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NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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NEW LONDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 9, 2026
Whipple Memorial Town Hall
5:30 PM

PRESENT:

Janet Kidder, Chairman
Bebe Hammond Casey, Selectman
Richard Anderson, Selectman
Ashley Seybold, Town Administrator
Lynn Lewis, Finance Officer
Will Kidder, Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:

Jamie Hess
Peter Nichols
John Ellis
Pete Lauridsen

Chair Kidder called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Appointments-

Jamie Hess- Energy Committee update, Municipal Solar Projects

• **Discussion:**

- The committee has been in discussions with six solar installers, three electricians (with a fourth scheduled), and Eversource.
- **Eversource Utility Extensions:**
To connect the solar arrays
 - Stump Dump: Would require a 300 ft extension, of which 200 ft are free. The town pays for 100 ft.
 - Mountain Road: Would require a 700 ft extension. An estimate has not yet been obtained.
- **Stump Dump Solar Project:**
 - **Side Benefit:** Bringing power to the Stump Dump would allow for the electrification of a shed, enabling appliances to be tested. John Wilshire highlighted this as a priority.
 - **Cost:** The cost for the Stump Dump utility extension is \$6,600 or \$6,900.
- **Mountain Road Solar Project:**
 - No immediate side benefits like the Stump Dump.
 - Expected to cost more due to the longer 700 ft extension.
 - Jamie Hess will contact Eversource for an estimate once the Stump Dump project is approved.

- **Upcoming Proposals:** Jamie expects to receive actual proposals from solar installers in two weeks.

IT WAS MOVED (Bebe Hammond Casey) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson) to approve the withdrawal of \$6,692.90 from the energy capital reserve fund for the Stump Dump solar project. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Action Items:**

- **Jamie Hess:** Contact Eversource for an estimate for the Mountain Road utility line extension.
- **Jamie Hess:** Coordinate with Ashley Seybold, Town Administrator, for site visits with solar installers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Nichols, Resident, requested an update on Community Power Rates.

- **Discussion:**

- For the current period (Feb 1 - July 31), Community Power is more expensive than Eversource.
- New London moved its largest municipal electric accounts back to Eversource due to the current rates. Smaller accounts (e.g., Bucklin Beach, Elkins Beach) remain with Community Power.
- The next rate period begins August 1st; rates will be determined in late June.
- Jamie, as a board member of Community Power, will know the rates before public release.

- **Action Items:**

- Ensure New London residents are informed about new rates as soon as they are public, allowing time to switch suppliers.
- Schedule an update on community power rates for the July Municipal Matters.
- Explore placing information about community power rates on the Energy Committee web page.

OLD BUSINESS

Ashley Seybold, Town Administrator: Pingree Road Property Auction

- **Discussion:**

- The Town came into possession of a house on Pingree Road due to a tax lien. This is the first time the town has been in this situation.
- Auction Date: Tentatively scheduled for May 9th (preferred over May 30th to avoid the next tax billing cycle).
- Process: Working with auctioneers; a checklist of requirements has been received.
- Outstanding moneys owed:
 - New London (taxes & welfare assistance)
 - Habitat for Humanity (mortgage)
 - DHHS (multiple liens)
- Amounts:
 - Property tax portion owed: ~ \$10,000.
 - House assessed at \$329,000

- **Action Items:**

- Ashley: Meet with Will and Lynn next week to review all requirements for the auction.

- Ashley: Provide auctioneers with details on lien amounts.
- Ashley: Figure out the minimum bid, likely based on property taxes owed.

Ashley Seybold, Town Administrator: Town-Wide Projects Update

- Discussion:
 - Completed: Dispatch study published; DEI contract review completed.
 - Ongoing: Website development; DPW design and engineering.
 - Changes: Academy Building office remodel moved to later in the year.

Chair Kidder, Statement regarding Secret Cove Property on Davis Hill Road

- The Board of Selectmen has been made aware that members of the public have raised concerns regarding possible uses of the Secret Cove property on Davis Hill Road, abutting Lake Sunapee. Since no proposal has been presented to the New London Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen recommends that the planning board reach out to Valerie Mars and her representatives, inviting them to a meeting to present and discuss their plans. This would serve to quiet the rumors and conjecture about the future of the Valerie Mars property. Davis Hill is a beautiful rural area, and the unknown future of the property has caused the families living on Davis Hill a great deal of anxiety. Our hope is that a meeting with the Planning Board will take place soon.
- **Recommendation:** The Board of Selectmen recommends that the Planning Board reach out to Valerie Mars and her representatives to invite them to a meeting to present and discuss their plans. This aims to alleviate anxiety in the rural Davis Hill area.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Kidder, UVLSRPC reappointment of Peter Nichols

- Peter Nichols - Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission:

IT WAS MOVED (Bebe Hammond Casey) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson) to appoint Peter Nichols to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ashley Seybold, Town Administrator: Cell Phone for Welfare Officer (Celeste Cook):

- Discussion: Celeste uses her personal phone for welfare calls when not in the office, leading to privacy and boundary issues. A town-provided cell phone would allow continuity of contact.
- **Decision:** Unanimously agreed that a cell phone is needed. (No formal motion required).

