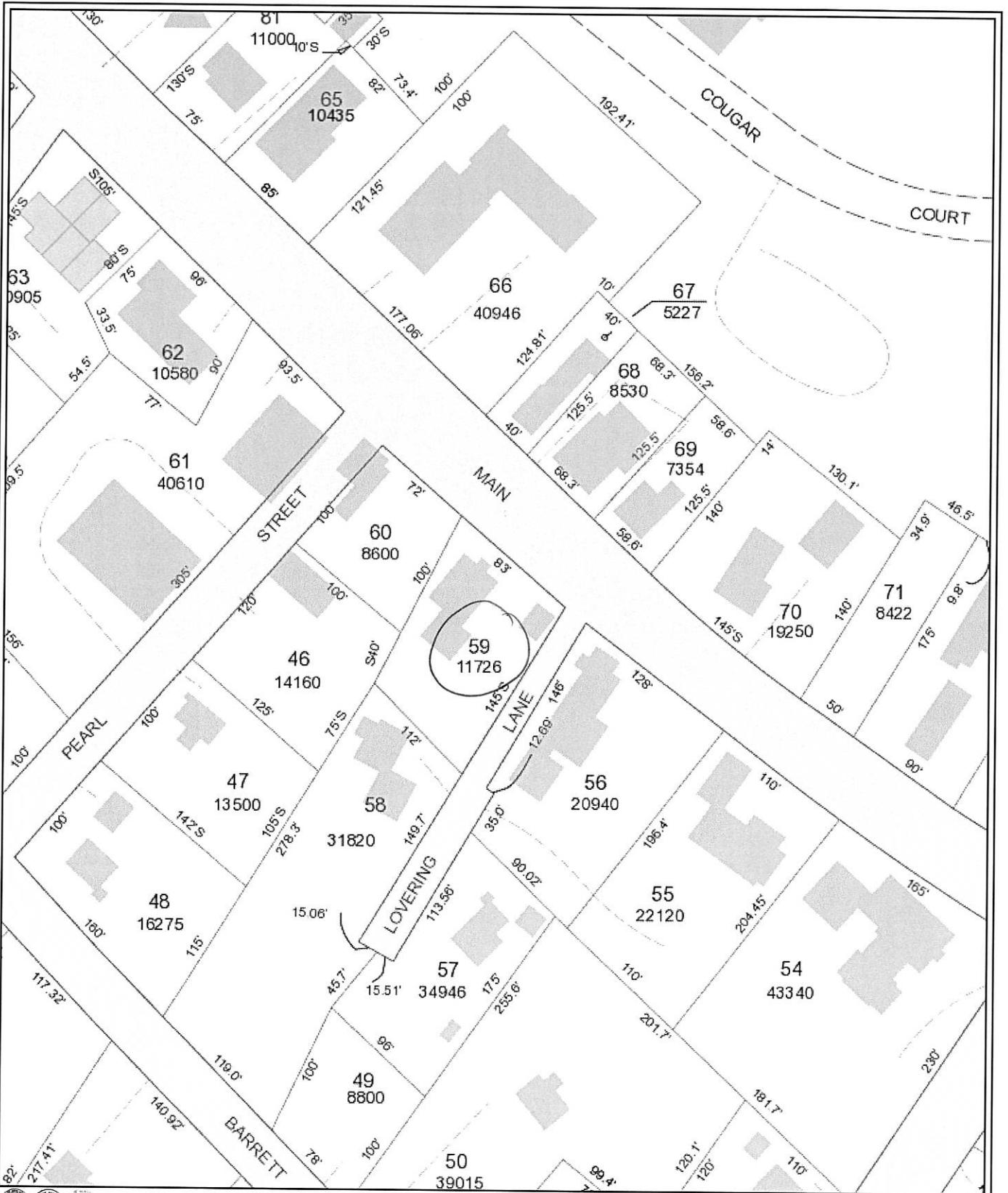


Little Free Library - Conceptual Discussion

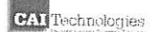


TM 084-059-000 conceptual discussion on "Little Free Library"
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History of Little Free Library

The Worldwide Movement



The People Who Started the Movement

In the beginning—2009—Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, built a model of a one room schoolhouse as a tribute to his mother, a former school teacher who loved reading. He filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard. His neighbors and friends loved it. He built several more and gave them away. Each one had a sign that said FREE BOOKS. Rick Brooks, of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, saw Bol's do-it-yourself project while they were discussing potential social enterprises. Together, the two saw opportunities to achieve a wide variety of goals for the common good. Each brought different skills to the effort, Bol as a creative craftsman experienced with innovative enterprise models and Brooks as a youth and community development educator with a background in social marketing. They were inspired by many different ideas:

- Andrew Carnegie's support of 2,509 free public libraries around the turn of the 19th to 20th century.
- The heroic achievements of Miss Lutie Stearns, a librarian who brought books to nearly 1400 locations in Wisconsin through "traveling little libraries" between 1895 and 1914.

