



TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2021

6:00 PM

Via Zoom

PRESENT:

Janet Kidder, Chairman

Nancy Rollins, Selectman

John Cannon, Selectman

Kim Hallquist, Town Administrator

Wendy Johnson, Finance Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Bill Helm, New London resident

Colin Beasley, Building & Facilities Committee

Steve Theroux, Treasurer, Town of New London

Emily Cobb, New London Police Chief

Jay Lyon, New London Fire Chief

Jackie Christensen, New London resident

Karen Hoglund, New London resident

Lynn Lewis, New London Finance Officer

Wendy Johnson, New London Finance Officer

Budget Committee: John Raby, Chris Lorio, Mike Williams, Lyndsay Harkins, Lauren Chadwick, Joe Cardillo, Jerry Coogan, Joe Kubit

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.

Appointments

Budget Committee and Treasurer – Recommendation on Report of Former Selectmen’s Panel on Fiscal Policy

Rob Prohl, Chair of the Budget Committee stated that the Budget Committee looked at the language of the debt policy in terms of “the town normally shall limit its total long term outstanding debt to an amount such that the debt service principal and interest shall not exceed 10% of the annual general budget fund of the town”. By stating “normally” there is some flexibility in there if situations warrant it. Furthermore, the nonrecurring projects with a value of \$250,000 or more and a useful life of five years or more shall be financed with long term debt. The useful life of any project funded with long term debt shall equal or exceed the years of amortization of the fund. This was all approved unanimously by the Budget Committee. It is a recommendation and a guideline to go before the Selectmen.

Steve Theroux added this guideline is appropriate and a good start in measuring the town’s appetite for

debt. He would like to see it expanded relevant to trying to objectively quantify the populations ability to repay debt.

Chair Kidder thanked Bill Helm and the Committee for their work on creating the fiscal policy proposal.

Selectman Rollins thanked Steve Theroux and the Budget Committee for their review, thoughts and comments. Selectman Cannon stated it is a good thing to have in place to provide direction.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to adopt the Fiscal policy as a non-binding guideline. Nancy Rollins: yes, John Cannon: yes, Janet Kidder: yes. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Public Comment – None

New Business

Consider appointments to Recreation Commission

Town Administrator Kim Hallquist stated there are five people who have completed volunteer interest forms to be considered for membership on the Recreation Commission. The Recreation Commission has reviewed these requests and have recommended the slate as presented (Sherry Cote, Christopher Lorio, Kim Ilg, Gregory Partham and Jackie Christensen). This will bring the slate of commissioners to seven as there are two commissioners who intend to resign once the new members are appointed. The Recreation Commission is hoping the Selectmen will agree to expand their number to nine members so at least one Outing Club member can join the group.

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to accept the five volunteers to be appointed to the Recreation Commission. Nancy Rollins: yes, John Cannon: yes, Janet Kidder: yes. **THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Town Administrators Report

Ms. Hallquist provided the following report:

- The interviews for the Recreation Director are ongoing. Hopefully by the end of this week or next they will have a recommendation to submit.
- Ms. Hallquist attended the first organizational meeting of the Coalition Communities 2.0.
- The ice-skating rink has been very successful this season.

Committee Meetings & Reports

- **Housing Commission** - Selectman Rollins stated the second Housing Commission meeting was held and members are working on various tasks. The Commission is working on what their goals and objectives will be moving forward.
- **Building and Facilities Committee** – Selectman Cannon noted that the Building and Facilities Committee will be meeting Thursday to review information about the Stahlman Building to get a clearer picture about the costs etc. associated with it.
- **Planning Board** – Chair Kidder stated that the Planning Board met on February 23, 2021 and the Master Plan was accepted. It is now on the Town's website and next steps will be to appoint a subcommittee to address the various issues that were raised in the Master Plan. There was also a conceptual for an outdoor pavilion at Peter Christian's.

Meeting Minutes

IT WAS MOVED (Nancy Rollins) AND SECONDED (John Cannon) to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting. Nancy Rollins: yes, John Cannon: yes, Janet Kidder: yes. **THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.**

Upcoming Meetings & Special Events

- Next regular Selectmen's meeting – Monday, March 22nd – 6:00 PM via Zoom
- Buildings & Facilities Committee – Thursday, March 11th – 6:30 PM via Zoom
- Housing Commission – Tuesday, March 16th – 6:00 PM via Zoom
- Conservation Commission – Wednesday, March 17th – 8:30 AM via Zoom
- Buildings & Facilities Committee – Thursday, March 18th – 6:30 PM via Zoom
- Planning Board – Tuesday, March 23rd – 6:30 PM via Zoom

Please see the calendar on the town website for a complete listing of other meetings, including subcommittee meetings, of the various town boards: www.nl-nh.com

Items to be signed

- Accounts Payable Voucher
- Wastewater Tax Abatement request
- Employee Birthday Cards

Applications Approved &/or Denied

Sign Permits – approved

- Permanent Signs 21-02 – Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, 331 Main Street, TM 084-089-0-0-0. Approved 2/25/2021.
- Permanent Sign 21-03 – Chiarella Law Office, 71 Pleasant St. TM 073-083-0-0-0. Approved 3/4/2021.

Building Permits

- Martin Sheerin & Mary Lou Low, 29 Woody Point, TM 043-010-0-0-0, rebuild existing sunroom with gas fireplace. BP 21-009 approved 2/23/2021.
- Kristen Brom Revoc. Trust, 314 Route 103A, TM 080-008-0-0-0, demo shed build garage. BP 21-008 approved 2/25/2021.
- Tacee & Steven Walker, 191 Old Main St., TM 107-009-0-0-0, build shed, BP 21-014, approved 2/25/2021.
- William Green Revoc. Trust, Old Main St. TM 120-002-0-0-0, demo camp & rebuild new, BP 21-010, approved 2/25/2021.
- Scott & Elizabeth Howard, 193 Pilot House Rd., TM079-009-0-0-0, renovate kitchen, second floor, basement & add deck. BP 21-003 approved 3/8/2021.
- Julianne Cachelin Trust, 60 Conifer Lane, TM058-029-0-0-0, install generator, BP 21-017, approved 3/8/2021.
- Tracy Prescott & Greg Coyle, 242 Elkins Rd., TM077-040-0-0-0, BP 21-018, approved 3/8/2021.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson
Recording Secretary
Town of New London