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NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD
Sydney Crook Meeting Room, New London Town Office
November 19, 2019 – 6:30PM

PRESENT: Paul Gorman (Chair) Tim Paradis, David Royle, Paul Vance, Janet Kidder
(Selectmen's Representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Gorman (Chair), Marianne McEnrue, Jeremy Bonin, Joe Kubit, Katie Vedova, Adam Ricker, Town Planner

OTHERS PRESENT: Joan Lamson

- 1. Call to Order** – Chair Gorman called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.
- 2. Public Comment** – None
- 3. Recycling & Waste Stream**

Joan Lamson attended the meeting to discuss the future of recycling and waste management in New London. Ms. Lamson was planning to attend the Master Plan charrette this summer to discuss this issue but it was canceled due to extreme heat that day.

Ms. Lamson discussed the Transfer station, recycling in New London and climate change. Many years ago in New London there was a landfill on Mountain Road. A transfer station was then set up in 1986 and solid waste was sent to Claremont to be burned. After twenty years, New London withdrew from this agreement and since then has sent its garbage to a landfill in Berlin, New Hampshire. Ms. Lamson does not think this is good for their environment.

Ms. Lamson stated that the Solid Waste Management Committee has done a good job of publicizing at our transfer station what and where to put recyclables. She feels we need to be taking in more recyclables than we are. We also need more space so they can be stored and we can wait in order to get the best price for them. She thinks we need to do more to help our environment and prevent more climate change. Selectman Kidder responded that they have approached the state to see if we could acquire more land from them around the current transfer station and they have declined to do that. It is near Interstate 89 and they feel they need the land since it is near an exit.

Hannaford's is one of the only grocery stores that recycle their plastic bags. Most grocery stores are not. Ms. Lamson would like to work on area businesses to encourage them to cut back on throw away plastic and reuse containers. Legislation is being introduced to encourage consumers to use sturdier bags that can be used many times as opposed to single use bags. Ms. Lamson would like the Planning Board to consider this as one of the top priorities.

Chair Gorman suggested having John Early from the Public Works Department come to a Planning Board meeting to discuss any ideas he may have. Chair Gorman also suggested having standing agenda items for continued discussion each meeting so they don't fall off the radar.

4. WORK SESSION: Zoning Amendment Discussion

The work session will be postponed until the next meeting. In the meantime, Chair Gorman would like the Board to look at Article XX. An outline will be sent to members to explain what the problems are and the proposals for changing them.

Selectman Kidder thinks it would be helpful if Nicole Gage, Zoning Administrator gave the Planning Board a list of items that she has found to be problematic in the way the zoning ordinance was written.

5. Master Plan – the next meeting will be held on Thursday at 8:30am.

6. Motion to Adjourn

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Tim Paradis) TO ADJORN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson

Recording Secretary
Town of New London