



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NEW LONDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES Friday, October 21, 2022 Town Office Conference Room 9:30 AM

PRESENT:

Nancy Rollins, Chairman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
Bill Helm, Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator
Lynn Lewis, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Police Chief Emily Cobb
Bob Bowers, New London resident

Selectman Rollins called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Jones & Beach Proposal

The Board met to review and discuss a proposal from Jones & Beach Engineering for a conceptual site plan on the former Bewley property on County and Newport roads. Kim Hallquist informed the Board that she contacted with Jones & Beach to ascertain their interest in working with the town on this project. She met with a representative and he indicated that they have the time to work on the town's project and they are enthusiastic about working with the town. She noted that Jones & Beach is familiar with the property as they have done conceptual plans for the current owner and this familiarity will Selectman Helm agreed, noting that he participated in the discussion with Jones & Beach and feels that their knowledge of the property will benefit the town. He noted that this information will assist the Board in answering points raised by Site Committee as outlined in Attachment E of the report submitted in March 2022.

Chair Rollins asked if a 10,000 sq ft building is what the police feel is adequate. Chief Cobb agreed that is. Chief Cobb informed the Board that she, Lt. Keith and Adam Ricker, walked the property and they had a good conversation of the features of the property. She pointed out that walking the property was a valuable exercise and she feels that it could work well for a future police department.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to accept the proposal from Jones & Beach to do a conceptual plan on former Bewley property for a potential future police station. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Other Business

Kim Hallquist asked the Board if they would like to follow through with plans from March 2020 in which they planned to donate \$500 for the Vilo Fund in honor of former Police Chief Ed Andersen's retirement; the retirement party will be held this weekend (it was delayed due to the pandemic). The Board agreed that they will make the donation in honor of Ed Andersen.

Lynn Lewis, Finance Officer, informed the Board that she contacted the Department of Revenue (DRA) about when they would be ready to set the town's 2022 tax rate. The DRA expects to be ready mid-to-end of next week. Once the DRA is ready the full Board will meet to determine the amount of unreserved fund balance to use so the tax rate can be set.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Next Regular Selectmen's meeting – Thursday, October 27th - 6:00 PM
- Selectmen's Budget Review – Thursday, October 27th – 6:30 PM
- Planning Board – Tuesday, October 25th – 6:30 PM
- Housing Commission – Wednesday, October 25th – 6:30 PM
- Citizens Committee – Saturday, November 5th – 7:30 AM

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kimberly Hallquist
Town Administrator