



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2020

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:**

Emily Cobb, New London Police Chief  
Bob Harrington, Public Works Director  
Justin Garcia, Recreation Commission

**Budget Committee Members:** Lyndsay Harkins, Chris Lorio, Rob Prohl, Joe Cardillo, John Raby, Lauren Chadwick, Michael Williams, Jerry Coogan, Mark Christensen

Chair Kidder called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and read the authorization for the zoom meeting. Chair Kidder called the roll: Nancy Rollins: present, John Cannon: present, Janet Kidder: present.

### **Public Comment**

New London Police Chief Emily Cobb issued the following statement:

On Monday, October 19, 2020, the New London Police Department received several complaints regarding a vehicle that was parked over the weekend at a local shopping center in New London. The vehicle had materials and a sign affixed to the front of the truck, which was the genesis of the complaint. This matter is currently being investigated by the New London Police Department. The New London Police Department has also been in communication with the Merrimack County Attorney's Office and the Civil Rights Unit at the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office. I wish to reassure the public that we do know about the complaint and we are investigating it. The New London Police Department takes all matters of this nature very seriously and will conduct a thorough investigation. Anyone who has information on this matter is encouraged to call the New London Police Department at (603) 526-2626.

### **Appointments**

#### **Recreation Department Recommendations**

Justin Garzia, Chair of the Recreation Commission, informed the Board that there have been many changes going on with the Recreation Department. The Recreation Commission met last week and discussed their programs at length. The group presented their views on the programs they felt should continue to be operated by the town moving forward and they are as follows:

- Oversight of the beaches, facilities, and equipment at the beaches
- Various events held throughout the town (i.e. Strawberry Festival, Pumpkin People, Halloween Walk, Easter Egg hunt, Winter Carnival, triathlon). There may also be other organizations that could help put on these events.
- The skating rink on the Town Green.
- Maintaining the inventory of all town recreation property
- Activities for seniors

Items that the Commission did not come to a consensus on were after school programs (yoga, art classes) and trail maintenance and trail activities

The Commission felt that the summer day camp should not be run by the Recreation Department. There were concerns raised about the amount of time that the Recreation Director was responsible for planning the camp. They felt it took away from the Director's ability to manage the beaches during this time.

Mr. Garzia stated they did discuss the proposal from the Outing Club and ways they could collaborate with them moving forward. This will be discussed further.

Carol Kinzner stated that access to an affordable summer camp is something that the town's children should have and suggested that this needs to be discussed further and there should be a viable alternative.

Selectman Rollins stated that while this is a good beginning, it seems there is still room for a discussion for a partnership and to figure out what is the best interest of the town and its citizens. Selectman Rollins also suggested this may be an opportunity for a shared position since the Outing Club currently does not have a director and the Recreation Department does not have a director; she asked that this option be explored by the Recreation Commission. The Selectmen agreed to hold off on posting the Recreation Director position to further continue these discussions.

### **Old Business**

#### **Sewer flow percentage with Sunapee wastewater for the coming year, and schedule tour of meters**

Town Administrator Kim Hallquist reported that the engineer from Underwood Engineering stated that being 2 million gallons off is not statistically significant and is therefore not a concern for setting the new sewer rates. Ms. Hallquist advised the Selectmen to move ahead and approve the 71.3% as proposed by Sunapee as the percentage of sewer plant expenses that will be paid by the Town of New London, Sunapee will pay the remaining 28.7%, effective September 1, through August 2021 when the percentage will be determined again.

The Selectmen will send possible dates and times for a scheduled tour of meters to Kim Hallquist. Dave Mercier, Engineer from Underwood, as well as the company that calibrates the meters for New London and Sunapee, will be at this meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to approve the 71.3% of the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant expenses through August 2021. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. John Cannon: Yes, Nancy Rollins: Yes, Janet Kidder: Yes**

#### **Set meeting date with Housing Commission candidates**

Chair Kidder suggested scheduling this for a Wednesday evening. The Selectmen agreed to meet with the candidates on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Whipple Hall.

