



# TOWN OF NEW LONDON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## **New London Housing Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 22, 2026 Whipple Memorial Hall**

### **Members Present:**

Peter Nichols (Chair), Marilyn Kidder, Thomas Vannatta, Nancy Rollins, Cathy Weber (via phone)

### **Staff Present:**

Adam Ricker, Town Planner/Zoning Administrator  
Vickie Stafford, Land Use & Assessing Coordinator

### **Call to Order:**

Chair Peter Nichols called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM and confirmed a quorum was present.

### **Rules and Procedures:**

Chair Nichols distributed the Rules and Procedures to members and requested that they review the document prior to the next meeting, at which time it will be discussed.

### **Vice Chair Nomination:**

Chair Nichols informed the Committee that he will be out of state from February 1 through February 14 and recommended appointing a Vice Chair. He nominated Cathy Weber for the position.

Nancy Rollins made a motion to appoint Cathy Weber as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Peter Nichols. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Zoning Amendments Review:**

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft zoning amendments.

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

- Planning Board #2 Public Hearing: Tuesday, January 27, 2026
- Board of Selectmen & Budget Committee Voters Guide Preparation: February 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- Election Day: Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- Town Meeting: Wednesday, March 18, 2026 (Colby-Sawyer College)

**Public Communication Strategy:**

Cathy Weber will prepare a draft Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document for review at the next meeting.

Commission members discussed the value of including a visual aid, such as an interior floor plan model illustrating 1,000 square feet, to help residents better understand proposed changes.

Members also identified potential questions from residents to include in the FAQ:

- Whether emergency vehicles (e.g., fire trucks) can access taller structures
- Whether builders can construct without restrictions
- The potential economic impact on local schools

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

**Current Housing Update:**

Adam Ricker provided a brief update regarding the housing appeal

**Upcoming meeting:**

Friday, February 19th

Chair Nichols made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marilyn Kidder, and the meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Stafford  
Land Use & Assessing Coordinator