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NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

March 7, 2022

6:00 PM

PRESENT:

John Cannon, Chairman
Nancy Rollins, Selectman
Janet Kidder, Selectman
Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator
Lynn Lewis, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Crystal Schimpf, Library Director
Will Kidder, Town Clerk- Tax Collector
Nancy Marashio, New London resident
Bill Helm, New London resident
Colin Beasley, New London resident
Joe Cardillo, New London resident
Bebe Casey, New London resident
Michael Todd, Moderator

Chair Cannon called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Michael Todd, Moderator

Moderator Michael Todd attended the meeting to provide an update on the upcoming Town Election and Town Meeting, March 8th and 9th. He stated everything is in order at the Kearsarge Professional Development Center for elections on Tuesday. There will be volunteers in the parking lot that will help direct voters for parking and to get into the building. All of the election workers will be wearing masks but masks will not be required for voters. There will be a ticket system this year. There will be three ballot check in stations where voters will check in and will be given a ticket to receive two ballots. Those ballots will be taken to the voting booths and then submitted via the accu-vote machine to be cast and reconciled later.

Town meeting will be held in the Kearsarge Learning Campus gymnasium on Wednesday evening. There will be an area for people who prefer masks and those who prefer not to wear masks. There will also be a section for non-registered voters who want to observe the meeting. People checking in will receive a packet of paper ballots. People leaving early will surrender their card and the unused paper ballots to the attendants at the door so that they can't be used by non-voters.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Mask requirement for town office building

Town Administrator Kim Hallquist stated there is currently a mask requirement for the town office. Given the news that mask requirements are being eliminated by the CDC and many government entities, she recommended that the Board discuss whether they feel it is time to eliminate the rule for the Academy Building. Town Clerk – Tax Collector Will Kidder stated it is fine with him if the Selectmen want to drop the mask requirement. He feels they should still ask people to wear masks but it should no longer be a requirement. Selectman Rollins stated it is her understanding that the school has dropped the mask requirement. Bebe Casey responded yes; it is now mask optional at school. Selectman Kidder stated while it is a safety measure, it should be up to individuals to decide whether they want to wear a mask or not.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to eliminate the mask requirement in the Academy Building; wearing masks is now optional, effective immediately. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Appointment of Inspector of Elections

The Board reviewed a list as prepared by Moderator Michael Todd of citizens he would like appointed as Inspectors of Election pursuant to RSA 658:2: KC Wright, Elizabeth “Bebe” Casey, and Gail Goddard.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to appoint the list of three individuals as recommended by the Moderator as Inspectors of Election. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Kim Hallquist provided the following report:

- Ms. Hallquist stated she has been contacted by a few citizens regarding the Russian invasion of Ukrainian. There is at least one resident in town who is Ukrainian, and a neighbor has requested that the Selectmen consider doing something to show the town’s support. Ms. Hallquist pointed out that Governor Sununu has expressed the support of the State of New Hampshire and has also ordered all Russian products to be removed from all state liquor stores. Ms. Hallquist suggested the Board consider a similar declaration of support on behalf of the Town of New London and added that they may also want to seek the input of citizens who may want to support the people of Ukraine in other ways such as raising money, holding candlelight vigils, etc. The Selectmen agreed that seeking input from citizens would be helpful.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (Janet Kidder) to support the Governor’s position in recognition of, and in support for, the people of Ukraine and look to get ideas from town citizens as to if there is something more they’d like to see the town of New London do in support. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Ms. Hallquist and Bob Harrington met with Underwood Engineers last week regarding sewer rates. They are checking to see that the sewer rates being sent out are enough to cover the bills that we have. Underwood is looking at our base fee and whether we charge too much or too

little. We need to make sure we get enough funds coming in and there is enough in reserves. This process will take a few weeks and the information will come before the Selectmen.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & REPORTS – No reports

MEETING MINUTES: Approve the Selectmen’s Minutes of February 14th, 2022. – Deferred until the next meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- Next Regular Selectmen’s meeting – Monday, March 14th – 6:00 PM - Whipple Town Hall
- **Town Elections - Tuesday, March 8th – 7:00AM – 7:00PM – Kearsarge Professional Development Center, 165 Main Street (see town website for directions)**
- **Town Meeting -Wednesday, March 9th – 7:00 PM - Kearsarge Learning Campus Gymnasium, Cougar Court (see town website for directions)**
- Police Station Site Review Subcom. – Tuesday, March 15th – 1:00 PM – PD Training Room
- Building and Facilities Committee – Thursday, March 17th– 6:00 PM – Syd Crook Room
- Planning Board – Tuesday, March 22nd– 6:30 PM – Whipple Town Hall
- Budget Committee – Wednesday, March 23rd– 6:30 PM – Whipple Town Hall

OTHER BUSINESS:

On behalf of the Town, Bill Helm thanked John Cannon for his three years of service as a Selectman.

APPROVAL OF PAY VOUCHERS, PERMITS etc.

Items to be signed:

- Accounts Payable Vouchers
- Application for town use – NL Barn

Applications Approved &/or Denied

Sign Permits – approved

- Lake Sunapee Rowing, TEMP sign TM 084-007-0-0-0

Raffle Permit – approved

Building Permits-approved

- Gregory Parthum, TM 117-021-0-0-0. Replace floor and add screened in deck with roof. BP 22-13. Approved. 2/24/22.
- Hazel Merchant Revocable Trust, TM 059-016-000-001L-024. Upgrade 3 season sunroom, replace 7 sliding doors. BP 22-17. Approved. 2/24/22.
- Paul C Catsos, TM 098-037-0-0-0. Install roof mount solar 12.015kW. Approved. 2/25/22.

Zoning Permits-approved

- Mountain View Shopping Center, TM 059-005-0-0-0. Interior improvement approx. 5000sq ft for medical practice. Approved. 2/17/22.
- Soonipi Hollow Farm, LLC, TM 0128-004-0-0-0. Add kitchen and 2 bathrooms to existing barn. Approved. 2/24/22.

Temporary Event/Sale Permits-approved

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Nancy Rollins) to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a): the dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee.

Roll call vote: Kidder: Yes; Rollins: Yes; Cannon: Yes

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:38PM.

The Board reentered the public session at 7:26PM.

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to seal the nonpublic session meeting minutes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson
Recording Secretary
Town of New London