## **New Business**

### **Citizen suggestion to prohibit Trick-or-Treating in New London this year**

Ms. Hallquist reported that she received an email from a citizen who feels strongly that the town should prohibit trick –or – treating since we currently have a mask resolution in place. Ms. Hallquist explained the reasoning as to why she and Police Chief Cobb decided to leave it up to individual property owners to participate or not and that guidance was given on how to do this safely. The Selectmen agreed to leave it as is and will not prohibit trick-or-treating this year.

### **Moderation recommendations for appointments of Inspectors of Election**

**IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to approve the list as submitted. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. John Cannon: Yes, Nancy Rollins: Yes, Janet Kidder: Yes**

### **Appointment of Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Representative: Jerry Coogan term expired and seeks re-appointment**

Chair Kidder stated that Jerry Coogan is willing to be reappointed. Chair Kidder thanked Mr. Coogan for his continued service in this role.

**IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to appoint Jerry Coogan to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY. John Cannon: Yes, Nancy Rollins: Yes, Janet Kidder: Yes**

### **Citizen comments on Tracy Library availability**

Selectman Rollins stated she received an email and has gotten comments relative to the reopening of Tracy Library. With appropriate social distancing and masking, there is concern as to why the library has remained closed. The latest update on the library website was dated July 15, 2020. It is an important service in town and perhaps we could offer limited hours. The Library Trustees will be meeting Wednesday night and will address this issue with the Selectmen at the next Selectmen's meeting.

### **Town Administrators Report**

Ms. Hallquist provided the following report:

- The election event held on Saturday was a success. Town Clerk Will Kidder, the moderator and several supervisors of the checklist accepted absentee ballots and sent applications. A lot of work is being done prior to November 3, 2020 to allow people to vote and not have to go to the polls if they are uncomfortable due to the pandemic.

### **Committee Meetings & Reports**

**Planning Board** – Chair Kidder reported that a Planning Board meeting was held on October 13, 2020. The meeting was held with residents of the Soo Nipi Park Road area and Eversource. Eversource would like to remove 75 trees in that area and this is a scenic Road. The Planning Board has decided to do a site visit on October 27, 2020.

### **Meeting Minutes**

**IT WAS MOVED (John Cannon) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to approve the minutes of The September 28, 2020 and October 5, 2020 meetings. Nancy Rollins: Yes, John Cannon: Yes, Janet Kidder: Yes. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.**

### **Upcoming Meetings & Special Events**

- Next regular Selectmen's meeting – Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM – Zoom
- Joint Selectmen & Budget Committee – Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – Zoom
- Planning Board – Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – Zoom
- Buildings & Facilities Committee – Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – Whipple Hall

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](http://www.nl-nh.com)

### **Items to be signed**

- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Application for Sewer Connection, Building Expansion &/or Service
- Birthday Cards

### **Applications Approved &/or Denied**

#### Sign Permits – All approved

- Permanent Signs # 20-18 – Richard Kennelly, Turtleback Consulting, 11 Pleasant Street, TM 084-076-0-0-0.
- Permanent Signs # 20-19 – Live With Passion, LLC, Village Sports, 394 Main Street, TM 085-045-0-0-0.
- Permanent Signs # 20-20 – Live With Passion, LLC, Village Sports, 394 Main Street, TM 085-045-0-0-0.
- Temporary Signs – By McGray & Nichols, Inc. for 3'x3' sign at 9 Newport Road for the business from October – November.
- Temporary Signs – By Glen Perreault, Colonial Pharmacy, for 4'x4' sign at 82 Newport Road for flu shot advertising from September 2020 to May 15, 2021.

