



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Zoom

PRESENT:

Janet Kidder, Chairman
Nancy Rollins, Selectman
John Cannon, Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael Todd, Town Moderator
Will Kidder, Town Clerk
Ann Bedard, Assistant Moderator
Tina Helm, Election Volunteer Coordinator

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

Michael Todd informed the Board that considerable thought went into whether the business portion of the meeting should be held on the day following the election, Wednesday evening, June 9th as it traditionally is, or on Saturday June 12th. Since the high school graduation is scheduled for Saturday June 12th, it is the recommendation of the election officials to hold the business portion of Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 9th beginning at 6:00, one hour earlier than usual to benefit from the daylight since it will be held outside under a tent. The Board agreed.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to conduct the business portion of the June Town Meeting on Wednesday June 9th at 6:00 PM. Roll call vote: John Cannon: YES; Nancy Rollins: YES; Janet Kidder: YES. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The date of the school election is Tuesday, March 9th and is scheduled to be held at the SAU Professional Development Center. The Town Meeting election will be held on Tuesday, June 8th at the Public Works garage and the business portion of the meeting will be held the next day, June 9th starting at 6:00 PM at an outside venue to be determined.

Tina Helm suggested that the voting for the school ballot could be held safely at Whipple Town Hall given the expected lower numbers of voters. She noted that having it at Whipple will be helpful to the Public Works staff as they would then not have to move the voting booths, election materials, tables and chairs to the SAU. Michael Todd appreciated the extra work by the Public Works that is required but he felt that since one of the key protocols for conducting an election during the pandemic is to have separate entrances and exits, he did not feel that Whipple was a viable option, even if monitors were placed at the door to ensure people did not go in and out at the same time. He felt that the SAU was the safest possible place at this time. The Board agreed.

Motion to Adjourn.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Hallquist
Town Administrator
Town of New London