Ashley Seybold, Town Administrator: Kevin Sullivan - Trustee of Trust Funds:

- **Discussion:** Art Scutro stepped down. Kevin Sullivan was a candidate for the open seat, left by Joe Kubit.

IT WAS MOVED (Bebe Hammond Casey) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson) to appoint Kevin Sullivan as a Trustee of Trust Funds. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- **Current Trustees:** Tom Carley, Laurie Shive, Kevin Sullivan.

MEETING MINUTES:

- **Discussion:** Minutes for March 3rd and March 26th were reviewed.

- Correction: Bebe noted a potential error in the March 26th minutes regarding Kris McAllister's mention of a 79% ratio, believing it referred to New London, not Newbury.

IT WAS MOVED (Bebe Hammond Casey) AND SECONDED (Richard Anderson) to accept the minutes of the March 3rd and March 26th (with noted correction) meetings. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF PAY VOUCHERS, PERMITS etc.

Items to be signed:

- Payroll Authorization Vouchers and Accounts Payable
 - April 2, 2026
 - April 9, 2026

Applications Approved &/or Denied

Building/Zoning Permits – Approved

- Douglas Darling & Eve Hiatt Trust – 16 Whipple Ct. – 084-010-000 – Reno. BP 26-22
- Richard Lammert & Lisa Hannon – 64 Morgan Hill Rd. – 046-035-001- Remodel- BP 26-23
- John Guzik & Christine Howe – 247 Columbus Ave. -081-004-000 – Reno – BP 26-25ATF
- 41 Meadowbrook LLC – 41 Meadowbrook Rd. - 133-005-000- NB & addition- BP 26-24
- David & Anne Wustrow – 575 Forest Acres Rd. – 119-017-000-Shed- BP 26-26
- Lyn Marshall – 216 Maple Lane – 138-001-000-Solar – 26-28
- Richard & Nancy Cohn – 287 Forest Acres Rd. –118-018-000 Garage/interior reno- BP 26-29
- Mathew Broas & Jennifer Abel – 180 Davis Hill Rd. – 055-007-000-Demo/New Build – BP 26-30
- Todd & Susan Williamson – 765 Lakeshore Dr.- 051-016-000-Finish Attic add dormer – BP 26-31
- St. Andrews Episcopal Church – 52 Gould Rd. – 084-084-000-Reno & add insulation – ZP 26-06

Application for property tax credit/exemption

- Brown Family Trust- 059-016-0-4N-101 – Spouse Credit
- Elizabeth & Jonathan Gunby – 096-025-000 – Solar Credit

Timber Tax Yield Tax

- Douglas Homan – 30 Maple Lane – 130-026-000

Application for Sewer connection, Building Expansion and/or Service – Approved

- New London Hospital Association – 273 County Road – Surgical Services Expansion Project

Application to Use New London Town Property – Approved

- Geoff Daley – Wednesdays, April 15 – June 24 – 8:30 PM – 10:30 PM - Whipple Memorial Town Hall
- Susie Burbidge – May 27, 2026 – 4:00 PM-5:00 PM – Bucklin Beach

NONPUBLIC: The Board of Selectmen may enter into nonpublic session, if so voted, to discuss items listed under RSA 91-A:3, II.

IT WAS MOVED (Bebe Hammond Casey) **AND SECONDED** (Richard Anderson) **to enter into a nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (b): the hiring of any public person as a public employee.**

Roll call vote: Casey: yes ; Kidder: yes; Anderson: yes

The Board entered nonpublic session at 6:28 PM.

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

IT WAS MOVED (Bebe Hammond Casey) **AND SECONDED** (Richard Anderson) **to seal the nonpublic session meeting minutes. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IT WAS MOVED (Bebe Hammond Casey) **AND SECONDED** (Richard Anderson) **to adjourn. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Biuso
Town of New London

Note: RSA 91-A:2, II provides that “*Minutes of all such meetings, including nonpublic sessions, shall include the names of members, persons appearing before the public bodies, and a brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions.*” A video of the entire meeting may be available for viewing on the town website, NewLondon.NH.gov, if more than the brief description contained in these meeting minutes is desired.