



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## NEW LONDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES Wednesday, September 6, 2023 Syd Crook Conference Room 7:30 AM

### **PRESENT:**

Janet Kidder, Chairman  
Bill Helm, Selectman  
Bebe Hammond Casey, Selectman  
Kimberly Hallquist, Town Administrator  
Lynn Lewis, Finance Officer

Selectman Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM.

The Board gave updates on contacts made regarding properties for a potential new police station. Selectman Helm stated that he spoke with Tom Manion at New London Hospital and he was willing to discuss the property they have. Kim Hallquist stated that Adam Ricker, Planning and Zoning Administrator, had spoken to Town Counsel previously about the Bar Harbor land on Newport Road and it was his opinion that the Town could acquire the property that is adjacent to the Broom property without seeking a variance.

Chair Kidder will research local architects to see if there is interest in assisting the Board in evaluating the Broom property. Selectman Casey suggested using an architect familiar with Police Stations such as the one doing Farmington and Bristol. Selectman Helm stated that the initial review will just be to rule the property viable or not.

Selectman Casey also suggested that the Board address the history of modern policing as we plan for a new and updated facility. If the final plan involves leaving the Buker Building, then we must prepare a cost estimate for bringing the Buker building back to a state where it can be used by the town for other purposes after the police department leaves. During a discussion about the Buker building, Chair Kidder pointed out that the Town Common cannot be used for expansion in that direction and residences are in the way for expansion in the other direction.

The Board discussed options if they are not ready for the Town Meeting 2024 and what deadline date by which they should decide whether they are ready.

Board members felt they should talk to any owners of properties they are being considered so they are not surprised to hear it from others.

There was some discussion about the makeup of a possible committee to plan the new Police/Communications Center. The Board expressed support for having people with backgrounds in policing. They do want to narrow down a property before forming a committee.

The Board discussed the temporary Sunday closing of the Transfer Station. Kim Hallquist stated that Bob Harrington is cautiously optimistic that it will be closed on Sundays for only a short time.

The next meeting set for Thursday, September 14 at 7:30 in Syd Crook Conference Room

**IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Bebe Casey) to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Lewis  
Finance Officer  
Town of New London