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NEW LONDON PLANNING BOARD
Sydney Crook Meeting Room
New London Town Office – 375 Main Street
June 11, 2019 – 6:30PM

PRESENT: Paul Gorman (Chair), Janet Kidder, Marianne McEnrue, Tim Paradis David Royle, Jeremy Bonin, Joseph Kubit

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Dietrich, Paul Vance

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Ricker, Town Planner, Nick Aroosov, Robin Davis, Karen Bonewald

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Gorman called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Chair Gorman noted that Joe Kubit will be a voting member in Bill Dietrich's absence and David Royle will be a voting member in Paul Vance's absence.
2. **Review of minutes:** May 28, 2019

IT WAS MOVED (Janet Kidder) AND SECONDED (Jeremy Bonin) to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Public Comment

Nick Aroosov attended the meeting to provide an update on the banning of single use plastics. He wrote a letter to the president of Hannaford's Supermarket but has not gotten a reply. He urged him to consider banning plastics. The statehouse tabled the motion to ban plastic in New Hampshire due to Government overreach. There are ten states in our country that have banned any banning, however, there are three states, Hawaii, California and New York that are banning single use plastics. He would like to set goals regarding this. Mr. Arrosov noted that you can bring a reusable bag to Hannaford's or pay 10 cents for a paper bag instead of plastic bags.

4. **Site Plan Approval 6-Month Extension – Barton, Benjamin K. – Located at 52 Main Street, Tax Map 073-045-000, .91+/- acres. Zoned Commercial (COMM). The applicant would like to apply for a 6 month extension of his site plan approval from June 27, 2017 to construct an addition with a garage.**

Benjamin Barton has postponed his presentation for tonight. Adam Ricker stated that this will be on the July agenda. Mr. Barton has decided to change the footprint so he will have to reapply instead of seeking an extension. He will also have to re-notify abutters.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING – Colby-Sawyer College – Final Site Plan Review Located at 541 main Street, Tax Map 085-033-000, 76+/- acres, Zoned Institutional – College. The applicant is applying to alter the interior layout of the first floor Mercer Hall. The layout changes would reconfigure the space the classroom and lab spaces. There will not be any space added or any changes to the exterior. The Town received the application on May 21, 2019.**

Karen Bonewald, Vice President of Finance Administration and Robin Davis, Vice President of Student Development at Colby Sawyer College attended the meeting. They will be partnering with Dartmouth Hitchcock and will be growing their Health Sciences departments. They are looking inward to see what space is available to renovate instead of constructing new buildings.

They were tasked with finding space for the next couple years as an interim step to handle the greater demands in the nursing and athletic training arena. There are only a couple classrooms on campus that can hold 50+ students. They are anticipating growing the nursing program by 20 students per year over the next seven years. They want to create a second lab for nursing, expand the athletic training lab and build a bigger classroom. They will be turning a smaller classroom into storage due to all of the supplies needed for nursing and athletic training. The exterior of the building will stay the same; they are just repurposing space on the inside.

IT WAS MOVED (Marianne McEnrue) AND SECONDED (David Royle) to approve the proposal as presented. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Gorman commented that changes to site plan review regulations should be reviewed in cases like this. This is an interior renovation and internal within the college and coming before the town seems to be an unnecessary expense. Revision of this process should be brought before the town this fall.

6. Other Business

Marianne McEnrue wanted follow up regarding the Harry Snow project site plans. She noted she can't find updated site plans that are correct. Adam Ricker stated an updated and correct site plan had recently been dropped off and he can get a copy to her. Ms. McEnrue stated that the items still missing are note 10 which refers to a document that was never received and there is no planting plan that is updated with the second row of trees.

7. Master Plan

The first charrettes will be held next week and the focus of these first two sessions will be to gather information. The board discussed what materials would be needed, the ground rules, room set up, and who will be taking notes and the sign in process.

Jeremy Bonin has volunteered to emcee the meetings and be the time keeper.

8. Future Meeting Dates: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

9. Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Respectfully submitted,

Trina Dawson

Recording Secretary
Town of New London