#### Building Permits

- Jamieson & Lisa Hess, 18 Duck Inlet Lane, TM 051-005-0-0-0. Build mudroom/ garage addition & detached barn/garage. BP 20-079 approved 10/7/20.
- Judith & Harry Stotz, 547 Forest Acres Road, TM 106-009-0-0-0. Build 24' x 24' garage. BP 20-098 approved 10/7/20.
- Wendy Parker Trust, 337 Little Sunapee Road, TM 046-006-0-0-0. Build 25' x 16' bedroom/bath addition. BP 20-114 approved 10/7/20.
- Mary Doyle Living Trust, 533 Forest Acres Road, TM 119-016-0-0-0. Build 18' x 22' two story garage. BP 20-121 approved 10/7/20.
- Jonathan Cushman & Leah Brewer, 467 Brookside Drive, TM 121-021-0-0-0. Build 16' x 18' addition, interior/exterior renovations & demolish porch. BP 20-122 approved 10/7/20.
- Mountain View Shopping Center, 277 Newport Road, TM 059-005-0-0-0. Interior renovation & exterior renovations. BP 20-111 approved 10/12/20.
- John & Laura Stanley, Rowell Hill Road, TM 123-033-0-0-0. Build new single-family residence. BP 20-112 approved 10/13/20.
- Barry Wright & KC Slocum, 1106 Lakeshore Drive, TM 064-004-0-0-0. Add roof mount solar 6.27kW. BP 20-116 approved 10/15/20.
- Beasley Family Trust, 1405 King Hill Road, TM 138-004-0-0-0. Build roof over existing deck. BP 20-117 approved 10/15/20.
- Robert & Linda Jackman, 478 King Hill Road, TM 121-009-0-0-0. Roof pitch change, remove slider and repair garage. BP 20-119 approved 10/15/20.

- John & Roberta Hollinger Trusts, 443 Bunker Road, TM 063-002-0-0-0. Add roof mount solar 2.35 kW. BP 20-120 approved 10/15/20.
- Mountain View Shopping Center, 277 Newport Road, TM 059-005-0-0-0. Interior renovations for new tenant. BP 20-125 approved 10/15/20.
- Edgar Condict Jr., 65 Gould Road, TM 085-008-0-0-0. Add ground mount solar 6 kW. BP 20-127 approved 10/15/20.
- Jeffrey Davis, 402 Hall Farm Road, TM 076-003-0-0-0. Add 8' x 20' extension to existing deck. BP 20-128 approved 10/15/20.
- Mountain View Shopping Center, 277 Newport Road, TM 059-005-0-0-0. Extension of BP 19-132 and addition of 1350 square feet. BP 20-129 approved 10/15/20.

**6:30 PM: Selectmen and Budget Committee Joint meeting to prepare FY2022 budget:**

Chair Kidder called the roll of the Budget Committee: Robert Prohl: present; John Raby: present; Lauren Snow Chadwick: present; Mark Christensen: present; Chris Lorio: present; Jerry Coogan: present. Lyndsay Harkins: present, Michael Williams: present, Joe Cardillo: present

**Public Works: Highway, Transfer Station, Cemeteries, Wastewater and Town Buildings**

Public Works Director Bob Harrington attended the meeting via zoom. The largest increase to the Public Works budget this year will be to Equipment Maintenance and Repair. There is a \$7,000 increase due to aging equipment.

Projects scheduled for paving will be the remainder of Lakeshore Road, a section of County Road and part of Pleasant Street. For dirt roads, Lamson Lane will get done. A lot of drainage work is planned and a section of sidewalk repair is also a project planned for the upcoming year.

The plan is to move forward with the Goosehole Bridge project as the Pingree Road project is almost complete. Painting projects include the Public Works large truck garage, handicap railing at Elkins Beach and the Bucklin Gazebo.

Wastewater – a recent energy audit was done, and minor deficiencies were found so those will be addressed as quickly as possible. An upgrade to the controls and instrumentation at the pump station is also planned.

**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 6:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson  
Recording Secretary  
Town of New London