

**NEW LONDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, January 25, 2024  
Whipple Memorial Town Hall  
25 Seamans Road  
6:00 PM**

**PRESENT:**

Janet Kidder, Chairman  
Bill Helm, Selectman  
Bebe Hammond Casey, Selectman  
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

**ALSO PRESENT:**

John Ellis, New London resident  
Karen Epstein, New London resident  
Rich Epstein, New London resident  
Colin Beasley, Budget Committee member  
Bob Bowers, New London resident

Chair Kidder called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

**Budget Committee FY2025**

Selectman Casey, the Selectman's rep on the Budget Committee reviewed the differences in the approved Budget Committee budget and the Selectman's budget:

- An additional \$1,000 for the New London Garden Club
- Reduction of \$40,000 for the library capital reserve fund
- Addition of \$1 to the Conservation Land Acquisition Fund
- Increase the payment into the Fire Breathing Apparatus by \$39,999

**IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Bill Helm) to accept the Budget Committee FY2025 budget. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Discontinue Capital Reserve Funds**

The Board discussed warrant articles to discontinue (close) some capital reserve funds. Kim Hallquist explained that the Board has already agreed to include a warrant article to close the DPW Building. The Budget Committee's subcommittee on capital reserve funds also suggests that the GIS fund be closed as well. Ms. Hallquist noted that the Selectmen initially felt that keeping the GIS fund was appropriate, but she suggested that given that a technology capital reserve fund may be considered in the future, funds for GIS projects could be included there and the GIS fund could be closed. The Board agreed.

**IT WAS MOVED (Bill Helm) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to include a warrant article to discontinue the DPW Building and GIS capital reserve funds. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Petition Warrant Article**

The Board discussed the petition warrant article for the purchase of the property abutting the Police Department. The Board received a letter from the property owner and it was read into the record:

*"Dear Members of the New London Select Board: This is to advise I am not interested in selling my property at 27 Seamans Road at this time. Kindly contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss. Sincerely, Marianne McEnrue"*

### **Other Warrant Articles**

Kim Hallquist suggested that if the Board intends to include other warrant articles that include funding they should let the Budget Committee know in advance of their February 7<sup>th</sup> public hearing if possible. The Board noted that they do not have plans to include additional articles. Ms. Hallquist noted that there could still be articles submitted by petition as the deadline is February 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS & REPORTS**

Chair Kidder noted that just before this meeting the Board met with the Sunapee Water and Wastewater Commissioners in Sunapee. Flows into the treatment plant are up about 100,000 gallons with increases by both towns. Staff are looking into this issue.

Selectman Casey noted that there was a good conversation at the Budget Committee meeting regarding future planning and use of the unreserved fund balance; the Budget Committee will be meeting to discuss those issues in more detail.

The next regular meeting of the Selectmen will be held on February 8, 2024.

The Public Hearing on the \$900,000 bond will be held on February 22, 2024.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kimberly Hallquist  
Town Administrator

Note: RSA 91-A:2, II provides that “*Minutes of all such meetings, including nonpublic sessions, shall include the names of members, persons appearing before the public bodies, and a brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions.*” A video of the entire meeting may be available for viewing on the town website, [New London.NH.gov](http://NewLondon.NH.gov), if more than the brief description contained in these meeting minutes is desired.