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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
6:00 PM
Via Zoom**

PRESENT:

Janet Kidder, Chairman
Nancy Rollins, Selectman
John Cannon, Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator
Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Jay Lyon, Fire Chief
Emily Cobb, Police Chief
Will Kidder, Town Clerk - Tax Collector
Colin Beasley, Building and Facilities Committee
Carol Kinzler, Recreation Commission
Karen Hoglund, New London Resident
Joe Kubit, New London Resident

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rob Prohl, Michael Williams, Chris Lorio, Joe Cardillo, John Raby, Jerry Coogan

Chair Kidder called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and read the Zoom authorization information. Chair Kidder called the roll. Nancy Rollins: here, John Cannon: here, Janet Kidder: here.

Recreation Department FY2022 Budget

Chair Kidder stated they previously approved the Recreation budget in the amount of \$189,819 and the Outing Club request for \$95,000. The Budget Committee chair has requested that the Board of Selectmen confirm that this still continues to be the Board's position and if not, how would they like to revise the budget.

Selectman Cannon is in favor of option 2 that was presented to the Budget committee last week by Justin Garzia, Recreation Commission Chair. This option provides a year round part time Recreation Director and includes some funding for the Outing Club. This increases the budget amount to \$221,697.52.

Selectman Rollins expressed her appreciation to the Recreation Commission for the proposals they presented. She also thanked Peter Smith and the Outing Club Board for all the work they have done. She is also in favor of option 2 as it gives the Recreation Commission the amount of funding they need to operate as well as provide a grant for operations to the Outing Club. The one part she would like to

amend in their presentation is that any approval to expend those funds would be by the Board of Selectmen and not the Town Administrator.

Chair Kidder supports option 2 as well but questions whether it will be possible to hire a year-round part-time Recreation Director. She would prefer a year-round full time Director to oversee programs for all seasons. She does not think other organizations will pick up events that were held in the past such as the Jack Frost dinner, Chili-fest or the Easter Egg hunt. Since the Outing Club is not interested in offering these events, it would be a loss to the community if those events are not offered. If there is a full-time year-round Recreation Director, that person would be able to assist other nonprofit organizations to help with those events if needed. She also feels the Budget Committee needs to closely review the Outing Club budget. If the Outing Club is given any funding, they should be required to provide a full report on how they intend to spend it. She does want to see the Outing Club succeed and it would be a big loss to the community not have them.

Chris Lorio commented he agrees with Chair Kidder. Given that this is a new relationship with the Outing Club, it makes sense to have a full-time Director that can partner with the Outing Club, who can put on more programming and partner with other parts of the community. He also agrees that it will be difficult to find someone for a part-time position.

Selectman Rollins stated the Recreation Commission has put together a proposal and have stated what they need for the next year. We are still in a COVID cycle and there is plenty of time for them to determine whether they can find a full or part time Director to fit their needs. She feels they need to concentrate on the beaches this summer and not recreate the problems we had last year. We need to move forward with the proposals as written.

Joe Cardillo feels the Recreation Commission did a good job at putting the proposals together and he does not think the town needs two full time people directing recreational activities. He is on board with option 2.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to accept option 2 as proposed by the Recreation Commission. John Cannon: yes, Nancy Rollins: yes, Janet Kidder: yes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Outing Club Request for \$95,000 appropriation

IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to delete the line item for the Outing Club in the amount of \$95,000. John Cannon: yes, Nancy Rollins: yes, Janet Kidder: yes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Open Zoning Administrator position

Kim Hallquist stated that Zoning Administrator Nicole Gage has resigned her position. For the past three years the position has been split with one part-time person for zoning and one part-time person for planning. The zoning position was shared with the Town of Sunapee, Ms. Gage was in New London for three days a week and in Sunapee two days a week.

Ms. Hallquist recommends that now that the Zoning Administrator position is open, we should consider returning to the combined Planning and Zoning position as we have done in the past. It was challenging for the Zoning Administrator to have to juggle two different zoning ordinances.

Selectman Rollins stated since we do have some time, she would ask that Kim Hallquist look into seeing if this position could be combined into one full time position. She wants to ensure that we get the skill set of both the Zoning administrator position as well as the planning component. Kim Hallquist will research this and come up with a recommendation for the Selectmen.

Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

- Next Regular Selectmen's meeting – Monday, January 25th – 6:00 PM – via Zoom
- Conservation Commission – Wednesday, January 20th – 8:30 AM – via Zoom
- Budget Committee – Wednesday, January 20th – 7:00 PM – via Zoom
- Planning Board – Tuesday, January 26th – 6:30 PM – via Zoom
- Citizens Advisory Committee – Saturday, Feb. Jan. 9th – 7:30 AM – via Zoom

Please see the calendar on the town website for a complete listing of other meetings, including subcommittee meetings, of the various town boards: www.nl-nh.com

Items to be signed

- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Veterans Credits
- Solar Energy System Exemption

Applications Approved &/or Denied

Sign Permits – approved

- Permanent Signs 20-28 – Crosspoint Associates, Hannaford Supermarket & Pharmacy, 255 Newport Road, TM 085-041-0-0-0.

Building Permits

- Arsnow-Roginski Fam Rev Trust, 130 Barrett Road, TM 105-015-0-0-0. Build a 6' x 12' addition. BP 20-155 approved 1/11/21.
- Boulder Point LLC, Lighthouse View Road, TM 115-004-0-0-0. Build U shaped dock. BP 20-156 approved 1/8/21.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to adjourn. Nancy Rollins: yes, John Cannon: yes, Janet Kidder: yes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson
Recording Secretary
Town of New London