- "Take a book, leave a book" collections in coffee shops and public spaces.
- Neighborhood kiosks, TimeBanking and community gift-sharing networks
- Grassroots empowerment movements in Sri Lanka, India and other countries worldwide.

Growth and New Ideas.

By the summer of 2010 the mission and purposes served by the little boxes of books were becoming more clear. The original models had all been built with recycled materials. Each was unique but all shared the theme of exchanging good books and bringing people together for something positive. The names "Habitat for the Humanities," "House of Stories" soon gave way to what more and more people called Little Free Libraries. Early adopters of this little innovation became key connectors with friends and supporters. Their role as stewards were critical to the movement's growing success.



Our Mission

To promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations.

Our Goal

To build 2,510 Little Free Libraries—as many as Andrew Carnegie—and keep going.



Key Strategies

Promotion of reading for children, literacy for adults and libraries around the world.

With no start-up or operating capital, no office or paid staff, the concept was evolving into an enterprise reaching communities far beyond a front yard next to the St. Croix River in Hudson.

The first official Little Free Library outside the Hudson area was posted by a bike path behind the Absolutely Art Gallery and Café Zoma on the east side of Madison in the summer of 2010. By the time of the Willy Street Fair in September, thousands of people had seen the Absolutely Art Library. The process of giving away Bol's creations began to require a way to cover expenses to build many more than he could handle by himself. Amish carpenter Henry Miller of rural Cashton, Wisconsin became the primary craftsman, using wood recycled from a 100 year-old barn destroyed in a tornado.

Giving away Little Libraries and hand-crafted signs with official Little Free Library charter numbers began to generate curiosity and "word of mouth" story sharing. The www.littlefreelibrary.org website and a loyal cadre of volunteers made it possible to expand the organizational reach beyond the co-founders. The movement centered around the enthusiasm and commitment of stewards who hosted and often built their own neighborhood Libraries. Some small grants, informal partnerships and alliances began to have an impact on Little Free Library's ability to keep up with demand.

And the rest...is history, documented in newspapers, blogs and broadcasts throughout the world. The year 2011 brought local, regional and national media attention to the backyard project that had become a movement. With nearly 400 Little Free Libraries across the U.S. by the end of the year, the founders knew it was time to become a formal, independent organization. In May, 2012, Little Free Library was officially established as a Wisconsin nonprofit corporation with a board of directors. In September, the Internal Revenue Service granted tax-exempt status.

*This goal was reached in August of 2012, a year and a half before our original target date. By January of 2015, the total number of registered Little Free Libraries in the world was conservatively estimated to be nearly 25,000, with thousands more being built.



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The Board discussed the draft schedule and approved for posting. The Nov 3rd meeting will be a work session, no application will be reviewed. Nov 17th will include the public hearing on the CIP document and Site Plan amendments.

Other Items

- Stormwater Workshop Update by Janet Kidder. Janet Kidder shared that she had attended a Stormwater Run-off seminar. At the NHDES workshop they also discussed that diseased trees are not desirable on a property because of invasive species. Pests could attack other healthy trees so that it is not beneficial to leave diseased trees on property. This also applies to diseased stumps. Ms. Kidder pointed out that the velocity of run-off water should be considered when large homes are built. Jeremy Bonin said New London has addressed this and it is at zero percent. Chair Helm asked Janet Kidder to give an update to Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator and to possibly include some information in the "Municipal Matters" newsletter about stormwater and removing diseased trees.
- Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) meeting and discussion of a compliance officer. Staff noted she attended the recent meeting conducted by LSPA. The LSPA sent an email requesting a meeting with the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. Chair Helm does not think there is anything the Planning Board can consider or discuss as there is no compliance officer in New London as yet. Lucy St. John noted that Kim Hallquist has allocated 16 hours in next budget for consideration of a compliance officer and she has been working on a job description.
- * ➤ Ms. St. John showed pictures of free lending libraries from Google images. People would like to put these small houses in front of their house so that books can be shared in the residential district. What if people wanted to put in commercial zone, would they have to come in for site plan review? Jeremy Bonin thought "yes" there is a need for site plan review as they may be an obstruction of view while driving and members agreed.
- New London Early Learning Center at 24 Pleasant Street has previously obtained a special exception from the Zoning Board to open for pre-school age children in 1991. At this time they would like to extend program for older children between the ages 6 to 15. There is no reference in the ordinance to a day-care facility but a school is permitted. Ms. St. John will advise the NL Early Learning Center they can come to discuss this idea with the Board and may need Town approvals from the Planning Board and/ or ZBA.
- Ms. St. John showed photos of Elkins Beach and a tree stump and several bushes within 50 feet of the lake with remaining stalks that were sticking up. Scott Blewitt, Director Parks and Recreation Dept., contacted her and they visited the site. It is a safety issue. She referred to the provisions of Article XVI, Shoreland Overlay District, (G) Waterfront Buffer. Bill Dietrich thought the safety issue should be addressed and that the stalks should be cut flush and covered with dirt and members agreed.



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NOTICE OF DECISION
New London Planning Board
September 23, 2014

The New London Planning Board made a motion to approve, disapprove or table the following application(s) reviewed and discussed at the September 23, 2014 meeting. Refer to the agenda and meeting minutes for additional details of the discussion.

