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New London Planning Board MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Whipple Town Hall, 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Gorman (Chair, voting), Paul Vance (voting), Jeremy Bonin (voting), Marianne McEnrue (voting), Tim Paradis (voting), Emily Campbell, Katie Vedova, David Royle, Janet Kidder (Selectmen's Representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Kubit

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Planner, Adam Ricker, John Ellis, Greg Rusnica, Darren Phipps

1. **Call to Order** - Chair Gorman called the meeting to order.
2. **Review of minutes: October 12, 2021 – Deferred until the next meeting**
3. **Public Comment**

John Ellis attended the meeting and expressed his concern regarding security around the Police Department. He suggested metal fencing similar to that near Hubert's. His concerns were that children are playing nearby and it may be frightening or unsafe for them to witness events that take place near the Police Station. Chair Gorman responded that this is an issue that should be brought before the Board of Selectmen. The Planning Board is not in a position to take action on an issue like this. Selectman Kidder responded that she would be willing to speak with New London Police Chief Emily Cobb as there may be reasons why she wouldn't want a fence and will report back to Mr. Ellis.

4. **TREE CUTTING – Alex Deland & Diane Deland Restrictive Trust – Located at 1513 Little Sunapee Road. Tax Map 030-018-0-0-0, 0.45 +/- acres. Zoned R-2, Shoreland Overlay District. The applicant is applying to remove one tree in a cell that currently has 15 points. The proposed replanting plan will leave the cell with 21 points after the tree has been removed. The application was received on October 5, 2021.**

Greg Rusnica, professional landscape architect with Bonin Architects attended the meeting representing the Deland family. Jeremy Bonin has recused himself from this discussion since Mr. Rusnica works for Bonin Architects. The family's request is to remove an oversized white pine tree. They feel it is unsafe as any falling limbs could damage the living space as well as their dock. They plan to revegetate points in that cell at a greater level than currently exists. The plan is to leave the tree stump and roots intact as much as possible so should be a minor disturbance.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Tim Paradis) to accept the proposal as presented. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING Final Site Plan Review – Newport Road Dental Offices, LLC. – Located at 125 Newport Road. Tax Map 059-001-0-0-0, +/- 1.06 acres. Zone**

Commercial (Comm). The applicant is applying to request two additional lights in the rear of the property. Once light on the parking lot and one to illuminate the walkway to the building. Application received September 30, 2021.

Darren Phipps, one of the owners of the building on 125 Newport Road attended the meeting to discuss additional lighting on their property. Mr. Phipps stated there have been issues in the past six months with vandalism and bears in the dumpster. Security cameras were installed to monitor the back area. There are also concerns with not enough lighting for employees when walking out back in the dark after work. Their electrician suggested adding a third light to a pole that already has two lights on it. The other proposal would be to take an existing light in the back of the building that currently shines straight down on the back door and put in a new light that can be turned to a 45 degree angle to illuminate the walkway. It would aim to the back towards an empty parking lot so should not shine into any residential areas. The light will be on a sensor and will be on during dark nighttime hours.

IT WAS MOVED (Jeremy Bonin) AND SECONDED (Marianne McEnrue) to accept the proposal as presented. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- 6. Update from Master Plan & CIP Committees – Chair Gorman stated a meeting to discuss the Master Plan process will be held on October 28, 2021 at 9:30am.**

Chair Gorman discussed the community forums that were held last week. Selectman Kidder noted that Chair Gorman provided a great overview of the master plan and capital improvement program. Selectman Kidder stated it was clear from the meetings that a majority of those who attended the forums want a new police station or to repurpose a building on a different site.

- 7. Future meeting date - The next Planning Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.**

- 8. Motion to Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21PM

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson
Recording Secretary
Town of New London