Tree Cutting Applications:

- Brian Byrne, owner. Property located at 1891 Little Sunapee Road. Tax Map 043-026-000. **Approved.**
- Ira Krakower, owner. Property located at 31 Wilmot Center Road. Tax Map 077-018-000. **Approved.**

Site Plan Applications:

- The Sparrow School, a private one room schoolhouse Site Plan Application. Located at 10 Lovering Lane (corner of Main Street). Tax Map 084-059-000. **Approved** the installation of a fence in the area requested by the State of New Hampshire Childcare Licensing.
- New London Wood Products Site Plan Located at 1554 King Hill Road. Tax Map 129-015-000. Property owned by Dean and Pamela Larpenier. Proposal is to build a 30 x 34 square foot horse barn for two horses. **Applicant referred** to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) and the Planning Board **continued the public hearing to the October 28, 2014 Planning Board meeting.**

Other Plans:

- Gary Anderson and Cornelia Boyle. Property located at 750 Little Sunapee Road. Tax Map 021-001-000. Discussion of two projects: a temporary 12 foot wide access path in the waterfront buffer and a wooden security and privacy fence in the waterfront buffer. **Approved** the construction of a 12-wide access path in the waterfront buffer subject to the access path being completely restored and replanted no later than May 1, 2015. Mr. Anderson shall provide the Planning Board with a letter stating when the project was completed. **Applicant referred** to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Subdivision Applications:

- Subdivision and Lot Line Application. Property owned by Seamans Road Realty Trust, Martha Peyser Trustee, c/o Tracey Barberen and Mary and James Steproe. Applicant- Cherry Hill Homes, John Langill. Located on the corner of Seamans Road, Hall Farm Road and Blueberry Lane. Tax Map 086-022-000 and 086-021-000. **Public hearing and discussion continued to Wednesday, September 24th at 10:00 AM at the Town Offices.**



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NOTICE OF DECISION New London Planning Board June 24, 2014

The New London Planning Board made a motion to approve, disapprove or table the following application(s) reviewed and discussed at the June 24, 2014 meeting. Refer to the agenda and meeting minutes for additional details of the discussion.

Site Plan Applications

- Gallery, Unit 215 Site Plan Application for a Medical Office for Dr. Gregory Curtis. Property owned by Hodan Properties. Unit owned by Katherine Gordon. Tax Map 059-015-215. Located at 276 Newport Road. Waivers were granted and the Site Plan application approved as presented.
- Colby- Sawyer College Site Plan Application for Improvements to Lethbridge Lodge. Tax Map 085-033-000. Waivers were granted, but the College amended their site plan application to only include the expansion of the commercial kitchen and outdoor patio. The use of the facility for a pub/campus bar is not part of this application. The applicant was advised to seek Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) approval for a Special Exception. The remainder of the Site Plan application was approved with the following conditions:
 1. An eleven o'clock (11 PM) curfew was established for the use of the outdoor patio space.
 2. Chairs, tables and other outdoor furniture for the patio will be stored inside during the winter.
 3. Compliance with the comments of the Director of Public Works, including requirements for the grease trap and payment of applicable fees.
 4. The College will need to submit a new site plan application when they receive a special exception from the ZBA for a pub/campus bar.
 5. Applicant can apply for a building permit, and commence construction for the improvements per the site plan however no campus pub/ bar use for serving alcohol is permitted at this time.
- * ➤ The Sparrow School, a private one room schoolhouse Site Plan Application. Located at 10 Lovering Lane (corner of Main Street). Tax Map 084-059-000. Property owned by Ellen Winkler. Applicant is Rachel Ensign. Waivers were granted and the Site Plan application was approved as presented with conditions:
 1. Pending approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for a Special Exception for the use.
 2. All required conditions of the Fire Chief be implemented prior to occupancy or as determined by the Fire Chief.

Lot Merger Applications

- Tax Map 044-022-00 and 044-024-000. Property located on Checkerberry Lane. Owned by Harold F. Oberkotter, Jr. Trustee of the Harold F. Oberkotter, Jr. Revocable Trust. Approved. Staff will record at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds (MCRD).

Tree Cutting Applications

- Harry W. Stotz. Property located at 547 Forest Acres Road. Tax Map 106-019- 000. Proposal to remove one (1) dead spruce tree. Approved as presented.
- Doug and Becky Gladstone. Property located at 910 Lakeshore Drive. Tax Map 064-016-000. Proposal to remove one (1) dead tree. Approved as presented.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lucy A. St. John, AICP
Planning and Zoning Administrator
Town of New London

Please be advised that any persons aggrieved by a decision of the Planning Board concerning a plat or subdivision may present to the Superior Court a petition. Such petition shall be presented within 30 days after the date upon which the board voted to approve or disapprove the application. Refer to RSA 677:15 Court Review, for the specific language and other details. It is the petitioner's responsibility to seek legal counsel as they deem appropriate. This notice is for general informational purposes and in no way shall convey any legal advice.